

Gourdacious Patch of Northeast Georgia



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Next meeting: June 12, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. at the Habersham Senior Center. (217 Scoggins Drive, Demorest, GA 30535; 706-776-7768.)

I hope all of our ladies had a wonderful Mother's Day. It's hard to believe that May is practically over and June is just around the corner.

Which means --- it is almost time for the Cherokee Gourd Gathering. I hope to see lots of you there. It is a great opportunity to meet great people and learn all kinds of new ideas.



For those of you unable to attend our May meeting, you missed a wonderful opportunity to learn different techniques. Fonda Haddad taught us the method of weaving on a gourd. We were able to choose from many different types of weaving yarns, etc. to create a Woven Indian Doll. We had so many different options of how to paint our Indian lady and then how to weave and embellish her. Fonda did her usual excellent job of giving us many options of materials and methods. Thank you so much, Fonda, for your expertise, creativity, and patience.

For next meeting

Madge Sala will teach us how to make a trinket box. Following is the email she sent of what we need to do to be prepared for class. REMEMBER, we are meeting the second Friday of June (June 12) because of the Cherokee Gourd Gathering.

Trinket Box.

- 1) Girls will have to bring a Bottle gourd, maybe 6-8 inches not too big but not a mini either. Should have a small neck between the top and bottom.
- 2) A gourd saw
- 3) A xacto knife
- 4) A small piece of sandpaper

That's it !!!!

Information

Please send me (via email) your contact information. I need name, mailing address, phone number(s) and email address. I will compile a new list for the Patch.

Directions for TATER BEADS from Madge Sala.

Tater Beads



Supplies: Potato, toothpicks, tray for drying. A cake/cookie cooling rack works great.

Peel potato, slice into 1/2 in slices, cut slices into 1/2 strips (like french fries) then cut strips into squares or triangles (approx 1/2) chunks.

Thread 2 or 3 chunks of potatoes onto a toothpick with enough space between chunks to dry. Lay toothpicks on drying rack. Place in a warm dry area. (I usually set the tray on top of my fridge) Turn daily, in about 3 or 4 days you'll have very hard handmade Tater Beads. Slide them off of the toothpicks and you'll have a ready made hole. You can then paint with acrylic paint of choice and then seal with matte or Hi-shine. Try stippling black and turquoise..... nice results.

Don't panic..... potato chunks might darken during the process. Drying will depend on the size, heat, humidity etc. Just let them dry till they feel very hard to the touch.

Be creative, try different shapes, sizes, paints, stains etc etc. have fun Madge

Here's a simple recipe that I enjoy preparing. (Gail Justus)

Pineapple Casserole



One 20 ounce can pineapple chunks or tidbits
½ cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

Topping:

One stick butter
½ cup Ritz cracker crumbs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Drain off and save three tablespoons of juice from the pineapple. Mix together in a medium-sized mixing bowl the 3 tablespoons of pineapple juice, sugar, and flour. Stir in pineapple and cheese. Pour into greased medium-sized casserole dish.

Melt butter in a medium-sized saucepan. Remove from heat and stir in Ritz cracker crumbs. Spread crumb topping over pineapple mixture. Bake for 30 minutes.



Did you ladies notice
the beautiful irises at
the Senior Center?



Scenes from our May



meeting -----

Fonda Haddad gives instructions to Melody Loudermilk as Barbara Hoelzel and Agnes Woods work on their dolls.

Madge Sala stops her creative work to protest having a Kodak moment as Anna Johnson focuses on her masterpiece.



Fonda Haddad, Madge Sala, and Agnes Woods share their creations with us.

Fonda Haddad shows us one of her fine works of art.

