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CGS is On-line!

<http://www.innercite.com/~daffodil/cgsmn.html>

In April the California Gourd Society made its debut into the Information Age by launching its website onto the information super highway, aka the Internet.

This wonderful and colorful website includes:

- a calendar of classes offered throughout the State. To make it easy for you to obtain more information about the various programs, "links" to the class host or sponsor are provided when available.
- a display of special events such as gourd festivals and competitions, many with links to the hosts.
- there is a page all about CGS with information about how to join, how to reach the officers and regional reps, and e-mail

links to facilitate your communication with them.

- links to members websites: any member who has a website about gourds may have an automatic link from the CGS website to their own. It is the members responsibility to notify the CGS website coordinator of the correct URL and to keep CGS informed if there are any address changes. There is no charge for this privilege. Right now there are links to several gourd growers and gourd suppliers. Check them out when you get a chance and let the grower/ supplier know that you reached their site via CGS.

- links to the websites of the American Gourd Society and other affiliates. Of course, once you have access to their websites you are just a fingertip away from more links and more links and more, etc.

- links to websites that have no affiliation with AGS or CGS, but are about gourds and are interesting. If you come across such a site and think that it needs to be added to ours, send the relevant URL to the CGS website

coordinator. All of the CGS officers will then review the recommended website and agree on the addition of the link.

- a virtual gallery featuring photographs of member's gourds. This gallery has been created for *you* to show *your* wares to the world. For each quarter, concurrent with the publication of the Golden Gourd, photos from no more than 5 members will be displayed, and there is a limit of 3 photos for each member. It's on a first come, first show basis and all work will be shown regardless of experience. To be used the photo must be in color and in focus and the gourd must be in good contrast to the background and have minimal dark shadows. When you submit your photos we will provide a link to your website or e-mail address if you provide the information and some biographical data. In each newsletter we will announce the names of the newest featured gourd crafter/artist/grower and then the photos will be returned to you. For this next quarter we have the works of four members and nothing is in que after that. How 'bout your holiday gourds for the Winter issue?

The website was created and is maintained on a volunteer basis by member and VP-Membership Jo Ann Perry of Somerser. Jo Ann also works with Ginger on the publication of the Golden Gourd and recently started a Gourd Patch in El Dorado County. Her e-mail address is: daffodil@innercite.com.

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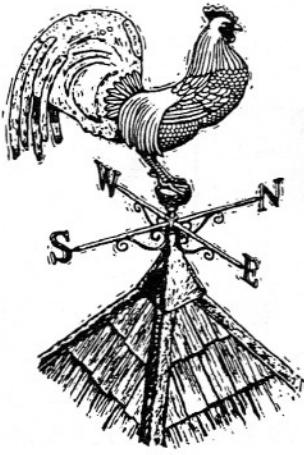
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Regional Roundup

New Gourd Patches Sprout Up All Over

Gourd lovers in the Gold Rush areas north of Sacramento now have a regional group. Sarah Jane will be getting the Butte/Yuba/Sutter group going and welcomes other gourdie. Sarah paints the gourds she grows on the small gourd & everlasting flower farm where she lives with her husband.

Please call for the next meeting date and be a part of this brand new group. Sarah Jayne, 1039 Central House Road, Oroville, CA 95965, tel: 530-749-1560.

NORTH SF BAY GOURD PATCH - Another new gourd patch in the SF Bay area covering Marin, San Francisco and Alameda Counties is being started by gourd lover Lynne Bunt, and already is off to a very busy start. The first meeting is to be held on June 6 and then meetings are tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday of every other month.

A meeting sponsored by the combined groups of California Gourd Society and the Garden Club of Marin is being held June 11 at 7:30 at the Marin Art and Garden Center. Ginger Summit will speak and show slides, as well as many gourds from her collection. Lynne also hosted a table at the Marin Art and Garden Centers garden show on April 25, introducing the California Gourd Society and the newest gourd activities in that area.

EL DORADO COUNTY - is the location of yet another new Gourd Patch. The group has met monthly since April at the Farm Advisor's office in Placerville and has interesting programs lined up thru mid-summer: June 29 is on decoupage and on July 20 a field trip to Zittel Farms. This is a lively group with 24 active members and lots of ideas for the future. Jo Ann Perry is the groups' CGS coordinator and can be reached on 530-626-7624.

