

THE GOLDEN GOURD

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Ijoma (travel safely) The Mask Collector

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Totem poles are monumental sculptures carved from great trees by the Native Americans. This sculpture design celebrates cultural beliefs and illustrates stories of notable events from each patch in the gourd society through mask making.

The concept for the sculpture represents three cultures: Native American, African American, and Hawaiian. Each gourd patch will create masks that will be attached to the main sculpture. The three-foot sculpture is divided into three different sections. Each section is a container and can stand on its own as three different pieces, if a three-foot sculpture will not fit your decor.

The first section has a journal, which will contain a record of each patch journey of creating their mask for the sculptures. The second section has four figures representing the four directions – North, East, West, South (NEWS). Each figure contains sage, stones, cowrie shells, oil, and a mirror for protection. The third section is the Kalimba and the voice box, that gives the date and name of traveling gourd.

Angela Briggs
Traveling Gourd



Don't drop the gourd and miss out!!
Announcing the Final CGS Gourd College
Asilomar, California
April 11-13, 2008
Details on pages 4,5 &15

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Gourd Enthusiasts!

I hope everyone took to heart my comments the last issue of the Golden Gourd regarding growing gourds. Seeing the progress of the plants and fruit is really a rewarding endeavor. My plants are doing well. Some are already beginning to climb on their trellis.

In February I saw many of you at the Arizona Gourd Society/ Wuertz Farm Festival. In April I flew to Indiana to attend the Indiana Gourd Society Festival in Kokomo, Indiana. As a CGS officer I feel it is important for me to see how other societies conduct their activities as we can always benefit by getting new ideas. The Indiana festival has a different flavor from the California festivals as there are multiple gourd growers selling their gourds. Talking to growers from various states about their growing conditions and techniques was very interesting. There were also a number of people selling seeds, including the Indiana Society, which has their own seed bank and is making a strong effort to offer "pure" type seeds for many gourd varieties. In addition to having a gourd art competition the IGS has many categories for home grown gourds. I got a second place in their "Smallest mature gourd" division. Besides taking in all the events including the Sunday breakfast and the hat contest I had the opportunity to make many new friends and get reacquainted with old friends like Mary and Dick Segreto who now live in Louisiana. I strongly recommend a visit to other societies' activities if you ever have the opportunity.

By the time you read this message I will have represented CGS at the Greg Leiser Farm Gourd Festival in Knight's Landing (see festival pictures in this issue) and the Hawaii Gourd Society Gourd Festival in Kona, Hawaii, and be making final preparations for the CGS Gourd Art Show at the Welburn Farm Festival in Fallbrook. Thank you to those of you who helped with our CGS booth at Leiser's (pictures on page 3) and who have volunteered to help during the Welburn Festival. We always have room for more volunteers to participate so come join the fun!

It's not too early to start thinking about entering this year's Iron Gourd competition which we'll hold at Welburn Farm on October 27th. This year's event will feature TEAMS of artists vying for the \$500 Grand Prize and the coveted "People's Choice Award." The details are all spelled out in this Golden Gourd Issue so grab your partner and enter the fray!

Preparations are well underway for the **Final CGS Gourd College** at Asilomar Conference grounds in Spring 2008. Ask anyone who has previously attended and you'll get rave reviews about the conference site and the activities that are offered. See all the details in this issue and let Lynne Bunt know that you'll be attending. See you there! Jill Walker

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.

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PHOTO GALLERY



Jill Walker, Jack & Carol Rookstool in the CGS booth



C.G. S. volunteer, Mary Boyd, takes a membership renewal from Tomi Lee at the C.G.S. Membership & Information Booth at the Greg Leiser Gourd Festival in Knight's Landing, June 19 - 20.



"Official Judges" of the Roberts School (Winship-Robbins School District) gourd birdhouse competition L. to R. Jill Walker, Betty Finch, Larry McClelland, Kim Richter, Teacher, and Gary Hexom, Superintendent. Awards were made at each grade level Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Special first, second and third place Children's and Youth ribbons were donated by C.G.S.



