

# THE GOLDEN GOURD

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As many of you know the N. CA CGS Gourd Art Competition moved to a new location the Davis Ranch Gourd Festival for the first time this year. Thank you everyone for making it a wonderful success!

## Best of The Best and the Winner's Are!

**Best of Show - Masters - Best of Division -  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - Category 4: Gourd Doll or Spirit Figure  
Artist: Joyce Campbell**



**Open - Best of Division  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - Category 9: Lamps & Illuminated Gourds  
Judge's Choice  
Artist: Marilyn Carrico**



**Novice - Best of Division  
1<sup>st</sup> Place -Category 4: Filigree or fret-work  
Artist: Linda Conn**

*Complete Winner's Listing and pictures beginning on page 12*

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## President's Message



Greetings Gourders,

**HOPE YOU ARE ALL WORKING ON YOUR CHARM STRINGS!** The Charm Strings will be raffled off at the “Baskets and Gourds – Containers of our Culture” show at Visalia in April 2014. The Folsom gourd artist are making three charm strings, Amador is making two – how about your group? Remember, it is a fund raiser for CGS and your individual patch. The more tickets you sell or buy the more money your patch makes.

The Fifth Annual Davis Gourd Festival in September was a huge success. California Gourd Society held the Northern Competition there for the first time. We had 84 entries with participation from nine patches. Thank to all the members of the patches who entered competition: Folsom Gourd Artist, Amador County Gourd Artist, Orange County Gourd Society Patch, Sutter Buttes Gourd Artist, East Bay Gourd Patch, San Diego County Gourd Artists, Mt. Lassen Gourd Artists, Calabash Club of Silicon Valley, and Foothill Gourders. The Folsom group won \$100 for the most entries. They entered 31 gourds. Great job! Remember the way we will keep the competitions happening is if we enter our work. Thanks also to our Vice President Barbara Rippe-toe who coordinated the show and Marilyn Carrico (Folsom Gourd Artist) who coordinated the volunteers and to all the volunteers who supported the whole competition with their time and energy. CGS could not do competitions without our volunteers.

Gloria Crane again was in charge of the classes. There were 12 classes over the two days prior to the festival with 100 participants. The teachers were excellent and A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

My favorite gourder that week-end was Allison Nelson (no relation) who won 1<sup>st</sup> place with a beaded gourd in the Youth Division. She also did a beading demonstration for the public. She is 4 ½ years old and she was a big hit! Pictures of Allison demonstrating can be found on page 3. She was very impressive. Think what she will do at age 10.

I gave a talk on growing gourds at the Folsom Garden Club. One of our Folsom Gourders is also a member of the garden club and she invited me. We brought some of our work and sold a few pieces. But most importantly we introduced new people to the world of gourds. Which, as most of you know, is one of my favorite things to do? Our Director at Large, Susan Sullivan, is always encouraging members to reach out to garden clubs, woodworking clubs and other organizations to promote gourds.

I am also reaching out to all of you to help CGS stay strong. We will be holding elections in December and we are still looking for interested people to run for office. We will be electing a new President, Vice-President and one Director-at-Large. Please consider stepping up. CGS is a volunteer organization and many members of our Board have served above and beyond. I can certainly attest to the fact that the CGS Board is a wonderful group of gourders/growers who totally supported me during the last four years. I have learned so much, made many new friends and grown a lot as President. Are you interested? Call me, let me encourage you.

The Annual California Gourd Society Board Meeting will be held at the Lamp Litter Inn in Visalia on January 4<sup>th</sup>. We invite any interested CGS member to join us and find out how CGS operates. We would love to have you join us!

- Sylvia

# NEW GOURD AND BEADING SENSATION - ALLISON NELSON



Four ½ year old Allison won first place in the youth division at the No.CA competition at the Davis Gourd Festival. She wanted to share her technique.





