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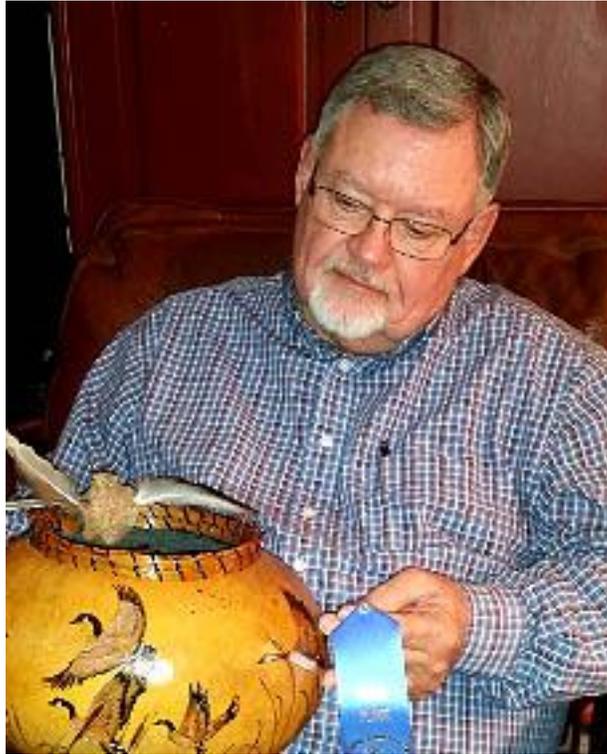


2008 Traveling Raffle Gourd

This gourd was created by members of all of the Gourd Patches in Texas. Each section was done by a Patch. The theme was Cultures of Texas. And, as you can see, it was a beauty.

In this issue there is news about the 2020 Raffles Gourds with photos of all five that were donated by award winning members of the Texas Gourd Society

BLAST FROM THE PAST



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

How things can change in just a few short months. I know that all of you are as disappointed as I am that we have had to cancel this year's Festival. So much work had already gone into the event. Becky and Rosa had just gotten the classes on line, Sherry had made many trips to Fredericksburg to secure our catered meal for the dinner as well as making table decorations, the Guadalupe Gourd Patch in preparation of the competition and encouragement to all, Roy and Blanche in getting our Raffle tickets and gourds ready for the raffle, and so many more behind the scene. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you. Your dedication and hard work are an inspiration to me and so many others in this group. Thank you for all you do.

I know I speak for many of you who want to be sure we use this time wisely and creatively to keep our group vibrant and active, however we can, to promote our art form. You will see some great ideas coming that will give us new ways to express our art. We want to make sure that all our members feel this excitement as well as attracting new members who want to join the fun.

My strong desire is to grow this group even in this trying time. Your ideas and participation will ensure we do that.

Keep the faith, communicate with your fellow gourders and continue to work on that masterpiece. We will all come through this together. Also, continue to pray for Oren and Shelia as they face a big challenge. Prayers will help see them through.

Until then...

David Cleaveland, President

PATCH NEWS

CAPITOL OF TEXAS PATCH

Hope everyone is doing fine during this strange time we are living in. I was sorry to hear about our festival being cancelled, but it was a good call. I agree that now all of us has more time to plan and make next years festival even better! Remember to be selling raffle tickets!

Our patch did meet in June, very safely, and we learned how to clean a cactus pad, and how to put cactus fiber in the gourd piece. Really interesting, and I think I will even try to clean some cactus pads!

Mike surprised and amazed us with his fractal burning on gourds. I just call it magic! **(Note: Fractal burning is not an AGS approved technique and cannot be accepted for judging in an AGS sanctioned show. Ed.)**

We are hoping to gather each month to continue on projects. Of course, each month there is a discussion on whether it can be done safety, how we feel about meeting.

I do hope you enjoy Sandi's "Quarantine Quinton" it is pretty cute. (Photo next page)

So, until we meet again, take care, be safe.