Ginger Summit and Heidi Sanger who were both vendors at the show.



Bottom left: Barbara McDermott's "Ocean Drum Class"



Bottom right: Angela Briggs assembling the new CGS Traveling Gourd "Ijoma" project" see cover story for more details.

Announcing the FINAL CGS Gourd College at Asilomar, California

April 11,(3:00 p.m.) - April 13 (12:00 p.m.), 2008

This event will mark the *seventh anniversary* of Gourd College. Anyone who has attended in the past will testify that it is a real blast. Though the conference center charges have increased 23% over the past 5 years we are offering attendance to you at the same rate as 2006.

The event is open to all current CGS members age 18 and older. Registration is limited to 150 so sign up early to save your spot at this fun event. We are able to take Visa or Master Card for both the conference and class registration.

Cost: \$250 *Early bird* (registered and paid by 9/15) or \$275 after 9/15 until we are full. No refunds will be allowed after 10/1 but you can sell your reservation to another member upon notification to CGS.

What's included:

- Two nights in a shared room of up to three persons (you pick your room mate or we can assign)
- Six meals (great food starting with dinner on Friday & ending with lunch on Sunday)
- Evening programs Friday & Saturday night including raffle/auction
- Ability to attend classes on Saturday (refer to class descriptions on page 5 for **additional costs**)
- Sunday surprise event starting at 9:30 A.M
- A gift bag upon check-in at Asilomar

How do I register for the Conference?

Complete the registration form on **page 15** (also available at our website www.calgourd.com)

or

Snail mail or fax or send as an email attachment to:

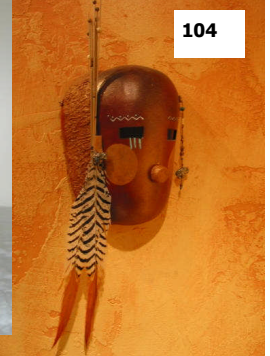
Lynne Bunt
43669 Skyline Drive
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Or Email: lynnebunt@sbcglobal.net or fax: 559-561-1928

If faxing or emailing please indicate a good time for Lynne to call to get your credit card information. If snail mail enclose your check (payable CGS) for payment of both registration and classes.

Material fee is paid to the teacher on the day of class

Every Asilomar event has had a **creativity challenge** this time its "Anything you can wear on your body & not get arrested" **Just remember gourds must predominate. Do you want to create something new or combine your creations from prior years: masks, name tags, accessories to name a few. Lots of prizes so don't miss out on the fun!**



**Complete
class
descriptions
listed on
page 5**



Class Listing for CGS Gourd College at Asilomar, California

(Continued from page 4)

Saturday Full Day Classes \$ 65 plus materials fee

- #101 Kayum Drum** **Leigh Adams** Full day Material fee \$ 45
You will create a professional quality tunable drum from a bottle gourd, goat skin & nylon cord. The Mayans used this instrument for ritual celebration; and this style drum is a popular choice for many modern musicians.
- #102 Dragonfly Inlay** **Noi Thomas** Full day Material fee \$ 20
Learn to use a variety of "Gourd Master" products as well as liquid inlay while woodburning a beautiful group of dragonflies on your canteen gourd. Noi is a master with a controlled temp wood burner.
- #103 Twined Gourd Basket** **Cookie Hanson** Full day Material fee \$ 15
Explore various garden materials in a twined basket on a gourd base. You will be working with Watsonia, Tritonia, split leaf Philodendron, Dracena draco and many more natural materials. As the basket develops the materials added will create color & texture.
- #104 Clay & Gourd Mask** **Jessie Belman** Full day Material fee \$ 30
Learn to use a variety of texturing materials and French ocrs while you create a gourd mask complete with feathers

