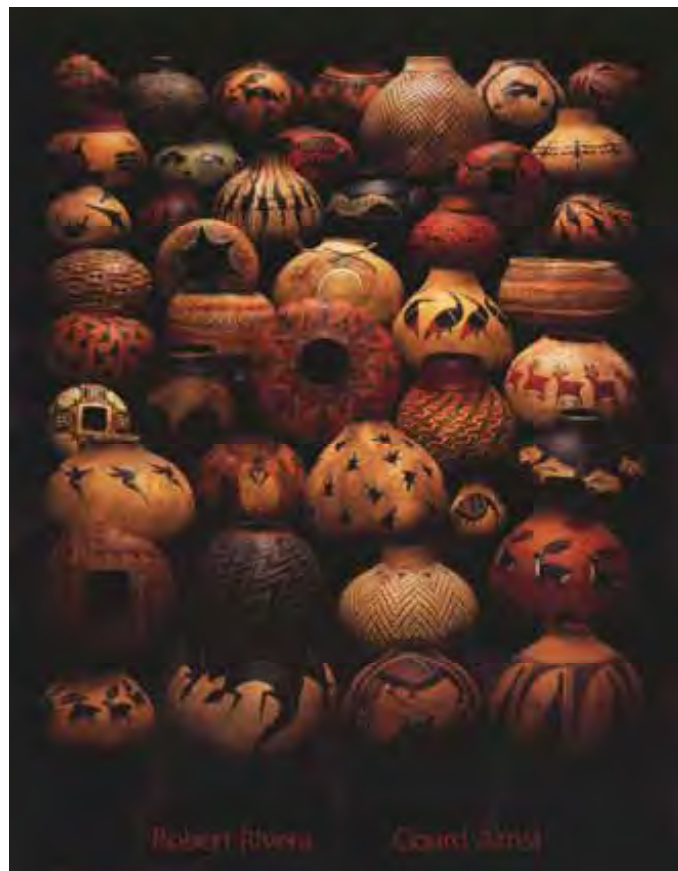


*The
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June 2007*



The Gourdacious Patch held its June meeting on Friday, June 8th at a lovely new location called Born Again Treasures on Hwy. 17. The owner, Helena, was a very gracious hostess, and we appreciate her allowing us to meet in her building. She has extended an invitation for us to hold future meetings there if we wish to. We thank her for her hospitality and meeting place.

After our meeting, I rode on to Clarkesville and spoke with Gail at the Clarkesville Mill. We are welcome to continue meeting there as long as we meet the first Friday of each month. We looked at the calendar at the June meeting, and I believe the rest of our meetings for the year are scheduled for the first Friday. A couple of members expressed interest in returning to the Mill because we can purchase art and craft supplies there. So, we will plan to meet in Clarkesville for our July meeting. At that time, we can discuss what we would like to do for the future meetings.

The June meeting was lots of fun. We held a brief business meeting. We voted to keep our name of Gourdacious Patch, Madge Sala became our Patch secretary, and we got classes lined up for our next two meetings.

We also voted to donate \$50.00 to GGS for the gourd ImagiNATIONS show coming up July 20-22, 2007. Remember to contact Hudi Sandgren if you are willing and able to help with the show.

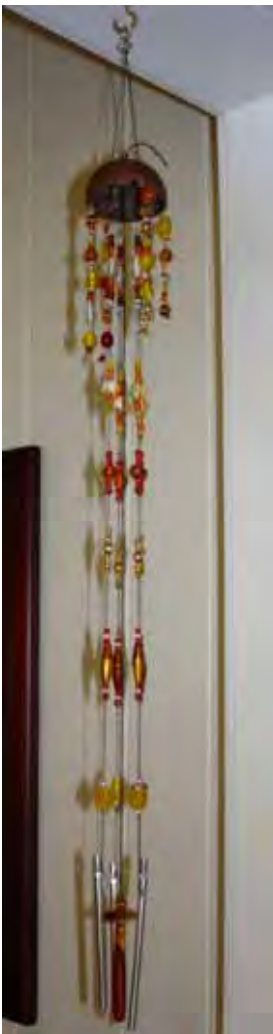
The event is in Newnan, Georgia, at the Coweta County Fairgrounds. You can check the event out at www.georgiagourdsociety.com.



We had a show and tell session where we had an opportunity to look at the lovely creations members had made at the Cherokee Gourd Gathering. Ellen

Summey, Anna Johnson, Madge Sale, and I (Gail Justus) showed some of the items we had made and talked about what we had learned in the classes.

After the show and tell session, Madge Sala shared a demo with us on a scratch technique she had learned in one of the classes she took at Cherokee. As usual, Madge came prepared with all the supplies we would need, and we all had lots of fun playing with egg gourds. Madge had base coated the gourds with gesso. We got to color with crayons and then Tempera paints before scratching designs on our gourds. Some of us made very simple designs; others created more sophisticated pictures. Thank you once more, Madge, for an excellent teaching job and learning opportunity for us.



Anna Johnson will be teaching at our July meeting on July 6th at the Clarkesville Mill. She will teach us how to make a wind chime. I am forwarding parts of two separate emails that Anna sent concerning her class. Here is the first one.

I will supply the gourd tops - unless people want to bring their own - that's fine too. I also have the fishing line - in several colors and sizes.

Now - if you want to decorate the top of the twinkler (gourd part) then I could bring leather dyes or you could bring your own wood burners or dyes or leave them plain. Just a personal preference. I will have the 4 - 8 holes drilled in the tops. I am attaching a picture of the one that I made at Cherokee. Everyone will need to

bring the beads that they wish to use. Since we are using

fishing line - monofilament - most beads should easily go on - the button thread was a pickle!!! I would not recommend it.

Below is the last email Anna sent. Thanks, Anna, for being so gracious. If you have any questions, you may contact her at annaherm@bellsouth.net.

I guess that the easiest way is to charge everyone \$2.50 in addition to the \$5 normal meeting fee. That will not quite cover the cost of the chimes - but close enough. Each person needs to bring their own beads. Other than that - I will supply everything. It should be a fun and relaxing class.

Take care; please let me know if you need further info,
Thanks!!

Anna

A couple of thoughts

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape. – and -
Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter the least. – Goethe

Please remember. If you have anything you would like to put in the newsletter, please let me know and get material to me before the third week of the month.

Also, if you know of anyone who is NOT receiving the newsletter, please let me know, and if anyone who is getting the newsletter doesn't want it, please let me know that.

Take care.

Hope to see all of you on July 6th in Clarkesville. Remember to bring lunch or at least a snack if you think you'll get hungry.

Sincerely,

Gail Justus

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