

# THE GOLDEN GOURD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

Volume 13, Issue 3

Fall 2011

## Channel Islands Gourd Society Brings the Bounty Home by Stephanie Staie



Every year the Channel Islands Gourd Society hosts a booth in the Agriculture Building of the Ventura County Fair. This year CIGS members hit a grand slam and produced an award winning booth. Based on the fair theme of “Bounty of the County” members led by Stephanie Staie decided to do a diorama of their county. This included a beautiful panoramic backdrop of the Ventura coastline, Channel Islands and Ventura mountains painted by Cathy Agnew, Luanna Huntsinger and Janie Knappenberger.

Members went to town with their amazing gourd creations. They created a bounty of sea life as jellyfish (Leni Fields), squid (by Cheryl Townsend-which happens to be a multimillion dollar cash crop for Ventura County), a sea lion and

skipjack tuna (Anthony Hepton), a pelican and crab (Charlene Smith), sand dollars (Arline Erickson), crabs (Debbie Guzmann), a sculpin fish (Camille King), dolphins and sea turtles (Elsie Cogswell) starfish and a spiny lobster (Janie Knappenberger). On the shoreline side of the booth, member Judy Aschmann came up with the idea to use the top ten crops of Ventura County to remind people of the agricultural bounty. So members got busy making strawberries, avocados, tomatoes, cut flowers, cabbage, peppers, oranges, celery, nursery stock, lemons and raspberries. Karen Hibdon, Pat Barbour, Leni Fields, and Tammy Burt worked hard laying down sand for the ocean side and bark for the shoreline side.

Visitors were amazed when they heard that each crop and sea creature was made entirely from gourds. Karen Hibdon and Sharon Harvey cut up gourd shards for kids to decorate and make necklaces. We also had signs depicting the bounty of gourd varieties and one special sign which talked about the Bounty of Our Hearts. CIGS is not only a fun gourd centered adventure.

We also do multiple outreach projects during the year. CIGS takes the joy of gourd making on the road to such places as the Association for Retarded Citizens, The American Association for University Women, and various Senior Homes in Ventura County. This year was an ambitious undertaking and members went above and beyond and were a joy to work with. As one member said “We make a great team.” Apparently we got the message across as we also won the People’s Choice Award. Way to go CIGS members!

\*\*



Inside this issue:	
<b>Channel Islands Gourd Society Brings the Bounty Home</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>President's Message</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Call to Artists: Fourth Annual Northern California Gourd Art Competition – 2012</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>10th Annual Greg Leiser Farms Gourd Art Festival and Gourd Sale</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Baskets and Gourds – Containers of Our Culture IV</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Class Listings for Baskets and Gourds – Containers of Our Culture IV</b>	<b>6 &amp; 7</b>
<b>Artzy Gurlz-Mixed Media Retreat II</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Classifieds * Make a Thunder Drum—Artist /Instructor Ron Swank from</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Please Join Us At the California Gourd Society Board Meeting * “Link to the American Gourd Society”</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>San Diego County Gourd Patch - GourdStock Festival 2012</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>CGS Gourd Patch Coordinators</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>California Gourd Society 2011-21012 Fundraiser: Win Fabulous Gourd Art</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Classifieds</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Classifieds</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Classifieds</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Classifieds * Membership News</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>GourdStock 2012—Teachers Wanted *Classifieds</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Artzy Gurlz—Artz on the Lake 2011</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Davis Ranch 3rd Annual Gourd Festival Overview</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>GourdStock 2011</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>CGS Board of Directors * Editor Message * Golden Gourd Newsletter Ad Rates and Contact</b>	<b>22</b>

**President’s Message**

Greetings Gourders

Can’t believe I am writing the last President’s message of the year. But here I am looking at gourds in the garden almost ready for harvest and planting our winter garden. I love watching the foliage die back exposing all the interesting shapes gourds can grow – and I have some very interesting ones this year.

I was invited to the Colusa Garden Club in August to give a talk on gourds “From Seed to Art”. Along with fulfilling our Mission statement of promoting the appreciation of hard shelled gourds I met a lot of wonderful gardeners who were very interested in gourds and gourd art. Check with Garden clubs in your area. Perhaps you can get some new members for your Patch and CGS. It was a good experience.

And then there was GOURDSTOCK. IT WAS GROOVY! What a wonderful time. I stayed at the lovely home of JoAnn Clark (CGS VP of Membership) in Valley Center just a short drive from Bates Nut Farm where GourdStock was held. The weather was quite warm but the grounds were lovely with green grass and wonderful old trees that helped a lot. It was a well organized festival – thanks to the San Diego Gourd Patch and leader Sherry Hunga-Moore – with lots of great classes, vendors, demonstrations and gourd art on display as well as some tie-dyed shirts and socks fitting in with the theme of the festival. Next year I hope to see you all there on June 30<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup>.

In September, CGS had a booth at the Third annual Davis/Sloughhouse Festival. (Some of the best corn in the central valley is grown at Sloughhouse.) Again, there were great classes held prior to the week-end festival. And lots of fun at the festival. There were raw gourds for sale and beautiful works of gourd art for sale. Several gourds that will be raffled off at the Basket and Gourd - Containers of Our Culture Show in Visalia in April of 2012 were on display enticing people to buy tickets to try and win one of the many baskets that will be there. Is your Patch Basket in the works?

Many of you have heard that Betsy Roberts is retiring and I can’t thank her enough for all the work she has done for the California Gourd Society as VP of Programs and Regional Groups and for supporting me so strongly when I came to CGS. Of course, that means we are looking for someone to take her position. Are you interested?

When I took on the job of President, I was hesitant and worried that I could not do the job – but I found out I could and I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed doing it. I encourage you to volunteer, we need some new leadership and it could be you.