Debbie

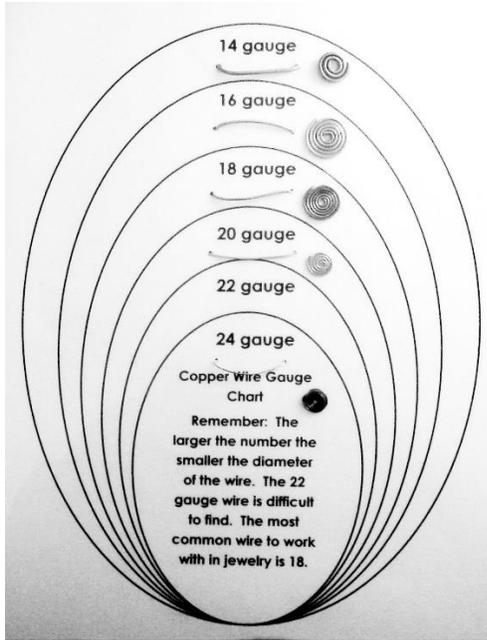


Quarantine Quinton

ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH

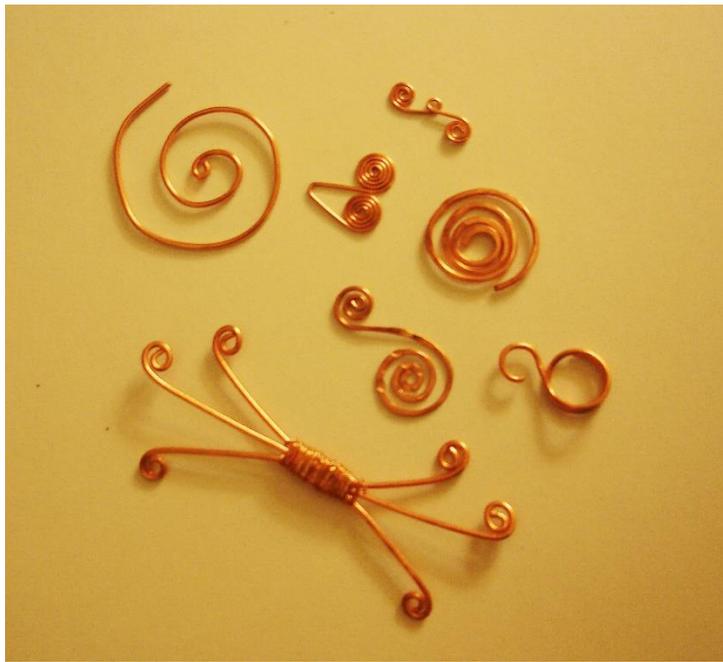
As with other patches around our great country, Arlington Gourd Patch hasn't been able to meet on a regular basis for this unusual 2020 year. Everyone is longing to return to normal so we can begin creating again. Here are some recent highlights from previous meetings.

We decided to start a two-part project using copper wire. Georgia led the project. She gave a lesson on how to recognize different gauges of copper wire, and we made a "take home" chart to help us remember.



Gauge Chart

Once we learned the techniques for coiling the wire and using the tools required for the project, we created small pieces that will be applied to a gourd shard for the second part of our workshop.



Sample Coiling Pieces

We extended the workshop using these coiled pieces into a third part as we learned how to give a patina look to our creations. Georgia helped us build little “ammonia chambers” so we could patina some copper pieces and some copper discs. We also used a two-part patina medium from Ten Seconds on our coiled pieces.

(insert “ammonia patina chambers” here).

(Insert “sample patina method ten second” here).

Our hope was that the creative minds in our patch would come up with some masterpieces, and Susan got into the spirit quickly as she created a gourd dancing doll using some of the techniques we learned.

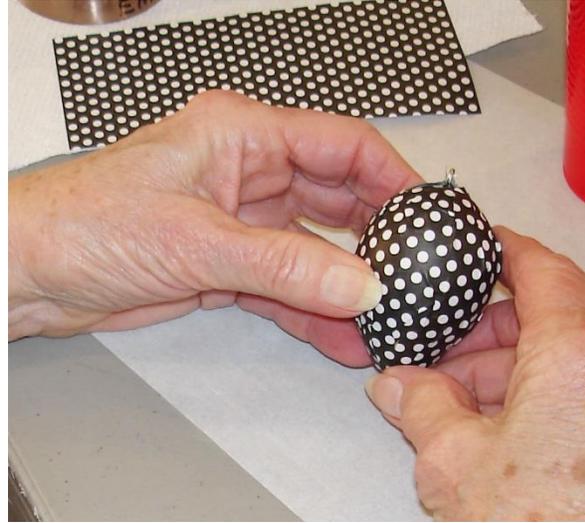


Susan's Dancing Doll

Our patch revisited a previous workshop using Washi paper on egg gourds to create ornaments. Ethel created an unusual polka-dot egg, and Nancy tried her hand at a banana gourd.



Nancy's Washi Banana Gourd



Ethel's Washi Polka Dot Egg Gourd

SOUTHEAST TEXAS PATCH

The Southeast Texas Gourd Patch had its last meeting in February and has cancelled all others until the Covid 19 virus has subsided. At the February meeting, Gloria and Nita taught the group how to make a shakere or musical gourd with beads. (See photos on next page) Everyone had a good time trying different types of threads and various sizes of beads. We are looking forward to Gourd Festival 2021 and seeing some lovely gourd creations. Stay safe and healthy and wear your mask.