## We have an election for CGS Officers coming up this December.

Voting will take place over 3 weeks December 1-22, 2013. You will be able to cast your vote by email, USPS and at your gourd groups December meeting or holiday gathering. All ballots or vote counts must be received by CGS Secretary Peggy Blessing by December 22, 2013. Peggy will be accepting nominations through November 26th, If you would like to serve or would like to nominate another CGS member we have the following positions open:

- *CGS President*
- *CGS Vice President*
- *CGS Director at Large*



### Job Description for President

- Provide leadership for and act as a spokesperson for CGS in order to carry out the CGS mission statement.
- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors and conduct the annual meeting.
- Maintain communication with Board Members and call for annual reports from each director.
- Monitor society financial status with the treasurer, promote fund raisers, and sign-off on the annual IRS non-profit reports. Approve expenses.
- Prepare a quarterly "President's Message" for the Golden Gourd.
- Prepare a quarterly message for The American Gourd Society Magazine.
- Coordinate with the Directors of the Northern and Southern Patches to maintain a CGS presence at major gourd festivals and other events as appropriate.
- Respond to members' concerns and make referrals as needed.
- Respond to inquiries from potential members.
- Serve as a member of the annual Gourd Art Competition Committee.
- Maintain communication with the American Gourd Society and other gourd societies as needed.
- Attend annual AGS meeting.

### Job Description for Vice-President

- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- Maintain communication with Board Members and Patch Leaders.
- Conduct meetings when the President is unable.
- Serve as a member of the annual Gourd Art Competition Committee.
- Possibly go to the annual American Gourd Society meeting.
- Assume duties assigned to him/her by President.
- Maintain copy of By-Laws
- Maintain book of Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors.

### Role of All Board Members/Committee Chairs/ Directors at large/ Patch Coordinators/CGS Editor

- Promote CGS and AGS at every opportunity.
- Attend annual CGS Board meeting.
- Initiate ideas and promote CGS through planning activities with CGS President and Appropriate Board members.
- Provide membership applications to prospective members, teachers, growers, vendors.
- Respond to mail and telephone inquiries from members.
- Keep dues up to date.

## Planning Ahead 2014 CGS Gourd Art Competitions Come Be Apart of the Team!



### S. CA June 2014 Gourd Art Competition held at GourdStock Festival

The committee for the S CA Gourd Art Competition is forming now.

Committee Chair: Jack Thorp  
wildwoodgourdart@gmail.com (562) 429-3582

Please contact Jack directly if you are interested or have any suggestions or categories you would like considered in the Southern competition. They're already working on 2014 categories and rules.

### N. CA September 2014 Gourd Art Competition held at Davis Ranch Gourd Festival

The committee for the N CA Gourd Art Competition is forming now.

Committee Chair: Barbara Rippetoe  
bjrippetoe@sbcglobal.com (916) 988-6599

Please contact Barbara directly if you are interested or have any suggestions or categories you would like considered in the Northern competition. They're already working on 2014 categories and rules.



## An Invitation to Attend the Annual CGS Board Meeting

The California Gourd Society will hold its annual Board Meeting Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 10 to 4 pm at the Lamp Liter Inn in Visalia. Any interested CGS member is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

### The agenda will cover such topics as:

- Vision for California Gourd Society
- Election for changing officers
- Budget for 2014
- Statewide Competition at Gourdstock and Davis/ Compensation to 1st place winners?
- Reports from Regional Groups Directors
- Update on 2014 "Patch" Charm String Opportunity Drawing.
- 2014 statewide "Patch Leader's" meeting and fund raising activity
- Membership Report
- Website Report
- Golden Gourd-Constant Contact Reports
- AGS Annual meeting



If you have ideas or suggestions for the agenda, please feel free to contact CGS President Sylvia Nelson at: cagourdpres@frontier.com by December 23rd, 2013.



Looking For The Perfect Holiday Gift? Or Making A List!

