

# THE GOLDEN GOURD

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## GINNY MATHESON COLORS HER WORLD WITH GENEROSITY!

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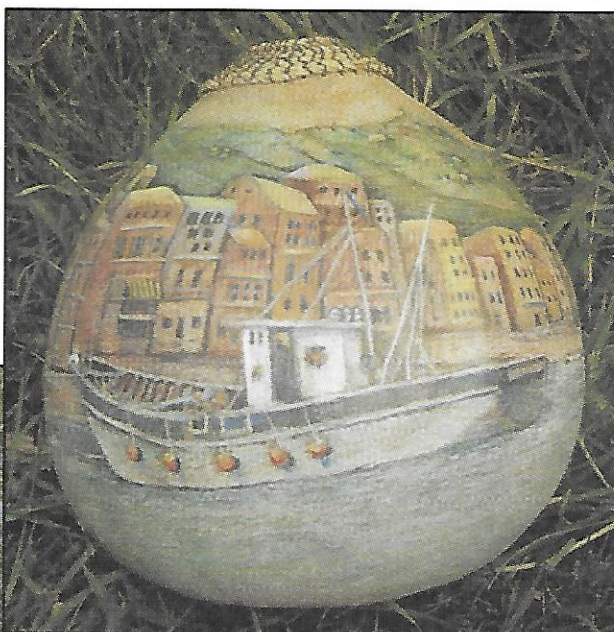
This issue's featured artist, Ginny Matheson is a fairly recent convert to gourds. Her work is distinct and original and she has some delightful ways of sharing her enthusiasm for our favorite fruit. In the last four years or so, Ginny has experimented with a variety of approaches but for us, her signature woodburned and colored pencil pieces make a unique and articulate statement. Perhaps you recall Ginny's work on the Traveling Gourd, simple but elegant and skillfully filling the allotted space. Ginny represented the Sonoma/Santa Rosa Patch with that contribution. It looks to us like contribution is what Ginny is all about!

Although Ginny took a bit of a summer hiatus from gourds, she has recently donated a gourd to the Calabash AIDS benefit at Forestville. Ginny is also supporting her community by displaying gourds in the Community Center, teaching at the Sonoma Senior Center and selling her work at the Upstairs Gallery in Healdsburg

This past fall, Ginny participated in her first community studio tour. It was the local West Sonoma County art Open Studio in its 11th year in the Sebastopol area. There are 109 local artists who collaborate and show their work and host a tour of their studios. It is a wonderful way for both the community and the artists to learn more about the methods and techniques of varied approaches to art. Ginny and her husband Duncan worked together to create a large

gourd sign which hung from a tree in the front yard and announced their willingness to squire visitors through Ginny's new studio. Ginny reports a high rate of satisfaction from all participants and recommends taking part in similar activities as a means of supporting others while also finding a market for one's own gourd art.

Look out for this fine artist and get some of her tips on her subtle and beguiling coloration techniques!



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Hello Gourd Lovers!

Here's hoping your gourds are fat, luscious and fully formed this year! CGS is rife with good news. Members Jill Walker and Betty Finch have just returned from a spectacular trip to China to attend the Huludao Gourd Festival and will soon tell us all about it. They represented both California and the American Gourd Societies at the Festival.

Here in my neighborhood, we are celebrating the Weaver's Garden. We hope you will see it during the California Gourd Arts Festival at the LA County Arboretum (on Oct 22nd and 23rd). The Weaver's Garden is dedicated to indigenous plants used for basketry and will enhance many of our gourd projects in the future. As part of the festival, the LA Zoo Enrichment Team will demonstrate how CGS members have contributed to the Zoo's program with gourd and basketry toys and feeding devices.

The kick-off for the festival will be a dinner on Friday evening, "Outta Your Gourd!" In addition to extraordinary gourd musician, Xavier Quijas Yxayotl playing his inimitable instruments, the setting will be enhanced by a pond with floating illuminated gourds and gourd sculptures. If you'd like to participate, sign up soon, there are a limited number of tickets available. If you'd like to try your hand at a kinetic, floating gourd, email me! The challenge is ON! The schedule of events appears on the website and elsewhere in this issue.

Welcome also to Brenda of Avalon Farms in the Shenandoah Valley. She raises sweet grass and gourds and longs for the exiting opportunities our members have out here on the West Coast. She'll be watching the website for photos of some of the great festivals, get togethers and classes that Lisa Toth posts to [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com) and [www.californiagourdartsfestival.com](http://www.californiagourdartsfestival.com). Have you visited either of them lately?

For those of you who enjoy gourd jewelry, you'll be pleased to see the new issue of "Belle Armoire" featuring gourd jewelry in their fine magazine. And to think, no one used to know what a gourd was!

I hope to see each and everyone of you at one of the upcoming events!

Happy Harvesting!

*Leigh Adams*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To promote the horticulture, crafting and appreciation of hard-shelled gourds (Lagenaria) by providing charitable and educational activities to members of the society, growers, artists, crafters, business people and the public through community support and education.*

# THE GOLDEN GOURD

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# PHOTO GALLERY



Wall of Fame - 34 gourders, coordinated by Pat Westcott, created this fabulous wall hanging that was recently exhibited at the Tulare County Fair.



A quick peek at the master works in progress at Dar's recent silk-dyeing class.



Betty Finch participates in the activities while attending a gourd festival in China.



Gourders extraordinaire Betty Finch and Jill Walker (with friend, Judy) pose by the Great Wall of China during a recent trip abroad.

## **QUICK TIP** from the *Gourdzette* of [www.californiagourds.com](http://www.californiagourds.com)

Lots of gourders like to add detail to their work using a fine-tip marking pen (such as a Sharpie), but many have experienced the ink running when they applied sealer to their projects. When this problem was posed to the readers of the *Gourdzette* the overwhelming response was . . . apply one or more *very light coats* of a fixative (such as Krylon workable fixative) and allow the piece to dry thoroughly before applying any additional sealer. Check out [www.californiagourds.com](http://www.californiagourds.com) for a link to the *Gourdzette* newsletter for more useful information.

