

THE GOLDEN GOURD

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Honoring Patients With Art



Hope, peace, and serenity are words on a beautiful and unusual hanging quilt that greets our patients who come for treatment in our Kaiser Permanente Radiation Oncology Center in Roseville (pictured at left).

The quilt is made up of small squares from cleaned and cut gourds. Staff members picked a type of cancer and used a corresponding colored ribbon for each square. Nineteen different types of cancer are represented.

"We decided to do this to honor our patients and bring us together as a team," says Judy Roth, administrator of Radiation Oncology. Joni Canada, RN, Radiation Oncology, introduced the quilt idea.

"I just gave our staff some ideas for the squares, like using clay, paint, or burning," she says. "Each one came out so differently and is so perfect."

Canada is now working on a new quilt with the Rancho Cordova Radiation Oncology staff, who were inspired by the piece. During the past five years, Canada and her co-workers have made dozens of seasonal decorations from gourds. After being displayed, the decorations are given to patients.

Joni Canada is a member of the Z Folsom Miner Patch and all the gourds for these projects were donated by Greg Leiser Farms. Reprint from KP Partners in Health E Newsletter Jan 2012.

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President's Message

Greetings Gourders,

Can you believe it is 2012? I'm not quite through harvesting my gourds. But they look good hanging from my "gourd palace".

I made another official Patch visit this time to the Ventura County/Channel Island Group in Southern California in October. Charlene Smith and Elsie Cogswell coordinate the Patch. What a wonderful group of gourders. They welcomed me warmly,

they shared pictures and information about their award winning booth exhibit at the Ventura County Fair (they were highlighted in the Fall 2011 Golden Gourd). It was a fun meeting (as all the gourd patch meetings that I have attended have been).

The CIGS Patch had a gourd Pumpkin challenge with some delightful gourds displayed and prizes awarded for different categories. They are an extremely active group doing several outreach projects throughout the year. Many thanks to Elsie who hosted a dinner and gave me a comfortable bed at her beautiful home. I had an opportunity to see her studio, her gourds growing and learn about her tortoises'. Again and again, I say visiting the different Patches has been my favorite part of being President. I recommend you all try to visit other patches. There is always something to learn.

In January we had our annual Board meeting at Visalia Lamp Litter Inn. Eight of our nine board members were able to make it as well as three Patch leaders (from Amador Patch, Z Miner Patch and Tulare Sequoia Patch) and members Mary Leiser and Mary Bliss (our GG editor) who all offered their input. We would love to see more CGS members at the meeting. You are always welcome.

It was a very productive meeting. We made changes to the Board set-up, eliminating the office of VP Programs/Regional Groups replacing that position with a Director of Northern Programs and a Director of Southern Programs. Betsy Roberts, who was in that office agreed to stay on the Board as Director at Large in charge of Fund Raising and Competition categories. Rebecca Stark and Sherry Hunga-Moore who were our Regional Coordinators have agreed to be the new Directors of Northern/Southern programs. Lisa Toth who has been our Web mistress for many years also "retired" as a Board member but she has agreed to chair the newly formed Committee for Information and Resources. Niki Zaragoza's Director at Large position was eliminated and she agreed to chair a new Committee for Awards and Recognition.

I cannot thank the people who have served on the Board enough for all their time and efforts on behalf of the California Gourd Society. And special thanks also to people who serve in other capacities.



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Barbara McDermott served as the CGS Southern California Regional Coordinator for several years. Her position was taken over by Sherry Hunga-Moore just before the Board restructured. We still have an unfilled position for First Vice President. We need members to step up and take leadership roles. HOW ABOUT YOU?

We are also moving along on our new Website and will keep you posted.

CGS is unable to hold two competitions this year. The Greg Leiser Festival will host the CGS completion for 2012. There will be cash and ribbon awards given. Because this will be the only competition this year the Leiser Gourd Festival will accept mailed entries. Please see page 6 "How To Package Your Mailed Entry" for complete mailing and packaging details. In 2013 GourdStock will also host a CGS competition. CGS encourages all members to enter the competition.

