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President's Message



Greetings Gourders,

By the weather in Sacramento you would not know that summer is over. My gourds in the garden are still growing instead of leaves turning brown and dying back. Wonder if that means my gourds will be thicker?

There is a lot of news happening in the California Gourd Society lately. Let me start with an issue that has major importance for all CGS gourders. Mary and Greg Leiser are no longer going to host an annual Gourd Festival. After ten wonderful years Greg and Mary have decided it is time to cut back. Greg has just had major back surgery and his recovery period could be as long as one year. He is doing well, following Doctor orders and staying out of the gourd patch (for the most part). The Leisers will continue to sell gourds, the Sutter Buttes Gourd Artist that meets in their barn will continue to do so. Greg will continue on the California Gourd Society Board as a Director at Large. We will miss the Festival, but we will still have Greg and Mary!

This means the only major competition for CGS this year will be at Gourdstock. The festival is put on by the San Diego County Gourd Artists at the Bates Nut in Valley Center. Jack Thorp and Bill Duncan from the Orange County Gourd Society Patch volunteered to be in charge of the Competition and Categories for Gourdstock. Thank you Jack and Bill. The categories are listed inside. More details regarding the festival competition will be in the Winter 2012/2013 issue of the Golden Gourd. Look for it after the annual CGS Board meeting.

CGS received a lovely letter from Elizabeth Grey the Assistant County Librarian of the Yolo County Library thanking us for items we donated to the Knight's Landing Library Raffle at the Leiser Gourd Art Festival. The items included a painted wooden peacock from Larry McClelland's estate and a basket of gourds, plus other donated items. Over \$1000 was raised. The Knight's Landing library is a small, rural library and CGS is proud to be a part of supporting it.



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More news benefitting CGS is that TWO new patches are starting in Northern California. One of my goals as President was to start at least two new patches, so I'm pretty excited. Victoria Seifert will be having her first meeting on November 10th in Red Bluff. They will be known as the "Mt. Lassen Gourd Artists". The other group will be meeting in Redding for the first time on November 17th and do not have a name as yet. Margaret Toro will be their leader. All of California Gourd Society wishes you both good luck and lots of fun.

The fourth annual **Davis Ranch Gourd Festival** in Sloughhouse on September 22nd and 23rd was a lot of fun. Classes before the festival were great. The biggest problem with the festival classes was that there were many classes listed to start with but not enough people signed up. Therefore, some classes were dropped. If we want to continue to have successful classes we need to do our part by signing up for classes, participating in our club booth and support the activities offered. The festival featured gourd arts and crafts, had lots of raw gourds for sale and presented a variety of entertainment throughout the two days.

The Calabash Club of Silicon Valley put on their first ever **Calabash Gourd Festival** on October 6th and 7th in Morgan Hill. They had classes, vendors and exhibits. I was unable to attend because I was in Minnesota celebrating my son's 50th birthday but I have heard from many attendees who said it was really great. Next year!

CGS will be having our annual Board Meeting in Visalia on January 19th. Detail are included within this issue. Every member of CGS is invited to attend. At the meeting we will be discussing the gourd competition at Gourdstock 2013 (the only competition in 2013), our yearly budget, and upcoming elections for new CGS officer. We will be setting goals and objectives for the coming year. Your input is welcome. What do you want CGS to be? What do you want CGS to do? What are you willing to do for CGS?

Happy Gourding – Sylvia Nelson



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- Remember to check out the Patch Page for more links.
- Raw Gourds

California Gourd Society Gourd Art Competition and Show 2013



GourdStock Festival at Bates Nut Farm; 15954 Woods Valley Road. Valley Center, CA 92082
June 29 & 30, 2013

The purpose of the Gourd Art Competition is to challenge CGS members to create new art and develop new ideas for gourd art which fulfills the requirements of a show category.

HOW TO ENTER

- The competition is open to all California Gourd Society members.
- The entry fee is \$6.00 for each entry. One entry per entry form. **Make checks payable to CGS.** Advance registration is not taken.
- **NO MAILED IN ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Entries may be submitted in person on Thursday, June 27th, from 12 noon – 5 pm or Friday, June 28th, 8 am – 9 am. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED!**
- Judging will take place on Friday, June 28th 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, June 30th. All art work not picked up will become the property of CGS.
- CGS reserves the right to photograph each entry and use in promotion of CGS Art Competition
- While every effort is made to provide security of items, Bates Nut Farm, San Diego County Gourd Artists 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.