We will be having our annual Board meeting January 21<sup>st</sup> in Visalia. I encourage anyone interested in the business end of CGS to attend the meeting. Call me if you are interested.

Have a great end of the year – keep gourding –  
Sylvia Nelson





## *Call to Artists*

### **Fourth Annual Northern California Gourd Art Competition – 2012**

A Northern CA CGS Gourd Art Competition will take place at Leiser Farms 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gourd Festival in Knights Landing, CA May 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. It is open to all CGS members throughout the state and beyond.

There are three divisions: Please note: The children's competition will be handled by the local elementary school.

- **The Novice division** is for members who have not previously won a ribbon (Honor system) in a CGS competition.
- **The Open division** is for anyone who has won a ribbon in the novice division or who do not consider themselves a beginner.
- **The Masters division** is for artists who have achieved a level of expertise as demonstrated by having won awards, had work published or sold work in galleries. Artist entering specific categories in the Master's division may not enter the same category in the Open Division, but may enter other Open Division categories.

#### **HOW TO ENTER**

- \* The entry fee is \$6.00 for each entry. **Make checks payable to CGS.** Advance registration is not taken.
- \* All work must be original and done by the exhibiting artist and not previously entered in any CGS competition. Gourds must predominate and artistry, originality and integrity of design are all important.
- \* Only one piece per category is permitted.
- \* Entries may be submitted on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon – 5 pm or Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 9 am.
- \* **MAILED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Details will be in the next issue and at the CGS website in early 2012.
- \* Judging will take place on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and the display will be open for viewing on Saturday and Sunday.
- \* Release and pick up of entries will be from 3-5 pm on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. All art work not picked up will become the property of CGS.
- \* While every effort is made to provide security of items, Leiser Farms and the California Gourd Society are not responsible for damage or lost items.
- \* It is the responsibility of the artists to place their piece in the correct category. Please read category descriptions carefully.

#### **Open and Novice Divisions—Categories 1-11**

**Category 1:** Collaborative work gourd –Two or more people that worked on the gourd. It can be any technique you choose and it must have a description of the work for the judges.

**Category 2:** Gourd art from a class taken or from a book - Can be any medium or technique. Also a description card with name of book, teacher or class taken for judges information.

**Category 3:** Holiday theme -(4th of July, Easter, Christmas, Halloween etc) any technique can be applied.

**Category 4:** Wall art - Must be able to hang on wall. Any technique can be applied.

**Category 5:** Garden art –Anything that you would love to have in your garden such as wind chimes, hanging art, garden stake, etc.

**Category 6:** Mix media -(paper, clay, material, wire, etc) you must be able to see some of the gourd.

**Category 7:** Utilitarian gourd –That will hold food or liquid. Any technique can be applied

**Category 8:** Textile (weaving, coiling, pine needles, etc) must be able to see the gourd.

**Category 9:** Folk art - (Americana, patriotic) any technique can be applied.

**Category 10:** Animals -they can be carved, woodburned, painted, constructed in any way necessary.

**\*Category 11:** Inspired by Larry McClelland- create a single piece of one or more gourds which reflects the whimsy, color and creativity that characterize Larry's work. \*This category only will be judged and awards given by Greg and Mary Leiser.

**Masters Division Categories 1-10 above or what you choose to do. You must be able to see some of the gourd.**

**Please note:** Artist entering specific categories in the Master's division may not enter the same category in the Open Division, but may enter other Open Division categories. ++

# THE 10TH ANNUAL GREG LEISER FARMS GOURD ART FESTIVAL AND GOURD SALE



**MAY 19TH & 20TH, 2012  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9 TO 5**

**21886 KNIGHTS ROAD  
KNIGHTS LANDING, CA. 95645**

### Gourd Art, Of Course!

Gourd artists from all over California showcasing and selling exquisite gourd art, gourd supplies and tools.

### Free Live Demonstrations

Learn new tips and techniques from expert gourd artists!

### Gourd Art Classes

*Pre-festival gourd art classes* being offered from May 16 - May 18.  
Check website for prices & details.

### Free Live Entertainment

### Children's Gourd Crafting Corner

### Gourd Art Raffle

To Benefit Knights Landing Library

### Northern California Gourd Art Competition

Sponsored by California Gourd Society

Final festival details will be posted on our website as they become available.  
Please contact us if you would like to be a vendor!

**We sell gourds ALL YEAR ROUND at our farm and by mail.**

**FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING**

**SPEND THE WHOLE DAY. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH!  
ON-SITE FOOD AVAILABLE**

Visit our website for complete festival details, directions, and updates at:

**[www.GourdFarmer.com](http://www.GourdFarmer.com)**

Email: [gleiser@afes.com](mailto:gleiser@afes.com) ~ Phone: (530) 735-6677

# Baskets and Gourds – Containers of Our Culture IV



**Elks Lodge  
Mill Creek Conference Center  
Visalia, California  
Opening Reception April 20 – Arts Visalia  
Classes April 21 & 22, 2012**

Sponsored by Tulare-Sequoia Gourd Patch and the California Gourd Society

**Register now at:  
[www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com)**

## Class Listing

### Baskets and Gourds - Containers of Our Culture IV

April 21 -22, 2012

For complete class details visit "Events" at [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com)



**Saturday Classes 101 - 121 \*pictured ## page 5**  
**All classes are \$65.00 plus materials fees.**



\*101 Kimono Basket –  
 Paper Weaving  
 Instructor: Jackie Abrams  
 Brattleboro, VT



\*102 Biomorphic Stainless Steel  
 Mesh Basket  
 Instructor: Lanny Bergner  
 Anacortes, WA



