

The Gourdacious Patch Of Northeast Georgia



May 2007



Riddle: When can a banana become a pickle?
Answer: When Madge Sala works her magic on a banana gourd to create a Christmas pickle ornament.



Those who were unable to attend the May meeting missed a great class. Madge, who is so talented and has taught us many different techniques, did her usual expert job in helping us create the cutest ever ornament for Christmas. We had so much fun. Thank you, Madge, for your time, talent, and expertise.

We gained a new member in May. Shirley Miller from Helen, GA. is now a member of the Gourdacious Patch. We are glad to have you, Shirley, and we were happy to have Bonnie Rosenbaum visit us and hope to see you again, Bonnie.

Pat Fitzgerald, who had been very busy and had left us for a while has rejoined the Patch. We're happy to have you back, Pat. Welcome home. ☺

In addition to lots of fun with our class and visiting with each other, we had a special business meeting. In the April newsletter, we notified everyone that we would hold a discussion and a vote as to whether to remain an independent group or whether to rejoin the Georgia Gourd Society. Well – We voted and the vote was unanimous to rejoin GGS. I sent the information on to Hudi and Charlotte and am copying the email that was sent out. We are now officially a patch of GGS again.

Hey Ya'!!!

It is my pleasure to announce the official return of the N.E. Georgia Patch (formerly known as Gourdacious Patch) to the GGS. A motion was made at their last meeting and a vote was taken by the paid members of the Patch. The vote was unanimous to return to the GGS. We welcome each of you back into the GGS gourd family. There are a lot of new members around the state and I don't have email addresses for many of them. Please pass this information along to everyone. If you know someone who has an email and was not included in this blast, please send me his or her name and email address.

Once again, welcome back! By the way, ya'll are back just in time to help volunteer for the upcoming GGS gourd show! Yaaaay!!!!

HUDI

President, Georgia Gourd Society

Now, I'm a little confused about the mention of a name change and will contact Hudi concerning this topic. We might broach the subject at our June meeting. Are we still the Gourdacious Patch or do we want to be the Northeast Georgia Patch? Either way, Hudi, Charlotte, and other GGS members were very gracious about accepting us back, and we need to be sure to thank everyone who voted to let us return.

Whether we remain the Gourdacious Patch or become the Northeast Georgia Patch, we really need a great slate of officers. I will address the topic

again at the June meeting because we truly need a secretary to keep good records of our meetings. Barbara is doing an excellent job as treasurer. Thanks, Barbara.



The June meeting is to be a show and tell experience from all who attend the Cherokee Gourd Gathering June 1-3. We will also be having demos during this meeting. We are hoping Madge, Catherine, Barbara, Anna, and others will be willing to share some techniques they learned in Cherokee.

There are two (2) very important items to pay close attention to concerning our meeting. The first change is the date. Because many of us will be in Cherokee the first Friday of June, the meeting date is **June 8**, the second Friday of the month. Next, because of the change of date, we are unable to meet at the Clarkesville Mill. Thanks to Catherine Watkins, we have a **new venue** for this meeting.

I am copying the information Catherine sent me. If you have any questions concerning where we are meeting, please contact Catherine at lacy304@hotmail.com. Thank you, Catherine, for securing us a place.

We have a place to meet.

It is the Born Again Treasures on Hwy 17. We discussed it at the meeting to ask Helena the owner if we could meet there.

She is very glad to have us there. 10 to 3 or whatever time we need.

Coming from Clarkesville Mill it is 6.4 mile.

Go to downtown Clarkesville turn right at the light, on Hwy. 115 toward Helen, at Hwy. 17 North turn right. it is just a few miles, on the left.

It is a big blue building painted blue with clouds.

It is just past Cool Spring Convenient Store.

Coming from Helen or Cleveland -

Take Hwy. 115 toward Clarkesville, Turn right on 105, Hwy. 105 dead ends on Hwy 17, turn left, Born Again Treasures is just a little ways on the left.

Catherine Watkins

Member of the Georgia Gourd Society

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Catherine also asked that I share the following information in the newsletter.

7/7 - 7/8 Butternut Festival Blairsville, Ga.

A juried arts and crafts show nestled among the North Georgia Mountains along the shady banks of Butternut Creek. Located -Meeks Park in downtown Blairsville

Contact: 706-745-7799

Please tell them the information was found the info on Eventlister.com

Might want to see!! 6/16

Folk Potter Festival Bank County Middle School Gym

8/31 Labor Day Festival Homer, Ga.

**Located: Historic Homer Courthouse Square
Intersection of Historic Homer Hwy. and Yonah Homer Road**

contact: 706-677-3510

10/6 Blg Apple Festival Cornelia, Ga.

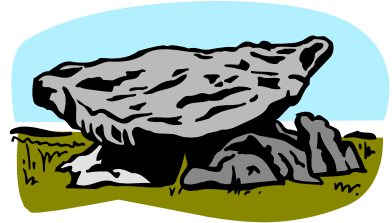
Located: DownTown Cornelia Contact: 706-778-8585

Please do me a favor. I just want to be sure everyone on the list is getting this newsletter. If you get your copy, please send me a quick email that says "Got it" to gjustus@ngcsu.edu. You should have two photos – one of Ms. Madge with two pickle gourds and one close-up of a pickle ornament. You should have a copy of the Cherokee logo. Also, IF you have a preference, give me feedback as to whether you like the previous format of two columns better or whether you prefer this format.

Also, remember: 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.

Now I leave you with a couple of thoughts.

You've got to continue to grow, or else you're like last night's cornbread – stale and dry. –
Loretta Lynn



The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is how you use them.

I hope to see all of you in Cherokee in a couple of weeks, and I hope to see all of you at the June meeting.

Gail Justus
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P.S. Once again, don't forget the changes of date and place for the June meeting.