THE SANTA CRUZ-MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER is having their Summer meeting on Saturday June 13th at the home of Ardith Willner 408-427-3833. We are getting together at 11:30 and along with discussing some new techniques that Ramona Peters has brought back from the Big Island Of Hawaii, we are having a pot luck lunch, and organizing our car pool to the Welburn Gourd Festival on June 19 -21. Please give a call if your able to come - we look forward to all new members. We are delighted to announce we have now become "International" with our newest gourder Susan Davison, joining us from Australia.

CALABASH CLUB OF SILICON VALLEY

The gourd lovers of the South Bay proved once again just what a passionate group they are! Ten artists joined together to put together a large booth at the Spring in Guadalupe Gardens show in San Jose. All aspects of gourds were available, including seeds, seedlings, dried gourds, gourd art, and of course lots

of information about the California Gourd Society classes and meetings. The variety of artwork included was inspiring, and many visitors returned to the booth frequently to admire the display. The event was such a success, that the topic of the next meeting will be further shows and how the group can participate together. It will also feature sharing favorite gourd projects, as well as problem solving. It is scheduled for June 14 at Custom Handweavers in Mountain View.

A joint meeting with the Santa Cruz gourd patch included a brilliant display of feathers that were made available through the owners of Featherco, from Montana. The selection opened exciting possibilities for enrichment of gourd art. Members now provide classes in many aspects of gourd art at Custom Handweavers, another way to share the passion. Call Carol Morrison (650-493-2998) or Custom Handweavers (650-967-0831) for more information.

LOS ANGELES-SANTA MONICA The L.A. Gourd Patch is off and running. We had our first meeting with Ardith Willner and Carol Rookstool in attendance, and had a great time.

Our next meeting will be in Santa Monica on Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 P.M. The main focus of this meeting will be to reach a consensus as to how often we will meet -- monthly, semi-monthly, or once a quarter -- and what kinds of activities and programs members would be interested in. Lillian Hopkins is the Patch Leader and is a Gourd Doll artist. Her phone number is 310-396-3266.

SAN BERNADINO has sprouted a Gourd Patch. Officially formed in March, the group meets once a month on a Monday night. There are some very fine artists in the group and a sprinkling of new gourd-heads. They will make their public debut on June 13-14th at the Live Oak Canyon Christmas Tree Farm where they will have demonstration on preparing gourds for decoration. Kathy Riker is the Patch coordinator and can be reached on 909-797-4591.

ANTELOPE VALLEY will be having it's first gourd meeting at the new gourd house at the Baal's The Tree Movers tree and gourd farm in Palmdale, Ca. on August 7, 1998. The location of the farm is 5014 E. Ave N, Palmdale, Ca. Phone number is 805-9477121. The Baal's have a new building for gourd supplies and gourd classes. Everyone is excited about it and we hope it will turn out great for everyone. The idea is to meet, talk and share ideas and projects with each other. The exact time will be set when it is closer to the date. We will let people know by mail or if you are out of the Antelope Valley area and would like to come, call after July 10, 1998. Please make a note on your calender about the date. There will be more about our gourd house later. We love ideas, so don't hesitate to call. Please also feel free to call Marguerite Smith at 805-7220256 to chat about all the exciting details.

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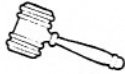
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President's Message

Carol Rookstool



What a challenge this year is for gourd gardeners. You can say it all in just one sentence. Too cold and too wet in most of California! This will be the year that really tests the green thumb. Our Golden Gourd editor will be interested in getting reports from home gardeners as we move into the summer. Please jot us a note about strategies for overcoming El Nino.

Stories about gourd festivals are another story entirely. The new little May Festival at Thomas Farms in Lindsay was quite a success with approximately 500 participants. The demonstrations scheduled throughout the day kept visitors coming back for tips about beading on gourds, weaving on gourds, woodburning on gourds and combining gourds with pine needles. Over 40 new gourd crafters completed projects in the "open classroom." Gary Brewer demonstrated floral arranging using gourds as containers and the spectacular creations were whisked away from under his magic fingers.

Travel plans and preparations for the Welburn Festival are at a fever pitch as entertainers, vendors, teachers and CGS volunteers prepare for three days of FUN on June 19, 20 and 21 in Fallbrook! Day-long classes are scheduled for Friday; booths, food, demonstrations, beginners make-and-take classes, entertainment and visiting with gourd-friends are all scheduled on Saturday and Sunday.