Saturday Half Day Classes \$35 plus materials fee

NOTE #105—#111 are morning classes and #205 –#211 are afternoon classes

- #105 a.m. or #205 pm.** **Gourd & Pine needle bracelet** **Toni Best** Material fee \$ 10
Create a beautiful one of a kind bracelet using woodburning and pine needle coiling. The picture can't express how lovely the finished project is.
- #106 a.m. or #206 pm.** **Gourd Transformation** **Diana Rookstool** Material fee \$ 10
Like a phoenix, these gourds will rise from the ashes! You will use new beautiful gourds, but will learn how to transform any old gourd project with this mysterious textured covering. In addition, ink dyes and pigments are applied in harmonious colors and stamped with whimsical designs.
- #107 a.m. or #207 pm.** **Chinese Gourd Necklace** **Betty Finch** Material fee \$ 10
Create a gourd shard necklace that has the look of an ancient clay soldier artifact. Your necklace will finish with a beaded slip cord.
- #108 a.m. or #208 pm.** **Tribal Doll** **Betsy Roberts** Material fee: \$ 35
Create a gourd doll with a clay face and dyed body A wide variety of embellishments including hand dyed feathers, beads, fur and a slab of stone o agate will be provided to make your tribal person unique.
- #109 a.m. or #209 pm.** **Gourd Shield** **Jill Walker** Material fee: \$ 15
Create a Native American inspired personal shield suitable for hanging. You will learn about the Plains Indian symbols and select one to decorate the bottom of a large gourd. You will use woodburning, paints and dyes. The shield will be embellished with feathers, horsehair and beads.
- #110 a.m. or #210 pm.** **Gourd Lamp** **Roy Bunt** Material fee \$ 40
You will learn how different shapes of gourds can be used to create lighting. Lamp wiring will be taught and you will leave the class with a fully assembled gourd lamp (including the base), to take home & decorate.
- #111 a.m. or #211 pm.** **Gourd Stands** **Rebecca Cileo** Material fee: \$ 20
Make a stand that will fit any gourd you have using found materials .Instructor will provide all materials to "torch" and finish your gourd with acrylic watercolor techniques. If you never burned a gourd this way, you have a real treat in store.

Material fee is paid to the teacher on the day of class.

Required Tools & Equipment list will be posted on the website (www.calgourd.com) and included in your registration confirmation letter. See page 15 for Conference and Class Registration Form for CGS Final Gourd College at Asilomar and CGS membership form.

A new year, a new challenge!

The all new and exciting 3rd annual Iron Gourd Competition will feature collaborative TEAMS of two artists working together to create a winning gourd in just 6 hours. Once again a \$500 prize will be awarded to and shared by the winning creators. Grab your partner and your tool box and meet us at Welburn Gourd Farm on Saturday, October 27, 2007.

The C.G.S. Iron Gourd and Pumpkin Competition coincides with the Welburn Gourd Farm Festival in De Luz, CA, at their festival grounds. Starting at 9 a.m. participants will select one or more gourds from the pile generously donated by Welburn Gourd Farms and begin the creative process. Artists using more than one gourd must produce a single unified piece of art. Work will stop at 3 p.m.

Team members must be members of the California Gourd Society. There is a \$50.00 entry fee per team. The fee is payable to C.G.S. by October 10th and should be sent to Jill Walker (905 W. Linden Rd., Watsonville, CA 95076) provided a covered work space as well as electricity for their power tools.

All entries will be judged by a qualified artist.

The \$500 "Grand Prize" will be awarded to the creation which most closely fits the judging criteria. Here are the criteria: Impact on the viewer 35%, Composition and arrangement of elements 35%, Technical Quality 20% and Workmanship 10%.

A winner for the "People's Choice" Award of merchandise and / or gift certificates will be determined by the number of "ballots" cast by visitors who have purchased tickets (\$1 per ticket) and dropped in the box at the artists' work stations as they are working.

Announcement of winners will take place following the judging which begins at 3 p.m. At that time the Grand Prize and People's Choice Awards will be presented. The grand finale will be the raffle of each finished gourd by drawing a ticket from the ballot box of each artist. The one exception is that the "Grand Prize" winning piece will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

The number of teams to be accepted is limited. Don't delay! Form your team and send in your entry fee right away!

