

The Triad Mini Festival

August 5-6, 2017

Saturday from 9-5

Sunday from 10-4

We are pleased to announce a new gourd event here in North Carolina! The Triad Patch will host this mini festival in the Home and Garden Building inside Gate 9 at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem

<http://www.dcfair.com/contact/maps-directions/>

This is a small event to satisfy your gourd cravings in between the Gourd Gathering at Cherokee (June 1-4, 2017) and the North Carolina Gourd Festival (date change to November 4-5, 2017) in Raleigh. We'll have a food truck on site from 11-1 on Saturday. This event is open to the public!

Gourd Supply Vendor:

Giraffes Laff Arts & Crafts

with Bob & Sherry Briscoe

Raw Gourd Vendor:

Ghost Creek Gourds

with Linda & Dickie Martin

There will be six 10' x 10' vendor spaces for crafted gourd sales including the Triad Patch "community" sales area. Come prepared to shop!

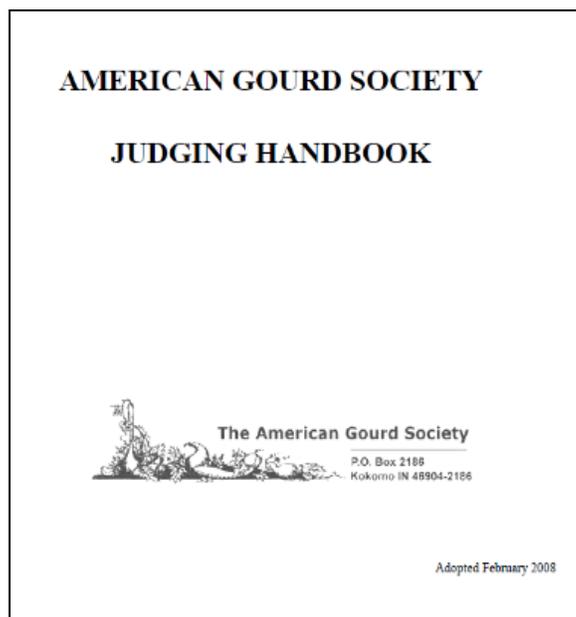
There will be a small competition area where individuals can bring their *one best* gourd with any technique to compete in their appropriate category:

1. **Grower:** Best of previous years' crop
2. **Crafting:** Youth (under 18)
3. **Crafting:** Novice (never competed before)
4. **Crafting:** Amateur (never entered Special Talents or Master's class before)
5. **Special Talents/Master Class**

We have lined up our instructors for gourd workshops which so far include Jimmy Speas, Robyn Goode, Sherry Briscoe, Diane Frankenfield

and Judi Fleming. Here is a sneak preview of some of the classes we already have lined up.

Class registration is available by emailing or calling individual instructors noted in the information on each class. We may have additional classes, so watch for the updates on the NCGS website and Facebook pages.



American Gourd Society Judging Class with Judi Fleming

SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Class Fee: \$15 Limit 10 students

This Judging class is open to those who wish to become a certified AGS judge for doing any kind of judging of both raw and crafted gourds at any gourd chapter or even at local fairs. The fee is for your engraved name badge sent from the AGS once you meet all requirements.

Participants **MUST** be a current AGS member and are required to read and bring a printed copy of the judging rules from

<http://americangourdsociety.org/judging.html>



**Gourdaments
with Robyn Goode**

Phone: 336-460-8167

Email: ladyoffrogs@northstate.net

SATURDAY from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Class Fee: \$30 - Limit 10 students

Skill Level: all levels

You will learn different technics on how to apply alcohol inks to egg gourds to make lovely ornaments. This is a fun class for all and a great class to learn how to use inks and how to apply.

Gourdaments are great Christmas gifts for friends and family. You will make three different gourdaments to take home. The instructor will supply all that is needed Students only bring something to cover your clothes.



**Doggone Sitters
with Robyn Goode**

Phone: 336-460-8167

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SUNDAY from 1-4 p.m.

Class Fee: \$30 - Limit 10 students

Skill level: ALL

Description: In this fun class, we will make cute dog shelf sitters You will learn how to apply the head, arms, and legs. We will use QuikWood to make fun faces on our animals and make them all one of a kind.

Materials supplied by the teacher: Gourds, quick wood, bead, twine, paint and everything else to make a fun sitter.