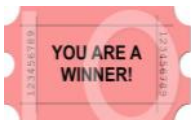
Gourd Art, Gourds, Tools, Books, Gift Certificate, Supplies

- 1 year *CGS* Membership makes a perfect gift.
- Your favorite gourd artist has just that "One of A Kind" gift you've been looking for.
- Looking for tools. Help give back to those that support us. You can find many vendors/advertisers in this issue and past issues. Also at our website or any of your other favorite *GOURD* sites.
- Remember to check out the Patch Page for more links.
- Raw Gourds

*California Gourd Society*  
**2013-2014 Fundraiser - Charm Strings**  
 WIN Fabulous Gourd Art

"Enter to win" one of 20+ gourd art projects made by members of the California Gourd Society. Gourd Artist groups (Patches) and individual *CGS* members throughout California will be creating unique art in the form of **Charm Strings**.

This is a 50/50 fundraiser with *CGS* Gourd Artist Groups/Patches, the hangings will be offered as opportunity drawing prizes at the Annual "**Gourds and Baskets: Containers of our Culture**" Event in Visalia, California on Saturday April 26, 2014

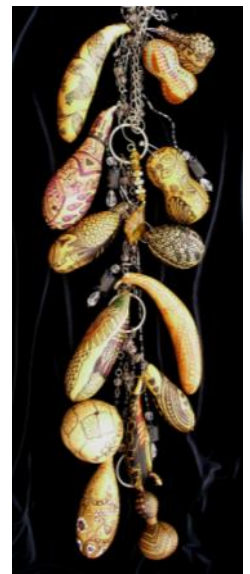


Tickets are sold by individual *CGS* members and *CGS* regional Patch members. "Patches" are listed at:

[www.californiagourdsociety.com](http://www.californiagourdsociety.com)

Proceeds benefit the statewide educational outreach of the California Gourd Society and its gourd artists groups.

**Tickets \$1.00 Each**



# Baskets and Gourds Containers of Our Culture V



**Elks Lodge  
Mill Creek Conference Center  
Visalia, California  
Opening Reception April 25 – Arts Visalia  
Classes April 26 & 27, 2014**

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**Baskets and Gourds Containers of Our Culture V**  
**Classes April 26 & 27, 2014**  
**Sponsored by Tulare-Sequoia Gourd Patch and the California Gourd Society**

**SATURDAY CLASSES**

**All classes are \$65.00 plus materials fees**

**#101 Saturday – Stainless Steel Mesh Basket**

Instructor: Lanny Bergner – Annacortes, WA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$65



**#102 Saturday – “Waves” Pine Needle Basket**

Instructor: J.K. Bonell – Sault Ste Marie, MI  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$65 Intermediate

**#103 Saturday – Indian Blanket Antler Basket**

Instructor: Jill Choate – Moyie Springs, ID  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$130 Intermediate



**#104 Saturday – Gourd Ginger Jar**

Instructor: Gloria Crane – Hesperia, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$30

**#105 Saturday – Alcohol Ink Gourd Class**

Instructor: Maria Dellos – Tucson, AZ  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$35

**#106 Saturday – Carved Maiden**

Instructor: Kristy Dial – Minden, NV  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$35



**#107 Saturday – Twisted Rim & Porcelain Bead Gourd Basket**

Instructor: Vickie Echols – Winchester, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$30

**#108 Saturday – Mixed Media Necklaces, Ornaments and Miniature Sculptures**

Instructor: Audrey Fontaine – Monterey, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$ 25



**#109 Saturday – Tricanto**

Instructor: Flo Hoppe – Rome, NY  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$75 Intermediate



**#110 Saturday – Glacier Crystals Necklace**

Instructor: Miriam Joy – Prescott Valley, AZ  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$25

**#111 Saturday – Tohono O’odham Pine Needle Star Plate**

Instructor: Sue Kamin – San Diego, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$25