General Rules:

1. Gourds must predominate.
2. Gourds previously entered in a CGS competition will not be permitted.
3. Craft/artwork for each entry must be the original work of person who is the entrant.
4. Only one entry per category is permitted.
5. Judges reserve the right to disqualify or reassign entries that do not meet category criteria. **Note: Copyright designs such as Disney characters or copies of other artist's work may not be used on entries unless written permission is granted by the artist or copyright holder. Copyright free designs may be used.**
6. All participants agree to allow photographs to be taken of displayed items.
7. Not all categories are included in each division.
8. Entries for wall hanging such as Masks/Bird Houses etc. must have hangers attached.
9. Category definitions may be the same for Novice/Open/Masters, but will be judged according to category level.

Judging

The California Gourd Society will coordinate all judging. Judging will follow the American Gourd Society judging guidelines. Judging will follow the American Gourd Society guidelines. Scoring option "A" will be used. 1 thru 5 point system.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category at the judges discretion. A category with only one entry does not necessarily guarantee an award.

Category Awards

Best of Show
Best of Division
Judges Choice
Peoples Choice (Votes will be collected from the viewing public both Saturday and Sunday)

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Divisions

The Youth division - is for children 15 years and younger.

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 does 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 specific categories in the Master's division may not enter the same category in the Open Division, but may enter other Open Division categories.

Definitions

Carving- The removal of a portion of the shell exposing the under surface, but not cut completely through the gourd.

Cut Gourd- A cut gourd is any gourd whose surface had been cut completely through the shell exposing the interior of the gourd.

Fiberwork- The use of natural or man-made fibers.

Pyrography- Marking the surface of the gourd by use of heat such as a wood burning system.

Painted- Traditional painting such as landscapes, flowers, people etc.

Wall Hanging- Any piece designed to be hung or displayed by means of a hanger.

Mixed Media- Use of more than one technique, such as pyrography, paint, weaving, carving, etc.

Categories

Additionally the San Diego County Gourd Artists will have a special category for "Jewelry" entries. Open to all CGS members. SDCGA will judge and award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Youth Division

Judges will look for creativity, imagination, and ideas used for type of gourd chosen. May be functional or decorative. Includes all categories any technique allowed.

Novice Division

Category 1-Pyrography- Translucent finish allowed on burned areas. Other media, finishes and embellishments on areas that are not burned may be used. Pyrography must predominate.

Category 2-Painted- Traditional painting such as landscapes, flowers, people, etc. Rims may be trimmed and/or embellished. Painting must predominate.

Category 3-Fiberwork- Includes basketry/weaving/coiling, etc. Artificial or natural fibers may be used. Any finishing technique allowed. A portion of the gourd must show. Fiberwork must predominate.

Category 4-Vessels/Bowls/Containers- Any technique allowed.

Category 5- Bird House- May be functional or decorative. Any technique allowed.

Open Division

Category 1-Pyrography- Translucent finish allowed on burned areas. Other media/finish/embellishment on areas that are not burned may be used. Pyrography must predominate.

Category 2-Painted- Traditional painting such as landscapes, flowers, people, etc. Rims may be trimmed and/or embellished. Painting must predominate.

Category 3- Fiberwork- Includes basketry/coiling/weaving, etc. Artificial or natural fibers may be used. A portion of the gourd must show. Any finish/embellishment may be used. Fiberwork must predominate.

Category 4- Southwest/Native American Inspired- Any technique allowed but must reflect the culture.

Category 5- Musical Instruments- Any instrument made from a single or multiple gourds. Instrument must be functional.

Category 6- Wall Hanging- Any kind of wall hanging, including Masks. Must be ready to hang or have a display stand provided by entrant.

Category 7- Bird House- May be functional or decorative. Any technique allowed.

Category 8- Mixed Media- Must include two or more media.

Category 9- Cut or Carved- Any technique allowed featuring fancy cutting or carved design. Cutting/carving must predominate.

Category 10- Vessels/Bowls/containers- Any technique allowed.

Masters Division

Category 1- Carving- Hand carved, power carved, chiseled, chipped, etc. Other media/embellishments are allowed that enhance the gourd. Carving must predominate.

Category 2- Cut- Gourds that exhibit any cutting technique. Other media/embellishments, are allowed that enhance the gourd. Cutting must predominate.

Category 3- Pyrography- Translucent finish allowed on burned areas. Other finishes/embellishments on areas that are not burned may be used. Pyrography must predominate.

Category 4- Mixed Media- Must include three or more media. Any technique allowed.

For those of you interested in volunteering, we will have complete information in the next issue Winter 2012/2013 of the Golden Gourd Newsletter.

We will need help with the competition setup, check in, judging (you must be a AGS Certified Judge), clerking, check out and competition take down.

For the most current details and information visit our website at.

