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President's Message

January 2016

Greetings,

Here we are with half of January behind us already! Hopefully this year will bring you many new ideas for gourd art and the time needed to actually make it happen.

The CGS Board is moving forward with some really great ideas brainstormed at our annual board meeting held in Visalia last week. You'll be hearing more throughout the year. We also welcomed new members to our board and I would like to thank each of you who took the time to send a vote of confidence for those who were nominated.

**New members to our Board are:**

*Director of Southern Programs - Elaine Linton*

*Director At Large - Betty Finch*

*Treasurer - Rosalie Gochnour*

Rosalie volunteered after the nomination process was completed so that's why you didn't see her in the list of nominees.

**Members who were on the Board and either remain in the same position or changed to a new position (myself included) are:**

*President - Olive Moore*

*Vice-President - Pam Argo*

*Secretary - Peggy Blessing*

*Director of Membership - JoAnn Clark*

*Director of Northern Programs - Sue Gouig*

*Director At Large - Susan Sullivan*

*Past President - Sylvia Nelson (non-voting)*

*Editor and Webmaster - Mary Bliss (non-voting)*

Watch for the CGS newsletter, The Golden Gourd, in your email inbox. It will be distributed mid February. There will be lots of good information, stories, pictures and vendors for gourds & supplies!

**"SOMETHING NEW!** Are you up for a challenge? One that wins a very nice reward? Then check out and like our [CGS Facebook page](#) - 1st Challenge will be announced soon only on our Facebook page.

I always welcome suggestions as well as questions, so please contact me at any time.

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P.S. Don't forget to check our [website](#) often for up-to-date news including festivals and competitions.