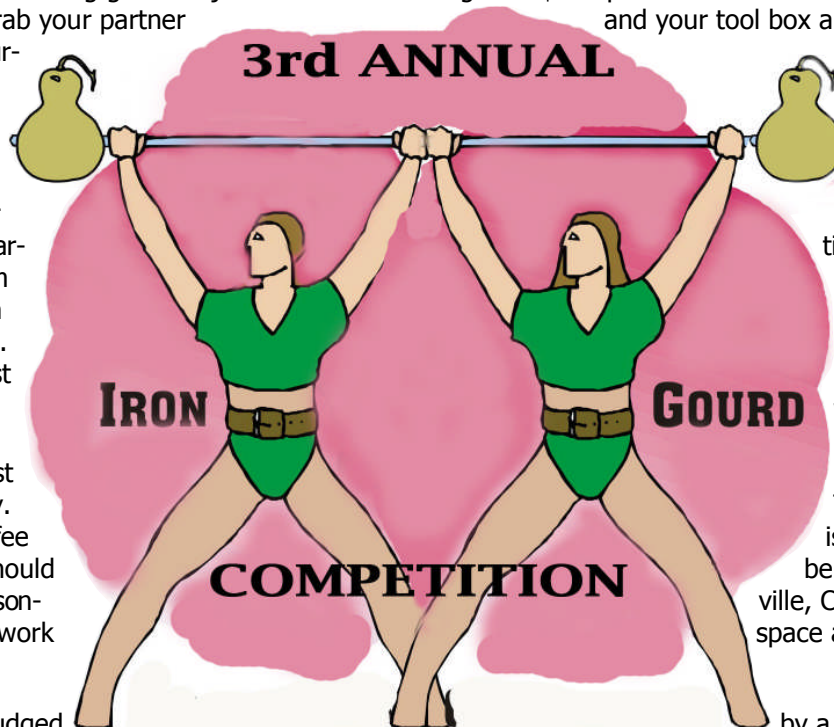
If you feel you're not up for the challenge this year there are other ways you can participate:

Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets throughout the day. If you can help for an hour or more, please send your name to Jill Walker at prezwalker@hotmail.com

Donations are needed for our "People's Choice Award." Perhaps you can donate a product, gift certificate, or something you have too much of.

Come join the fun. You can watch these true competitors do their stuff and learn new tricks and techniques. There will be vendors to visit in the festival grounds, gourd classes and loads of wonderful Welburn gourds to buy.

Lead coach and concept creator of this event, Jill Walker, will be on hand during the competition to answer questions, give assistance and occasionally wipe your brow. E-mail your questions or concerns to prezwalker@hotmail.com See you there!



Gourd Classes for July, August and September 2007

JULY

July 6

Kathy Riker

Asian Doll

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

\$65.00

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Gourd Shard Shadow Box

\$35.00

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July 7

Kathy Riker

Sponge Painting Rock Art

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

\$65.00

Evening of Embellishing

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$35.00

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July 8

Kathy Riker

Indian Pottery

\$65.00

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

N. CA in the city of Lake

Port at Clear Lake

Contact Kennie Winter

Phone Lake 707-263-7980

Home Phone 650-948-

9189 or email

kenniewinter@yahoo.com

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July 21

Angela Briggs

Gourd Jewelry

The Artisan's Lair Gallery

Long Beach, CA

562- 856-7578 or

www.theartisanlair.com

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July 21

Kemper Stone

Basic Gourd Craft

\$90

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Point Reyes National

Seashore

(415) 663-1200

www.ptreyes.org

AUGUST

August 18

Diane Calderwood

Sea Grass on Gourds

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$38.00 & Material fee:

\$14.00

Piecemakers Country Store

714-641-3112

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August 25

Diane Calderwood

Gourds! Saws! & Drills!

Oh My!

(Formally - "Gourd Gear")

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$ 25.00

Piecemakers Country Store

714-641-3112

SEPTEMBER

September 8

Toni Best

**Pine Needle Coiling on
Gourd**

Choose from 10 different
techniques: Closed
coil●Teneriffe●Fascicle●Lid
ded Basket●Undulating
Coil●Floating Coil●Handled
Basket●Beads and Feathered

Basket●Straight

Stitch●Sampler Basket●

Antler On Gourd

\$55.00 all materials included

(antler basket \$15.00 more)

9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Contact Toni at

(559) 627-5430

to reserve your space.

