

Georgia Gourd Society 1st Annual Gourd Photo Contest
Gourds Art of the Vine
July 31 - August 2nd

We **invite** you to enter the 2009 Gourd Society Photo Contest. Recognition will be given to the best gourd-related photographs portraying the beauty, husbandry, history, or utility of the gourd in nature, arts, or crafts. Photographs entered will be displayed during the 2009 Georgia Gourd Show. First place, second place, third place, and people's choice awards will be given and awarded at the Saturday night dinner.

Who Can Enter

1. Any member of the Georgia or American Gourd society may enter the contest.

What to enter

2. Gourd themed photo, anything goes, must have at least one gourd in the photo. There is only one division or category.
3. The Photograph should not exceed 8 x 10 but may be a smaller image.
4. Each artist may enter up to 3 original photos of gourd subjects.

Contest Rules

5. The photograph must be mounted on mat board, matting is optional, no frame allowed, and no captioning allowed.
6. The photograph may be color or black & white, matte or glossy, printed by the photographer or a professional printer
7. The photo should have been taken in the last two years.
8. The photo must be the original work of the person entering the competition. By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original and do not infringe on any third party's rights.
9. The photo image may not be manipulated beyond cropping prior to printing.
10. Entrants allow the use of the photographs by the Georgia Gourd Society on its Website or in its publications. Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs.

How to Enter

11. All entries must be mailed and received prior to June 30, 2009. No entries will be accepted at the Gourd show.
12. Mail entries to Charlotte Durrence - Photo Contest
1208 Hwy 119 South
Springfield, GA 31329
13. Each photograph must bear the photographer's name, address, phone number, and email address.
14. Photographs should be securely packaged for mailing. The Georgia Society cannot be responsible for lost, damaged, late or misdirected entries.
15. Photos will not be returned, but they can be picked up on Sunday after the show.

Judging Criteria

16. The photographs will be judged on the subject suitability, clarity, focus, composition, color, uniqueness, and originality.
17. All decisions by the Georgia Gourd Society judges will be final and binding.