Southeast Gourd Patch
Shakere Gourds



COASTAL BEND GOURD PATCH

The Coastal Bend Gourd Patch has not had a meeting for a while as I assume most other patches have not either. But things have been tough at the Guidry household. Oren (my husband for those who do not know) had shoulder surgery in January and was doing good. He was supposed to start physical therapy for the shoulder. But his back started hurting and x-rays showed that the L3, L4 and L5 vertebra had no space between them and was causing the pain. Medication was not helping so the next step was pain management. That Dr did shots in his back but by then, Oren had no energy, was sleeping a lot, and not eating. Went to Dr and she immediately send him for MRI and CAT scan. 2 days later, I called my son who is a nurse and asked what to do. Oren had fallen the day before and now did not understand what was going on. Was told to go to emergency room so off we went. More tests were done and he was admitted. That hospital stabilized him and ran more tests and said it was cancer, most likely Lymphoma. He was moved to Spohn Shoreline Hospital and they were able to get kidneys working better and several other problems better.

They then sent him to Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. He has been there over a week but doing better. They have run all the tests and done the spinal tap. They just started on Chemo and so far, so good.

So many of you have sent prayers and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Hopefully, next year Oren and I will see everyone at TGS Festival and Oren will be taking care of my booth while I teach.

Shelia

GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH

Despite the Covid 19 threat, we had a good turnout for our June meeting. We all tried our hands at carving the Cholla look. I think we all had our own technique and bur choices for carving this look.



Gourds by Sharon Harrison, Becky Klix and Judy Richie

Our July meeting, we attempted getting a metal ring ready for Tenerife. Weaving using the double buttonhole stitch. David Cleaveland outdid all the women and managed to get his finished and ready for weaving. (Photo of David is at the end of our report)

Our patch is saddened that the Lone Star Gourd Festival is cancelled for this year. A lot of volunteer hours have been done. A special thanks goes out to our member who spent hours on Competition Rules and Categories, Becky Klix who did an amazing job on the website getting all the classes online (just in time for them to be cancelled) and Sherry Nelson, Chair of the Member's Dinner. We were excited to have the dinner return to our festival and Sherry wanted it to be special. She made many trips to Fredericksburg finding a venue and good food for the dinner. She bought decorations and was making some fun gourd creations for centerpieces.

Our patch's goal is not only learning, teaching and spreading the word about gourd art, crafts and growing gourds, but to support the Texas Gourd Society. We ask that all of our members pay their dues to TGS.



Hill Country Gourd Patch - Has not had meetings

West Texas Gourd Patch – Has not had meetings

Dallas Gourd Patch – No report

San Antonio Gourd Patch – No report

*******NEW*******

Quarterly Contest for Members Only

This is something new just for members. If you are not a member and want to enter, just go to the TGS website and join. We will be checking the current membership list. For this Quarter the contest is for the Best Animal made from gourds, of course. This is a Mixed Media theme and gourds should be at least 51%. There will be a \$25 prize for the winner. Judges will be non TGS members. We are looking forward to seeing your creations. The winner will be announced in the next Gourdzette and will be featured on the TGS website and Facebook page.



Gourds by Linda Hughes, Phillis Sickles and Cass Iverson

Deadline for entering is **August 15, 2020**. Entries will be judged by digital photos. Please send them to gourdzette.editor@gmail.com. It is important to have good photos, since they will not be seen personally.

Best of 2020 Awards – More info in the next issue of the Gourdzette

1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be announced in the January, 2021 issue. This will be a Mixed Media category. We thought that this was needed since our Festival was cancelled, along with Competition. This is a Members only competition.

Are you a member?

If you have not renewed your membership or have never joined TGS, now is the time. Members are the backbone of an organization. Please go to

<http://texasgourdsociety.org> and join. <https://www.texasgourdsociety.org/join-tgs>

Buy Raffle Tickets

Texas Gourd Society Gourd Raffle – 2020

Despite the Festival being cancelled, there will still be the drawing for the 5 gourds that were donated by Mike Munter, Roy Cavaretta, Michael Ford, Shelia Guidry and Judy Richie. The drawing will still be on Oct 4, at 2 pm. Winners will be notified.

We hope that all of you will buy tickets for the raffle. Tickets are \$1 a piece and 6 tickets for \$5. Send a check to Roy Cavaretta, 220 C. R. 90 E, Hallettsville, TX 77964, If you have any questions, call 361-798-9536 or 281-222-3225 or email at brcaveretta@gmail.com. Photos on the next page.

RAFFLE GOURDS



Donated by Mike Munter



Donated by Judy Richie



Donated by Roy Cavaretta

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Donated by Michael Ford



Donated by Shelia Guidry



Hordes of Gourds

Gourds for sale \$2 - \$8

Llano , Texas

Rickie Newell 830-613-4246

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Deadline for ad changes are the first day of January, April, July and October.

Check should be made payable to: Texas Gourd Society

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