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September 16

Diane Calderwood

The Glitzy Gourd

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$35.00 & Material fee:

\$14.00

Piecemakers Country Store

714-641-3112

September 30

Diane Calderwood

**The Pumpkin Patch Gourd
Projects**

("Three Projects in One Day")

10:00 a.m -4:00 pm

\$50.00 & Material fee: \$25.00

Piecemakers Country Store

714-641-3112

Gourd Camp

August 26- September 2th

**Kemper Stone and Betty
Finch**

Lair of the Golden Bear, Pine-
crest, CA \$740 includes all
meals, some adult beverages,
and access to all camp facili-
ties and programs. Tools,
gourds and materials are pro-
vided, but campers are en-
couraged to bring their per-
sonal favorites. For program
info, reach Kemper at (707)

557-0462 or

gourdcamp@yahoo.com

Registration, call (510)

642-0221 or visit

www.alumni.berkeley.edu/lair

**2007 Pre-fest CLASSES for the
Folsom Gourd and Art Festival.
Classes are held at Zittel's
Gourd Farm in Folsom on
Thursday, September 27 & Fri-
day, September 28.**

Class fee includes all materials
unless otherwise stated complete
details are at their website at:
www.folsomgourdarts.com or
contact the class coordinator,
Cindy Lee at 916-983-5009.

HAND RUBBED GOURD

FINISH

Lynda Chipman

Class fee \$50.00

SILK DYE & CRACKLE

FINISH

Lynda Chipman

Class fee \$55.00

GOURD PURSE

Gloria Crane

Class fee \$75.00

GOLD LEAF ON GOURDS

Gloria Crane

Class fee \$55.00

DYE AND FINISHING WITH

INK

Gloria Crane

Class fee \$55.00

POWER CARVING

Gloria Crane

Class fee \$60.00

PAINTED GOURD QUAIL

Larry McClelland

Class Fee \$85.00

PERUVIAN CARVING TECH-

NIQUES

Tito Medinas

Class Fee TBA

NEEDLE COILING

Linda Pietz

Class fee: TBA

SPONGE PAINTING ROCK

ART

Kathy Riker

Class Fee \$80.00

LEATHER BACKED GOURD

POUCH

Kathy Riker

Class Fee : \$80.00

UNTAMED POTTERY

TEXTURE W CREATIVE

COILING

Betsy Roberts

Class fee: \$100.00

TRIBAL PEOPLE

Betsy Roberts

Class Fee: \$75.00

KIMONO INLAY WITH

PAPERS & METAL

Betsy Roberts

Class fee: \$75.00

GOURD SHIELD

Jill Walker

Class : \$75.00

BRILLIANT BASKET WITH

BEADS

Jill Walker

Class Fee: \$55.00

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Compiled and edited by Barbara McDermott

Please call or email the Regional Coordinators of each patch for the most current meeting information. New members and guests are always welcome. Or check at the CGS website: www.calgourd.com



Amador County

Regional Coordinator: Carol Cherry
(916)941-1551 or Sylvia Nelson, (916)682-2437 or sylvianelson@citlink.net

Our Patch gathers on the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 or Noon at the Amador County Agriculture Building, 12200 Airport Rd. Jackson, CA 95624. We share techniques and ideas and have a "gallery show" every meeting, sharing our work.

We have added several new members in the last few months and welcome more. In July we will have a Group Picnic so please RSVP if you will be coming as it will be held at one of the Member's homes. In August we will begin preparing for our October Show at Amador Flower Farm. We welcome new gourders and love to share our passion. Come and join us! We always have lots of fun! Please email or call for more information.

Antelope Valley Gourd Patch

Regional Coordinator: Nancy Brown
(661) 944-5528 or Nancy_b93544@yahoo.com

We have decided to take the summer off June, July, August. We will resume our regular meetings in September.