# CLASSES • CLASSES • CLASSES

Sunday, Oct. 9; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Gourd Decorating  
(See Oct. 2 listing for course description.)  
Nadine Spier, lovetoweave@cox.net  
www.nadinespier.com  
El Camino College  
www.eccommunityed.com

Saturday, Oct. 15; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Gourd Decorating  
(See Oct. 2 listing for course description.)  
Nadine Spier, lovetoweave@cox.net  
www.nadinespier.com  
Vista Adult Ed  
(760) 758-7122

Saturday, Oct. 15; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Mayan Gourd Drum  
Create a traditional Mayan gourd drum, known as the "Kayum," in this fast-paced class. You'll learn a traditional lacing method which allows you to tune the drum after it is completed.  
Guillermo Martinez  
The Caning Shop  
www.caning.com, jwidess@caning.com

Saturday, Oct. 29; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
U-Gouge Gourd Carving  
Kemper Stone  
The Caning Shop  
www.caning.com, jwidess@caning.com

Sunday, Oct. 30, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Autumn Gourd in Winter  
Fall colors come out in this gourd by weaving the brown philodendron sheath and curly date palm then decorating with beads and embellishments.  
Diane Calderwood  
mountainwind@sbcglobal.net  
Piecemakers Country Store  
(714) 641-3112  
This class will also be taught at the California Gourd Arts Festival on Saturday, October 22

Saturday, Nov. 5; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Carved Santa Gourd  
With little more than a banana gourd, a bit of paint, and a carving tool, you can create an adorable textured santa keepsake.  
Diane Calderwood  
mountainwind@sbcglobal.net  
Piecemakers Country Store  
(714) 641-3112

Saturday, Nov. 5; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Inlace on Gourds  
Inlace, a commercial mixture of crushed stone and epoxy, is becoming all the rage with gourd crafters. Easy to apply, the medium dries to a rock hard finish. You can also add larger nuggets to the mixture for a variety of texture and color. You'll learn lots of tricks for using this fabulous product.  
Cindy Lee  
The Caning Shop  
www.caning.com, jwidess@caning.com

Saturday, Nov. 5; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Gourd Spirit Doll  
The gourd-cleaning process will be explained. Students will draw a pattern for their dolls and wood burn it into the gourd. We will burn a mask on the headpiece and fill in areas with leather dyes and a new product called Primary Elements Polished Pigments, creating beautiful metallic colors. We will use acrylics and learn to make dots for embellishing the dyed areas. You will balance your dolls, attach the heads, and embellish them with a leather cape, necklace, feathers and beads.  
Kathy Riker  
The Caning Shop  
www.caning.com, jwidess@caning.com

Sunday, Nov. 6; 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Gourd Decorating  
(See Oct. 2 listing for course description.)  
Nadine Spier, lovetoweave@cox.net  
www.nadinespier.com  
San Diego Natural History Museum  
www.sdnhm.org  
(619)255-0203

Sunday, Nov. 6; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Wax Resist Dye on Gourds  
Learn a very old technique of wax resist. Using an eight- to ten-inch prepared gourd you learn how to use a kitska, bee's wax and a candle to create wax patterns on your gourd. Then you'll fill in the wax patterns with leather dye to give the illusion of African mud cloth. You'll finish by sewing on fibers and embellish with shells and beads. Students need to bring scissors and lunch to class. No gourd dust or power tools used in this class.  
Kathy Riker  
The Caning Shop  
www.caning.com, jwidess@caning.com

Sunday, Nov. 13; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Gourd Decorating  
(See Oct. 2 listing for course description.)  
Nadine Spier, lovetoweave@cox.net  
www.nadinespier.com  
The Lavender Fields  
(760) 944-9369

Saturday, Nov. 19; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Out of My Gourd with Darwi Clay  
Add dimension and embellishment to your gourd to create life-like critters from your imagination. Jennifer will show you how to use Darwi modeling clay to make seamless joins as you connect pieces of gourds together. Feathers, beads, paint, pieces of glass will add to the delight of your critters.  
Jennifer Norpchen  
The Caning Shop, Berkeley  
www.caning.com, jwidess@caning.com

Saturday, Nov. 19; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Jewelry Gourd Ornaments  
A jewelry gourd becomes a whimsical santa or reindeer with a peg nose, a bit of paint and some fun accents.  
Diane Calderwood  
mountainwind@sbcglobal.net  
Piecemakers Country Store  
(714) 641-3112

Saturday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Hopi-Style Gourd Rattle  
Create your own Hopi-style rattle using the canteen gourd. Design techniques range from mandalas and totem animals to floral and nature scenes. You'll learn rattle construction using an oak handle, pyroengraving and painting techniques and important finishing tips. Bring your own wood-burning tool. A few loaners available.  
Sue Sweet  
The Caning Shop  
www.caning.com, jwidess@caning.com

Saturday, Dec. 10; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Gourd Decorating  
(See Oct. 2 listing for course description.)  
Nadine Spier, lovetoweave@cox.net  
www.nadinespier.com  
Vista Adult Ed  
(760) 758-7122

**4TH ANNUAL OCTOBER GOURD AND PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**  
**Welburn Gourd Farm • (760) 728-4271 All Classes: Saturday, October 8; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Beginning Gourd Crafting with Dianne Connelly • Gourd Basketry with Don Weeke • Kayum Drum with Leigh Adams  
Leaf Bowl with Mary Segreto • Spirit Doll with Kathy Riker. **Visit [www.welburngourdfarm.com](http://www.welburngourdfarm.com) for details or to register.**

**... and more classes** For more talent, techniques and inspiration than you can shake a gourd at be sure to check out all the great classes at the **California Gourd Arts Festival 2005** (page 8) and the **CGS Conference at Asilomar 2006** (page 13).