\*103 Small Willow Sieve  
 Instructor: Jo Campbell-  
 AmslerMonticello, IA



\*104 Gourd Music Box  
 Instructor: Gloria Crane  
 Hesperia, CA



\*105 Gourd Mask  
 Jewelry Pin  
 Instructor: Maria  
 Dellos  
 Tucson, AZ



\*106 Fitted Lid Gourd Basket  
 Instructor: Vickie Echols  
 Winchester, CA

##107 Basic Power Carving 3-D Feather  
 Instructor: Bonnie Gibson – Tucson, AZ

\*108 Sculptural Pottery Vase with  
 Tapestry Weave  
 Instructor: Marla Helton  
 Greencastle, IN



109 Basketry Sculpture  
 Instructor: Polly Jacobs-Giaccina – La Mesa, CA

110 Navajo Basket  
 Instructor: Miriam Joy – Prescott Valley, AZ

\*111 Fancy Handle Square Basket  
 Instructor: Pamela Kay  
 La Mesa, CA



\*112 Beading on a Gourd  
 Instructor: Sam McKinny  
 Lindsay, CA

113 Let's Do The Twist: Twined Wire Basket  
 Instructor: Marilyn Moore – Seattle, WA



\*114 Powertech People  
 Instructor: Betsy Roberts  
 San Diego, CA

***This class is a two day class  
 and students are required to  
 take both days***

***\*115 2 Day Class  
 Ornate Pine Needle  
 Basketry  
 Instructor: Nadine Spier  
 Encinitas, CA***



116 Double Decker Cedar  
 Instructor: Polly Sutton – Seattle, WA



\*117 Watercolor on a Gourd  
 Instructor: Linda Victory  
 Visalia, CA

*(Continued on page 7)*

(Continued from page 6)



\*118 Ancient Chinese Oil Lamp  
Instructor: Jill Walker  
Watsonville, CA



\*119 Gourd Basketry  
Instructor: Don Weeke  
Julian, CA

120 Stripes

Instructor: Peggie Wilcox – Lakemont, GA



\*121 – Grapevine Basket  
Instructor: Jennifer Wool – Mt. Hamilton, CA

122 – Theresa’s Pouch  
Instructor: Judy Zugish – Marysville, WA

**Sunday Classes 201 - 221 \*pictured, ## page 5  
All classes are \$65.00 plus materials fees.**

##201 – Woven Cathead Basket – Paper Weaving  
Instructor: Jackie Abrams – Brattleboro, VT

##202 Sunday – Biomorphic Stainless Steel Mesh Basket  
Instructor: Lanny Bergner – Anacortes, WA

\*203 – Pine Needles Coiled on Gourd with Driftwood  
Instructor: Toni Best – Visalia, CA



204 – Willowglen Gathering Basket  
Instructor: Jo Cambell-Amsler – Monicello, IA

205 –Paradise Lidded Bowl  
Instructor: Gloria Crane – Hesperia, CA

206 – Gourd Texture, Finishes and Embellishments  
Instructor: Maria Dellos – Tucson, AZ

207 – Easy Beaded Rim Gourd Basket  
Instructor: Vickie Echols – Winchester, CA



\*208 – Decoupage Gourd Bowls  
Instructor: Audrey Fontaine  
Salinas, CA

**Sunday Classes 201 - 221**



\*209 – Doodles and Glass  
Instructor: Bonnie Gibson  
Tucson, AZ



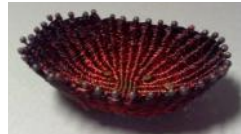
\*210 Nothing Added  
Instructor: Cookie Hanson  
Seal Beach, CA

211 Delight and Disorder  
Instructor: Marla Helton – Greencastle, IN

\*212 Twined Beads and Brooches  
Instructor: Polly Jacobs Giaccina – La Mesa, CA



\*213 – Emerald Dragonfly  
Instructor: Miriam Joy  
Prescott Valley, AZ



\*214 – Egg Basket – Oval Twined Wire Basket  
Instructor: Marilyn Moore  
Seattle, WA

\*215 Powertech People (for picture see class 114)  
Instructor: Betsy Roberts  
San Diego, CA



\*217 Squatty Cedar Cross Bark  
Instructor: Polly Sutton – Seattle, WA

##218 Gourd Mask  
Instructor: Don Weeke – Julian, CA

\*219 Bark Square to Round Basket  
Instructor: Peggie Wilcox  
Lakemont, GA



220 Woven Stone  
Instructor: Jennifer Wool  
Mt. Hamilton, CA

\*221 Transparencies  
Instructor: Judy Zugish  
Marysville, WA

END



## Mixed Media Retreat II

Oak Creek Ranch  
near Santa Barbara, CA

2 sessions July 19-27, 2012

**Don't delay! Space is limited.**



We love the Artzy Gurlz!!!!



*"Artzy Gurlz" first mixed media  
retreat, August, 2011*

EACH SESSION IS: 3 FULL DAYS/4 NIGHTS  
LODGING AND 3 MEALS PER DAY.  
ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED.

## Artz Classes 2012

**1st Session**  
July 19-23, 2012

**2nd Session**  
July 23-27, 2012

Watch for future advertising for this event. A list of classes for this mixed media retreat will be available soon.



Check out Artzy Gurlz on facebook.

### Tuition/Lodging/Meals

\$695 per person for one session  
or

\$1,250 per person for both sessions

To register contact:

Jill Walker  
831-818-2911

\*\*Space is limited. Register early to secure your spot.\*\*  
We accept checks, Money Orders, Visa or MC.

For more information contact: "The Artzy Gurlz"



Jill Walker @ 831-818-2911  
gourdwalker@gmail.com

Betsy Roberts @ 819-201-5008  
gourdprincessb@yahoo.com

Betsy Kritzon @ 916-781-3822  
bkritzon@yahoo.com

You may elect to pay in two installments or in full. If you choose to pay in installments, half of the total is due and payable with your registration; the second 1/2 must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2012. Prices increase after February 1, 2012.

