

Gourdacious Patch

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It is hard to believe the summer is almost over! Soon school will be back in session, and the regular routines will start for many of us. However, we had a great event to end the summer. Many of us had the opportunity to see each other at the Georgia Gourd Society Show in Newnan. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great event. Our GGS friends did an excellent job with the show. We were able to take some great classes, and we saw some BEAUTIFUL art work in the competition.

The Georgia Gourd Society presents our 5th Annual Gourd Show



I encourage everyone who did attend the show to bring some of your items to show us at our August meeting.

Those of you who missed our July meeting also missed lots of fun. Anna Johnson did a beautiful job teaching us how to make wind chimes. She had us all tinkling and twinkling with chimes decorated with lovely beads before we left the Clarkesville Mill. She showed us two or three different ways to create chimes that were lovely and functional. Thanks, Anna, for an excellent job.



At our August meeting, Madge Sala will be teaching us how to apply silk dye to gourds. She will already have the gourds prepared with gesso when we get to class, so IF you were not at our July meeting and did not pick out a gourd to be prepared and want to attend on Friday, August 3, please contact Madge at madges1@excite.com and see if she has time to prepare a gourd for you. Below is the information Madge sent me concerning the class.

You might want to put this into the Newsletter. I will teach the Silk Dye Class for \$25 Kit will include a prepared gourd (that has one coat of regular Gesso and two

coats of Ground Gesso) the dye (three colors), the fixative (with a small spray bottle) and the salt. Anyone that knows anything about the silk dye will know this is a deal. Dar Beck charges \$40 and up. I will need a count of people wanting to take the class so they need to think about this and a notice needs to be sent to members who have not been coming to meetings.

In addition, I am about to be back in full swing at NGCSU and will be extremely busy. Anna Johnson has volunteered to take on the fun job of putting out our newsletters, so if you have any information you want to go into any future newsletters, please notify Anna at annaherm@bellsouth.net. I proposed at our last meeting we consider a section for members who want to buy, sell, or trade items. If anyone is interested in doing so, it might be a fun section to check out. Also, if any future instructors want to send bios to be included in the newsletter, please check with Anna. Catherine Watkins sent a bio to have on file, and I will attempt to forward that information to Anna, because Catherine will be teaching us soon.

I am sorry the newsletter is so late. I have had difficulties and had to wait for the help desk people to be available. Be sure to contact Madge if you want a gourd for Friday.

Thoughts:

It is not good enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well. -
Rene Descartes.

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take. – Wayne Gretzky

Do what you can, with what you have, with where you are. – Theodore Roosevelt

There is a chance may be out of town for our Friday meeting. I may take my son on a camping trip before he begins school next Tuesday. If I am not there, I will arrange for someone to be in charge of a brief meeting before class begins. However, I hope I will be there to see all of you. Take care.

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