We have a least 15 Gourd Baskets to be raffled (maybe more – I don't have a full count) at the Saturday night dinner at the Gourd and Basket, Containers of our Culture show on April 21st in Visalia. Will you be there? Remember, for every ticket you sell for the raffle your Patch receives half. And you, your friends and family could win a beautiful piece of art. The Baskets I have seen are truly amazing pieces.

The Patch Leader's meeting will be held prior to the event on the 18th, 19th and 20th of April. The Patch leaders will be planning events for CGS and sharing ideas. The newly formed budget will be a topic of discussion as well as the Board changes. Minutes of the Board meeting will be available. This meeting puts your Patch in direct communication with the Board. We are hoping every Patch sends at least 2 members.

Happy Gourding – Sylvia Nelson

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 On-Line

CGS Website - <http://www.calgourd.com>

CGS Logo Printing <http://www.cafepress.com/cagourdsociety>

CGS Members Only Message Board

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

Leiser Gourd Farm Pre Festival Classes

May 16-18, 2012

All Classes are from 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Cost is \$59.95 plus materials fee

New to the world of gourd?
 If so on Wednesday May 16th
 we have the perfect
 BEGINNING GOURD CLASS
 JILL WALKER

**Wednesday
May 16, 2012**

Thursday May 17, 2012

JAN ROLLENHAGEN
BASKET



JELENA CLAY
PALM BASKET WITH GOURD
EMBELLISHMENT



ROSARIO
WILKE

SCULPTURED
DOLL ON
STAND

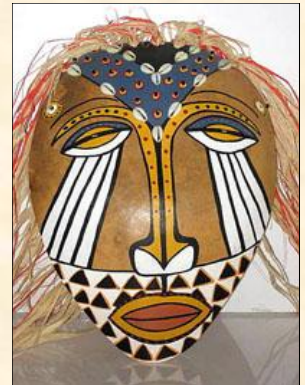


MARDELLA IVERS
PAINTED GOURD

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AMMONITE GOURD



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MASK



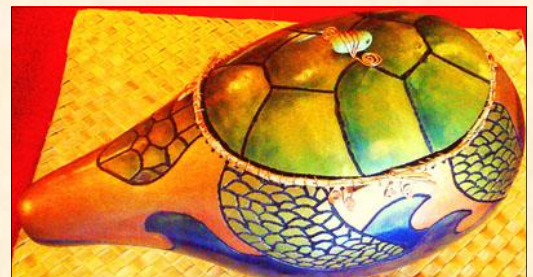
BETSY ROBERTS
CARVING THE EASY
WAY



JAN ROLLENHAGEN
PEEK A BOO GOURD



JELENA
CLAY
TURTLE
GOURD



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Thursday May 17, 2012



JILL WALKER
BUTTERFLIES IN LACE
WITH SILKS

MARDELLA IVERS
GLORIOUS POPPY WITH
FILIGREE



ROSARIO WILKE
KACHINA DOLL

TONI BEST
ANTLER BASKET



SUE BROGDON
FOCUS ON AGATES

Friday May 18, 2012

BETSY KRITZON
DIVA DOLLS



BETSY ROBERTS
POWERTEX AND GOURDS

JELENA CLAY
GOURD LAMP



JILL WALKER
LEATHER TOOLING

MARDELLA IVERS STAR
GAZER'S BIRDHOUSE



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Friday May 18, 2012

ROSARIO WILKE
AGAVE



SUE BROGDON
BEAR GRASS TRIM
GOURD



TONI BEST
ANTLER BASKET

**Galaxy Gourds Website is hosting the
Pre Festival Class Registration**
Follow the links below to register and make payment.

Wednesday Classes:

http://www.galaxygourds.com/index.php/cPath/151_155

Thursday Classes:

http://www.galaxygourds.com/index.php/cPath/151_154

Friday Classes:

http://www.galaxygourds.com/index.php/cPath/151_153

We will again be serving either Turkey, Roast Beef or Veggie sandwiches for \$8.50 each.