**Don't miss this great opportunity! Make your reservation TODAY!**



# Featuring the only power tools designed expressly for gourds!

We have created these tools for you – the gourd artist

**New**

variable speed power supply!

We have created these tools for you: the gourd artist

The Gourd Saw #7001

The Gourd Drill #70002

Gourd Sander 70006

The Gourd Tool Kit #70011



We've been writing books about gourds, giving classes and selling supplies and tools for gourd crafters since 1989. We've also been listening to your comments about the problems with the existing tools and your wishes for the ultimate jigsaw for cutting gourds.

- Quiet
- High speed
- Easy to maneuver
- Convenient on/off switch
- Light weight
- Fits a woman's hand comfortably
- Works with multiple power sources.
- Adaptable to other gourd crafting accessories
- Rounded ball foot for line of site access.



Our Gourd Saw is quickly becoming the most popular jigsaw for cutting gourds!



Our miniature power tools fit comfortably in your hand



Order online with our secure shopping cart  
Check out our website for more gourd crafting tools, books and supplies  
[www.caning.com](http://www.caning.com)

## The Caning Shop

926 Gilman St • Berkeley, CA 94710

FREE CATALOG • 1-800-544-3373

MAKE YOUR OWN THUNDER DRUM!  
RON SWANK, ARTIST/INSTRUCTOR  
FROM IDAHO  
WILL TEACH AT THE GARRISON  
GOURD FARM  
IN VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2011  
9:00AM-4:00PM  
\$50.00 INCLUDES GOURD AND ALL  
MATERIALS

FOR MORE INFO CALL  
CECILE GARRISON 559-740-6060,

OR EMAIL [ocecile123@yahoo.com](mailto:ocecile123@yahoo.com),  
OR website [www.gourdsandroses.com](http://www.gourdsandroses.com)

RON'S WEBSITE IS  
[www.risingsunflowerflutes.com](http://www.risingsunflowerflutes.com)



## PLEASE JOIN US AT THE California Gourd Society Annual Board Meeting



California Gourd Society will hold its annual Board meeting at the Lampliter Inn in Visalia on January 21st, 2012 . All CGS member are invited to attend. Remember, CGS needs your participation and ideas.

The agenda will cover such topics as:

- How to grow CGS
- How to involve more patches/representatives in the running of CGS
- How can the Board better communicate with the general membership
- How to achieve 100% of Patch members being current CGS members
- How to recruit new leadership
- Options for Southern California 2013 Competition
- Our new Website
- Replacing retiring members

To help plan please send your ideas or suggestions especially those not already outlined on the agenda above to CGS President Sylvia Nelson by Dec 31, 2011. Contact at: [cagourdpres@frontier.com](mailto:cagourdpres@frontier.com) or call (916) 682-2437.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### *"Link to the American Gourd Society"*

As President of the California Gourd Society I have been invited to be a part of a committee regarding "Judges" and qualifications. The Committee had a phone meeting that included Terry Noxel, Bonnie Gibson, Bill Lanning and me. We are working on American Gourd Society judge qualifications. We all feel the need to modify how AGS judges are certified and maintained. Any thoughts you might want to pass along? - Sylvia



### "Cala Lily" - Artist: Toni Best

I wove my blue, coiled gourd, "Cala Lily", this summer when I got the inspiration in a dream one night this summer for a 3-D show at Arts Visalia. This was a gourd that seemed to "do" itself. The bright blue color came from a mixture of about 5 different colors of paint that I used over a week's time to complete. The paint has mica, so it shows added depth.

After the show ended Oct. 1, Cala Lily came home with me.

I met Leslie Caviglia, Visalia's Deputy City Manager, a week or so later. She expressed interest in the gourd. I e-mailed her yesterday to see if the interest was still there before I took it to the next 6 shows I have scheduled this fall. She wrote back that she had gotten approval. On further questioning, I learned the City of Visalia was sending an art piece to its sister city of Putignano, Italy, and my piece was the "chosen one". Needless to say I am thrilled.

Two days later, Leslie came to me and said she couldn't part with the gourd, so she paid me for it and the city is buying another one of my flowers to give to Italy.



# San Diego County Gourd Patch

**"GOURDSTOCK" Festival 2012**

**June 29**(setup & Classes), **June 30-July 1**(Festival & classes) **9-5**



Bates Nut Farm;  
15954 Woods Valley Rd. Valley Center, CA 92082

Open to the public, Free parking, Free Entrance

Groovy value, Far out Fun!

- \* Arts and Crafts Vendors
- \* Classes - exciting and new!
- \* Free Educational Demonstrations
- \* Make & Take Gourd Craft Arena (all ages)
- \* Opportunity Drawings (\$1)
- \* Fine Art Show
- \* Food Vendors on site
- \* Petting Zoo
- \* Gift Shops
- \* Picnic area
- \* Sign up to be a member of our Patch & CGS



Leave a message and a number to call back at 760.781.3311

Sign up for Classes-Download Vendor form



[www.sandiegocountygourdpatch.com](http://www.sandiegocountygourdpatch.com)

## CGS GOURD PATCH COORDINATORS

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**REGIONAL COORDINATOR: Rebecca Stark**  
artistqueen59@gmail.com; 707-350-7713

**Amador County**

Carol Cherry; 916-983-3527 (or contact Sylvia Nelson; sylvianelson@citlink.net; 916-682-2437)

**Bachelor Valley Gourd Club of Lake County**

Marilyn Crayton; 707-275-3469;  
Doodahlandgourds@hotmail.com (or contact Kennie Winter 707-263-7980; 650-948-9189;  
kenniewinter@yahoo.com)