For the first time (in our one year history) CGS is offering a 5 category competition. Some of the other state chapters of the American Gourd Society have many years of experience with gourd crafting competition but this will be a "first" in California. Your participation is encouraged and your suggestions are welcome. We are still looking for a photographer to document our winners and for student-judges to be apprentices for subsequent events. Please contact Kathy Doolittle at 805-274-8850 if you are interested in the Competition Committee.

In this edition of the Golden Gourd, our savvy editor has prepared some great information about using computers for our gourd. From my point of view, e-mail has been the tool that has made our growth as a Gourd Society possible. Each of the officers and most of the fabulous Regional Coordinators have been available for membership business at a click of the "send" button. Our very own, founding member, California State University Fresno Farm Advisor, Pam Elam is available for tips about gourd growing at pmel2@cviip.fresno.com. These marvelous technologies, plus the POT (plain old telephone) at 213-629-5689 - and the US mail have kept us rolling along.

Golden Gourd editor, Ginger Summit has asked folks about their use of the computer in gourd art. My personal favorite application with the computer is storing and saving my sketches. I like to be able to reverse, flip and resize a design so the proportions are just right for the gourd I am using. Instead of looking stale and repetitive, the designs are becoming more fresh and lively as I revise the images. What fun it is!

While we give special attention to our 500th member in this issue, I will always believe that *each one of us*, individually contributing to the network of gourd lovers, is what CGS is all about.

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<u>Stockton</u>	vacant
<u>Visalia</u>	
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Regional Roundup, cont'd from page 1

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Linda Hayden as our new Regional coordinator in VISALIA. Linda is a wonderfully talented and happy lady who has been bitten by the gourd bug and will replace Diana Rookstool who's family is moving to the Monterey County. (*Another new Gourd Patch coming up?* :-)

The RIVERSIDE AND SAN DIEGO gourd groups will gather for a summer salad potluck at Mary & Dick Segreto's in Wildomar on August 8 at 11:30 am. We invite all gourd enthusiasts in the area to meet, share current projects, new techniques, and ideas for future activities. For more information contact the Segretos at 909-678-8835 or Jim Mayfield at 619-673-7233.

Gouord-eous fun and a tasty pot luck are in the works for the SANTA BARBARA patch. Currently scheduled for July 25th from noon-ish to sundown you are asked to call Audree (805-962-4182) for directions. Bring a gourd creation, potluck dish and a gourd hat or outfit if you are so inclined!

Learning Together: Gourds and Computers

by Jeane Dixon, member from Pasco, Washington

Four years ago, I had my first dried gourd crop, and my 10 year old daughter and I signed up for painting classes. We also had just purchased a new computer, and signed up with a local Internet Service Provider (ISP). I was ready to search (surf) for gourds on the World Wide Web (WWW). Unfortunately there were very few sites listed.

Three years ago, a young pumpkin grower created my first web page. I met Rachel on a pumpkin e-mail list, and she wanted to know about gourds. I mailed (snail mail) photos of my bird-houses, and Rachel added pictures of my gourds on the web page. It was exciting to see my art on the web. I was famous-grin!

Human Nature being what it is, I became bored with seeing the same photos, so I set out to teach myself how to make my own web page. With a few subtle hints to hubby, Santa gave me a scanner for Christmas. Now I could really change those pictures as much as I wanted.

Learning is one of the neatest assets of the Internet. I have included not only my painted gourd art on my web site, but also information on how to grow gourds. This idea stemmed from e-mail messages I had received requesting information. Cucumber Beetle anyone? How about a gourd arbor?

There are a lot of wonderful gourd sites on the Internet. One of the best, in my book, is The Gourd Artist Guild, which is owned by John Stacy. John has done a fantastic job of bringing together gourd artists, farmers, crafters, suppliers, etc. Whatever one can imagine relating to gourds can be found at The Gourd Artist Guild. It is truly a site to visit, so plan to have a

lunch date with your computer. The Gourd Artist Guild web address is: <http://www.hal-pc.org/~jstacy/>

Debbie Norton of Feather River Baskets has a wonderful web site. She not only has her art on display but also explains how to dye pine needles. Her web address is: <http://www.angelfire.com/ca/pineneedlebasket/>

Using most Internet search engines (Yahoo, Web Crawler, Hot Bot) one can find web sites full of information about gourds. John Stacy is also owner of the Gourd Patch E-mail list. E-mail lists are created as a forum with a mutual topic of discussion. If you sign up on the Gourd Patch List, you will find lots of gourd information sharing.