We invite anyone in the Palmdale, Lancaster, Rosamond, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Llano and Lake Los Angeles areas to join us. For information please call above.

Bachelor Valley Gourd Club of Lake County

Regional Coordinator: Marilyn Crayton
(707) 275-3469 or doodahland@hughes.net
Kennie Winter (707) 263-7980 or (650) 948-9189
kenniewinter@yahoo.com

We generally meet on the first Saturday of each month at 11000 Bachelor Valley Rd. outside Lakeport from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Winter hours are 12: to 3:). Call to confirm for we sometimes have satellite meeting sites. We always have energetic "Show and Tell" and try to set a theme each month to work on during the meetings. We welcome guest teachers or demonstrators. Play days and field trips during the month are encouraged. Memorial Day Weekend the club will sponsor a booth at the Kiwanas Craft Fair at Natural High School in Lakeport.

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 glwalter39@sbcglobal.net

The Bakersfield / Kern County Patch meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Beverly's Craft Shop, 2819 F. Street, Bakersfield.

El Dorado County Foothill Gourders

Regional Coordinator: Chuck York
(209)295-1355 or likacb@volcano.net

The Foothill Gourders meet on the first Thursday of each month at the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission's Cooperative Extension Building, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Our meetings are held from 9:30 a.m. until noon. We hold a gallery time at each meeting and allow plenty of time for show and tell.

Contact Chuck at above for directions or more information.

Fallbrook Gourd Patch

Regional Coordinator: Barbara McDermott
(760)746-3913, (951)894-1817 or mcdeart@verizon.net

The Fallbrook Area Gourd Patch meets every other month, on the second Saturday, at a member's home, library or gourd farm. On the alternate months we conduct gourd classes, participate in gourd shows, festivals or other gourd related activities.

Our, August 11, meeting will be held at the Valley Center Library where we will kick off our Annual Library Show, featuring a theme of Asian decorated gourds. Gourd Artist and Author, Betty Finch, will be speaking and signing her books. Afterwards we will regroup at Barbara's home in Murrieta for, "An Evening With Betty," where we will have dinner and a Chard Gourd Necklace Class.

We also are looking forward to a Member's Playday Weekend and Patch Classes for the summer. We are a friendly group who is always looking for "fun with gourds activities." If you would like to visit or join our meetings please call Barbara at above for directions or more information.

Folsom/Sacramento Patch – Z-Gourd Miners

Regional Coordinator: Susan Gouig
(707)433-8223 day or (707) 433-9162 Eve.
suegg51@yahoo.com

The Folsom-Sacramento Patch meets the second Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. of each month at Zittle's Farm. We enjoyed Leiser's Festival and did well in our booth. Our fundraiser gave away a sander and an air compressor with paint and a brush. Come see what we have in September at the Folsom Festival. Our group will be getting ready for that, so come and join us.

Galt Patch

Regional Coordinator: Elizabeth Kummerle
(209)745-6618 or ekummerle@sbcglobal.net

Our meetings are held monthly, alternating 3rd Tuesday and 3rd Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We have a short business meeting, a gourd gallery (bring your latest gourds for show) and share gourd tips and techniques. Bring a lunch and join in on working on ornaments, sampler masks and name tags or bring your own project to work on. We continue to seek new members so please come and help make this your kind of Gourd Patch. Please call above for more information

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Kings River Gourd Patch

*Regional Coordinator: Pat Wescott
(559) 897-7470 or graybadgers@attwb.net*

The Kingsburg Fiber & Gourd Patch continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month. We share gourds, fiber arts, books, latest projects, pot luck lunch and great friendship.

Come and join us. Don't forget to call Pat and let her know that you will be coming as we meet at her house. All are welcome. Happy Gourding.

Los Angeles – Gourd Artisans of Los Angeles (GALA)

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

The GALA Patch members are from the greater Los Angeles/Pasadena area and our meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month (September – June), 7:30, at the San Gabriel Bead Company, 325 E. Live Oak, Arcadia, CA 91006, (626)447-7753. Guests are always welcome. We usually begin our meetings with a "show and tell" of gourd projects that our members have been working on, followed by a demonstration, workshop or presentation by a guest artist. For more information please contact Larry at above. Happy Gourding.

