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CGS Competition Winner's In The Spot Light

Northern CGS Competition - Leiser Gourd Farm *****

CGS Competition - Welburn Gourd Farm



Best of Division Masters,
Best of Show and Judges
Choice -Betsy Roberts



Mixed Media 1st Place, Best
of Division Novice, Peoples
Choice-Leah Adams



Inspired by Larry McClelland
1st Place, Greg Leiser Farms
2011 Gourd Art Festival
Larry McClelland Award—
Marty Sizemore



Pyrography 1st Place,
Best of Division Open-
James Dollar



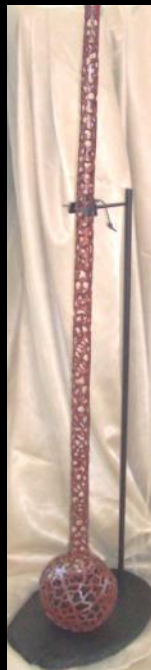
1st Place – Best of Show –
Best of Division
Master- Judges Jack
Thorp.
Pictured above & below.



Category 11: Fairies
1st Place – Best of Division
Open Christina Chrivia



Above #16: Inspired by the "Old West"
1st Place – Best of Division Novice - Judges
Judy Einboden
Below #1: Carving
1st Place - Judges –Peoples Choice Anthony Hepton



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President's Patch

Greetings Gourders

My gourds are finally growing. Our changing weather slowed down the germination of all my seeds and my crop is way behind schedule. But the hot days recently have spurred their growth. I will keep you posted on my garden. Watching gourds grow is one of my favorite activities. Wish I had more time to spend in the garden.

As President of California Gourd Society I have had the opportunity to be involved in two wonderful festivals in the past couple of months. In May, as I think I mentioned, we had a very successful festival at Leiser's Gourd Farm. Greg and Mary are wonderful hosts. They spend most of their time making sure everyone is well taken care of. Every year Greg and Mary donate booth space and gourds and paints to the Knights Landing Children's Center Co-op and Day care as a fund raiser for the Center. The director Claire Purcel and parents organized gourd crafts for children and all the proceeds went to the scholarship fund. About half of the children in the Co-op are children of migrant workers and it is a very important resource to the community.

The Leiser Festival started with three days of classes prior to the week-end event. There were activities going on the whole week-end. People were demonstrating various techniques such as pine needle weaving, building a South Western Dwelling on a gourd, mixed media textures on gourds, applying JW finishes to gourds and some faux finish effects. Vendors were offering whatever supplies you needed and some I didn't need but bought anyway. We had some amazing weather including wind, rain and hail and a little sunshine also. At one point it was hailing so much that you could hardly hear. But that didn't stop anyone from having fun and enjoying the festival.

The art work in the competition was outstanding. Gourders are extremely talented and it shows! I encourage everyone to enter the competition. It is a great way to challenge yourself. Plus the gourd patch which has the most entries wins \$100. This year (and last year) the Northern California prize went to Z Gourd Miners.

I finally got to go to Welburn! It was the Fifteenth Annual Festival and it was GREAT. I regret is that this is the last festival at Welburn and I hadn't gone sooner. The Welburn grounds were beautiful. We could watch the gourds growing in the fields every day. We had wonderful shade trees all around our competition tent. Welburn also had classes prior to the festival and my house-mates came in showing off great projects every day.

At both festivals we renewed memberships and signed up new members. At the Leiser Festival there were several people interested in starting a "patch" near Redding. They are looking for interested people in the Redding area. If you are interested – please contact me. Also, at the Welburn Festival two gourders from Apple Valley-Victorville area expressed interest in starting a "patch" in their neighborhood. So if you are interested in the Apple Valley-Victorville area, let me know.

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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CGS proudly presented Doug Welburn with a plaque recognizing his contributions to California Gourd Society as a founding member, a sponsor of the CGS Annual Gourd Art Competition, and a long term board member. It was a treat to meet Doug, Sue, Phoebe and Laura. The family has contributed much to CGS and we are so grateful.



There were 174 entries in the Welburn competition. The San Diego patch won the \$100 prize for the highest number of entries. Again, like Leiser's the competition was so unique and amazing. Wait until you see the pictures which should be up on the website soon.