I would like to mention netiquette. This is a term for etiquette on the Network (Internet). You cannot see your "audience". It is important how you write a message. In my busy schedule, it is frustrating to receive a message from someone who does not state who they are (no signature), where they are from (a state is adequate) and how they became interested in gourds. A term I like to borrow from the Tolonet E-mail list is "Sharing is Caring." Manners are important, even on the Internet. Here is a website, which addresses this subject:

<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/index.html>

Hopefully I have provided you with some useful information. Gourds on the Internet is a powerful tool. We can all spread the word and learn more about gourds. I can't help but think that the Internet has substantially contributed to the popularity of gourds. It is so much faster than the weeks it takes to get information about our favorite subject. (<http://www.owt.com/users/jdixon>)



CGS CELEBRATES IT'S 500TH NEW MEMBER

Welcome Hannelore Cole! Although Hannelore is a new member of CGS, she is certainly not new to gourds or other members. She is the owner of Custom Handweavers, a weaving studio/school in Mountain View, and the meeting place of the Calabash Club of Silicon Valley. Hannelore is originally from Germany, where she studied weaving and textile arts, before coming to the U.S. in 1965. She opened Custom Handweavers in 1982, and for the past couple of years has been providing space for gourd lovers and artists to meet and get materials and supplies. "The individual voices of the gourds in the studio release a creativity that is coming to influence my weaving. They tap into that same well of energy that people have used throughout history to adorn the necessities of their daily lives." A great combination that is sure to result in exciting gourd art in the future!

My "MAC" and the E-Museum of Pyrographic Art

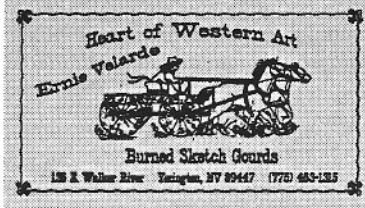
by JoAnnis Mohrman,
Lucerne, CA

When I began marketing my gourds, I needed attractive price tags, but discovered living in a rural county presented problems. Print shops here offered few choices in design. So I decided to do it myself on my 8 year old Macintosh Quadra 660, HP scanner IIc, and DeskWriter C printer. It required ingenuity and patience to feed 67 lb. paper through my printer, one page at a time, in order to produce a color brochure, business cards and product tags. It requires the same patience as designing and wood burning "in the round."

Print Shop Deluxe and Print Shop Companion software provide the layouts I need to do business cards and tags. I use my scanner to scan photos and transport them into PageMaker (page layout software) for a three column brochure.

This experience led to my getting "online" where I discovered surfing the "net", the wood-carvers web site (www.woodcarver.com) and pyroengraver Kathleen Garvey Menendez, creator of the *E-Museum of Pyrographic Art* on the Internet. I contacted her through e-mail. She was enthusiastic about my work and asked for my brochure and two photos. At no charge, she set up a separate "salon" for me as well as my gourd friend, Ernie Velarde. It is a thrill to see our work on this very professional web site:

www.geocities.com/paris/rue/4029/joannis.html or
www.geocities.com/paris/rue/4029/ernie.html



MEMBER'S ON-LINE GALLERY

Spring 1998 (thru 6/30)

- Mary Simmons • Elsie Cogswell
- Ardith Willner

Summer 1998

- Lynne Bunt • Rene Schaeffer
- Connie Sanchez • Carol Morrison
- JoAnnis Mohrman

Gourds on Display

(Editor's note: if you have had or will be having your gourds exhibited, please drop us a line so we can include your name here.)

Lynne Bunt's gourd art was juried into the last three shows at Marin Society of Artists Gallery. The last show ran through the end of May.

Bob and Judi Bennett hosted a booth at the Poppy Festival, sharing brochures for the California Gourd Society and their love of gourds with a very enthusiastic public. As well, they were accepted in the Conejo Valley Art Walk, which will have happened June 6 - 7.

