

Baskets and Gourds - Containers of Our Culture VII

April 27 – 29, 2018

This conference will be hosted by the Tulare/Sequoia Gourd Patch and endorsed by the California Gourd Society. It is the seventh Basket and Gourd Conference to be held in the city of Visalia, California. Visalia is located in the center of California, close to Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Yosemite National Parks.

We are currently seeking teachers for this event.

Friday - April 27, 2018: Opening Reception 6 pm – 8 pm
Arts Visalia in downtown Visalia
An exhibit featuring Baskets and Gourds, Containers of our Culture

Saturday - April 28, 2018
Classes 9 am – 4 pm
Vendors' Booths open 9 am – 5 pm
Teachers' MarketPlace 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Our keynote speaker, JoAnn Kelly, is an award-winning black ash splint basketmaker and teacher from Western Massachusetts. Her designs are influenced by Shaker and New England splint basketry.

Sunday - April 29, 2018:
Classes 9 am – 4 pm
Vendors' Booths open 9 am – 4 pm

Fees: Class Fee for Participants: \$65
Teachers will receive \$45 per student, and may also charge a materials fee.

Proposals must be received by March 31, 2017. Class decisions will be mailed by May 10, 2017. **The proposed class needs to be unique and taught for the first time in California at our 2018 conference.**

Please send the **teaching application, biography, PROFESSIONAL QUALITY PHOTOS with a high resolution image on a CD, flash drive, or as an attachment to an email (300 - 400 dpi or higher, no compression: JPG, Tiff, or EPS format)** to the address below.

We ask that all of our instructors participate in the Arts Visalia Show by sending a minimum of three pieces by the middle of March. The show will be broken down on Sunday, the last day of the conference.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Teacher Application: Baskets and Gourds - Containers of Our Culture VII
(Please fill out an application for each different class proposal.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Name of Class: _____

Medium: _____

Day or days preferred: Saturday: _____ Sunday: _____ (6 hour classes only)

Class Level: All Levels _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Can student expect to finish this project within class time? Yes _____ No _____

Number of students you will take: Minimum _____ Maximum _____

Approximate number of students per table: (tables are 8' x 3') _____

I am interested in participating in Teachers' Market Place: Yes _____ No _____

I am interested in vendor information: Yes _____ No _____

Approx. Dimensions of Project: Length _____ Width _____

Diameter _____ Height _____

Description: (include special skills taught or emphasized, or techniques demonstrated). Please use 40 words or less. You may use back of this sheet or attach another page if you wish.

Total Materials and Preparation Fee per student: \$ _____

Material or supplies required of student: _____

(Teachers: Please bring cleaned, pre-cut gourds.)

Additional requirements:

Teaching Assistant ___ Water ___ **Planned Electricity Usage:** High ___ Medium ___ Low ___ None ___

Other: _____

Please check all that apply to your project:

_____ dyeing _____ carving _____ painting _____ wood burning _____ heat gun/dryer

Please include with your application:

Teacher's Biography (50 words or less)

PROFESSIONAL QUALITY PHOTOS (300 - 400 dpi or higher, no compression: JPG, Tiff, or EPS format)

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I give my permission to use my class project photos to promote this event in print and on the Internet. I agree to send at least three pieces of art for the show at Arts Visalia.

Signed _____ Date _____