None of this work could have been done without the support of MANY WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS. We had volunteers doing everything; setting up, judging gourds, supporting judges, photographing the winning gourds, taking pictures of the festivals, meeting and greeting people, renewing memberships, signing up new members, selling tickets for our CGS fundraiser Basket(s) of Gourds, and writing articles about the festivals.

CGS is really about the people (and their gourds). So thank you all for all your time and hard work. As I have told many of you – you make my job of being President so worthwhile. I am proud to work with such an amazing group of people.

It is with great sadness that I tell you of our friend and Z Miner leader Lynda Chipman passed away in May. She was a wonderful person and her smile and hugs will be missed by all whose lives were touched by her.

Sylvia

An Invitation to Attend the California Gourd Society Board Meeting

At the January CGS Board meeting it was voted to hold two CGS board meetings a year. This year the second Board Meeting will be held on September 10, 2011 at the Lamp Litter Inn in Visalia.

Any interested CGS Member is invited to come to the meeting which will be held from 10 to 4 pm on Saturday at the Lamp Litter Inn.

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 competition after Welburns
- Our new Website
- Possible publication of CGS "500" California Gourds Book



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

We look forward to seeing you there!

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#102 Shaman Gourds
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103 Closed Coiling
 Instructor: Heather Steinman

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#201 Enchanted Masks I
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#203 Multi Colored Dream Catcher
 Instructor: Heather Steinman



#204 Trim the Rim $\frac{1}{2}$ day class
 Instructor: Vickie Echols



#205 Acorn Basket $\frac{1}{2}$ day class
 Instructor: Vickie Echols



#206 Tangled Horse
 Instructor: Kristy Dial



#207 Native Wolf Gourds
 Instructor: Pamela Redhawk

Sunday Classes



#301 Scratch Gourds
 Instructor: Dianne Calderwood



#302 Native Masks
 Instructor: Pamela Redhawk



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 Instructor: Kellie Delp and Donna Rositani



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San Diego County Gourd Patch



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CALIFORNIA GOURD SOCIETY
Third Annual Northern California Gourd Art Competition Winners
Leiser Farms 9th Annual Gourd Festival – 2011

Pictured on Cover

* Pictured on page 6.

NOVICE DIVISION**Category 2:Carving**2nd Place Lisa Twilligear**Category 3:Pyrography**1st Place* Barbara Rippetoe**Category 4:Mixed Media**1st Place, Best of Show, People's Choice #
Leah Adams1st Place Marty Sizemore2nd Place Mardella Ivers3rd Place Jessica DiGiacomo**Category 6:Coiling**1st Place Mardella Ivers**Category 7:Mask**2nd Place Lori Wilcox**Category 8:Jewelry**1st Place* Jessica DiGiacomo**Category 9:Native American**1st Place* Debbie Tompkins2nd Place Lisa Twilligear3rd Place Lori Wilcox**Category 10:Fantasy**1st Place Lori Wilcox2nd Place Marty Sizemore3rd Place Marilyn Crayton**MASTERS DIVISION****Category 1:Pyrography**1st Place* Sylvia Nelson2nd Place Bill Wilson**Category 2:Free Style**1st Place, Best of Division Masters, Best
of Show, Judges # Betsy Roberts**OPEN DIVISION****Category 1:Musical Instruments**1st Place*, Judges Mary Jane and William Jepson**Category 2:Carving**2nd Place Rebecca Stark**Category 3:Pyrography**1st Place, Best of Division # James Dollar2nd Place Zane Poulson**Category 4:Mixed Media**1st Place, Judges* Pinky Mitchell2nd Place Joni Canada3rd Place Betsy Roberts

Judges Carol Cherry

Category 5:Weaving1st Place* Jill Walker2nd Place Carolee Jones**Category 6:Coiling**1st Place* Marilyn Carrico2nd Place Carolee Jones**Category 7:Mask**1st Place, Judges* Judie Burge2nd Place Betsy Kritzon**Category 8:Jewelry**1st Place, Judges* Brenna Garcia2nd Place Rebecca Stark**Category 9:Native American**1st Place, Judges* Jill Walker2nd Place Don Rideau3rd Place Linda Kelly**Category 10:Fantasy**1st Place* Zane Poulson2nd Place Pinky Mitchell3rd Place Carol Cherry

