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Special Edition

The Blooming Gourd



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As we look back on our very successful Georgia GourdFest 2022, we have so many people to thank. Thanks to the vendors, who without you we couldn't have a show. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly for four days to ensure a great show. Thanks to all our judges and clerks and those who watch over the competition during the show as well as those who entered the competition. Thanks to our Grand Masters for their stunning displays of their gourd art. Thanks to all the great teachers who came to Georgia and offered a stellar array of classes. And thanks to all who attended the show, students, our membership and the public. And special thanks goes to our Show Chair, Holly Gallagher who did a great job in her first show as show chair, Karin Anderson, our Competition Chair for a great competition and to Suzi Nonn who handled class postings, advertising and registration. Other special recognition goes to Lawrence Wood who was there to do anything asked of him from set-up to take down and everything in between, to Karen Maloney for the super job of overseeing the raffle and silent auction, to Kay Rozea for all her creative pre-show work and a great job manning the kitchen, to John Gallagher for his help in the kitchen and for running all over town for our sandwiches, to Tom Ricker and Janet Elkin for manning the front desk, to Tina for managing our fabulous classes, to Diane Ricker for creating and manning the Make-it-Take-it booth and to Susan Sparrow and family for all the help in clean-up. And thanks to Jenny's Humble Pie for the delicious home-cooked meal at our membership meeting. I know there are so many others of you also did a tremendous job and did not get named here. Please know I appreciate each and every one of you. You all made this one of the BEST SHOWS EVER.

We received so many great complements about our show from both first time to Georgia gourders and the public. The weather was great and we had an amazing turn out. All in all the 2022 GourdFest will be the bench mark for future shows to be measured against. Please mark your calendars now, you will want to save this date- October 27-29th, 2023- it is our 25th Anniversary Show. Show theme voting information enclosed in this edition.

If you have any suggestions for improving the 2023 GourdFest, please send them to me at troytatum@bellsouth.net. Or Holly at hollyheathgallagher@gmail.com

Thank you again to so many for a supererogatory effort to make the 2022 GourdFest so GREAT!!!

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A message from our Vice President.....

What great classes we had at this year's GourdFest!

Thanks to all the teachers for their creativity, expertise and prep in their offerings. Some of you may not realize the prep and work our instructors put into these classes, but for great, fun projects, the instructors work tirelessly many months in advance prepping gourds, writing tutorials and making sure most can complete their project in the timeframe of a class. With this in mind, we all need to remember this when we sign up for classes offered by our patches or at other GourdFest events. When you sign up for a class, please honor your commitment. Teachers make travel plans to get to the meeting. They request a minimum number of students to make the class feasible and many times to cover their cost. They have expenses as far as travel and supplies provided for students. Plus, they have time prepping for the class and often getting a tutorial ready. If you cancel at the last minute, it not only can make the trip not possible for the teacher, but could also cause the class to be cancelled as the minimum number of students is no longer met. That means not only is it a loss for the teacher, but also for other students who were signed up for the class.

So...Let's support our instructors, grow our patches and continue to have fun projects. Invite others to your patch meetings, even if they have no experience with gourds, most of us bring extra supplies and can always accommodate a newcomer.

If you don't have a patch in your area, contact us to see how to start one.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday, and continue to share the "Gourd News",

Beth Westberry, Vice President wsouthwest@aol.com

Georgia National Fair 2023....Perry, GA

Calling all Gourd Artist,

It's not too early for planning to enter your Gourd Art in the Georgia National Fair in 2023. Just a few years ago the Fair Directors were about to dissolve the Gourd Art category in the Art Competition, this year we had many Gourd Art entries and several of our GGS members received awards at the fair. Visit the website for additional information georgianationalfair.com. Updated information will be posted on our facebook page, and in this publication.

Please "like" us on FB page if you haven't already done so-Georgia Gourd Society.

Photos from this year are on page 22 of this publication.



A Note from the Editor.....

WOWI am still in awe at what an amazing show we had. May not have been the biggest, but for me, it was our best show yet. Holly did an outstanding job as Show Chair.....never did I doubt that she would, but she definitely exceeded my expectations. All the volunteers did outstanding, and the teachers were amazing. The fellowship and sharing of ideas and techniques were fabulous. I really enjoyed the "Stay & Play" tables Suzi & Sandy had at their booth as well. And Karen with the baskets and silent auction...WOW that was fantastic as well...since I did win a basket...LOL I am so behind getting this special edition out ..I had hoped to get out by first week of November, well I have to blame this on show as well. I have been consumed with finishing my class projects, making "hands" and making more Gnomes....I have used Quikwood on projects before but I have to say Christine Pace got me "addicted" ...

.....Gnome turning back now!

I can't thank everyone enough for all you did in making this show such a success. The wonderful comments on facebook and feedback we are getting is so positive and complimentary. Without everyone of the volunteers, it could not have been such a great success....and I truly hope I have put together the best of the best photos for you to enjoy in this publications.