**Calabash Club of Silicon Valley**

Jayne Xavier; 408-779-9550; nimbleneedle@aol.com

**Folsom/Sacramento Patch Gourd Miners**

Susan Gouig; Suegg51@yahoo.com

**Foothill Gourders - El Dorado County**

Carolee Jones; 916- 988-7971;  
dcjones@earthlink.net; Betsy Kritzon; 916-202-0872;  
bkritzon@yahoo.com

**Ponderosa Gourd Club of Lower Lake**

Rebecca Stark; 707-350-7713;  
artistqueen59@gmail.com

**East Bay Gourd Patch - San Francisco**

Kay Van Hoesen; kdvanh@sbcglobal.net; 925-254-0838; and Kathleen MacIntyre;  
kmac1958@hotmail.com; and Kemper Stone; gourd-camp@yahoo.com

**Santa Cruz Gourd Patch**

Kris Mangliers;  
831-338-3449; kmangliers@earthlink.net

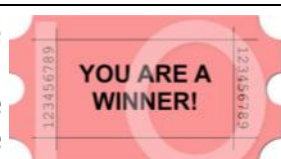
**Sonoma - Petaluma County Patch**

Georgette Maffei; 707-996-8667

**Sutter Buttes Gourd Artists**

Marty Sizemore; eyeseeu@localnet.com;  
530-751-2497

Please contact any of the patches listed here for details on how to purchase your "winning tickets" in the CGS 2011-2012 Fundraiser. See page 13 for more details.



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**REGIONAL COORDINATOR: Barbara McDermott**  
mcdeart@verizon.net; 951-894-1817

**Antelope Valley Gourd Patch**

Linda Noblitt; gourdydolls@yahoo.com; 661-947-3411

**Bakersfield/Kern County Gourd Patch - Marty Barnes;** mbarnes002@bak.rr.com; 661-399-6684 or Dian Olmstead; lolmstead@bak.rr.com; 661-393-1579

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

Laurie Fidler; lauriefidler@mac.com; 626-621-0470;

**Los Angeles West (LAW) Gourd Patch**

Dr. Judy Bin-Nun; 310-207-2998; jbn12401@aol.com; and Sheila Goetz; shegoetz@earthlink.net; and Colleen Sher; shergourds@gmail.com

**Orange County Gourd Society Patch**

Susan Sullivan; susansphn@aol.com; 714-997-4482 (for meeting info call 714-641-8124);  
www.orangecountygourdsociety.org

**San Bernardino Patch**

Darlene Propp; dragongourd@dslextreme.com; 909-862-9717

**San Diego County Gourd Patch**

Sherry Hunga-Moore; 760- 781-3311;  
florashm@aol.com or Stacy Day; 760-751-3324;  
stacy.day@hp.com; www.sandiegocountygourdpatch.com

**San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch**

Olga Hammer; 818-348-5942; or Nina Lowy; 818-786-1791; katneng@sbcglobal.net, or Doris Aberson; 818-702-8020; daberson@aol.com

**Temecula Valley Gourd Artists**

Barbara McDermott; 951-894-1817;  
cdeart@verizon.net

**Tulare Sequoia Patch**

Toni Best; 559- 627-5430; capine-needles@sbcglobal.net; and Sue Winters-Brown; 559-561-0608; suewb@tcoe.org

**Ventura County/Channel Islands Gourd Society**

Charlene Smith; 805-649-9868;  
jezebel.62@hotmail.com; Elsie Cogswell; 805-491-5846; elsiecogs@verizon.net;  
www.channelislandsgourdsociety.com

*California Gourd Society 2011-2012 Fundraiser*

## **Win Fabulous Gourd Art**

*More than 20 unique gourd art projects made by members of regional "patch" groups throughout California will be offered as opportunity drawing prizes at the Annual "Gourds and Baskets: Containers of our Culture" Event in Visalia, CA April 12-14, 2012. Winners need not be present.*



*Tickets are sold by members of CGS regional "patches" listed at [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com)*



## **Tickets \$1.00 Each**

*Proceeds benefit the statewide educational outreach of the California Gourd Society (501c-3) and the local regional gourd patch groups. Thank you for your donation.*

# Sawdust Connection

## The Pyrography Specialists since 1999!

Pyrography tools & supplies by the leaders in the industry, Nibsburner & Razertip including specialty pyrography pen tips & starter kits just for gourd artists



The Gourd Saw Kit,  
Microlux gourd/cross  
saw & Jig/scroll saw,  
Proxxon Jig Saw, starter  
kits & accessories  
Beads & embellishments

Adirondack alcohol inks,  
Memories chalk & dye  
inks & starter kits

Acrylic paint, metal leaf,  
metallic powders,  
mediums & varnish,  
brushes & applicators,  
adhesives

And much more!

Visit our website:  
[www.GourdSupplies.com](http://www.GourdSupplies.com)

Free online Gourd &  
Pyrography tutorials

Check out our new blog:  
[www.pyrography-gourd-art.com](http://www.pyrography-gourd-art.com)



[www.GourdSupplies.com](http://www.GourdSupplies.com)

505-506-3558

Email: [Nedra@GourdSupplies.com](mailto:Nedra@GourdSupplies.com)



## Toth Gourd Works

J.W. etc products  
Including Stains, Finishes, Sealers and  
Varnishes

[www.tothgourdworks.com](http://www.tothgourdworks.com)

Craftsman's Blend: stain and finish in one  
bottle.

Artistic Finish: beautiful colors and finish in  
one bottle.

Brush cleaner, crackle medium, open time,  
wood filler and decoupage medium.