Judges Jenn Norpchen

Category 11:Inspired by Larry McClelland1st Place, Greg Leiser Farms 2011 Gourd Art
Festival Larry McClelland Award # Marty Sizemore

CALIFORNIA GOURD SOCIETY

California Gourd Art Competition Winners - Welburn Gourd Festival – 2011

NOVICE DIVISION

Category 1: Carving1st Place Larry Dorn**Category 2: Pyrography**1st Place Megan Huebner**Category 3: Cut Gourd**1st Place & Judges Carmen Ramierez Perez2nd Place Cecelia McCullough3rd Place Jackie Everhart**Category 6: Coiling**1st Place Henry Blechl2nd Place Larry Dorn**Category 7: Painting**1st Place Pat Barbour2nd Place Shelly Moore3rd Place Cecelia McCullough**Category 9: Garden Theme**1st Place Gayle Shell2nd Place Cecelia McCullough**Category 10: Bowls and Baskets**1st Place Patricia Berry2nd Place Henry Blechl3rd Place Roberta Greany**Category 13: Class Gourd**1st Place Lu MacDonald2nd Place Stacy Day3rd Place Karen Adams**Category 14: Inspired by Latin America**1st Place Judy Einboden2nd Place Megan Huebner**Category 15: Inspired by the Orient**1st Place Henry Blechl2nd Place Kathy Reardon3rd Place Pat Barbour**Category 16: Inspired by the "Old West"**1st Place – Best of Division Novice - Judges
Judy Einboden2nd Place Jo Nell Blechl3rd Place Larry Dorn**Category 17: Inspired by the Sea**1st Place Judi Einboden2nd Place Laurie Fidler2nd Place Kathy Reardon3rd Place Christine Garrison**Category 18: Multi-media**1st Place - Judges Debra Zimmerman2nd Place Megan Huebner3rd Place Christine Garrison**Category 19: Free Style**1st Place Sun Son2nd Place Roberta Greany3rd Place Patsy Orr**Category 21: Inspired by Russ Conley -
Rainstick**1st Place Susan Donovan2nd Place Susan Sullivan3rd Place Debra Zimmerman

OPEN DIVISION

Category 1: Carving1st Place - Judges –People's Choice

Anthony Hepton

2nd Place Katherine Zook**Category 2: Pyrography**1st Place Peggy Blessing2nd Place Debbie Gutzmann**Category 3: Cut Gourd**1st Place - Judges Kym Murphy2nd Place Kay Spjut3rd Place Mary Gehley**Category 4: Beading**1st Place - Judges Marilyn Carrico2nd Place Vickie Nadolson3rd Place Kym Murphy**Category 6: Coiling**1st Place Valerie martinell2nd Place Trudy Keith3rd Place Brenda DeWald

Judges Sue Welburn

Category 7: Painting1st Place Kym Murphy1st Place Donna Rositani2nd Place Heather Sheinman3rd Place Patti Wolinski

Judges Kay Spjut

Category 8: Inlay1st Place Ethel Hoy2nd Place Margie Jordan3rd Place Vickie Nadolson**Category 9: Garden Theme**1st Place Elsie Cogswell2nd Place Janie Knappenberger3rd Place Kay Spjut**Category 10: Bowls and Baskets**1st Place Audrey Fontaine2nd Place Cliff Schmidt3rd Place Margie Jordan**Category 11: Fairies**1st Place – Best of Division Open
Christina Chrivia2nd Place Becky Acosta3rd Place Margie Jordan**Category 12: Miniature**1st Place Debbie Gutzmann2nd Place Pam Horn-Ross3rd Place Cynthia Russell**Category 13: Class Gourd**1st Place – Judges Patti Wolinski2nd Place Katherine Zook3rd Place Sherry Hunga-Moore**Category 14: Inspired by Latin****America**2nd Place Mary Gehley

OPEN DIVISION continued

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Conley - Rainstick**1st Place Sherry Hunga-Moore2nd Place Kellie Delp3rd Place Carolyn Medlin