The Norco Western Art Show was held on March 20-22, and featured fine art in many categories. Lynette Wilson received a first and second place in the Novice division, and Bob Bennett won 2nd place in Professional division. Because of the enthusiasm of the sponsors and the visitors, there may be a special category for gourds in future shows.

Lois Rainwater will have a booth with her basket and gourd art at the Contemporary Crafts Market in Santa Monica, June 19-21.

Gourd Energy Inspiration for New Product

by Dick Segreto, Wildomar, CA

Whenever gourd enthusiasts gather there seems to be an energy that inspires creativity. At the February meeting of the CGS Board in Three Rivers, I experienced that energy in the form of an idea. Since there is no single source for all the tools needed for the beginning gourd crafter, putting it all together in a kit seemed a natural solution. Three months later THE GOURD KIT was born. It has everything needed to get started in gourd crafting including: copper scrubber, heavy duty hobby knife, two saw blades, round scraping tool, sandpaper, dust mask, raffia, needle and caning awl, along with instructions. The kit is designed to make it easy for the new gourd enthusiast to get started with one-stop shopping. The gourd kit will be introduced at the Welburn Gourd Festival on June 20-21. For information or orders contact Dick Segreto, at Out Of The Gourdinary, 32395 Clinton Keith Rd. B7, Wildomar, CA 92595. (Tel: 909-678-8835; fax: 909-678-3955). Retail \$23.99 plus shipping.



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June 20 - 21
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Patch
Welburn Gourd Festival,
Fallbrook

June 23
Mini Gourd Necklace
Leigh Adams
Farron O'Connor Studio,
Pasadena
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June 27
Oil/Acrylic Painting on
Gourds
Zittel Farms
6781 Oak Av, Folsom
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June 27
Childrens' Birdhouse Gourds
Chris Zittle
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June 27 or July 24
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July 7
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July 11
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Lynn Everett
Artistas Gallery
San Juan Capistrano
714-728-0269

July 11
Oil/Acrylic Painting on
Gourds
Zittel Farms
6781 Oak Av, Folsom
916-989-2633

July 11
Children's Mask Making
Chris Zittle
Zittel Farms
6781 Oak Av, Folsom
916-989-2633

July 11
Beginning Gourd Crafting
Lynne Bunt
10:00 - 4:00
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Fairfax, CA 94930
415-459-3088
(fax: 415-456-9638)

July 11
Gourd Crafting
Duane Teeter
The Caning Shop
926 Gilman, Berkeley
510-527-5010
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July 18
Gourd Berimbau
Salih Qawi
The Caning Shop
926 Gilman, Berkeley
510-527-5010
(fax: 510-527-7718)

July 18
Woodburning
Duane Teeter
Zittel Farms
6781 Oak Av, Folsom
916-989-2633

July 25
Gourd Guitar
Geof Morgan
The Caning Shop
926 Gilman, Berkeley
510-527-5010

July 25
Gourd Masks
Doug Delaney
Zittel Farms
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August 8
Art of a Birdhouse
Zittel Farms
6781 Oak Av, Folsom
916-989-2633

August 8
Children's Fish Gourds
Chris Zittle
Zittel Farms
6781 Oak Av, Folsom
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August 13
Mini Gourd Necklace
Leigh Adams
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Aug. 15
Gourd Vessels with Basketry
Mary Simmons
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August 15
Woodburning
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Zittel Farms
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August 15, 12-5
Embellished Giants
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Farrin O'Connor Studios,
Pasadena
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August 22
Drum Making
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September 5
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Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2
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September 12
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Sept. 17 - Oct 28
(Thurs. 9-12)
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Gourds Are Her Burning Desire



These photographs of Carols gourds and others can also be viewed (after June 30) in color on the Internet in the Members' Gallery on - <http://www.innercite.com/~daffodil/cgsmn.html>

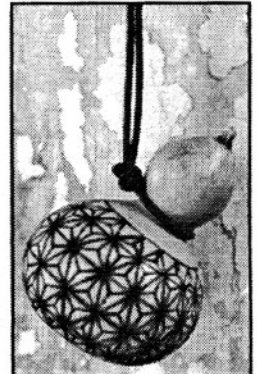
Carol Morrison has been fascinated by gourds since childhood, growing up in Ohio where gourds and gourd lovers were all around her. She somehow managed to avoid catching gourd fever, though, and simply appreciated

the work of others. Carol was a friend of Carolyn Morecai, the author of *Gourd Craft* which was first published in 1978 and is now available through AGS. They visited often and Carol watched her collection of historic and contemporary gourds grow through the years. Carol returns to Ohio to visit her family, and just by coincidence manages to get everyone to visit the Ohio Gourd Show with her, inspiring a new generation with gourd passion!