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

*Regional Coordinators: Dr. Judy Bin-Nun,
(310) 207-2998 or jbn12401@aol.com
Colleen Huff, colleenhuff@charter.net or
Sheila Goetz, shegoetz@earthlink.net*

We will not have any meetings in July, August or September. We will resume in the Fall. Our regular meeting are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m. at Dr. Judy's Garden Studio in West Los Angeles. Happy Summer! Sue Kandel

Los Angeles – Inner City Patch

*Regional Coordinator: Bea Jones
(323)291-8752 or beasyche@aol.com*

Northern Sierra Gourd Patch

*Regional Coordinator: Jackie Berg
(530)675-2577 or 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

Our Patch continues to meet in Costa Mesa the 4th Thursday and have Play Days on the 3rd Saturdays (see info on website). We are an active patch and welcome new CGS members. See ya soon, Susan Sullivan

Pico Rivera/Whittier Patch

*Regional Coordinators: Tony and Paula Torres
(562)328-5124 or AyPTorres@msn.com*

San Bernardino Patch

*Regional Coordinator: Darlene Propp
(909) 862-9717 or dragongourd@dslextreme.com*

The San Bernardino Patch wants to try new things this summer and we are open to all suggestions. At this time we plan activities as we go along. The meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring the current gourd project that you are working on or a show & tell piece. The last few meetings we have been going out to lunch after the meeting. Call Darlene or Valerie Martinell at (909) 883-3527 for current meeting location or information. We will be glad to add you to our e-mail list and notify you of our planned activities. We would love to have you come visit (and join) our Patch. Please RSVP.

San Diego – Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild

*Regional Coordinator: Peggy Blessing
(858) 292-9219 or glassworks2005-gourdnews@yahoo.com
Website: www.baskets-gourds.com*

The San Diego Patch is a part of the Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild, which meets the first Sunday of each month at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, 12:00 to 3:30, beginning with a potluck.

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 for current meeting activities. Let the parking attendant know you are there for the "Misti Meeting," and they will waive the entrance fee.

At this time we are gearing up for Welburn's Gourd Festival, happening June 23 & 24, and we need volunteers to help support the CGS. Please contact Peggy Blessing if you are able to help out.

Some of our members will be demonstrating at the San Diego County Fair during the month of June in the Home & Hobbies division.

Our July meeting will be very informal due to many of our members being on vacation. If you would like to come by, we will still have our potluck lunch and bring something to work on.

San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch

*Regional Coordinators: Art and Nina Lowy
(818) 996-3606 or artlowy@mac.com
Dori Aberson (818) 702-8020 or daberson@aol.com*

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Mountain Restoration Trust in Calabasas, CA. If you are in the area and would like to come to a meeting please call/email one of the coordinators above.

June, August and Sept classes will be held as usual. July will be a Saturday work shop at our home. Probably the second or third Saturday CSG members may e-mail us if interested. Our Gourd TeePee is growing very nicely the TeePee has Dipper Gourds.

San Francisco East Bay – East Bay Gourd Patch

*Regional Coordinators: Kay Van Hoesen (925)254-0838 or
kdvanh@sbcglobal.net
Kathleen MacIntyre kmac1958@hotmail.com*

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Kemper Stone gourdcamp@yahoo.com

Our July Meeting will be a four day Retreat at Kay Van Hoesen's mountain cabin in Kingvale from July 19 to 22. Everyone brings gourds they are working on and we share knowledge and techniques.

The August 18th meeting will be at the Caning Shop in Berkeley, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. After a short business meeting, Kay, will lead a workshop on Teneriffe Weaving on Gourds.

September 15 we will again be at the Caning Shop, same time, and will have a repeat of last years, "Bring A Friend Day," an introduction to gourds and gourd techniques.