Materials/tools students need to bring: Apron



**Giraffe Ornament
with Jimmy Speas**

Phone: 336-416-5838

Email: JLSPEAS1@gmail.com

SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Class Fee: \$22 - Limit 10 students

Skill Level: For beginners to experts

We will be using Quikwood to make the head and tail of a giraffe using a preassembled Tennessee spinner gourd and a banana gourd. Students will be taught how to paint the ornament including painting the eyes. The instructor will spray a sealer on the ornament and a hanger will be provided for the completed ornament. Instructor will provide gourds, Quikwood, sealant, paints, detail brushes, wide brushes, beads and wire and clay tools. Students may bring their own brushes if they'd like and bring an apron to wear to protect their clothing from paint spills.



**Chicken Birdhouse
with Jimmy Speas**

Phone: 336-416-5838

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SATURDAY from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Class Fee: \$40 - Limit 10 students

Class Level: For beginners to experts.

Gourds will be cleaned and holes pre-drilled. Gourds will be large birdhouse gourds approximately 10" tall. Students will be taught how to use Quikwood to make the comb, waddle and beak of the chicken. Students will use any combination they prefer of paint colors of Tuscan red, white, black and hippo gray. Students will select and paint the base coat color. The instructor will teach sponge coloring on the base coat and how to paint the chicken eyes and will spray an exterior sealer on the birdhouse. A copper-type wire will be used to make the hanger. Instructor will provide gourds, Quikwood, exterior sealant, paints, detail brushes, sponges, wide brushes, clay tools, wire and pliers. Students may bring their own brushes if they want and should bring an apron to wear to protect their clothing from paint spills.



**Closed Coiling with Beads
with Diane Frankenfield**

Phone: 336-402-1060

Email: quilterdi@ix.netcom.com

SATURDAY 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Class Fee: \$30 - Limit 10 students

Skill Level: ALL

Student will learn the skill of closed coiling, over paper rush, with the Ti stitch. Also, students will learn how to start, end, add thread, and beads to their coiling. Color choices will be green (shown) and lavender.

Teacher will provide: Clean, lightly colored outside (inside will be black), sealed inside and outside, and holes drilled in gourds. Dark green or lavender waxed linen, needles, beads, and star.

Students should bring: Scissors



**Felted Snowman in Igloo
with Diane Frankenfield**

Phone: 336-402-1060

Email: quilterdi@ix.netcom.com

Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Class Fee: \$30 - Limit 10 students

Skill Level: ALL

Description: Student will learn the fun art of felting with wool roving. We will also be painting a cannonball gourd to look like an igloo, complete with snow on top.

Teacher will provide: a cleaned, drilled opening, and base coat cannonball gourd. All the material needed for the felted snowman (roving, foam block, and felting tool), paint, snow, and sealant.

Students should bring: apron



**Hummers in My Garden
with Sherry Briscoe**

Phone: 336-634-3397

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SATURDAY 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Class Fee: \$ 45 - Limit 12 students

Skill Level: Intermediate

Description: In this class, students will learn how to use GourdMaster (GM) Stick n' Burn to lay out and burn their design. When they complete the burning, we'll remove the remaining Stick n' Burn, condition the gourd with Formula 49 and color the background. You'll learn techniques to apply and blend the GM Transparent Acrylics and Metallic Inks and heat set the colors. You will create the design area for the stippling using painters tape and stipple that area. To complete the project, we'll seal their gourds with GM Varnish or Protecting Wax. *It is important for students to understand that they are expected to be familiar with the operation of their wood burners and rotary tools, in order to allow adequate time to complete their gourds.*

Students should bring: an apron/smock to protect their clothing; adjustable-temperature wood burner with pen/tip to transfer the design to their gourd; and a rotary tool (Dremel or equivalent) with small, medium and large-size ball burrs and heat gun (*not hair dryer*).



**Let There be Light!
with Sherry Briscoe**

Phone: 336-634-3397

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SUNDAY from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Class Fee: \$45 - Limit 12 students

Skill Level: Intermediate

Class Description: In this class, students will learn how to develop a design for the holes in a cannonball gourd, using painters' tape. They will mark their design on the gourd and drill the holes. They will learn how to hand-sculpt a QuikWood flower and some leaves on their gourd. When the QuikWood has hardened, the gourd will be painted and sealed using GourdMaster (GM) products (Inks, Transparent Acrylics, Metallics, Varnish, etc.) and sponges/brushes. Once the project has dried, they will assemble the light and "voila!"... there will be light!

Students should bring: an apron/smock to protect their clothing, a dust mask, a ruler or measuring tape, sharp scissors, a heat tool (not hair dryer), a rotary tool and a 5/64" drill bit.