In the coming year, I would really like to get an article from each of the directors to go in the Blooming Gourd; and I would like to get a contact person for each Patch to be able to get information and articles from. All members are asked to send me any photos or articles where they show or teach gourd art or craft shows...any and all things Gourds...send me patch photos; and upcoming events. We need tutorial donations, and all "tips & tricks" you have learned and wish to share. Next Deadline is December 31 for the January issue. This issue will cover the last few months of 2022, so anything from September thru Dec (not GGS show related) please send me photos or articles, if you have not already done so.

2023 Blooming Gourd Schedule

(Publication scheduled to distribute 2 weeks after deadlines, so please send info monthly so I can work on it each month & not rush all at the end.)

- 1. Jan-Feb-March-deadline for articles-March 31-**
- 2. April-May-June-Deadline for articles-June 30-**
- 3. July-August-September-Deadline for articles-September 30**
- 4. October-November-December-Deadline for articles-December 31**

While this publication is designed for our GGS members, each of you should share it with all your friends, and art groups. When it posts on our facebook page please share the post on your personal feed or with other art groups you belong to as well. In my opinion, the more exposure of Gourd Art, the more likely we can grow our membership. I have heard we gained a few "new gourders" at our show, so let's share some "Gourd News" they can use.

Happy Gourdin' ya'll, Tina bloominggourd@gmail.com

2022 Gourd Show.....And the Winner is.....

Best of Show
Best of Masters Division
Debbie Wilson

People's Choice Award;
Best New Artist;
Best of Novice Division
Dollie Watt



Best of Intermediate Division
Sandra Granade
(picture to left)

Most Humorous Diane Ricker



Best of Open Division Diane Ricker



Grand Masters Exhibit-Karin Anderson



Grand Masters Exhibit-Troy Tatum



Grand Masters Exhibit-Holly Parker



Grand Masters Exhibit-Dennis McDonald



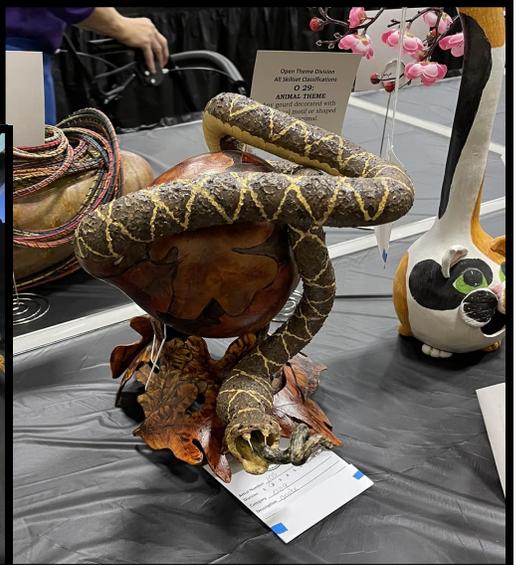
More Grand Master Exhibit Photos



Youth Division Competition Photos



Competition Photos ~2022 Gourd Show.....



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Class & Miscellaneous Photos ~2022 Gourd Show.....



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2022 Georgia National Fair Perry, GA



Message from our Competition Chair...
2023 will be our 25th Anniversary Show

Thank you all so very much for the beautiful art you entered this year.

We have such amazingly talented Artists in Georgia. The displays were such a wonderful attraction for the visitors we had coming thru the show. This year we had 6 new artists entering in competition; and a wonderful amount of talent in our Youth division. This was our first year with the Grand Master Exhibit Category, and we had 5 Artists exhibit their very wonderful work. This was also our first year using the New AGS judging guidelines, and it worked very well. We hope to have a couple of Zoom Meetings this year to further explain what judges look for, also we hope this will assist Artists knowing more about the criteria used in judging. The Zoom meeting will be open to all members. Watch for additional details to come. Any members that have ideas, suggestions or any questions regarding competition or categories please email Karin Anderson at praisethegourd@windstream.net. We are always looking for suggestions to improve our competition.

Karin

The Jim Storey Award goes to Celia Shaneyfelt



Celia & Tom were also vendors and brought a great display of manipulated gourds; they raffled off a beautiful manipulated gourd.



**Paulette Disbrow,
of North Carolina,
won this lovely pair of
Manipulated gourds
pictured in the right.**



Message from our Show Chair...

2023 will be our 25th Anniversary Show

Plans are already underway to make our 25th Anniversary Show the most incredible ever!

Save the Date for our **25th Anniversary Show**—YEP that's right. Next year will be our **25th year of the Georgia Gourd Society**. The 2023 Show is scheduled for October 27-29th; with set up, competition drop off; judging and classes on the 27th, then opening to the public, with more classes on the 28th-29th. We are planning 5 time slots for classes in 2023. We already have several instructors committed to teach, as well as several vendors committed to have demos, "stay and play" tables or "make it take" projects.