Lunches will come with a great sandwich, cookie, chips and drink.

Please specify in the notes section of your order what type of sandwich you prefer.

4th Annual Northern California
Gourd Art Competition – 2012



**HOW TO PACKAGE
YOUR MAILED
ENTRY**

VERY IMPORTANT: MAILED ENTRIES THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE ENTERED IN THE COMPETITION.

Mailed entries must be placed inside a box self addressed to yourself with return postage affixed to the returning box (not cash, not loose stamps, not money order for stamps). Please package your gourd with enough packing protection to insure safe return. Place the box to be returned to you inside the box addressed to Greg Leiser Farms. UPS and FED EX can help you with this. Only one entry per box (es).

You must complete an entry form page 24 with all areas of the entry form filled in, along with a check for \$6 for each entry. If you have more than one entry you may submit a check for all entries in Box 1 (please label it Box 1).

Entry forms should go in the box with their entry.

If you are not a member of the California Gourd Society you must include a membership form with membership payment in Box 1. Forms are available from the www.Calgourd.com website and printed on page 24.

All artwork not picked up or arranged for pre-paid return will be donated to CGS.

While every effort is made to provide security for your items, the Leiser Gourd Farm and the California Gourd Society are not responsible for damaged or lost items.

For more information, contact Sylvia Nelson by email at cagourdpres@frontier.com or phone 916-682-2437.

Entries must be received no later than Wednesday morning May 16th.

When shipping by FEDEX and UPS ship to address:

CGS c/o Greg Leiser Farms
21886 Knight Road
Knights Landing, CA 95645
Phone # 530 735-6677

When shipping by USPS ship to: address:

CGS c/o Greg Leiser Farms
PO 157
Knights Landing, CA 95645

Call to Artists

Fourth Annual Northern California Gourd Art Competition – 2012

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

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

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

Attention AGS Judges.

CGS is looking for judges to help judge the Fourth Annual Northern California Gourd Art Competition – 2012 held at Greg Leiser Gourd Festival..

Please contact Rebecca Stark artistqueen59@gmail.com or call (707)3507713 if you would like to be a judge.

HOW TO ENTER

- * The entry fee is \$6.00 for each entry. **Make checks payable to CGS.** Advance registration is not taken.
- * All work must be original and done by the exhibiting artist and not previously entered in any CGS competition. Gourds must predominate and artistry, originality and integrity of design are all important.
- * Only one piece per category is permitted.
- * Entries may be submitted on Thursday, May 17th, from 12 noon – 5 pm or Friday, May 18th, 8 am – 9 am.
- * **MAILED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Entries must be received no later than Wednesday morning May 16th. Complete details on page 6.
- * Judging will take place on Friday, May 18th and the display will be open for viewing on Saturday and Sunday.
- * Release and pick up of entries will be from 3-5 pm on Sunday, May 20th. All artwork not picked up or arranged for pre-paid return will be donated to CGS.
- * While every effort is made to provide security of items, Leiser Farms and the California Gourd Society are not responsible for damage or lost items.
- * It is the responsibility of the artists to place their piece in the correct category. Please read category descriptions carefully.

Open and Novice Divisions—Categories 1-11

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please Note Clarification on the Masters Division -There will be only one Masters Division Category 1.

Category 1: "Anything Goes" - You must be able to see some of the gourd.

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Baskets and Gourds – Containers of Our Culture IV

April 21 -22, 2012

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http://www.calgourd.com/events/entire_brochure_1109.pdf



Saturday Classes 101 - 121 *pictured ## page 12
All classes are \$65.00 plus materials fees.