**#112 Saturday – Crysalis**

Instructor: Marilyn Moore – Seattle, WA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$75

**#113 Saturday – Fiber Fantasy Basket**

Instructor: Betsy Roberts – Fresno, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$55

**#114 Saturday – Birch Bark Needle Case**

Instructor: Cass Schorsch – Clarkdale, AZ  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$55 Intermediate



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**#115 Saturday – Ornate Pine Needle Basket**  
 Instructor: Nadine Spier – Encinitas, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$67



**#116 Saturday – Watercolor on Gourd**  
 Instructor: Linda Victory – Visalia, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$15

**#117 Saturday – Beauty from the Beast**  
 Instructor: Jill Walker – Watsonville, CA  
 Dimensions of the project:  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$30

**#118 Saturday – Gourd Basketry**  
 Instructor: Don Weeke – Julian, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$35

**#119 Saturday – Josephine Knot Hen Basket**  
 Instructor: Jennifer Wool – Mount Hamilton, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$45

**#120 Saturday – Shadow Play**  
 Instructor: Judy Zugish – Marysville, WA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$63

### SUNDAY CLASSES

**All classes are \$65.00 plus materials fees**

**#201 Sunday – Stainless Steel Mesh Basket**  
 Instructor: Lanny Bergner – Annacortes, WA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$65



**#202 Sunday – Free Form Pine Needles on Gourd**  
 Instructor: Toni Best – Visalia, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$25



**#203 Sunday – Copper Splash Pine Needle Basket**  
 Instructor: J. K. Bonell – Sault Ste Marie, MI  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$65  
 Intermediate

**#204 Sunday – Half a Pocket**  
 Instructor: Jill Choate – Moyie Springs, ID  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$100  
 Beginner



**#205 Sunday – Alcohol Ink Gourd Jewelry**  
 Instructor: Maria Dellos – Tucson, AZ  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$40 Intermediate

**#206 Sunday – Critter Pot**  
 Instructor: Kristy Dial – Minden, NV  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$25

**#207 Sunday – Footed Ammonite Vase**  
 Instructor: Vickie Echols – Winchester, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$45



**#208 Sunday – Gourd Sculpture**  
 Instructor: Audrey Fontaine – Monterey, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$35



**#209 Sunday – Color Play**  
 Instructor: Flo Hoppe – Rome, NY  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$65 Intermediate

**#210 Sunday – Mardi Gras**  
 Instructor: Miriam Joy – Prescott, AZ  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$25



**#211 Sunday - Pine Needle Jewelry**  
 Instructor: Sue Kamin – San Diego, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$25

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**#212 Sunday – Beading on Gourd**  
 Instructor: Sam McKinney – Lindsay, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$40

**#213a Sunday - 9am - Noon – Catch of the Day**  
 Instructor: Marilyn Moore – Seattle, WA  
 Class Fee \$33 Plus Materials Fee  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$45

**#213b Sunday - 1pm -4pm– Victorian Earrings**  
 Instructor: Marilyn Moore – Seattle, WA  
 Class Fee \$33 Plus Materials Fee  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$53

**#214a Sunday - 9am – Noon - Woven Copper Medallion**  
 Instructor: Cass Schorsch – Clarkdale, AZ  
 Class Fee \$33 Plus Materials Fee  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$35

**#214b Sunday –1pm -4pm - Looped Agate Donut**  
 Instructor: Cass Schorsch – Clarkdale, AZ  
 Class Fee \$33 Plus Materials Fee  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$35



**#215 Sunday – Fiber Fantasy Basket**  
 Instructor: Betsy Roberts – Fresno, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$55

**#216 Sunday – Advanced Pine Needle Basket**  
 Instructor: Nadine Spier – Encinitas, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$0 Intermediate/Advanced

**#217 Sunday – Luffa Doll**  
 Instructor: Jill Walker – Watsonville, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$30