<http://www.californiagourdsociety.com>





San Diego County Gourd Artists "GOURDSTOCK" Festival 2013

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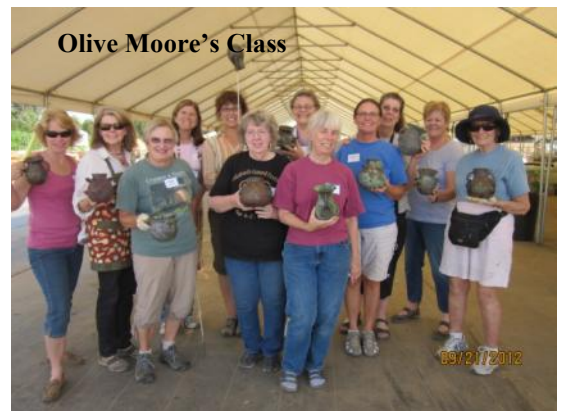
Festival Re-Cap Fourth Annual Davis Ranch Gourd Festival

The Fourth Annual Davis Ranch Gourd Festival in Sloughouse was a big success. Gourd arts and crafts, gourd sales, multicultural entertainment, a corn maze, pony rides and a barrel of monkeys contributed to the fun.

Several classes (from *Beginnings Gourds* to *Ancient Vessels*) took place on Thursday and Friday before the festival. The participants all had a wonderful time. The biggest disappointment was that there were not enough sign-ups and several scheduled classes had to be dropped. If we want to continue to have great classes we need to support them by signing up. I took classes both days and learned new things in each class. Much thanks to the amazing teachers: Maria Delos, Gloria Crane, Olive Moore and Carol Cherry.



Carol Cherry's class/
and the youngest
class participant 09/21/2012



Olive Moore's Class



Olive Moore's Class



Carol Cherry's Class



Gloria Crane's Class

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Several CGS Patches had booths at the festival and shared their work as well as their love of gourds with the many visitors that came by. Davis Ranch started out selling corn many years back and is known for their wonderful corn and fresh vegetables that they sell almost year round. Many of the people who stopped to buy corn or other vegetables wandered out to the tents full of gourds and were amazed at what they saw. It is great fun to share gourds with people who have not seen them before. CGS signed up several new members at the event.

Most of the vendors I talked with said that sales were up this year. It's a great location, good publicity, free parking, delicious food vendors and the grounds are the perfect venue for a festival.



Lou Johnson

Hope to see you there next year!



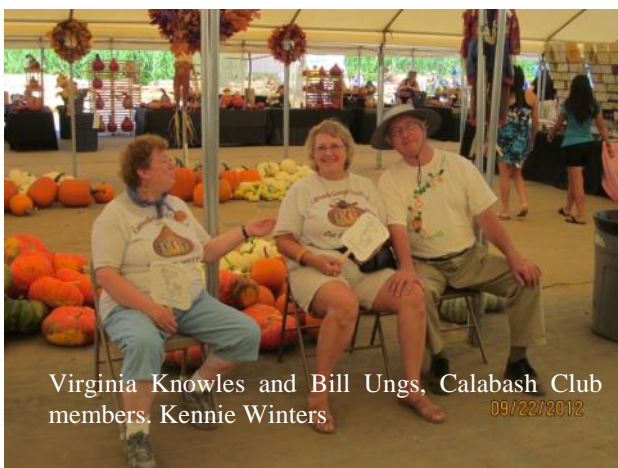
Volunteers Carol Des Voigne and Carol Cherry



Jim Widess are Heather Hopman and Marilyn Carrico



09/22/2012



Virginia Knowles and Bill Unga, Calabash Club members. Kennie Winters



Kay Van Hoesen and East Bay Gourd Patch artist



The San Diego County Gourd Artist's 9th Annual Gourd Retreat has come and gone. It was 4 days of gourd delight. The event was held at the historic Highland Springs Resort in Cherry Valley, CA. November 8 - 11, 2012.



Imagine walking into the historic lobby with the smells of lavender and a wood fire burning in the majestic grand fireplace. The cottages were quaint and cozy with wonderful feather beds.

We didn't have to cook, wash dishes, just make an appearance in the Grand Oak Steak House restaurant and enjoy the meals and company of each other. Did I mention the Cantina? Well let's just say the cocktails were great. Then back to the work room for some more prizes and gourding.



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Each attendee received a wonderful welcome bag with goodies donated from patch members. Our giant work room held 40 members with 2 per eight foot table. Each received a door prize and 6 workshop projects to work on or not.

Here are the Teachers who donated their time to create and prepare their special workshop project for all the attendees.

Olive Moore	Kellie Delp	Elaine Linton	Sherry Hunga-Moore	Christina Chrivia	Vickie Echols
Mini Ornament	Grinch Ornament	Spirit Turtle	Hawaiian Warrior Helmet	Flower Pendants	"Pseudo dichroic glass"/ wire wrapping
					
					

As you can see our last group shot was causal Hawaiian theme so we dressed up and put on our best Lei on!



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We had attendance from several different Patches; Marilyn Crayton from Bachelor Valley, Amador County, Orange County, Riverside County, Temecula Valley and of course San Diego County Gourd Artist.