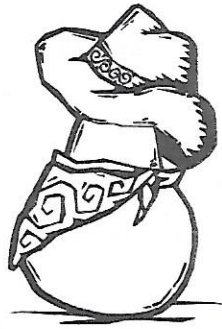
*Class submissions: Please email class schedules to [newsletter@calgourd.com](mailto:newsletter@calgourd.com). Include name of class, instructor, day, date, time, location, price and contact information. If you have a photo of the technique (high resolution is best), you can email that as well and it will be included in the newsletter on a space-available basis.*

# REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Compiled and edited by Bee Hylinski

## Amador County

Regional Coordinator: Carol Cherry  
(209) 296-6834 or ccanddon@volcano.net



## Antelope Valley Gourd Patch

Regional Coordinator: Nancy Brown  
(661) 944-5528 or Nancy\_b93544@yahoo.com

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We welcome people interested in gourds from the Palmdale, Lancaster, Rosamond, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Llano and Lake Los Angeles areas. So anyone interested in joining us please call me at (661) 944-5528.

## Bakersfield/Kern County Gourd Patch

Regional Co-Coordinators:  
Melanie Ansolabehere, (661) 836-2501 or littlefeather3@aol.com  
Alice Hengst, (559) 949-8651 or moondust@savy2K.net  
Carol Walter, (661) 588-8398 or glwalter@earthlink.net

The Bakersfield/Kern County Patch meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Beverly's Craft Shop, 2819 F. Street, Bakersfield. We always have an "opportunity" table at our meetings; you never know what you can win there. Thanks to Elaine Lundborg for demonstrating tole painting, we all enjoyed it so, also thanks to Ray Diaz, he brought gourds to the entire group at the last meeting. We are also fortunate to have a new member Mary Stanford who loves to cook and bring her gourmet goodies. We were very well represented at Welburn Gourd Festival--congrats to all the winners! We have lots of laughs and lots of fun at our meetings. We will be doing more demos this fall and having our annual Christmas Gourd exchange party. Happy Gourdiuous Holidays To all !!!! We hope that anyone interested in the wonderful world of gourds will join us for a fun evening once a month. All of our members are eager to share their ideas and help anyone who is interested in gourd art.

## Calabash Club of Silicon Valley

Regional Coordinator: Jayne Xavier  
(408) 779-9550 or Nimbleneedle@aol.com

Our group meets every other month (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, and Dec) at various members' houses, on the second Sunday of the month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On October 16th, we will probably have a program on beads-on-gourds and it will be held in San Martin. We have many members willing to host our meetings that we could be in Los Altos, San Jose, Watsonville, or Hollister. On the months we do not meet we try to have what we call an "In-betweenner". This might be a guest artist giving a class, or a member with an unusual technique that we want to learn more about. We welcome anyone interested in gourds to attend our meetings. Contact Jayne for more meeting info (see above).

## Channel Islands Gourd Society (Ventura County)

Regional Coordinator: Elsie Cogswell, President  
(805) 491-5846 or elsiecogs@verizon.net

For more info, see [www.channelislandsgourdsociety.com](http://www.channelislandsgourdsociety.com)

Our group meets the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Valley Community Clubhouse, 11701 E. Las Posas Road, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012. Call or email Elsie for directions or questions. Six of our members entered gourds in the Ventura County Fair and we came away with 21 first place ribbons. One of Paula Collins gourds was nominated for Best of Show. In October, we will be making clay embellishments; November is Christmas ornament show-and-tell; and in December, there will be a Christmas Party. We currently have 45 members and we are still growing. We extend a warm welcome to visitors. If you live or work in Ventura or Santa Barbara counties, come join us!

## East Bay Gourd Patch (San Francisco East Bay)

Regional Coordinators: Bee Hylinski, (925) 552-5977 or [beebee723@earthlink.net](mailto:beebee723@earthlink.net)

Kay Van Hoesen, (925) 254-0838 or [kdvanh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdvanh@sbcglobal.net)

Our meetings are held in Berkeley and Walnut Creek on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info, contact Bee Hylinski (see above). On October 15th, Bee Hylinski will help us make African JuJu Pouches in Walnut Creek. On November 19th, Sheri Novak will teach us stenciling on gourds.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

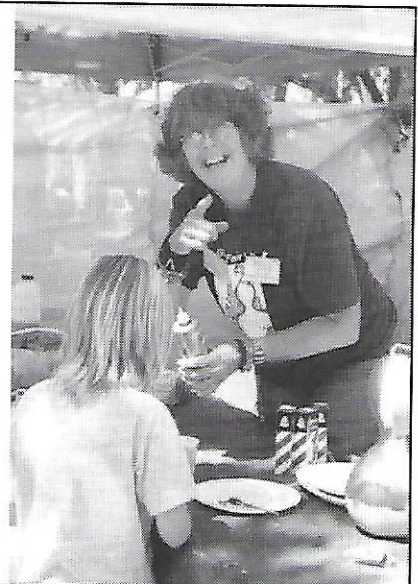
**October 8**, 4th Annual October Gourd and Pumpkin Festival, Welburn Gourd Farm, (760) 728-4271. See details, pg. 4.

**October 22 and 23**, California Gourd Arts Festival, Los Angeles Botanical Gardens, (213) 624-1200 ext. 3023. See details, pgs. 8-9.

**April 14, 15 and 16, 2006**, CGS Biennial Conference at Asilomar, [lynnebunt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynnebunt@sbcglobal.net). See details, pg. 13.

## HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, KIDS!

CGS president, Leigh Adams, teaching the next crop of gourd artists at the Welburn Gourd Festival in June. The kids' class was a really big hit!



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On December 10th, we will have our annual Holiday Party and Gourd Ornament Exchange at Bee's house. Call one of the Coordinators for more info about meeting times and places. We welcome new members to our fun group of beginner to advanced gourders. Please join us! We have fun and learn a lot.