**#218 Sunday – Woven Center Gourd**  
 Instructor: Don Weeke – Julian, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$35



**#219 Sunday – Woven Stone**  
 Instructor: Jennifer Wool – Mount Hamilton, CA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$40

**#220 Sunday – Golden Abalone**  
 Instructor: Judy Zugish – Marysville, WA  
 Materials & Preparation fee: \$55



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## EVENT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY:

Arts Visalia

Reception for Teachers' Art Exhibit 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Elks Lodge

### SATURDAY:

Silent Auction opens 8:00 am

Check-in 8:00 am – 8:45 am

Artisans and Vendors 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Classes 9:00 am – 4:00 pm except the half day classes (Lunch time is at the discretion of the teacher)

Teachers' Marketplace and Reception 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner and Keynote Speaker 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Silent Auction Ends 6:30 pm

Drawing for Gourd Charm Strings 8:30 pm

### SUNDAY:

Check-in 8:00 am – 8:45 am

Artisans and Vendors 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Classes 9:00 am – 4:00 pm except the half day classes (Lunch time is at the discretion of the teacher)

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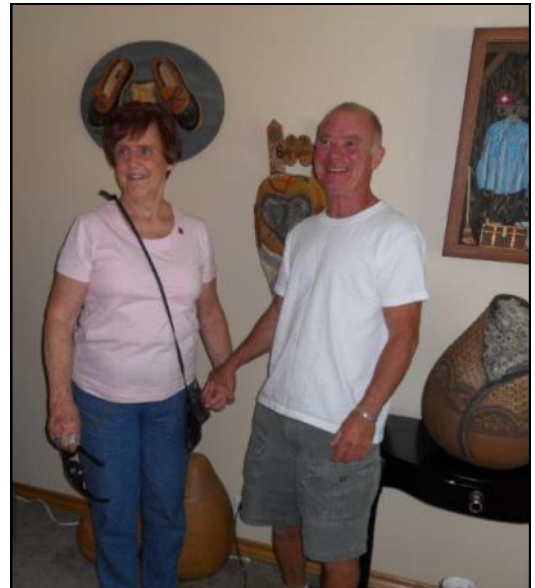
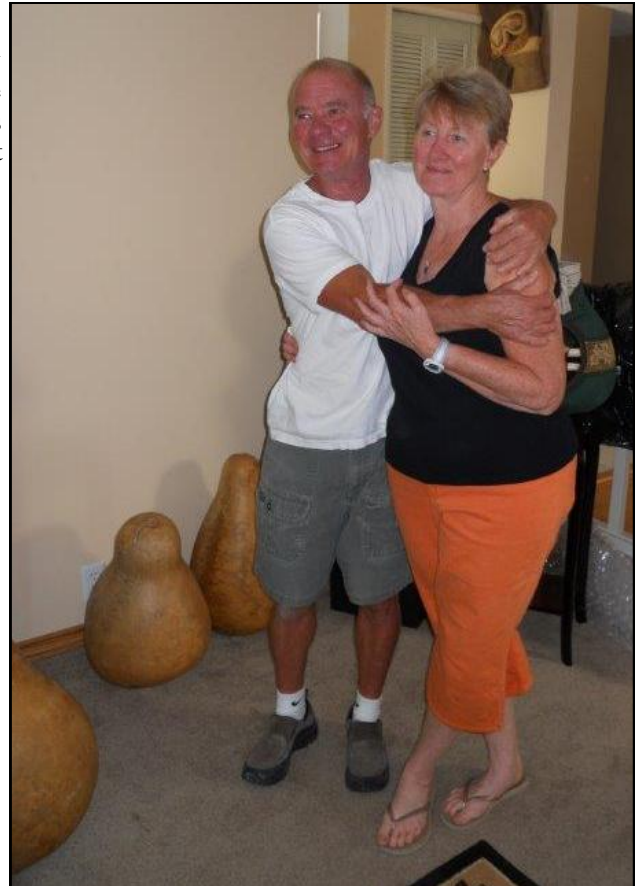
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### Gourds Across the Border—Artist: Jordan Straker

On a recent trip to Canada, Charlene Smith and I had the pleasure of visiting Jordan Straker and his wife in Calgary, Alberta. Jordan is a very talented and unique artist. Most of his gourds have a tooled leather look and some have carved wood accents. His creations are unlike any other gourd artist we had ever seen.

