

# Gourdacious Patch

## Northeast Georgia

April 2008

Next Meeting: April 4, 2008 10:00 a.m.  
At the **Habersham Senior Center**  
**In Demorest, Georgia**

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### Directions to Habersham Senior Center:

217 Scoggins Drive, Demorest, GA 30535 706 776-7768

185 north from Atlanta to 985 (veers to the left) to Gainesville, 985 will turn into 365 just north of Gainesville. Travel approx 25 miles to mile marker 47. Exit left at the traffic light onto Demorest/Mt. Airy Road. Turn first right. Go to the end of the road (keep to the right at the split). The senior center is the last brick building on the left.

Meeting Schedule: First Friday of each month except: June and July.

Hi Gourdacious People,

Now that spring is here, we can look forward to unpredictable weather and lots of beauty sprouting and budding all around us. Also, we'll get to see lots of budding artists at each of our future meetings.

Hopefully, we'll have great weather for our next meeting on Friday, April 4.

But, first I must take time to reminisce about our March meeting. We had a great meeting with a room full of artistic people. We gained one new member. Welcome to Carol Owen, and we thank Madge for getting her to visit with us. We had two people visit us Carol Odem, who I am hopeful will soon become a member, and Jimmy Turner, who we hope will come back. Barbara read about us in the newspaper and I'd like to thank Catherine for placing the ad for us.

I'd like once again to thank Madge Sala for an excellent class, but I want to extend a SPECIAL thanks to her for being willing and able to step in at the last minute to help us out. Because Charlotte had to cancel because of her daughter's surgery, we were to be without a teacher. But, Madge came to the rescue, and we stained our woodland men and created our pickle ornaments. We got everything done except the painting of our ornament and we'll finish that at a future meeting. Madge came fully prepared as usual and did her usual expert job of instructing us. So, once again, thank you, Madam Madge. For our April meeting, we will learn how to do the Gretchen Rim that Charlotte was going to teach us in March. I'm recopying the information she sent that I placed in the last newsletter. I have communicated with her since, and she is willing to bring pine needles for anyone who wishes some, so contact her soon. You might also let her know if you will need a bowl, so she will be sure to have plenty.

...we need everyone to get ready to create a masterpiece bowl using the Gretchen Rim. Charlotte Durrence will be coming to teach us how to put an eloquent looking rim on a gourd bowl. Below is the information Charlotte sent to give to people attending.

They can bring a medium size bowl with no bigger than a 6 inch opening or I can bring them one for \$5. I will furnish the smoked reed at no charge. Please add that they need to bring a bucket to soak reed and a good pair of scissors to cut the reed. An old towel will help also. I have not asked Charlotte for permission to do this, but she usually has pine needles for sale. Since we will be doing a pine needle rim soon, you might like to ask her if she'd bring some to sell you. You may contact her at [Gourds1@aol.com](mailto:Gourds1@aol.com) to see if she'd be willing to do so.

I'm including part of an email I received from Pat Fitzgerald. We will discuss our July meeting briefly at our next meeting.

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Your G-Patch newsletter is great!

I did notice that you had Orchid Davis on July 11th. Guess y'all are tryin' to avoid July 4th weekend....however....GGS Newnan Show classes that will have GGS Members discounts are going to be held on the same day. Might want to rethink that....ask Orchid to come down to Newnan and teach a class and make some monies!!!!

So glad that you have still been in touch with Orchid! She is one of my favorite woodburning teachers! Tell her that I send my love and to get up with Charlotte, workshop Chairman, really quick and she can teach in Newnan! Maybe 3 days in a row...and make some cash!  
Ok, great idea. Hope Orchid thinmany more that adore her!

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Also, on the 4th we will make our final plans for our logo contest. Following are the plans to date. If we wish to make changes, we can do so at the April meeting.

The Gourdacious Patch needs a logo to call its own. Therefore, we are having a logo contest. Anyone who is a paid member can submit a logo for consideration. (You can pay at the May meeting and turn in your submission then.) Everyone who would like to enter, please prepare some spectacular potential logo and bring it with you to the May meeting. Please bring four (4) copies with you. One will have your name and I will hold on to it. The other three (3) will be assigned a number and will be mailed to judges. By our June meeting we will, hopefully, have a winner and an official logo. I have judges in mind and we will discuss this also on April 4th. By the way, the winner of the logo contest wins 2009 membership to the Gourdacious Patch – a \$10.00 value, so let those creative juices flow.

Everyone take care and I hope to see all of you on April 4th at the Habersham Senior Center.

Affectionately,

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