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



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



*103 Small Willow Sieve
 Instructor: Jo Campbell-
 Amsler Monticello, IA



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



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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

**115 2 Day Class
 Ornate Pine Needle
 Basketry
 Instructor: Nadine Spier En-
 cinitas, CA*



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



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

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



*119 Gourd Basketry
Instructor: Don Weeke
Julian, CA

120 Stripes

Instructor: Peggie Wilcox – Lakemont, GA



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

122 – Theresa’s Pouch

Instructor: Judy Zugish – Marysville, WA

**Sunday Classes 201 - 221 *pictured, ## page 12
All classes are \$65.00 plus materials fees.**

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



Sunday Classes 201 - 221

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



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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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

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



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

*221 Transparencies
Instructor: Judy Zugish
Marysville, WA

Baskets and Gourds – Containers of Our Culture IV



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Sonoma - Petaluma County Patch

Georgette Maffei; 707-996-8667

Sutter Buttes Gourd Artists

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530-751-2497

Please contact any of the patches listed here for details on how to purchase your "winning tickets" in the CGS 2011-2012 Fundraiser. See page 15 for more details.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

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

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

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

Classes will be reviewed and selected based on:

- New or recently introduced class – “new ideas draw students”
- Class priced at a value (materials cost shall be included in Class Fee)
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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 March 1, 2012. Prices increase after February 1, 2012.

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



2012 Gourd Events

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

- Feb 24-26 Florida Annual Gourd Show - Melbourne FL www.flgourdsoc.org
- Feb 25-26 New Mexico Celebration of Gourds - Albuquerque
www.newmexicogourdsociety.org
- April 13-15 Indiana State Gourd Show - Greenfield IN
www.indianagourdsociety.org
- April 14 Wisconsin Gourd Festival - Madison WI
www.wisconsinagourdsociety.org ****2012 Annual AGS Meeting****
- Apr 20-22 Tennessee Gourd Festival - Pikeville TN
TennesseeVolunteergourdSociety.org
- Apr 21-22 ***Baskets and Gourds Containers of Our Culture IV - www.calgourd.com/events/events.html**
- Apr 27-29 Maryland Gourd Festival - Bel Air MD www.gourdday.org
- April 28 South Carolina Ghost Creek Gourd Fest - Laurens SC www.scgourdsociety.com
- April 28-29 Missouri Show Me Gourd Festival - Springfield www.showmegourdsociety.com
- May 5-6 Illinois NW Regional Gourd Festival - Galena IL www.illinoisgourdsociety.org
- May 18-19 Louisiana Acadiana Gourd Festival - Jennings LA www.acadianagourds.com
- May 18-20 Kentucky Gourd Art Show - Taylorsville KY www.kygourdsociety.org
- May 19-20 ***10th Annual Greg Leiser Farms Gourd Art Festival - Knights Landing CA - www.gourdfarmer.com**
- May 31-June 3 North Carolina Gourd Gathering - Cherokee NC
- June 2 ***Channel Islands Gourd Society Annual Gourd Festival - www.channelislandsgourdsociety.com**
- June 2 Illinois The Great Gourd Gathering - Arthur IL www.illinoisgourdsociety.org
- June 21-23 Pennsylvania Gourd Fest - Kinzers PA www.pagourdsociety.org
- June 23-24 Lebanon Art and Gourd Festival - Lebanon IL www.illinoisgourdsociety.org
- June 30 - July 1 ***San Diego County Gourd Patch Annual GourdStock - www.sandiegocountygourdpatch.com**
- July 12-15 Northwest Gourd Festival - Ellensburg WA www.wagourdsociety.org
- July 19-23 ***California Artzy Gurlz - near Santa Barbara gourdwalker@gmail.com**
- July 23-27 ***California Artzy Gurlz - near Santa Barbara gourdwalker@gmail.com**
- Sept 7-9 North Carolina Gourd Society Show - Raleigh NC www.ncgourdsociety.org
- Sept 14-16 Illinois State Gourd Festival - Chicago IL www.illinoisgourdsociety.org
- Sept 14-16 Michigan Festival of Gourds -- Imlay MI www.michiganfestivalofgourds.com
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If you know of a gourd event not listed and you would like to add to our 2012 Gourd Events Calendar please send to editorgoldengourd@yahoo.com Thank you!