We were graciously welcomed into their home where Jordan had many of his pieces on display. He showed us his workshop and the tools he uses to create his masterpieces. We spent the afternoon talking gourds and sharing a wonderful cake that Jordan's wife had prepared for us. It was an afternoon that we will never forget.

#### Elsie Cogswell -Ventura County Gourd Artists



To see more of Jordan's art work visit his website at: <http://www.jordanstraker.com/>  
 Pictured Top Left: Jordan Straker, Top Right: Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Straker , Bottom Left: Elsie Cogswell & Jordan Straker,  
 Bottom Right: Charlene Smith & Jordan Straker.

## California Gourd Society Northern Gourd Art Competition 2013 - Winner's Listing and Pictures

The CGS Northern Gourd Art Competition was a success. We had a total of 84 entries (2 youth), the "People's Choice" pictured below done by Artist: Kay VanHoesen.



**Youth Division**

Our youngest entry (4 1/2 years old) received 1st place in the youth category.

Nine patches entered in competition: Folsom 31, Amador 15, Orange County 3, Sutter Buttes 5, East Bay 1, San Diego 5, Mt Lassen 5, Calabash 1, Foothill 6.

*\*In additions to ribbons cash awards were given \$25 First Place, \$50 Best of Division and \$100 Best of Show*



### Category 1: Any Crafted Gourd

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Allison Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, JUDGE'S CHOICE - Sedona Fallon

#### \*Novice Division

### Category 1: Pyrography

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Patti Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Laura Carpender

### Category 2: Carved

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kathleen Rossow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Tammy Stucki, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Carol DeVoigne

### Category 4: Filigree or fret-work

1<sup>st</sup> Place, BEST OF DIVISION, JUDGE'S CHOICE – Linda Conn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Laura Carpender, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Susan Deguara

### Category 6: Holiday Theme

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Gary Canada, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mikaila Williams

#### \*Open Division

### Category 1: Pyrography

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Olive Moore -JUDGE'S CHOICE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Kay Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jessica DiGiacomo

### Category 2: Carved

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Olive Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Marilyn Carrico, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jodi Reed



*(Continued from page 12)***\*Open Division****Category 3: Filigree or Fret-Work**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Sylvia Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jodi Reed**Category 4: Beaded**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Joyce Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Colleen Ballard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Maryland Fallon**Category 5: Coiled**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Joyce Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kay VanHoesen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Dawnelle Sauve**Category 6: Jewelry**1<sup>st</sup> Place, JUDGE'S CHOICE - Jessica DiGicomano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - MaryJane Jepson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Joni Canada**Category 7: Painted**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Dawnelle Sauve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - MaryJane Jepson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, JUDGE'S CHOICE - Charlotte Vincent  
JUDGE'S CHOICE -Jessica DiGiacomo**Category 8: Holiday Theme**1<sup>st</sup> Place, JUDGE'S CHOICE - Maryland Fallon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kim Hood, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Patti Brown**Category 9: Lamps & Illuminated Gourds**1<sup>st</sup> Place, BEST OF DIVISION, JUDGE'S CHOICE - Marilyn Carrico, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Joyce Campbell,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Maryland Fallon, JUDGE'S CHOICE - Carla Livorsi**Category 10: Baskets**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Joyce Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - MaryJane Jepson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Teresa Zanaboni**\*Masters Division****Category 1: Pyrography**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Charlotte Vincent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Barbara Rippetoe**Category 2: Carved**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Joyce Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Dennis Johnson**Category 3: Filigree or Fret-Work**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Joyce Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Sharon Prince, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Bill Wilson**Category 4: Gourd Doll or Spirit Figure**1<sup>st</sup> Place, BEST OF DIVISION, BEST OF SHOW - Joyce Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Charlotte Vincent,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Vicki Seifert