### **El Dorado County Foothill Gourders**

*Regional Coordinator: Carolee Jones*  
(916) 988-7971 or [sahtaitwo@earthlink.net](mailto:sahtaitwo@earthlink.net)

The Foothill Gourders meet on the first Thursday of each month at the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission's Cooperative Extension Building at 311 Fair Lane in Placerville. The business meeting begins at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by the educational meeting until noon. October's meeting includes a challenge presenting the scariest acrylic painted gourd with Halloween theme. Our patch's former coordinator, Sandy Martin, is generously sharing her coiling skills during November's meeting. She will teach our members coiling on a gourd using basketry technique. Carla Livorsi volunteered her home as our meeting place for this workshop. Christmas is celebrated in December with our Christmas Party and gourd ornament exchange. Christmas 2005 celebrates all the new skills learned by our members. We celebrate learning how to make a rain stick with a snake gourd, using paper clay to make a Santa Claus on a banana gourd, Huichol beadwork on a gourd disk and coiling. During our exchange we may see rain stick ornaments, Santa Claus ornaments, beaded ornaments or coiled ornaments!

### **Fallbrook Gourd Patch**

*Regional Coordinator: Barbara McDermott*  
(760) 743-3710 or [mcdeart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcdeart@sbcglobal.net)

The Fallbrook Gourd Patch has had a wonderful summer. Congratulations to the terrific artists who entered the CGS Competition and the San Diego County Fair at Delmar. A few of them are Jewell Nagel, Ruth Phillips, Diane Piccola, JoAnn Clark, Sherry Hunga-Moore, Vickie Hunga-Murphy and Vickie Martinez. We also had a beautiful Gourd Purse Show going on at the Valley Center, CA, Library. The Artists all received Participation Ribbons for this very lovely public display to interest others in the art of gourds. Fall

also finds us at the annual Escondido Grape Day Festival. Our patch participated with a booth at this fun local event.

After having a very successful Patch Retreat in the mountains of Julian, CA last year, we are busy planning another one for this year in the desert. The Patch Members will be having a Nov. week-end of gourd fun at the Warner Springs Ranch, not far from Palm Springs. Our October Patch Meeting will be held at the Welburn Gourd Farm Pumpkin Festival, October 8. We will have a Patch Booth, do gourd demonstrating and hand out Patch related materials. For more information call Barbara McDermott. (see above).

### **Gourd Artisans of Los Angeles (GALA)**

*Regional Representative: Larry McClelland*  
(310) 549-3294 or [macgourd@aol.com](mailto:macgourd@aol.com)

The GALA patch draws from the greater Los Angeles/Pasadena area. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at San Gabriel Bead Company, 325 E. Live Oak, Arcadia, CA 91006, (626) 447-7753. Plans for the fall include participation in the Zittel Festival in Folsom, and California Gourd Art Festival at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. Our monthly meetings include show-and-tell, exchange of materials/supplies, workshops on topics such as patina on gourds, basketry on gourds, gourd purses, waterproofing gourd interiors, methods of balancing gourds, inlay techniques, repair techniques, use of paper clay and other topics suggested by members. Our annual holiday gourd gift exchange will take place at our December meeting. Our patch continues to welcome new members, enthusiastically introducing them to the joys of gourdning!

### **Kings River Gourd Patch**

*Regional Coordinator: Pat Wescott*  
\*82 (559) 897-7470 or [wagon4@lightspeed.net](mailto:wagon4@lightspeed.net)

We have been working on our contributions to the Tulare Patch Quilt and the Ashanti Mother project, which our able Patch Leader heads. All CGS members in Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Mariposa and Madera Counties are welcome. We also welcome those CGS members who are "patchless". We plan to attend California Gourd Arts Festival in October. For more info about upcoming meetings, contact Pat (see above). We are small, but full of fun:

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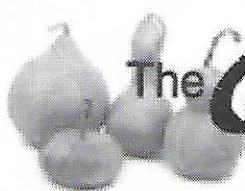
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# CALIFORNIA GOURD ARTS FESTIVAL 2005

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### ARBORETUM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Theme: **Extreme Gourds and Baskets**

Thursday, October 20 - **Ayres Hall Set Up and Volunteer Day**

Friday, October 21

9 a.m.-5 p.m. **CGS Artists** deliver gourd art to **Ayres Hall**  
**Vendors set up booths**

Kick-Off:

Friday, October 21, 6:30-9 p.m.

**Outta Our Gourd Arboretum Benefit Dinner and Art Auction**

Entertainment by **Xavier Quijas Yxayotl** -the man with the fire flute

**Floating Luminarias**

by **California Gourd Society** members

**The Ghost Game** - *Ya gotta play!*

Preview of **Gourd Art Gift Gallery**

Festival Activities:

Saturday, October 22

8:30 Early bird classes - All class listings on Page 10 (admission at front gate starts at 8:00)

9:00 **Challenge of the Iron Gourd** begins. World class artists in a headlong chase for the first ever **Iron Gourd Olympiad-style Competition** to complete a unique piece of gourd art in front of your astonished eyes.

9:00 **Gourd Art Gift Gallery** opens in **Ayres Hall**

9:00 Suppliers of everything you need to create gourd art, demonstrations

10:00 **Music**, entertainment, children's art booth all day.

12:00 Special entertainment (to be announced)

12:00 Afternoon gourd and basket art classes begin

4:30 Check point for **Iron Gourd Competition**

5:00 Park closes for the day

Sunday, October 23

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9:00 **Iron Gourd Competition** continues

9:00 Suppliers of everything you need to create gourd art, demonstrations

9:00 **Gourd Art Gift Gallery** continues in **Ayres Hall**

10:00 **Music**, entertainment, children's art booth all day.

12:00 Special entertainment (to be announced)

12:00 Afternoon gourd and basket art classes begin

2:00 Finish line for **Iron Gourd**,  
Judging by Margo Farrin

2:30 Drawings for winners of the **Iron Gourd** art.

5:00 Show closes

Check [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com) or  
[www.gourdfairla.org](http://www.gourdfairla.org) for updates!!!

# Outta Our Gourd

Annual Arboretum and California Gourd Society  
**DINNER AND GOURD ART AUCTION**

Friday, October 21 • 6:30 -9 p.m.