**Pre-Washed Gourds  
at Low, Low Prices!**



**The Gourd Outlet**

Tired of spending your time washing your gourds before you can work with them? You're going to love the quality and convenience of working with gourds that are already washed and ready to craft - right out of the box! And you're going to love our low, low prices too!

Visit us now online and see for yourself.

[www.TheGourdOutlet.com](http://www.TheGourdOutlet.com)



**BETSY'S #1  
RULE OF  
GOURDING:  
GET OUT  
OF YOUR  
BOX!**

**Power Carving, Woodburning  
& Hand Tools**

Master Carver	MicroLux Sander
BurnMaster	Banding Tools
MicroLux Gourd Saw	Hand Tools

**Accessories & Supplies**

Betsy's Famous Glue Bottles	Saw Blades
Daughter Turquoise Castles Burn	Band Blades
Professional Diamond Burn	Adhesives
Banding Disk	Waxed Linen

**Painting & Dyeing**

Luminaria Rockart Paint	Dyes
Luminaria Primary Elements	

**Embellishments**

Feathers - dyed palette  
Hardwood  
Pallets  
Wirelace

**INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE -  
MOST ITEMS 30-50% OFF!**



This is just a small sampling of the products available at [www.galaxygourds.com](http://www.galaxygourds.com) if you don't see it - ask! Contact Betsy Roberts at [gourdprincessb@yahoo.com](mailto:gourdprincessb@yahoo.com)

**Find all the tools, supplies and embellishments you need to let your inspiration soar!**



**Gourds-By-The-Box Tools Colors & Finishes**

**Welburn Gourd Farm**  
The largest supplier of quality, organic hardshell gourds  
We grow over 350,000 each year!

[www.WelburnGourdFarm.com](http://www.WelburnGourdFarm.com)  
Toll Free Ph #: 1-877-420-2613



**Decoupage Bowl Class**



with  
**Audrey Fontaine**  
B&GCoOC, Sunday, April 22, 9-4, Visalia  
[audrey@audreyfontaine.com](mailto:audrey@audreyfontaine.com),  
(831)521-8864

# Looking For Gourd Artist

*To show their artistic accomplishments to customers that appreciate the talent and individuality of each artist*

## THE GOURD GALLERY

6197 E. Highway 20 P.O. Box 608 Lucerne CA 95458  
 (707) 274-2346 Email: [thegourdgallery@yahoo.com](mailto:thegourdgallery@yahoo.com)  
 Wed. - Sun. 11:00-4:00

*The Gourd Gallery's endeavor is to show gourds as fine works of art and inspire other artists to share their creativity.*

**The only gallery in California exclusively for gourds**



Join owners & gourd artists Sandie Coelho-Davis, Linda Kelly, Rebecca Stark & Guest Artists: Leah Adams, Matt Barna, Diane Bentley-Pavey, Marilyn Crayton, Patricia Eisenbeisz, Mary Fahey, June Goodfellow, Vera K, Carol Krause, Bettie Lake, Cindy Lee, Beverly Lockwood, Georgette Mafei, Sheryl Morris, JeriLynn Nager, Sylvia Nelson, Kathy Riker, Debbie Tompkins, Charlotte Vincent, Jill Walker, Bill Wilson, Kennie Winter & show your artistic creations in our gallery.

### NEW! GourdMaster™ Transparent Acrylics!



*Comes in 16 incredible colors!*

Fade-Resistant  
 Semi-Transparent  
 Bold, Pop of Color  
 Apply with a Brush!

These give you bolder, more **VIBRANT** colors than regular ink dyes!

**Sampler Set:** all 16 colors in 1/4 oz bottles, felt, 30 min instructional DVD, and a pack of fine tip applicators for \$59.95

**Deluxe Set:** all 16 colors in 1 oz bottles, felt, and 30 min instructional DVD for \$109.95



Order now at: [www.WelburnGourdFarm.com](http://www.WelburnGourdFarm.com)  
 Or Call: 1-877-420-2613

## Craft Leather



**Dis-assembled leather garments. Many colors, sizes and textures for those special craft projects.**

JoAnn Clark  
 (760)749-9410

Email:  
[b4gourds@yahoo.com](mailto:b4gourds@yahoo.com)



## Tired of detailing your gourd with one hand Tied behind your back?

May I hold your gourd for you?



Pat. Pend.

- Imagine cleaning out a gourd in 1/3 the time
- Imagine precision carving, burning and finishing without movement
- Imagine safely and comfortably using both hands on your tools
  - Imagine holding finished work without leaving marks
  - Imagine taking your vise with you anywhere
  - Imagine the GRIP-ALL JAWS SYSTEM

The "Orbital Holding System" will do what no other tool can do. It rotates and tilts to hold your gourd at the optimum working position

Visit us at: [www.gripalljaws.com](http://www.gripalljaws.com)  
and see these revolutionary tools in action.

Order online or mail to:  
GRIP-ALL JAWS SYSTEMS  
P.O. Box 55  
McCleary, WA 98557

*"Within seconds we all knew this was going to be big in the GOURD world and I 110% recommend the Orbital Holding System. It is an investment that you will use for many, many years to come."*

Myrna Grigsby, President  
Washington State Gourd Society



### Membership News

CGS membership dues are \$20 and are based on a calendar year January—December.

Our goal is to have our members completely on this schedule by the start of 2012.

If you have any questions regarding your membership dues please contact Membership VP JoAnn Clark.

