

The
Gourdacious
Patch
Of
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Georgia



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We had a wonderful meeting at our new location in Clarkesville. The location offers many opportunities for members to indulge in after the meeting is over. You can shop till you drop, if you so desire. I even saw an advertisement for massage therapy --- I may check into that in the future.

Also, everyone who was unable to attend missed an excellent class. Fonda did an excellent job (as usual) teaching us how use one of nature's creations – a walnut shell sliced – combined with the art of Teneriffe to create a lovely gourd. It always amazes me that such a small creation can be so lovely, and what amazes me even more is the creativity of people who think of slicing a walnut and then the creativity of people like Fonda who use those lovely things to create beautiful works of art. Thanks, Fonda, for sharing your expertise and time with us. (Fonda's picture will appear if you give it long enough.)



Our next meeting is Friday, **May 4**. We have had a change in

schedule for our class. Instead of being taught how to make seed jewelry, Madge Sala will teach us how to make a “Christmas pickle ornament” using a banana gourd.



Start looking for a banana gourd and Das air dry clay. A 2” x 2” piece of clay will be plenty.

Madge sent the following information about May's class. (By the way, Madge has had a BAD fall. You might want to extend your sympathies to her.) Also, **everyone who plans to attend needs to let Madge know so she has enough supplies for the class-madges1@excite.com.**

Hi Gail, Following is the info for "Pickle Ornament" class. I will supply everything for the class, which includes the Banana gourd, the Das clay, the paint (which there are 12 colors) the string for a hanger and the matte spray, with the EXCEPTION of brushes. And the teaching fee for a total of \$12.00. Students MUST bring their own brushes and a butter tub for water. Brushes: 1) a medium size flat 2) a small liner 3) an old scruffy 4) small angle 5) small soft brush for dry brushing Sorry I didn't get this to you yesterday. I'm having a lot of discomfort with the bruised Sternum from my fall in the Kitchen. Madge

Please make every effort to attend the May meeting.

In addition to having an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful class, we will have an important business meeting. We have decided to revisit our decision to leave the Georgia Gourd Society. The topic had come up a couple of times previously, so during the April meeting the Patch had a brief discussion concerning the subject. Most people in attendance were interested in reconsidering our decision. The Georgia Gourd Society has been made aware of our interest, and IF we vote to rejoin, the Society will be happy to let us return as a Patch of GGS.

Therefore, at the May meeting, we will take time to discuss the situation and then hold a vote. We will look at the pros and cons of remaining an independent patch as opposed to belonging to GGS. After the discussion, we will hold a vote to decide what to do. **Voters will need to be paid members of the Gourdacious Patch.** Currently there are nine (9) paid members of the Gourdacious Patch, but anyone who wishes to be involved in the decision will be given the opportunity to pay at the May meeting and participate in the vote. If you are not sure whether you have paid or not, contact

Barbara Hoelzel at
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Don't forget the place change. We now meet at the Clarkesville Mill. The place is easy to find. The meeting space is a little more challenging.

At the May meeting, we will also discuss the agenda for our June meeting. At the June meeting we will have a show and tell of the items made by all who attend the Cherokee gathering. But, now that we don't have a meal together, we may want to consider at least having a demo if not a class. It might be a long way for some members to travel just to look at the wonderful creations of others.

Remember, the newsletter can be very long or very short. It all depends on information I get from you and any information that comes from my brain --- which isn't much. The next newsletter will go out during the third week of May.

If you don't want to continue receiving the newsletter, please let me know. If you know of anyone who wants to receive it but isn't, please let me know that also.

And now I leave you with

Food for thought: Remember:
The mightiest oak was once a
little nut that held its ground.

(and)

Blessed are the flexible for they
shall not be bent out of shape.

Don't know why I chose those.
I just like them.

Take care everyone. Hope to
see bunches of you on May 4
with bunches of banana gourds
to turn into pickles.

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