Location: Superb Setting at the LA County Arboretum

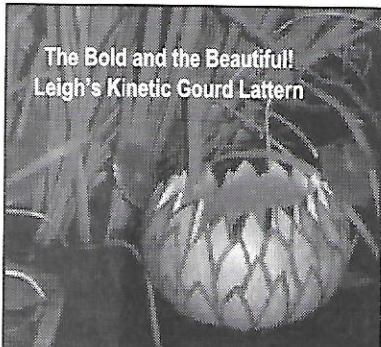
Picture yourself near a boat on the water..... glimmering gourds and star dust filled skies... Xavier's playing a magical gourd flute...elegant folks with smiles in their eyes... what are those sculptures that bob and revolve so, what are those lights that float so divine? Can you be dreaming..... the food's too delicious, the garden is scented, superbly, so fine..... please stop for a moment, sing ever so softly, then bid on the gourd art and sip some more wine!

Stroll through the world's finest gourd art exhibit, view the Ashanti

Mother and her babies an exquisite gourd sculpture by Pat Boyd with incredible gourd babies created by CGS members. Cheer for Mark Wourms in his fabulous role as gourd art "auctioneer extraordinaire" as he plays to the highest bidder (will it be you?!) Go on a state-of-the art ghost-busters jaunt to learn all the latest mischief of the pre-Halloween preparations. Plan on the most unusual and delightful dinner event of the entire year with the California Gourd Society and the LA County Arboretum!! CGS members: \$25. Non members: \$50.



Xavier Quijas Yxayotl  
The man with the fire flute!!



The Bold and the Beautiful!  
Leigh's Kinetic Gourd Lantern

Limited Seating.

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## Saturday, October 22

- Early Bird 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (3 hour classes)
- 101 Mini Gourd Drum Necklace (Pat Estes)
  - 102 Philodendron on Gourd (Diane Calderwood)
  - 103 Dracaena Draco Basket (Mary Pryor)
  - 104 Silk Dyes on Gourds (Susan Nikkel)

12 Noon - 5 p.m. (5 hour classes begin at noon)

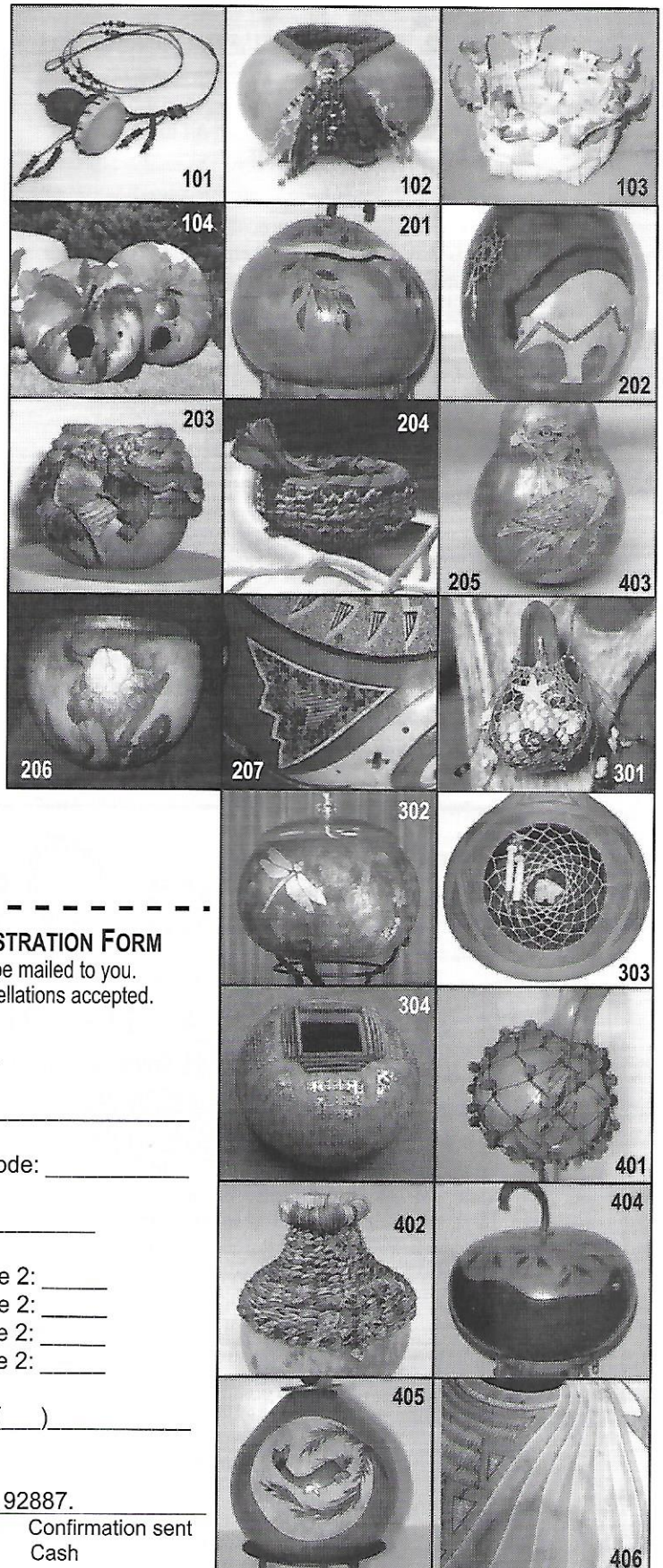
- 201 Beginning Gourd Art (Diane Connelly)
- 202 Cutouts on Gourds (Rebecca Cileo)
- 203 Weaving on Gourds (Cookie Hanson)
- 204 King Palm Basket (Lynne Everett)
- 205 Woodburning on Gourds (Noi Thomas)
- 206 Gold Leafing on Gourds (Merilou Jenkins)
- 207 Inlace Inlay on Gourds (Bonnie Gibson)

## Sunday, October 23

- Early Bird 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (3 hour classes)
- 301 Knotless Netting on Gourds (Lynne Everett)
  - 302 Lamp Gourd (Laura Makay)
  - 303 Dreamcatcher on Gourd (Pat Estes)
  - 304 Heavy Metal (Carolyn Potter)