Contact by email at: [b4gourds@yahoo.com](mailto:b4gourds@yahoo.com) or phone (1-760-749-9410)

Current Membership forms can be found at the CGS Website: [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com)

Thank you for your continued support during this change over. *JoAnn*

### Audrey Fontaine

Gourd & Mixed-Media Art

Sculptures  
Miniatures  
Necklaces  
Driftwood

P.O. Box 1784  
Monterey, CA 93942  
(831)521-8864

[www.audreyfontaine.com](http://www.audreyfontaine.com)  
[audrey@audreyfontaine.com](mailto:audrey@audreyfontaine.com)



## GourdStock 2012 Teachers Wanted



The San Diego County Gourd Patch is seeking Gourd and Gourd related classes to be taught at our annual festival GourdStock dates June 29 - July 1, 2012.

We are expecting larger crowds as we grow each year. With Welburn will no longer hosting their festivals, we are working with CGS to host a Southern California Competition here starting in 2013. The cooler weather in June and the beautiful setting at Bates Nut Farm is a perfect setting for GourdStock. Please join us on our Journey to make GourdStock the largest festival in California!

Teacher Fee will be a flat cost of \$100 for all day space use. This includes 4 eight foot tables and 16 chairs.

Please notify Kellie Delp or Donna Rositani if you are interested in teaching at our GourdStock event in June 2012. We can assist you with the details.  
 keldelp@gmail.com or dmrositani@sbcglobgal.net

You can find the forms: Festival Instructor Application & Class Information Sheet at our website: [www.sandiegocountygourdpatch.com](http://www.sandiegocountygourdpatch.com) and also at the CA Gourd website: [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com)

Classes will be reviewed and selected based on:

- New or recently introduced class – “new ideas draw students”
- Class priced at a value (materials cost shall be included in Class Fee)
- Assisted, Supported and/or Participated in previous GourdStock events
- Able to provide A COMPLETED CLASS SAMPLE prior to January 2012

Thank you, San Diego County Gourd Patch



**Clean Your Gourd in *Seconds* instead of hours!**

"I love the gourd cleaning ball. I have used many, many tools from hand sanding, paint strippers, gourd wands, and genies. I have found the Easy Cleaner Ball to be my favorite and use it nearly all the time now."

-Dianne Connelly, artist and instructor



- Guaranteed durable and long-lasting
- 100% effective
- Comes in coarse and fine grit with long or short handle
- Fits any standard drill
- Drill extenders available

**Available Sizes:**

- 2" Standard
- 1.25" Small
- 1" Micro
- 1/2" Micro Mini



Shop Online: [www.WelburnGourdFarm.com](http://www.WelburnGourdFarm.com)  
 Or Call Toll-Free: 1-877-420-2613

**GOURDS — GLASS — CERAMICS**

Create fused glass embellishments for your gourd art in your microwave!

- Microwave Kiln Kits
- Fusing Glass and Supplies
- Gourds
- Stains, Paint, Metallics, Foils and MORE!
- Bisque, Glaze, Acrylics, Brushes, Firing

CREATE IT

Createit@att.net  
714 641-8124

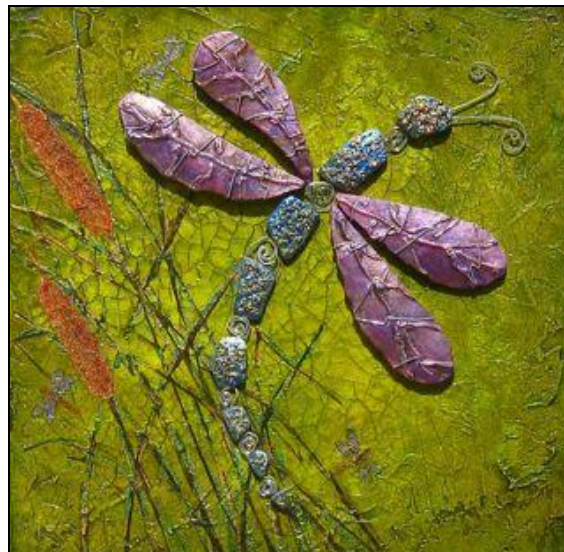
## Artzy Gurlz – Artz on the Lake 2011

Fun in the sun and Art on the Lake is what August was about. The Artzy Gurlz first workshop, which was held just outside of Worley Idaho on beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene, was such a wonderful experience. Artzy Gurlz; Betsy Roberts, Jill Walker and Betsy Kritzon created a delightful atmosphere and helped us, when needed, every step of the way.



Each day was packed (and I mean packed) with so many new products and techniques. There were a huge variety of projects from three-dimensional gourd dragonflies, wood burning on gourds, an inner goddess gourd, gourd mask, to journaling, altered binders, coiling a small basket, shadow boxes and painting on silk - just to name a few of the unbelievable items that I completed to take home; and it was all wrapped up with lots of fun, laughter and love.

The mixed media format was so much fun and unusual. I especially liked working the gourds since it was by first experience with them and I think I'm hooked now. I came home with so many new ideas and so much inspiration; I can't wait to explore all my newfound possibilities.



Our fabulous cook Mardella Ivers was so good to us. She'd be up at 5:30 every morning getting the coffee started and breakfast set up; all we had to do was enjoy the marvelous food and great company. And as soon as our morning class was over up the stairs we'd go and there was lunch all set out just waiting for us and of course dinner was no different. It doesn't get much better when all you need to do after a day full of Art making is fill your plate, savor the meal and relax, ahhhh it doesn't get much better than that; art, food, friends and fun it was just perfect.

All in all Artz on the Lake was such a wonderful enjoyable art vacation. One that I am so glad I treated myself too. It was so much fun and I had such a great time that I've already signed up to attend the next workshop next July of 2012 at Lake San Margarita in California. Can't wait to see what spectacular art projects the Artzy Gurlz put together for us.