MASTER'S DIVISION

Category 1: Pyrography1st Place James Dollar**Category 2: Carving**1st Place Jack Thorp**Category 3: Coiling/Weaving**1st Place – Judges Vickie Echols2nd Place Cookie Hanson**Category 4: Free Style**1st Place – Best of Show – Best of
Division Master- Judges Jack Thorp2nd Place Dan McNamara

Children's Division—12 & Under

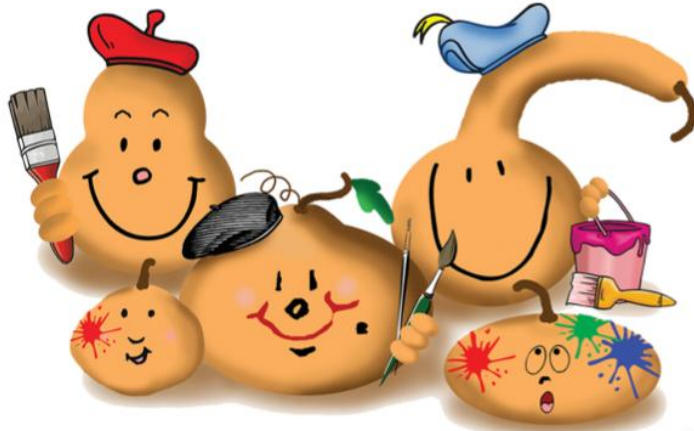
1st Place Kinsley Noel2nd Place Broedy Crowell3rd Place Riley Huebner

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Instructor: Gloria Crane



*Gourd Texture, Finishes and
Embellishment Instructor:
Maria Dellos



*Autumn Leaves
Instructor: Connie Howell

Friday

Carving a 3D Feather
Instructor: Clint Appelt



*Faux Raku Oil Lamp
Instructor: Gloria Crane



*Gourd Journal
Instructor: Betsy Kritzon

*Introduction to Gourd Art
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Building A Gourd Arbor by Cecile Garrison

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- 2 eight foot 4x4 pressure treated posts
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- a few screws and staples, a hammer, post-hole diggers and screwdriver.



Cut the eight-foot posts in half and bury them in 18” deep holes four feet apart and ten feet across. Add quick acting concrete covered with water around the posts. Allow the postholes to set overnight. The next day attach the two by six boards to each set of posts with screws. Bend the fence panel in half between the two sets of posts and attach one side then the other to the two by six boards with staples.



The arbor in this picture will be two sections or eight feet long when complete. One four foot section can be built for under \$50.00.



Greg Leiser Gourd Festival Re-Cap by Elsie Cogswell

The Ninth Annual Greg Leiser Farms Gourd Art Festival and Sale, held on May 14th and 15th, was a huge success, thanks to hosts, Greg and Mary Leiser and the California Gourd Society. Visitors came from all parts of California as well as other states to enjoy the festivities.

Prior to the festival, on May 11-13, a variety of pre-festival gourd classes were taught by Toni Best, Gloria Crane, Betsy Roberts, Jill Walker, Rebecca Stark, Connie Howell, Betsy Kritzon, and Mardella Ivers, who stepped in at the last minute to take over Kathy Rikers classes. The Leisers require that all the pre-festival classes must not have been taught in California before. Everyone came away with a beautiful finished gourd. This year, three students, Sherry Woods, Tammy Nazanda and Rhonda Odergard received their classes free.

Many attendees who were unfamiliar with what can be done with gourds couldn't believe their eyes. Twenty-six vendors, featuring over 100 artists, showcased and sold their gourd art. The quality of the gourd art was the best I have ever seen. Throughout the festival there were ongoing demonstrations, live entertainment, a children's crafting area, raw gourds for sale, plus The Third Annual Northern California Gourd Art Competition, sponsored by CGS.

The Caning Shop, Galaxy Gourds and Toth Gourd Works had all the tools, embellishments, paints, books and supplies that any gourd artist would want.

The California Gourd Society had a booth with member information available for anyone wanting to join or learn more about the society. CGS also sold gourd art donated to them by the late CGS member Larry McClelland. Four local Gourd Patches also had booths selling gourd art, Sutter Buttes Gourd Artists, East Bay, Calabash Club, and the Folsom Z Miners.

Raw gourd sales were brisk with a 12% discount. There were over two dozen varieties. The long snake gourds with their twists and turns were very popular.