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*Patti Fisher*



*Kathleen Rossow*



*Gary Canada*



*Susan Deguara*



*Tammy Stucki*



*Jessica DiGiacomo*



*Jessicas DiGiacomo*



*Laura Carpender*



*Mary Jane Jepson*



*Laura Carpender*



*Charlotte Vincent*



*Mary Jane Jepson*



*Joni Canada*



*Patti Brown*



*Mary Jane Jepson*



*Kim Hood*

# CGS N CA Competition and Davis Gourd Festival in Pictures





## Confessions of a Gourdaholic DAVIS RANCH REVIEW

Hi everybody;

My name is Aaron and I'm a gourdaholic. Well aren't we all. Thank goodness there is no known cure for it and to make it worse we pile on Patch meetings, gourd events, workshops, classes and ever so much more. Now is that any way to curtail our gourd addiction? I hope not.

Speaking of events our most recent was held in N. CA at the Davis Ranch. Great food, outstanding entertainment, good competition, happy vendors, nice crowds and the list goes on. With events like this our cure is almost hopeless.

We were very fortunate to have had two fine festivals in N. CA; one at Leiser Farms in the Spring and the other at Davis Ranch in the Fall. When our friends at Leisers notified us that they would be starting a well deserved retirement we were both happy for them but at a great loss as well. They have such a rich history in the gourd world and have been key players in bringing the art to where it is today.

Gourd junkies however, are very resilient and many realized a void like this could really set us back or even be lost. One of our folks took the ball and ran with it actually taking the ball to the Davis Ranch and offered them the chance to partner with CGS and take their festival to a new height and for CGS to continue with our N. CA Competition as well. Barbara Rippetoe was the ball handler and was so pleased with their reception of this idea. Incredible! There were 84 entries and Folsom won the Patch competition with 31. Tiny little Amador patch came in second with 15 entries. Kudos to all who supported this event.

Barbara Rippetoe led the Folsom Patch who worked with Davis Ranch to make this possible. Folsom had an army of volunteers led my Marilyn Carrico who led the set up and take down in the competition area. She even commandeered help from other patches such as Amador. It all went very smoothly.

One of the highlights was 4 1/2 year old Allison Nelson who won the Youth Division and later demonstrated her technique to many excited gourd artists at the demo table, see page 3. She really drew a crowd of admirers.

The classes which were coordinated by Gloria Crane were well attended.



Sylvia Nelson with her incredible sidekick, Carol Cherry, and an assorted cast worked at the CGS table sharing the Word of the Gourd, with many visitors thus helping our membership grow.



Most of the vendors I talked to were very satisfied as were the booth participants. Well over 1000 spectators visited the competition tent. Special thanks to Davis Ranch, all of the participants including that fine judging crew which was led by Sylvia Nelson, and assisted by Jack Thorpe who made the trek all the way North and of course those volunteers who made this the success it was. Perhaps the best news of all is that Davis Ranch is very excited and wants to work with CGS to make this event even better in the future. I am the Amador Patch leader and was asked by Sylvia Nelson to give my version of this event as I was involved all four days of it.

This event could not have happened without statewide support. Yes our friends from the Southland and the rest of the state all pitched in to make this a CALIFORNIA GOURD SOCIETY success. Can't wait to be there next year. And no! You will not catch me near a Gourds anonymous program.

Aaron



After 12 years, it is with regret, but many happy memories, that I am stepping down from my position as San Bernardino County Regional Coordinator.

I sincerely hope that another gourd artist will step up to the plate and keep this patch going.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.  
I look forward to continuing with my gourd art on a more casual level for many years to come.