12 Noon - 5 p.m. (5 hour classes begin at noon)

- 401 Shekere (Pat Estes)
- 402 Weaving Philodendron on Gourd (Cookie Hanson)
- 403 Woodburning on Gourds (Noi Thomas)
- 404 Beginning Gourd Art (Diane Connelly)
- 405 Foiling and Carving on Gourds (Rebecca Cileo)
- 406 Power Carving (Bonnie Gibson)



## CALIFORNIA GOURD ART FESTIVAL 2005 CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

Class size is limited. Class confirmation and a materials list will be mailed to you. Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices. No phone registrations or cancellations accepted. **No refunds after October 1, 2005.**

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Saturday Noon Class: Class choice 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Class choice 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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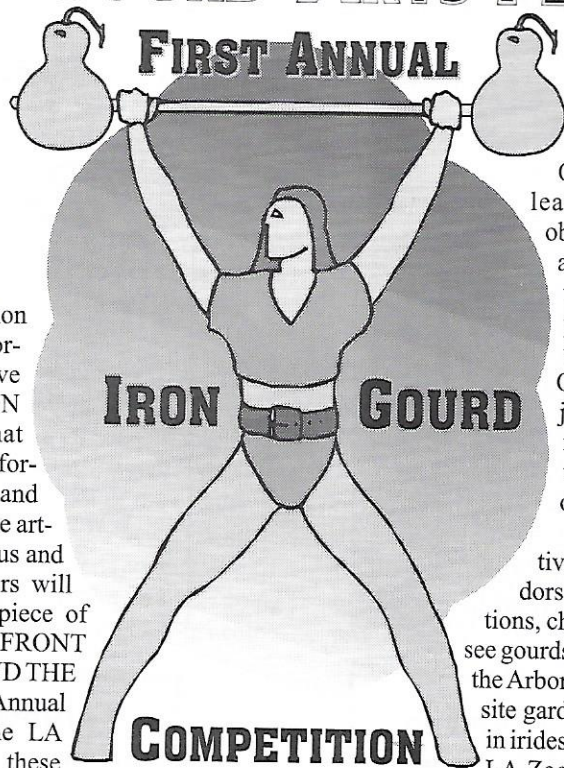


# CALIFORNIA GOURD ARTS FESTIVAL 2005

## IRON GOURD ATHLETES

Rebecca Black  
Angela Briggs  
Larry McClelland  
Linda Noblitt  
Kathy Riker  
Betsy Roberts  
Mike Wong

What do these folks have in common besides a love of gourds? These extraordinary artists have the unmitigated nerve to enter..... THE FIRST EVER IRON GOURD COMPETITION!!!! What does it take? Much more than courage, fortitude, creativity, artistic innovation and great depths of skill are required! These artists must be audacious, daring, tenacious and perseverant! These bold competitors will take on the challenge of creating a piece of award winning caliber work of art IN FRONT OF PUBLIC SPECTATORS, FANS AND THE GOURD COGNOSCENTI at the 5th Annual California Gourd Arts Festival at the LA County Arboretum. Come watch as these brave individuals accept the invitation to create world class art on demand!!!



With materials provided by the California Gourd Society, the IRON GOURD COMPETITORS will bring their own tools and techniques to the LA County Arena... Oops, Arboretum! While coaches, cheerleaders and sports-minded individuals observe, YOU can see works of art being created. View the secrets of the masters! Buy tickets to vote for your favorite pieces...and win a chance to take one home with you!!! Margo Farrin, owner of Farrin O'Connor Design Studios in Pasadena will judge the competition. The winner will receive a \$500 cash award but the public viewers are the real winners here. What an opportunity!

In addition, the California Gourd Arts Festival offers gourd art for sale, raw gourds, vendors of gourd supplies and beads, demonstrations, children's activities, music and the chance to see gourds growing on site. The beautiful grounds of the Arboretum, lush with trees, fountains and exquisite gardens, abound with avian life forms dressed in iridescent, spotted and traditional plumage. The LA Zoo will demonstrate weaving techniques in the new Weaver's Garden with photos of animal enrichment activities. A perfect family outing with something for everyone!

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In my growing up place, along the Eel River, a hermit lived inside a tree for many, many years. His tree had a door and a stove pipe and windows, an old magnificent redwood. Rangers walked past it and didn't see the artifacts of a man's life. Visitors ran past on their way to the river, never noticing the tree with the glass and the hardware in the trunk. The old man wove roots to make his furni-

ture, carved living wood to create stairs, his home was three and a half stories tall, all within the ancient giant. That man lived in the land of extreme gourds and baskets! We can have a piece of that wonder and magic. Reach out, grab a vine and create a container that need contain nothing.....

Extreme Gourds are more contemporary. In today's world of athlete as bling we are bringing extreme gourd play right into the world of whirlwind action today! Although sports athletes may be heroes to the world, we have other idols. Gourd artists demand our attention in the race for talent that soars. Others see tri-athalons, golf tournaments and the Tour d' France. We are privileged to see creativity, imagination and beauty explode under the hands and power tools of extraordinary artists. We laugh at the world as they idolize entertainers, extreme sports figures and publicity stunts but still ask, "What is a GOURD?"

In the realm of Extreme Gourds and Baskets, our reality is the FIRST EVER Olympiad Iron Gourd Competition. Seven courageous and adventurous gourd artists will compete in front of the world to create gourd art from fruit to fruition. The starting line is Saturday, October 22, 2005 at 9 a.m. and the finish line is Sunday, October 23 at 2 p.m. This event will go down in history. Be there to witness the trials and travails, the beauty and the beasts, the inexpressible joy of spontaneity and artistic creation! BE a part of the excitement!

*Leigh Adams*

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no dues at this time and no officers. We believe in play at first light!