For several years, Billie Pass from Moorpark, a talented gourd artist, has been painting a horse, free of charge, on any gourd purchased at the farm. This was very popular with the children as well as adults. Before painting people learned how to clean a gourd.

Entertainment was provided by several talented groups, including one playing instruments made from gourds. Plus, there was a walking animal and a prancing horse made of gourds and handled by gourd artist Betty Fitch. Smiling kids were following these animals around the festival.

Sixty-nine gourds were entered in the Third Annual Northern California Gourd Art Competition sponsored by the California Gourd Society. The quality and beauty of these gourds was impressive. All the winners from the competition are listed on page 7 of this issue. Gourd patches from around the state were entered including the San Diego County Gourd Patch, San Francisco East Bay Gourd Patch, Sutter Buttes Gourd Artists and Bachelor Valley Gourd Club of Lake County. Gourders outdid themselves.

Several baskets filled with gourd decorating supplies, as well as some locally grown products, were raffled off during the gourd classes. During the Festival, there was a raffle of art work, books and supplies donated by several of the teachers, CGS, Leiser's and others. All the profits from the raffles, the classes, lunches, etc. were donated to the Knights Landing Library. This year the library received \$2200.00.

For the fourth year, 160 students, K-8th grade, from the Robbins School, held their Gourd Art Competition. Each student received a CGS participation ribbon, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place ribbons. Jill Walker and Betty Finch were this year's judges. These students also had a booth selling desserts with all proceeds going to the school.

The popular Children's Gourd Crafting area benefited the Knights Landing Children's Cooperative program.

Leiser Farms is a popular destination for Ag-Tourism, and gourd artists throughout the United States and beyond.

I would encourage everyone to attend the next "Gourd Event" near them. It's not too early to plan on attending the Greg Leiser Annual Gourd Art Festival in May 2012. I guarantee you will enjoy yourself.



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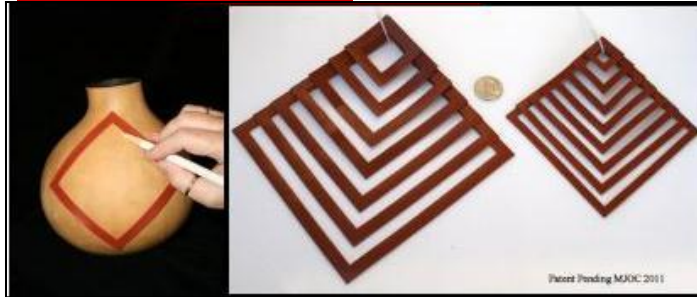
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“Our Link to the American Gourd Society”



I had the opportunity to take part in the American Gourd Society Board Meeting via telephone conference on July 27th. About 15 to 20 members from across the U.S. hooked in. Hudi Sundgren, President of the American Gourd Society welcomed everyone. The first topic for discussion was the location of the AGS annual meeting. The meeting for 2011 will be held at the Ohio Gourd Show, September 24th and 25th at Greenville, Ohio. Wisconsin will host the 2012 meeting, Arizona in 2013, North Carolina in 2014 and Texas in 2015. Only 2011 and 2012 are official but the others are in the works. I suggested California Gourd Society host one year. We discussed travel expense guidelines to allow the President of AGS to travel to different meetings. It was decided to organize a budget committee to work on the budget creation process. This is something CGS is also in the process of doing. We have created our first budget, which I hope you read about in the minutes of our January CGS Board meeting.

I will be receiving a Membership Report, a Publications Report and a Treasurers Report from AGS shortly. If you are interested in the details from those reports, please email or call me.

There was quite a discussion regarding the title of Master Judge, with several of us feeling that a “Master” judge should have experience in training and judging. I have volunteered to work with Terry Noxel and Bonnie Gibson on some ideas to have the title of “Master” have certain criteria. If you have any thoughts about this, please share with me.

AGS would like to involve more children in becoming acquainted with gourds. They are our future. Perhaps “Lesson for Teachers”, “Power Point Presentations”. An Educational committee will be started. Again, if you are interested.....

It appears that the American Gourd Society magazine pays for itself with advertising. But like the Golden Gourd, it can always use more articles, tips, photos, etc. from members.