Darlene Propp

CONGRATULATIONS' SUSAN SULLIVAN



Look who won second place for her Owl carving on a gourd at the OC Woodworkers Show this month!

I would like to thank everyone that competed and all the members that helped. We can only make these competitions successful if everyone enters and the patches have booths. We were so lucky to have Jack Thorp as one of our judges. Thanks to Orange County and San Diego for coming up here. I hope everyone had a good time and next year more patches will join us. We are starting to plan a show for next year so that it will be bigger and better.

Barbara Rippetoe  
Vice President

CGS had a very successful Gourd Show Competition at the Davis Gourd Festival September 28 & 29.

The CGS Board would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for their hard work to make the N. CGS Gourd Art Competition a success. Thank You!

Be on the look out for both the S CA and the N CA 2014 Gourd Art Competition details after the New Year.



Yes, gourds have become fully immersed in "Social Media"  
Have you made the on-line connection?

The story below recently trending on Facebook features our past CGS President and Golden Gourd Editor Leigh Adams, pictured here bottom row two in from the left.

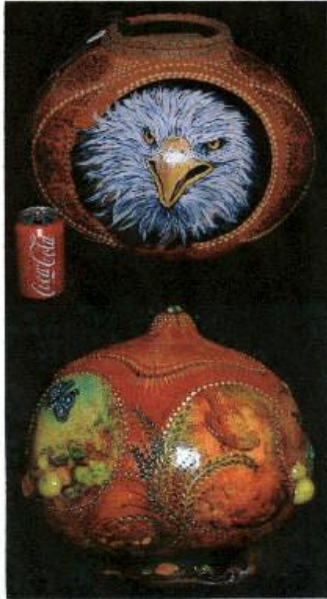


Leigh Adams "Forces of Nature Show" at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Garden won the "LA County's Image Enhancement Award", taking two Top Ten Awards.

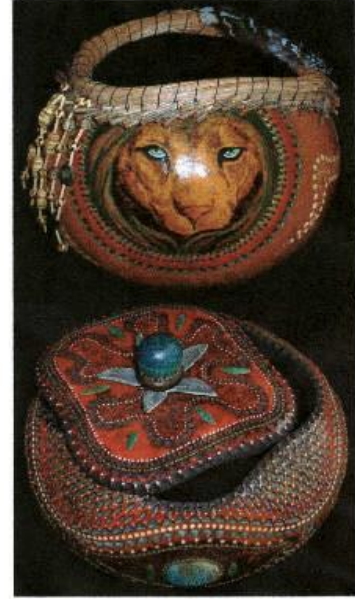
Congratulations to everyone! Leigh, Curator Juliet Rosati Bello, and the amazing people who contributed.



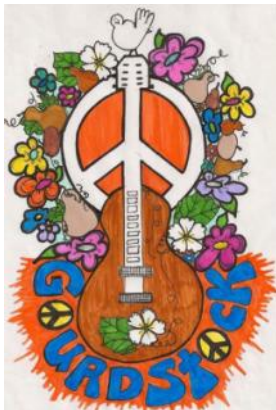
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If you have any questions regarding your membership status or dues please contact Membership VP JoAnn Clark contact by email at: [b4gourds@yahoo.com](mailto:b4gourds@yahoo.com) or phone (760) 749-9410. We thank you for your continued support.

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Membership is January 1— December 31

**Please note we are currently designing and working on a new "Member Vendor Discount Program" and hope to have it ready for the New Year. We'll keep you posted.**

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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.

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: [www.californiagourdsociety.com](http://www.californiagourdsociety.com)

If you have anything you would like to have in the next issue please forward to me. Maybe you went to a recent festival, made something new or tried a new product?

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.

We thank you for your continued support. Rates and deadlines are listed below.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Happy gourding

Mary Bliss

Editor Golden Gourd

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