### **L.A.W. (Los Angeles West) Gourd Patch**

Regional Coordinators: Angela Briggs, (310)-431-8522 or Rhamah13@yahoo.com

Dr. Judy Bin-Nun, (310) 207-2998 or jbn12401@aol.com

Our usual meeting site is at 12401 Wilshire Blvd. Ste. #200 (conference room) at the Selvin and Weiner Law Office, L.A. 90025, the first Wednesday night of each month from 7-9 p.m.! We hope to encourage more members to join our creative camaraderie. Call/email a coordinator to find out about upcoming meetings.

### **Northern Sierra Gourd Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Jackie Berg

(530)675-2577 or ljberg@cwnet.com

The Northern Sierra Patch has been taking a summer vacation while a lot of our members are out of town, out of the country, or just out of their minds, temporarily. We have a few new CGS members that have relocated to our area and have made contact with us. Call Jackie and she will give you more information on what's going on. That number is (530) 675-2577 or email at ljberg@cwnet.com.

### **Orange County Gourd Society Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Susan Sullivan, (714) 997-4482 eves or susansphn@aol.com

For more info visit our website at:

[www.orangecountygourdsociety.org](http://www.orangecountygourdsociety.org)

Orange County Patch is active and growing! We had a very successful 3 days of outreach for OCGS and CGS at the Orange County Fair in July--any patch that gets an opportunity to do demos at their local fair should do so. It's a great opportunity to tell folks about the wonders of gourds! We are looking forward to the California Gourd Arts Festival at the Los Angeles Arboretum in October. Meanwhile we have an upcoming fun, hands-on playday on November 12 in Costa Mesa. And classes scheduled at the Fullerton Arboretum (Drum Class w/Curtis Hayes) and Costa Mesa (Dichroic Glass Class). We will meet the 4th Thursday in October at 6:30 p.m. at the Adult Education Center, 1465 N. Batavia in Orange. (Just North of Katella, near the Big A Stadium.)

We do not meet in November or December, but we do have our Annual Christmas Party. If you are in the greater OC/Long Beach area and would like more info regarding our group, our members, our Annual Christmas Party or any other up-coming events, please visit our website. To RSVP and get directions, contact Mary Bliss at [isbliss@yahoo.com](mailto:isbliss@yahoo.com) or call Susan Sullivan (714) 997-4482 eves. Guests are always WELCOME, beginners as well as experts!

### **Pico Rivera/Whittier Patch**

**Welcome new Regional Coordinator Carol Wong!**

Regional Coordinator: Carol Wong

(562) 865-1417 or [kalola@verizon.net](mailto:kalola@verizon.net)

### **San Bernardino Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Darlene Propp

(909) 862-9717 or [str8edge@ez2.net](mailto:str8edge@ez2.net)

The San Bernardino Patch meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the home of Valerie Martinell. Call her for directions at (909) 883-3527. We will be attending California Gourd Arts Festival at the Arboretum in October and will have an ornament exchange at our Christmas meeting. All gourd enthusiasts in San Bernardino County (or elsewhere!) are welcome to attend and be sure to bring a show-and-tell (our favorite part of the meetings). Call/email Valerie or Darlene (see above) for questions.

### **San Diego Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild**

Regional Coordinator: Peggy Blessing

(858) 292-9219 or [glassworks2005-gourdnews@yahoo.com](mailto:glassworks2005-gourdnews@yahoo.com)

Meetings are informal and we encourage members and visitors to bring something to work on, a completed project to show the group, and/or a problem piece that you would like input on. About six times a year, there will be optional mini-workshops (for a nominal fee), lectures or demonstrations at these meetings. Check our website, [www.baskets-gourds.com](http://www.baskets-gourds.com), for current meeting activities. Let the parking attendant know you are there for the "Misti Meeting," and they will waive the entrance fee. On October 14-16 we will have a booth at the San Diego Convention Center to promote CGS, gourds and basketry. Come join in the fun!

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### **San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch**

Regional Coordinators: Art and Nina Lowy

(818) 715-9473 or gourds@mac.com

Dori Aberson, (818) 702-8020 or daberson@aol.com

Our meetings take place at Mountain Restoration Trust Property, 23075 Mulholland Road, in Calabasas, on the 2nd Tuesday each month from 7-9 p.m. We offer new members this promise. You will go home with the gourd you worked on. Just bring yourself; we supply the gourds and supplies. Please call/email one of the coordinators above for more info re: meetings.

### **Santa Cruz Gourd Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Barbara Johnson, (831) 440-1540 or

greggjohnson@earthlink.net

Kris Mangliers, (831) 338-3449 or kmangliers@msn.com

The Santa Cruz Patch meets every other month. The November meeting will be at Barbara Johnson's house in Scotts Valley. We will be making gourd accessories out of gourd scraps jewelry, name tags, pins, hats, anything we can imagine. Call Barbara for more info (see above).

### **Shasta Tahama Gourd Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Rebecca Cileo

(530) 357-4855 or luv2ridedi@aol.com

### **Sonoma Gourd Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Donna von Edelkrantz

(707) 778-0580 or donnavone@comcast.net

Our meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month from 7-9:30 p.m. For location information, contact Donna (see above). We invite any gourd, art or craft enthusiast to join our group to share, learn and explore. We will decide on topics or workshops month to month.

### **Tahoe/Truckee/Reno Gourd Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Gabrielle Bryant (on Leave)

P. O. Box 1507, Carnelian Bay, CA 96140

(530) 581-3772 or g-rbryant@sbcglobal.net

### **Tulare Sequoia Patch**

Regional Coordinators: Toni Best (559) 627-5430 or

capineneedles@earthlink.net

Sue Winters-Brown, (559) 561-0608 or suewb@tcoe.org

October 9th will be "Dye Out Day" at Toni's Best's house. On November 19th, the patch will have a booth at the Holiday Bazaar in Three Rivers. On December 2nd, we will have our annual Ornament Exchange, again at Toni's and the next day Toni will be teaching Pine Needle Weaving on Gourds in her studio. For more information, contact either Toni or Sue (see above).