It was a lively discussion, with lots of participation. I was glad to be a part of it and wanted to let you all know. I will keep you informed. - Sylvia



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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 or phone (760) 749-9410.

Current Membership forms can be found at the CGS Website: www.calgourd.com

We thank you for your continued support during this change over.

In Memory

It's with my greatest sorrow to announce that on May 15, 2011, we lost our beloved Lynda Chipman, President of the Z Gourd Miners of Folsom California.

Although Lynda and I were best friends for more than 24 years, she has been a member and friend of Z Gourd Miners for 12 years and President for 7 years. She has brought much happiness, sunshine, fun and growth to our group. From the kids booth to working with gourd artist and vendors, to leading our group. Lynda has led a gourd-full life.

Lynda was a proud wife and mother of a son 15 years, a daughter 18 years, a son 29 years and Grand-daughter 5 years. On behalf of the Z Gourd Miners, we extend our love and prayers to the family. Lynda, you will truly be missed. We love you.

If you would like to make donations, please make them to SAFE Credit Union on her behalf, Lynda Chipman.

Thank you,
Patti Brown



Calling all CGS Members!



Do you have any special tips or tools that you would be willing to share in the Golden Gourd?

Please send your tip and tool ideas, along with a good image or two, to lauriefidler@mac.com.

If your idea is selected as the best tip or tool for an upcoming issue, you'll receive a free green scraped gourd and recognition in the newsletter.

Make sure to include contact information.

We are hoping to collect great ideas that will inspire gourd artists, or just make their work a little easier.



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Instructors: Betsy Roberts, Jill Walker, Betsy Kritzon and Mardella Ivers.

The details about the classes and information on how to sign up are available at www.GalaxyGourds.com.

At the top left-hand side of the page under 'Categories' you will see links for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday classes. Please click on those days to see which classes are available for each day. You can sign up for a class by clicking on the 'Buy Now' link or the 'Add to Cart' link for each class. All levels of Experience Welcome!!





Artz Classes 2011

Each session is: 3 full days/4 Nights Lodging and 3 meals per day. All materials included.

1st Session Aug. 15-19

Day 1
6:00 pm Check-in Get Acquainted

Day 2
7:30-8:45 am Breakfast
9:00-11:30 am "It's all in the Name"
11:30-12:30 pm Lunch
12:30-5:00 pm "Vision Box"
5:00-6:30 pm Dinner
6:45-8:45 pm "Aged Metal Amulet"

Day 3
7:30-8:45 am Breakfast
9:00-11:30 am "Silky Painting"
11:30-12:30 pm Lunch
12:30-5:00 pm "Journal in a Gourd"
5:00-6:30 pm Dinner
6:45-8:45 pm "Secret Treasure Tin Box"

Day 4
7:30-8:45 am Breakfast
9:00-11:30 am "Mini Gourd Masks"
11:30-12:30 pm Lunch
12:30-5:00 pm "Fun with Acrylics"
5:00-6:30 pm Dinner
6:45-8:45 pm "Lake Nymph"

Day 5
7:30-8:45 am Breakfast
10:00 am Check-out

2nd Session Aug. 19-23

Day 1
6:00 pm Check-in Get Acquainted

Day 2
7:30-8:45 am Breakfast
9:00-11:30 am "It's all in the Name"
11:30-12:30 pm Lunch
12:30-5:00 pm "Colled Stone Basket"
5:00-6:30 pm Dinner
6:45-8:45 pm "Mixed Media Canvas"

Day 3
7:30-8:45 am Breakfast
9:00-11:30 am "Streaming Reflections"
11:30-12:30 pm Lunch
12:30-5:00 pm "Shadow Box Journal"
5:00-6:30 pm Dinner
6:45-8:45 pm "Wearable Art Pins"

Day 4
7:30-8:45 am Breakfast
9:00-11:30 am "Inner Goddess"
11:30-12:30 pm Lunch
12:30-5:00 pm "Dragonfly Canvas"
5:00-6:30 pm Dinner
6:45-8:45 pm "Zen Stone"

Day 5
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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 June 30th, 2011. No reminders or billing statements will be sent. Payments not received by the due date will result in the loss of your deposit and registration.

