



# THE TEXAS GOURDZETTE

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The purpose of the Texas Gourd Society is to promote interest in and appreciation of gourds, both to our membership and to the general public. We will do this by sharing information through education, meetings, festivals and shows related to the culture, history, uses, crafting and artistry of gourds.**

## **2024 TEXAS GOURD SOCIETY OFFICERS**

**Becky Klix - President  
Marla Garber - Vice President  
Rona Thornton - Treasurer  
Debbie Garcia - Secretary  
Paul Butcher - Membership  
David Cleaveland - Immediate Past President  
Cathy West - Gourdzette Editor**

## **TEXAS GOURD SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>Zeldajean Byrd - Director</b>	<b>Term 2022 - 2024</b>
<b>Blanche Cavarretta - Director</b>	<b>Term 2022 - 2024</b>
<b>Sue Haberer - Director</b>	<b>Term 2024 - 2026</b>
<b>Barbie Holton - Director</b>	<b>Term 2024 - 2026</b>
<b>Sherry Nelson - Director</b>	<b>Term 2022 - 2024</b>
<b>Jill Robinson - Director</b>	<b>Term 2022 - 2024</b>
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# TGS PATCH HAPPENING'S

## Bay Area Gourd Patch

The Bay Area patch has been busy the last few months.

In July, we made little chickens using Quikwood and clay sculpting tools to make the features on the gourd. It was so much fun to watch the personalities develop as the chickens were created.

August was the month to begin making fall decorations. We made pumpkins with ghosts, pumpkins with black cats, or whatever the creative genes in us decided to make!

In September, we decided to create small items with shards. Some ornaments were made and also some flowers were created. These items could be used to decorate a tree or incorporated into a wreath or table decoration. This was a good project to show that you never throw away gourd pieces.



## Capital of Texas Gourd Patch

Howdy,

The Festival went well I think. Wasn't the A.C. a blessing, and we did not have to set up or tear down tables? Well, the tables rented did need to be set up, but that was ok!

My only problem was when I had duties to do – get clean water for Imagination Station and others, would stop, lean on the railing to watch the horse clinics! There were sassy horses, calm ones, and a rare blue roan!

I hope next year if there are events, folks will come to the festival. There were a few that joined us, but seemed that the majority were there for the clinics.

HURRAY! We have a strong Board, the committees have leaders that make the festival run so much smoother. Now, volunteer where you can, even if you are like me and “wear more than one hat”!

The patch is finishing up the year. Our last project was making gourd crosses. Jeanine was burning like crazy on hers, Yoanna was making a second star. Mike- sanding to have his cross as smooth as ever, mine is a bit rough, but ok.

January we will be meeting at Rona's for the annual Christmas party with the gift swap, lots and lots of good food. Oh, we will be planning the year's gourd projects! Reminded everyone to put on their thinking cap!

## Cowtown Gourd Patch

In June, Denise taught us how to use bead chain on gourds with the help of the two Becky's. We had a good sized group attend including 2 ladies, Margaret and Linda B. for the first time. The meeting was at the Stover's house because of voting at the Lions Club.

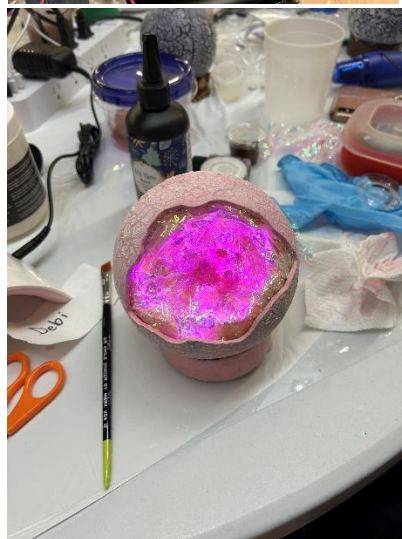




In July, Cindy L. taught doing eggshell mosaic to the group. We had Margaret's daughter, Andrea, join us.

The Cowtown Gourd Patch had a class on July 13<sup>th</sup> to learn how to make a geode gourd. Deni did an awesome job and we had a lot of fun! We had three generations represented: Margaret, her daughter Andrea and her granddaughter Arabella!





## [Dallas Gourd Patch](#)

No news reported.

## [Guadalupe Gourd Patch](#)

No news reported.

## [Southeast Gourd Patch](#)

In August the SE patch met at the house of Cathy West where she taught the beaded chain technique on gourds. It was a small meeting but everyone enjoyed learning this unique decoration. In September, Joanne Tompkins taught the patch how to make wet felt which was really fun. We also got instruction on how to prepare our gourd for mounting the felt. In November we will meet again and learn how to mount it on a gourd with embellishments.

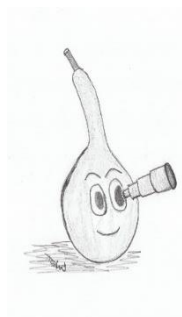


## Community Outreach Events

No news reported.

## Second Annual North Texas Gourd Festival

The second annual North Texas Gourd Festival will be held in Granbury, Texas on April 4-5, 2025. Preparations are already underway and a call for teachers has already begun. We are looking for a diverse set of classes, some that are unique and/or new with great teachers. This year we are offering 2hr, 4hr and All Day Classes. Classes will be held on April 3-4-5, 2025. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please visit the Texas Gourd Society website at [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org)



# GOURDSIGHTINGS



If you spot a gourd while you're out and about, please take a picture and send it to [cmwest389@gmail.com](mailto:cmwest389@gmail.com) with the location and we will publish in the next Gourdzette.

Not an actual gourd but I got a good chuckle when I saw this at the local store.





## UPCOMING NATIONAL GOURD EVENTS 2025

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	WEBSITE
Jan 31 - Feb 2	AZ Gourd Society's Art Competition and Show Wuertz Farm Gourd Festival	Casa Grande, AZ	<a href="http://www.arizongourdsociety.org">www.arizongourdsociety.org</a>
Feb 21-23	FL Gourd Society 39th Annual Gourd Festival Azan Shriner Center	Melbourne, FL	<a href="http://www.flgourdsoc.org">www.flgourdsoc.org</a>
April 4-5	TX North Texas Gourd Festival Lake Granbury Conference Center	Granbury, TX	<a href="http://www.texasgourdsociety.org">www.texasgourdsociety.org</a>
May 22-25	Wellburn Gourd Fest California Gourd Society (details to follow)	Fallbrook, CA	<a href="#">details to follow</a>
May 28 - June 1	The Gourd Gathering Smokey Mountain Event Center	Waynesville, NC	<a href="http://www.gourdgathering.org">www.gourdgathering.org</a>
June 12-14	Annual PA Gourd Festival, Lebanon Valley Expo Center and Fairgrounds	Lebanon, PA	<a href="http://www.pagourdsociety.org">www.pagourdsociety.org</a>
June 28-29	Show ME Gourd Society Art Festival Kenneth E Cowan Civic Center	Lebanon, MO	<a href="http://www.showmegourdsociety.org">www.showmegourdsociety.org</a>

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