### **Vallejo Carquinez Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Kemper Stone

(707) 557-0462 or gourdcamp@yahoo.com

### **Z-Gourd Miners (Folsom) Patch**

Regional Coordinator: Ann Mitchell, Founder and President

(530) 367-4830 or GourdMinerMama@cs.com

The Folsom-Sacramento Patch of CGS, "Z" Gourd Miners," meets the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Zittel Farms in Folsom (corner of Oak Avenue and Folsom/Auburn Road). We have a brief social time and then a meeting which is followed by "Show and Tell." After lunch (brought or purchased at one of several eateries across the street), we work on our projects, getting feedback and help as needed from our fellow gourders. On some days, a class is offered at a much reduced rate to the club which provides an optional way for members to gain proficiency in gourd crafting. Our club draws members from the entire Sacramento Area, the Foothills and the Bay Area. Some members drive up to 3 hours to attend our meetings. We have a great group and are very social. We have a newsletter which is published about every two to three months to keep members up-to-date on activities. Currently, we are focusing on preparation for the upcoming Folsom Gourd Festival where we provide demonstrations, information, etc., on gourding.

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**THANK YOU, BEE!**

Bee Hylinki, Regional Coordinator for the East Bay Patch has been our dedicated Regional Roundup Coordinator for the last year. Thanks, Bee, for all your hard work!

**WELCOME, BARBARA!**

Barbara McDermott, Regional Coordinator for the Falbrook Patch will be taking over as Regional Roundup Coordinator. Thank you, Barbara, for taking on the task! Barbara can be reached at mcdeart@msn.com or (760)746-3913.

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 15

## CALIFORNIA GOURD SOCIETY CONFERENCE AT ASILOMAR • APRIL 14-16, 2006

*The California Gourd Society Conference at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, CA was established in 2001 and became an instant success. Affectionately known by many as "gourd college," the conference offers an outstanding opportunity for gourders of all skill levels to learn, share and visit in a stunning and inspiring setting. Now held only on even-numbered years . . . Make your reservations early!*

**What is included with my conference registration?** A shared room for three days and two nights; six (6) meals (dinner Friday night through lunch on Sunday); and entertainment each evening including live music, auction, and a raffle. We'll draw the winning ticket for "The Ashanti Mother" and plenty of opportunities to buy supplies and art from our talented group of teachers. On Sunday morning we will have a two-hour presentation by Judy and Larry Cunningham (at no additional cost) — "The Art of Selling Gourds."

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#### Classes

**When?** All classes will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2006.  
Morning classes are scheduled from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.  
Afternoon classes are scheduled from 12:45 to 3:45 p.m.

**Cost?** Each class is \$35 plus a nominal material fee.  
Material fee is paid directly to the teacher at the beginning of class.

**Complete class listings and registration form on Page 14**

#### Conference Registration Fee:

**Early Bird Special: \$250 per person extended through October 15, 2005. \$275 per person after October 15, 2005.**

Credit cards will be accepted through the website or by contacting Lynne Bunt directly by telephone (559) 561-1925 or email: [lynnebunt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynnebunt@sbcglobal.net).

#### **No refunds will be made after October 15, 2005.**

Reservations are first come, first serve. Groups of three or four sharing the same room will be given priority. Because of high demand, attendance at the conference (including classes) is limited to those staying onsite.



## TIME TO CHALLENGE YOUR CREATIVITY!

Each of our Asilomar events has had a challenge . . . name tags, hats and masks come immediately to mind. Who could forget those splendid parades and smiling faces?! Remember Greg as an alligator? And Ray and Elsie with those extraordinary hats? What could be more fun than that?! Well, here it is..... the challenge event this year for Asilomar attendees is..... ta da!!! Gourd Underwear!!!! Oh, it's not?! Well, I couldn't resist! It's almost that good! Our challenge this year is Gourd Accessories! How is that interpreted? As something made of gourd that can accessorize your gorgeous/handsome self! Criteria for the (semi) professional judging? GOURDS MUST PREDOMINATE! Participants must enjoy themselves and fun is the only essential! See you there! Gourd jewelry, gourd barrettes, gourd belts, purses and shoulder pads, gourd shoes? I can't wait!

*Leigh Adams*

Detailed event and class information, including pictures plus a printable reservation form, are available at [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com).  
If you are unable to access the Internet, you can receive full details by mail; contact: Lynne Bunt, 43669 Skyline Dr., Three Rivers, CA 93271.  
**You must be a current member of the California Gourd Society to attend the conference.**

# CALIFORNIA GOURD SOCIETY CONFERENCE AT ASILOMAR FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 14-16, 2006

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## CGS CONFERENCE AT ASILOMAR REGISTRATION FORM

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Saturday p.m. classes:  
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Lynn Bunt will be unavailable to take calls from Oct. 1 - Oct. 8.

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**No refunds after 10/15/2005**

## MORNING

Class #	Title	Teacher	Material Fee
101	Beginning Color	Stefan Schneider	\$ 8
102	Relief Carving and Foil	Rebecca Cileo	\$ 10
103	Woven Angel Necklace	Kathy Riker	\$ 7
104	Asian Design	Diana Rookstool	\$ 10
105	Khatiti Altar Doll	Angela Briggs	\$ 20
106	Gourd Lamp	Roy Bunt	\$ 30
107	Coiling on Gourds	Toni Best	\$ 10
108	Gourd Marionette	Betty Finch	\$ 10
109	Ornamentals and Paper Clay	Larry McClelland	\$ 10
110	Chip Carving	Lyn Rehm	\$ 10

## AFTERNOON

Class #	Title	Teacher	Material Fee
201	Wax Resist and Beaded Doll	Jill Walker	\$ 10
202	Relief Carving and Foil	Rebecca Cileo	\$ 10
203	Teneriffe Lace Necklace	Kathy Riker	\$ 7
204	Asian Design	Diana Rookstool	\$ 10
205	Khatiti Altar Doll	Angela Briggs	\$ 20
206	Gourd Lamp	Roy Bunt	\$ 30
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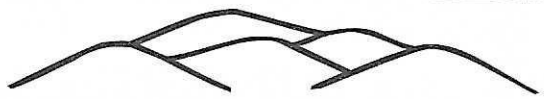
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