

Thursday-October 22, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Class # TH-PM-01

LEATHER-LOOK FLOWER

Instructor: Barbie Holton

Skill Level: All Skill Levels

Class Fee: \$65

Class min 3/ Class max 15

Walk-ins welcome if space is available



Class Description: Pyrography is perfect for creating a leather-look on gourds. Lines and shading will be discussed for all levels. Various flower patterns will be provided to give your gourd that personal touch. Options for further enhancement will be provided.

Instructor will provide: Gourd, handout, patterns, tape, graphite paper, alcohol, and paper towels.

Students need to bring: Mask, adjustable heat woodburner and pens with tips to include skew or spear and ball or writing, pencil, and scissors

Friday-October 23, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Class # FR-AD-01 (all day class)

ALLIE THE OCTOPUS

Instructor: Sue Haberer

Skill Level: All Skill Levels

Class Fee: \$85

Class min 3/ Class max 15

Walk-ins welcome if space is available



Class Description: Join us for a fun, hands-on class where you'll learn how to turn a simple spinner gourd into a sweet, curly tentacled octopus full of personality. I'll walk you step-by-step through shaping with QuikWood epoxy clay to create Allie's big eyes and wiggly arms-no sculpting experience needed.

As a special bonus, you'll also learn how to make a piece of faux coral for Allie to sit on, so she has her own little display when you get her home.

This is a great beginner-friendly project. You do not need any previous experience with gourds or QuikWood to complete Ollie, and all levels are welcome. Come ready to have fun and leave with a finished a piece that is sure to make you smile.

Instructor will provide: All supplies needed except those listed below.

Students need to bring: Sculpting tools, X-acto knife, brushes – ½" and detail, and paper towels.

Friday-October 23, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Class # FR-PM-01 (2 hour class)

THE ROAD TO YOUR FIRST GOURD

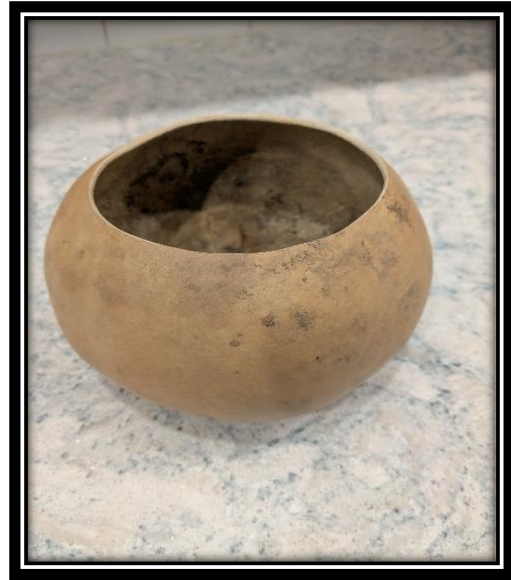
Instructor: Rona Thornton

Skill Level: Beginners

Class Fee: \$40

Class min 15/ Class max 20

Walk-ins welcome if space is available



Class Description: Where do you start? This class will introduce you to the world of gourd art beginning with washing, cutting, cleaning, and preparing a gourd bowl that you can embellish with a variety of different techniques at home. You'll learn about the tools needed and where to get them to create your own home studio. We'll discuss the history of gourds and growing gourds and even a show and tell of the instructor's personal and worldwide collection of gourd art. After class dismisses you can go to the Imagination Station provided at the festival which has paint, brushes and other supplies at your fingertips if you choose to do your artwork when you finish the class.

Instructor will provide: All Supplies

Students need to bring: Nothing

Friday-October 23, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Class # FR-PM-02

**MULLBERRY PAPER GOURD BOWL
WITH WOOD BURNING**

Instructor: Lisa Minnie

Skill Level: All

Class Fee: \$72

Class min 4/ Class max 12

Walk-ins welcome if space is available



Class Description: This project involves using mulberry paper applique and woodburning on a gourd. We will start by using ink dyes, creating an applique pattern, woodburning geometric shapes, and finishing with light embellishments. Most students should finish the project but if not, all will have a printed tutorial and skills to finish quickly at home.

Instructor will provide: Spray lacquer, alcohol spray, ink dye applicators, mulberry paper of different colors, a clean and cut gourd ready to use, various glues, various options for embellishing, and written instructions.

Students need to bring: Apron, gloves, dust mask, wood burner with skew tip, a favorite ink dye, and heat tool.

Saturday-October 24, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Class # SA-AD-01 (all day class)

FEATHERS AND GOURDS:WEARABLE ART

Instructor: Deni Halterman

Skill Level: Intermediate

Class Fee: \$90

Class min 4/ Class max 12

Walk-ins welcome if space is available



Class Description: Create a one-of-a-kind wearable accessory from a gourd shard! Students will carve and embellish their gourd shard with a cabochon, feathers, and decorative touches and then finish it as a hat plume, brooch, or hair barrette. Explore the beauty of natural materials while creating a unique piece of wearable art that is distinctly your own.

Instructor will provide: Gourds shard, cabochons, feathers, leather, clasps and glue.

Students need to bring: Apron, ear and eye protection, dust mask, carver, small carbide carving bits (if you have them), jeweler files, and pencil.

Saturday-October 24, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Class # SA-AD-02 (all day class)

LIDDED CANTEEN GOURD VASE

Instructor: Lisa Minnie

Skill Level: All

Class Fee: \$100

Class min 4/ Class max 10

Walk-ins welcome if space is available



Class Description: Seven different techniques will be taught in this class! You will make your own centerpiece cabochons, some light carving filigree – partial and complete, learn gold leaf technique, embossing powder technique, woodburning, stippling and add light embellishments. Most will finish this in class but if not you will receive a tutorial to quickly finish up at home.

Instructor will provide: Canteen gourd; cut and cleaned and ready to go. Cabochons, ink dyes, spray lacquers, embossing powders, various leafing tools, adhesives, embellishment and applicators.

Students need to bring: Apron, gloves, dust mask, wood burned with skew tip, carver with all the burrs you own, and a packed lunch.

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Skill Level: Beginners

Class Fee: \$40

Class min 15/ Class max 20

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Instructor will provide: All Supplies

Students need to bring: Nothing

Sunday – October 25, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Class # SU-AM-01

Skill Level: Beginner

BOGO (Get two projects for the price of one)
WHIMSICAL GOURD FRIEND AND RAINSTICK

Instructor: Deni Halterman

Class Fee: \$60 Class min 4/ Class max 12

Walk-ins welcome if space is available

Class Description: Create two one-of-a-kind gourd projects! Make a whimsical shelf-sitting Gourd Friend with 3D printed limbs and playful embellishments, then create a decorative Rainstick with your choice of sound-making filler, decoupage, beads, and feathers.

Instructor will provide: Gourds, embellishments, and all tools needed to complete these two projects.

Students need to bring: Their imaginations. Teacher will provide everything else.



Sunday-October 25, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Class # SU-AM-02

Skill Level: All

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WITH WOOD BURNING**

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Class Fee: \$72

Class min 4/ Class max 12

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Class Description: This project involves using mulberry paper applique and woodburning on a gourd. We will start by using ink dyes, creating an applique pattern, woodburning geometric shapes, and finishing with light embellishments. Most students should finish the project but if not, all will have a printed tutorial and skills to finish quickly at home.

Instructor will provide: Spray lacquer, alcohol spray, ink dye applicators, mulberry paper of different colors, a clean and cut gourd ready to use, various glues, various options for embellishing, and written instructions.

Students need to bring: Apron, gloves, dust mask, wood burner with skew tip, a favorite ink dye, and heat tool.