Now we need **YOU** to **VOTE** on our show theme—below are 3 themes, their descriptions, all you need to do is send your vote to Sara Faulkner no later than **December 31st** at the email ggs.sec@yahoo.com

Please have the subject line of your email "**2023 Show Theme Vote**"; it is very important that each GGS member vote, we really need each member to participate. Email to ggs.sec@yahoo.com

- 1. Magical & Mystical –fairies; gnomes; wizards; dragons; all things magical or mystical**
- 2. From the Garden-flowers, vegetable, fruits or even weeds, so long as it grows in a garden**
- 3. World Within-create a scene, landscape or diorama inside an appropriately decorated gourd**

Great plans for our **25th Anniversary Show** are underway, but we need each of you with ideas to please email them to me. Maybe there was something you loved at this years show or something you would like to see changed, or perhaps you saw something at another show you would like to see us do at the Georgia show, all feedback and suggestions are welcomed, We can't have a successful show with out each of you, so please let us know your suggestions and ideas.

Basket Raffle & Silent Auction— Karen Maloney will again be in charge of getting items for baskets and silent auction; if you have any donations for baskets please contact her to make arrangements to get them to her. The baskets have to be put together prior to the show, so the earlier the better for donations.
(kccm3158@bellsouth.net)

Be thinking now of where you want to volunteer; of what you want to create for competition and start making your list of what you may need to purchase from our vendors.

Lastly, if you see a posting on our facebook page, please share it on your feed, so we get information out to a wider audience. Stay tuned for more info ...and Happy Gourding.....

Holly —HollyheathGallagher@gmail.com

GGs Merchandise Market....



To order please contact Diane Ricker

Dmricker48@yahoo.com

Canvas Totes are \$25 each

{Dimensions are 24" wide/14" high/7" deep }

Folks these items are TOP quality; canvas totes are
VERY nice, useful & Durable-They will last a very long time!



Denim shirts must be special ordered; Diane places order when min of 10 is reached & it takes approximately 8 weeks for them to come in;

Shirts are \$35/\$38 for XL
and larger



Membership News....

Time to "Pay Up"—Dues are Due—Why not "triple pay" send in payment for three years and get a \$5 discountOnly \$40

To pay via credit/debit cards—please contact Tom Ricker-contact information is on the form

If prefer to mail a check, please complete the form on next page & mail with payment.

We need **EVERY MEMBER to BRING a MEMBER....**

Please, let's all make extra efforts to reach out in our local areas to grow our membership. You can start with printing the application on the next page; take it to your patch meetings; take to garden clubs; take or post in local libraries & art guilds.

This year & moving forward, GGS members will receive discounts on class registration, as well as Competition registrations. Non GGS members will pay higher fees for class registrations at all GGS sponsored shows or GEDs.

We have many great things planned for future events & projects for the coming years; so you won't want to be left out.....so please "pay up and keep up!"

{Application forms can be printed from website---www.georgiagourdsociety.com or Georgia Gourd Society facebook page also.}

Georgia Gourd Society Membership Application

We invite you to join us in sharing and learning all about gourds. We meet periodically for workshops and meetings, host a state gourd show, produce seasonal newsletters, and offer resources for gourd supplies, decorating ideas, and friendship.

Membership dues of \$15.00 are due January 1 of each year. You can pay for multiple years if you wish. E-mailed newsletters are included in your membership fee.

New Member Renewal

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Annual family dues for the Georgia Gourd Society are \$15.00 or \$40 for three years. The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Dues for new members who join after June 30 each year will be \$5.00. If a new member joins after September 30, they will pay \$15.00 for the next year's membership plus three months of the current year. These options are not available for renewing members.

How many gourd members living in your home should be included in your family membership?
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Names of additional members: _____

E-mail address for additional member/s: _____

Dues for all renewing members will be \$15.00 with payment due by January 31 or three years for \$40. If dues are not paid prior to January 31 of each year, your membership privileges will end until your membership is reinstated upon payment of the annual dues.

Please print, complete, and mail this form with your payment to:

{Checks should be made payable to Georgia Gourd Society}

**Tom Ricker, Treasurer
3653 Cedar Corners Trail
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092**

Please contact Janet Eakin for any questions on membership: Email her at: jeakin19@gmail.com
To pay by credit card please contact Tom Ricker via email to tomricker45@gmail.com

The Georgia Gourd Society encourages membership in the American Gourd Society (AGS). Annual AGS dues for the AGS are \$20.00; which includes a subscription to their national magazine, The Gourd Magazine. Both dues can be mailed to GGS when you join, however, please make two separate checks — \$15.00 to the Georgia Gourd Society and \$20.00 to the American Gourd Society. We will gladly forward your check and information to the AGS or you may opt to contact the AGS independently.