A total of 6 different Patch leaders were in attendance; Marilyn Crayton of the Bachelor Valley Gourd Club of Lake County, Susan Sullivan of the Orange County Gourd Society, Darlene Propp of the San Bernardino Gourd Artist, Barbara McDermott of the Temecula Valley Gourd Artists, CGS President Sylvia Nelson of the Amador County Artist and myself... Sherry Pumpkin of the San Diego County Gourd Artists.

I would like to say thank you so very much to the set-up crew for coming a day early and decorating and organizing the event, Vickie Hunga-Murphy, Vickie Martinez and Stacy Day.

And while I am on this subject, this event would not be such a success if so many hadn't donated raffle items and their time. Please consider this is how we all pull together and make it so much fun for all!

Also thank you all who stayed to the very end and helped clean up to every last trip out to the car, and boy were they packed! Why is it you have more stuff than you originally packed?

Please visit our web page for more pictures to be posted if they have not already. We are reorganizing our appearance so please be patient.

WWW.SanDiegoCountyGourdPatch.com



We are so looking forward to the next one in 2013!

How To: Tie Sliding Adjustable Knot In 6 Steps

Courtesy of the San Diego Gourd Artists



For the purposes of this exercise, the Pink cord is the left-hand (LH) cord of your pendant, and the Off-white cord is the right-hand (RH) cord of your pendant.

Take the end of the LH cord and wrap it around the RH cord, looping it back to the left as pictured. Slide the end of the RH cord over to lie alongside the main section of the pink LH cord.



Wrap the end of the pink LH cord around the two cords, looping it towards the left and at least 2-3 times.



Now poke the end of the LH pink cord underneath those loops and back out the right-hand end. Pull tight.

Voila! You have your first sliding knot!



If necessary, pull some more of the RH (off-white) cord thru to the left, so you have enough to make another sliding knot.



Wrap the end of the RH cord around the LH cord, as shown.



Wrap that end around the two cords, wrapping towards the right at least 2-3 times.

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An Invitation to Attend the Annual CGS Board Meeting

The California Gourd Society will hold its annual Board Meeting Saturday, January 19th, 2013 from 10 to 4 pm at the Lamp Litter Inn in Visalia. Any interested CGS member is invited to come to the meeting.

The agenda will cover such topics as:

- Vision for California Gourd Society
- Election for changing officers
- Budget for 2013
- Statewide Competition at Gourdstock / Compensation to 1st place winners?
- Reports from Regional Groups Directors
- Success of 2012 "Patch" Baskets Opportunity Drawing.
- 2013 statewide "Patch Leader's" meeting and fund raising activity
- AGS Annual meeting

If you had ideas or suggestions for the agenda, please feel free to contact me by January 7th, 2013. The Lamp Litter Inn is offering a special rate to all CGS members attending the Board Meeting.

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.



Membership News

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

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 click [Join Us](#).

<http://www.californiagourdsociety.com>

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



Family Membership can consist of a husband/wife, mother/daughter, father/daughter, ect.

That includes one coupon and one email address.
Membership is January 1— December 31

Assemblage Workshop Using Gourds

Richard Freund

The San Diego County Gourd Artist's held their 4th "Patch Sponsored Class" at the home of JoAnn Clark in Valley Center in September. Our gourd group had discovered Richard's unique art medium and arranged for him to hold a class for us.

Darleen Propp worked with him by providing gourds and recommendations for our class. She had taken a few of his workshops previously and shared her projects with us. And we are so glad she did!

We had a full roster as soon as we announced the class. A wonderful time by all learning the new art techniques used in the Art of Assemblage class.

We gathered all kinds of "found objects" toys, buttons, shells, chains, junk jewelry, etc. for our surprise project.

VISIT OUR FINISHED PROJECTS!

<http://www.foundobjectsart.com/id202.html>



If you or your Gourd Art Group would like to hold or take a class/workshop contact Richard. He comes highly recommended. Share the NEWS!
San Diego County Gourd Artist's

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Golden Gourd Newsletter

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

While 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 or forward to be put up at the website.

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 California Gourd Society website at:
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The website is still a work in progress so please give our webmasters time to get all the features up and running.

Also, in our continuing commitment to better communicate with our members we will continue to use **Constant Contact** as our email list server. This will be used to not only send the Golden Gourd but to also more effectively get gourd related information to members. .

Invoices for ads will be emailed upon request. Rates and deadlines are listed below.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Happy gourdng

Mary Bliss

Editor Golden Gourd

11/28/12

Golden Gourd Newsletter Ad Rates and Deadlines

Winter 12/13..... December 31, 2012

Ad Rates 2012

Half Page \$25

3" X 3" \$15

Business Card (members only) \$5

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