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I would like to thank everyone that helps with the copy, pictures and ad support of the Golden Gourd. 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.

Special thanks to all those that helped with both CGS Competitions you all did an awesome job!

Be sure to check out the CGS website: www.calgourd.com for even more gourd related news and events.

The Fall Issue of the Golden Gourd will be emailed in November. Deadline is October 15, 2011

Invoices for ads will be emailed upon request. Rates are on the back page.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Happy gourding

Mary Bliss

Editor Golden Gourd

CGS Gourd Art Competition

Welburn Gourd Farm
June 2011

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2011 Gourd Events

Time to gather up your gourdng buddies and tools and hit the road!!

August 15-19 and 19 –23—Artz on the Lake with the Artzy Gurlz—Coeur d' Alene, ID.

August 27-28 The 2nd Annual GourdStock 2011—San Diego County Gourd Patch—Bates Nut Farm, Valley Center, CA. Website: www.sandiegocountygourdpatch.com

August 26-28 Michigan Festival of Gourds – Imlay City, MI <http://michiganfestivalofgourds.com>

Sept 10-11 North Carolina Gourd Festival – Raleigh, NC www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.htm

Sept 10-11 The 70th Annual North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival. Holshouser Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC. For more details see the website of the NC Gourd Society: www.ncgourdsociety.org

Sept 16-18 Mississippi Gourd Festival – Raleigh, MS <http://mississippigourdsociety.org>

Sept 16-18 Illinois Gourd Show – Chicago Botanical Gardens <http://illinoisgourdsociety.org/>

Sept 17–18 Davis Ranch 3rd Annual Gourd Festival - Sloughouse, CA <http://www.zslproductions.net/davisranch/index.html>

Sept 22-25 Florida Gourd Society Annual Retreat – Paisley, FL <http://flgourdsoc.org/>

Sept 23-25 Ohio Gourd Show – Greenville, OH <http://americangourdsociety.org/ohiochapter/>

Oct 14-16 Lone Star Gourd Festival – Fredericksburg, TX www.texasgourdsociety.org

Oct 15-16 Alabama Gourd Show -Cullman Al www.alabamagourdsociety.org

Nov 5-6 Virginia Gourd Festival – Middletown, VA <http://americangourdsociety.org/Virginia/>

Nov 5-6 Idaho Gourd Festival -<http://idahogourdsociety.org>

Nov 18-20 Georgia Gourd Show – Perry, GA <http://georgiagourdsociety.com>

[If you know of a gourd event not listed and you would like to add to our 2011 Gourd Events Calendar please send to \[editorgoldengourd@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:editorgoldengourd@yahoo.com\) Thank you!](#)

For teacher and vendor applications and the most current information please check the website for each venue or organization. Pleas note many of the festivals have pre festival gourd classes.

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A little bit of history on Leiser Farms:

Well over 100 years ago, Greg's grandparents started a dairy farm on the property. It was known as "Crystal Creamery". The original ranch house that was built in the mid 1800's, burned down in 1936, and was replaced with the current house, that still stands today, where Greg and Mary live. Their son, Peter, is the 4th generation Leiser to be raised in this home.

The property has been handed down from generation to generation. Greg and Mary have been farming the land since 1972. They were one of the first farmers in this area of California to grow wild rice in the early 1980's. Other crops they have grown in the past included sweet corn for the local fresh markets. They were commercial growers of heirloom squash, pumpkins, Indian corn, ornamental gourds, broom grass, and hard shelled gourds sold green for fall decorations. So from there it was an easy transition to keep growing the hard shelled gourd when they discontinued growing pumpkins. And we are so glad they continue to grow gourds.

The main crops the Leisers historically grow are winter wheat, medium grain rice, tomatoes, field corn, sun flowers, safflower and specialty crops of vine seeds and garbanzo beans.

About a decade ago, Greg and Mary were at the first CGS Asilomar Gourd Conference and had a conversation with Larry McClelland. Larry suggested they invite other gourd enthusiasts for a get together at their farm, sort of a "big play day". Then Mac talked them into organizing a Gourd Art Festival, with classes and open to the public, and we now have had the Ninth Annual Gourd Art Festival thanks to the generosity of Greg and Mary Leiser.



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