Thanks Artzy Gurlz See you Soon!! Janine Riggle Lakeport, CA



### Davis Ranch 3rd Annual Gourd Festival Overview By Sylvia Nelson and Pictures by Georgette Maffei

The Davis Ranch 3rd Annual Gourd Festival held on September 17th and 18th was a big success. The weather was beautiful. The gourds were plentiful. There were well attended pre-festival classes on Thursday and Friday with teachers Maria Dellos, Gloria Crane, Connie Howell, Betsy Kritzon and Carol Cherry.

The festival featured gourd arts and crafts and lots of gourd sales. There was a corn maze, a pony riding area, a great variety of food vendors, demonstrations and dancing all week-end. There were tables under large shade tree to eat, rest, and visit with friends. Entrance and parking were free.

One of the things I really like about the festival is that it is attended by lots of new people. Many of the people who attend are actually at the Davis/Sloughouse Ranch to buy vegetables. Then they want to know what all the activity is. So they come to see and learn about gourds. And of course there were gourders from all over. Hope to see you there next September.

Top—Connie Howell, Calabash Club  
Bottom—Jeri Walker, Yuki Lorince, Z Gourd Miner



### Gourdstock 2011



What can I say about another wonderful weekend with gourd friends? To begin with, the San Diego County Gourd Patch has an amazing number of talented artists who were also very generous with their volunteer time at the second annual Gourdstock. And it takes a LOT of work to put on this type of event. Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center is the perfect venue. The grounds are well kept, there is plenty of parking, it's easy to get to and family friendly. The store on site is not to be missed.

So...here is the low-down on this year's festival (groovy, man). There were make and take tables full of fun gourd projects such as magnets, hair clips and necklaces. Fine art was abundant, with pieces to view and/or buy.



Attendees were able to vote on a People's Choice award. Congratulations to Elaine Linton for her beautiful story gourd.

There was a nice assortment of creative gourd classes, demonstrations, vendors and food.



And let's not omit the opportunities to win some wonderful prizes. Again, members of the SDCGP were very generous with their donations to this cause, which will help to finance next year's Gourdstock.

People were anxious to buy tickets to win Zelda, our friendship gourd. She'll be finished and a winner will be chosen at the 2012 Gourdstock. And, of course, our mascot/logo gourd was present.

Despite the hot weather, there was a good turnout and many of the visitors said they were looking forward to the next Gourdstock, which will be held June 30 - July 1, 2012. So mark your calendars!



See you then!  
Darlene Propp



**CGS BOARD and DIRECTORS 2011**

**President**

Sylvia Nelson cagourdpres@frontier.com (916) 682-2437

**Immediate Past President**

Jill Walker gourdwalker@charter.net (831) 728-4427

**First Vice President - Position Open**

**Secretary**

Peggy Blessing giza2005@sbcglobal.net (858) 292-9219

**Treasurer**

Christina Chrivia krisytina@cox.net (619) 890-1637

**VP Communications: Web mistress at: www.calgourd.com**

Lisa Toth gourddiva@verizon.net (805) 735-7329

**VP Membership**

JoAnn Clark b4gourds@yahoo.com (760)-749-9410

**VP Programs/Regional Groups (Term Ending)**

Betsy Roberts gourdpriincessb@yahoo.com (619) 460-0732

**Directors at Large - One Open Position**

Greg Leiser gleiser@afes.com (530) 735-6677

Niki Zaragoza gourdniki@yahoo.com (818) 244-3705

**President Emeritus**

Carol Rookstool crookstool@gotsky.com (213)624-1200 x3023

**Editor, The Golden Gourd Newsletter**

Mary Bliss editorgoldengourd@yahoo.com (714) 305-9687

**CGS On-Line**

<http://www.calgourd.com>

<http://www.cafepress.com/cagourdsociety>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/calgourd/>



Hello,  
I would like to thank everyone that helps with the copy, pictures and ad support of the Golden Gourd Newsletter. If you have recently mailed in items for the Golden Gourd they will be in the next issue.

If you do find an error please send me an email and I will correct the archive copy. And print a correction in the next issue.

I would like to thank Jayne Xavier for pointing out that Sylvia's email was wrong. And thank Sylvia Nelson for pointing out that I had my phone number wrong. Also JoAnn Clark's phone number has changed.

For the most current information please visit the CGS website at: [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com)

Deadline for the Winter 2011-2012 Issue of the Golden Gourd is December 31, 2011.

The issue will be emailed out shortly after the CGS Board Meeting being held January 21, 2012.

Invoices for ads will be emailed upon request. Rates are listed below.

Thank you for your continuing support!  
Happy gourding  
Mary Bliss  
Editor Golden Gourd

11/08/11



**THE GOLDEN GOURD**

The Golden Gourd is the newsletter (electronic pdf file only) of the California Gourd Society, NU Chapter of the American Gourd Society.

Electronic submissions preferred: [newsletter@calgourd.com](mailto:newsletter@calgourd.com)

**For ads please make checks payable to: California Gourd Society,  
Mail : c/o Mary Bliss, 5765 Via Del Coyote, Yorba Linda, CA 92887  
Snail mail or questions by phone cheerfully accepted:  
Phone: (714)305-9687 (after 11:00 a.m. PST)**

**Editor/Graphic Design/Advertising**

Mary Bliss ....[editorgoldengourd@yahoo.com](mailto:editorgoldengourd@yahoo.com)

**Article/Ad Deadlines 2011**

Winter ..... December 31, 2011

**Ad Rates 2011 - 2012**

**Half Page \$25**

**3" X 3" \$15**

**Business Card (members only) \$5**

**Please note: Full Page Ads are only offered to festivals, retreats and conferences cost is \$50 per issue.**

The editors reserve the right to edit any submissions for content and consistency.

All contents copyright © California Gourd Society 1997— 2011.

For permission to reprint excerpts, please contact Mary Bliss at: [editorgoldengourd@yahoo.com](mailto:editorgoldengourd@yahoo.com)