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

Please note: *Events in CA and/or details in this issue



"Link to the American Gourd Society"

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In November I took part in another phone meeting with the AGS Society. Members from Georgia, Michigan, Virginia, Indiana and Arizona were online discussing issues that face AGS. A lively discussion was had among those connected. For 2012 it was agreed to establish a budget. A budget committee needs to be formed. A tentative amount was approved for the AGS President's travel upon budget approval. It was noted that membership numbers have decreased by about 100 members a year for the past 5 years. It was reported that the cost to AGS to mail an issue of "The Gourd Magazine" was increasing and online issues were suggested as well as increasing the rate based on actual postal costs. There was discussion of a National AGS Gourd Show, convention and annual meeting. Further discussion was recommended. Currently, the AGS annual meeting will be held at the Wisconsin Gourd Festival in Madison, WI on Saturday April 14th.

Sylvia Nelson

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



I do try to make every effort to put all the items sent to me in the newsletter. But as you can see by the number of events and news not all can make it in. Please except my apology I will always try to include it the next issue when possible.

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.

For the most current information please visit the CGS website at: www.calgourd.com

Invoices for ads will be emailed upon request. Rates are listed on page 23.

Our Spring 2012 issue will have highlights for the CGS Board Meeting, Rep Meeting, BGCoOC, Gourdstock Classes and more.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Happy gourdng

Mary Bliss

Editor Golden Gourd

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Membership News



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

We continue to work towards our goal which is to have our members completely on this schedule by the start of 2013.

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

Contact by email at: b4gourds@yahoo.com or phone (1-760-749-9410) Current Membership forms can be found on page 23 or at the CGS Website: www.calgourd.com

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



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Channel Islands Gourd Society (CIGS) Annual End of Year Outreach Report - 2011 - Shirley Gorman, Outreach Coordinator

Committees:

Speaker's Committee: Made up of six members who presented to six Women's/Garden Clubs during the year and earned \$215.00 in gratuities for the club.

Library Committee: Made up of two or three members who collected members gourds and displayed them at three libraries during three separate months.

Filmore Senior Center - Bimonthly one and a half hour gourd classes given every eight weeks during the year by three members of CIGS.

Gourd Competition:

Woodcarvers Club sponsored a competition at Woodcrafter's store in Ventura. A CIGS member won a 1st and 2nd place ribbon.

Moorpark Art Festival - Three members won first, third and honorable ribbons in the Gourd competition.

Festivals:

October Farm Fests: CIGS participated on weekends at the pumpkin patches by having two/three members at three different farms in the county during the month of October. Nineteen participants sold 188 pieces earning \$2,424 for themselves.



Special Events:

Farm Day - Ventura County Women in Agriculture invited CIGS to participate in this yearly event held at a local elementary school. There are between twenty and thirty participants present showing various farm animals and produce. Several hundred students pass from station to station and have a ten minute learning period at select stations. Each year schools vie to have this event at their school. Students are bussed to the event.

Living History Day - Member participation in Simi Valley. The history of gourds was reviewed, art work on gourds demonstrated, and general information relating to gourds was made available to the public.

California State Old Time Fiddlers Association District 8 invited CIGS to participate in their Fiddle Festival Reunion. Several members participated and sold gourds.

University Women's Group - Three members presented a three hour talk and gourd class to the group.

Woodcrafter's (a store in Ventura) Holiday event - Three members participated in the show and sell event. Gourds were presented along with the many the woodcrafter's items.

Tandy Leather - CIGS participated in a member discount at Tandy Leather at a cost of \$35 per year to the club.

Donations:

Leo Carrillo State Park - Members donated sea life creatures that were made for the Ventura County Fair's "Bounty of the County" theme. The creatures consisted of items such as sea urchins, crabs, sand dollars, lobster, jellyfish, turtle, etc.

Olivos Adobe Historical Park - Members donated produce made for the Fair theme as described above. Some of the items made represented the counties ten top crops and included strawberries, tomatoes, celery, flowers, etc.

The New Year - 2012: Starting the New Year with a bang!

4-H presentation on mask making with gourds to a group ranging in ages from 10 - 16 will take place in January.

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