September 29 & 30 we are looking forward to having a Patch Booth at the Folsom Gourd and Art Festival.

Santa Cruz Gourd Patch

Regional Coordinator: Barbara Johnson

(831) 440-1540 or greggjohnson@earthlink.net

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

Our Patch meets every other month and will be meeting July 7, September 8, and November 10. We meet at various member's homes, and most often exchange new product information and share techniques. We will be planning for the Santa Cruz County Fair in September. This is the first year the Fair is recognizing fine gourd art and will feature a new category in the Fine Arts Division specifically for gourds. Please contact Kris for more info.

Shasta Tahoma Gourd Patch

OPEN POSITION interested parties contact Carol Rookstool at crookstool@aol.com

Silicon Valley – Calabash Club of Silicon Valley

Regional Coordinator: Jayne Xavier

(408)779-9550 or nimbleneedle@aol.com

We meet every other month (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec), the second Sunday of the month. We welcome anyone with an interest in gourds or a curiosity to see what this "gourding thing" is all about. For more information please call Jayne (above).

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 7:00 until 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 decide on topics or workshops month to month.

Tulare Sequoia Patch

Regional Coordinators: Toni Best

(559) 627-5430 or cabinneedles@sbcglobal.net

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

Regular Meetings are not held, but impromptu get togethers work best for our group. Please contact Toni or Sue (at above) for more information on activities.

Ventura County – Channel Islands Gourd Society

Regional Coordinator: Charlene Smith

ojairedhead@hotmail.com

Our website www.channelislandsgourdsociety.com

Our Patch meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7 – 9 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Valley Clubhouse, 11701 E. Las Posas Road, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012.

We have been very busy and having fun! Our beautiful collaborative gourd is nearing completion and will find its new home in the near future. Our Spring Festival was very successful, well publicized in the newspapers and held on a beautiful May Day.

In June we will have a woodburning class with Paula Collins, in July a class with Janie Knappenberger on transfer mediums and in August we will have our annual picnic and will have a booth at the County Fair. Last year we had 92 entries and won 83 ribbons at the fair and again we are looking forward to educating the public by talking about the history and art form of gourds. Visitors are always welcome so stop by if you are in the area and join in the fun..

Keep Spreading that Gourd Glow
Next Regional Roundup News due to Barbara by August 20, 2007. mcdeear@verizon.net, Thank you.

Attention CGS Teachers!

Would you like to see your gourd class listed in the Golden Gourd?

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CGS would like to add your teachers' contact information on our website. We are most especially interested in teachers willing to travel but also those willing to teach so that festival organizers, gourd patches and interested institutes can contact them. Please send relevant information, i.e. name, contact information, general location and classes taught along with a digital photo of yourself (if you wish) to Lisa Toth, VP communications at: gourddiva@verizon.net

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Your list might include things such as:

- Inventory and price list of items to be sold
- Booth - frame, canopy, sides/ walls, weights
- Table(s)
- Table covers
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- Business cards
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- Packaging materials - boxes, bags, tissue, bubble wrap
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- Tool box - scissors, stapler, scotch tape, duct tape, string, wire, string, hooks, pliers, hammer, nails, bungee cords
- Extension cord(s), Outlet bar(s)
- Lights (extra bulbs)
- Fan
- Floor covering
- Cooler with beverages and snacks
- Information about the California Gourd Society

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The AGS is the unifying body for all state Chapters and provides a network of contacts for people and organizations worldwide.

One of great benefits with membership is you get the society magazine which is publishes four issues a year . THE GOURD is a vehicle for news and information about people, events, state Chapters, books, seeds, crafting and other gourd related subjects both domestic and foreign.

Currently the AGS is drafting a Judges Handbook and is asking for member comments. If would like to participate you can view or download the handbook from their website.

http://www.americangourdsociety.org/judging_handbook.htm

CGS encourages you to join American Gourd Society! For bookkeeping purposes all memberships expire December 31 and are due for the current year on January 1st. If you join mid-year, pay the amount listed in the table below for the current year, and then pay \$15 on January 1st each succeeding year.

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