Her awareness was increased as Carol studied Anthropology in college. Recently she has been visiting many parts of the world, leading tours or exploring with her husband Bill. Carol's home has become a virtual museum of treasures which she has collected, many of them gourds, of course. (You can read about her recent visit to Bali in the Winter 1998 issue of *The Gourd* [AGS].) She is always on the lookout not only for new gourds,

but designs that can be translated onto gourds, especially with woodburning. In her free minutes, Carol woodburns intricate African-inspired geometric designs on bottle gourds, both large and small. She looks for very symmetrical gourds with a smooth, hard surface. After first penciling in the top and bottom borders for the design, she sketches in the remaining horizontal and vertical lines. She has found that trying to measure these lines is almost impossible, and that drawing them in with chalk or pencil can make allowance for bulges and minor irregularities. When the design is completed, she finishes the lip and interior with black stain, and then protects the entire gourd with several coats of shoe polish or wax. Her mini-bottle gourd necklaces are a special hit with gourd lovers. She also has designed earrings, barrettes and combs (see *The Complete Book of Gourd Craft* for examples), and button covers.

Carol shares her enthusiasm for gourds by being the energetic South Bay Regional Rep, which has quarterly meetings, group shows and classes.



An impressive necklace

Other Internet Locations You Might Enjoy

- <http://www.ashland.edu/~lbraun/baskets.html>
- Owen Kibel lives in the Santa Cruz mountains and has been a gourd grower for several years. He brings a very scientific perspective to his activities, and reports in great detail on his website. He also has a fascinating background having grown up in Zimbabwe, Africa, and he describes many of his adventures there. His website is: <http://www2.inow.com/~omskibel/resonature.htm>
- Gourd societies including:
 - AGS: <http://www.cfcl.com/cfcl/essence/t/ags.html>
 - Florida: <http://www.freeyellow.com/members2/floridagourds/index.htm>
 - Indiana: <http://www.kiva.net/~jokaro/kathy.html>
- for AOL users try:
 - Go to Feather River Baskets
 - Go to Pine Needle & Gourd
 - Go to Gourd Artist Guild

There's Nothing So Faire as a Fair

... the State Fair, that is. This year it will be held from August 21 - Sept. 7 at the State Fairgrounds in Sacramento. Baskets and gourds can be entered in Division 120, "Any Other Handcraft."

Last year two gourd entries were prizewinners: Linda Lehr won First Prize, and Eugenia Gwathney won Second. Clearly gourds are welcome and appreciated, so if you are interested in a very gourd-friendly show, contact the Calif. State Fair Entry Office at (916) 263-3146 for an entry form.

If you would like to enter a fair closer to home, contact your local county office for information and entry forms. Because most fairs will not be acquainted with gourds, gourds will probably be placed in an "any other" category. However, this is a good chance to educate an enthusiastic public, and maybe even walk away with a prize in your pocket.

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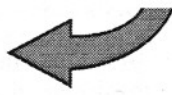
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SEPT. 26-27
ZITTEL FARMS
4TH ANNUAL WEST COAST
GOURD FESTIVAL
 Music • Gourd Art
 Demonstrations
 Booths Available

Friday, September 25
 Seminars by:
 Duane Teeter
 Tammie Flores
 and Doug Delaney
 &
 VIP Publicity
 Art gourd Auction
 to benefit
 Folsom Arts Council

9:00 - 5:00
 Zittel Farms
 6781 Oak Ave
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OCTOBER 3-4
BAAL GOURD FESTIVAL
 Artists displaying and selling gourd art; gourd demonstrations; large variety of gourds and supplies for sale.

The Tree Mover Tree and Gourd Farm • 5014 E. Ave. N Palmdale, CA
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OCTOBER 3-4
GOURDS AND BASKETS
Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild

Featuring workshops, exhibits, demonstrations, gourds.
 Gourd Classes by Don Weeke and Lynne Everett

9:00 - 5:00
 Quail Botanical Gardens
 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA
 760-436-3036

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