

# The North Carolina Gourd Society

*Proudly presents the  
Vendor Information Packet*

## **76<sup>th</sup> Annual North Carolina Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival**

**November 4 and 5, 2017  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Festival Theme:**

**“Under the Sea”**

**Gourd Crafting Workshops:**

**Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Auction 12:15 p.m. Saturday**

**Holshouser Building  
North Carolina State Fair Grounds  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**Admission:**

**NCGS members, children under 16, and  
workshop participants  
FREE**

**All others \$2.00**

**Vendor Registration Deadline: October 1, 2017**

**For more information Contact:**

**North Carolina Gourd Festival  
Attn: Ellen Healy  
8900 Jeanew Court  
Raleigh, NC 27613  
(919) 996-9192 echealy@att.net**

## VENDOR REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION

The 76th Annual NC Gourd Festival will be held November 4-5, 2017 in the Holshouser Building at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Festival Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. All proceeds support the Festival and the activities of the North Carolina Gourd Society, a non-profit organization. Vendors are admitted free with a name badge they receive at setup on Friday. If additional workers will be at your booth, please make note of their names on the application form.

The North Carolina Gourd Festival is a two-day event and each vendor is expected to be available during all hours that the Festival is open to the public. The North Carolina Gourd Society is not responsible for accidents, loss, theft, or breakage.

Gourds and arts/crafts made from gourds and/or gourd related items must make up the main part of all sales displays. The Festival Chair must approve in advance any sales items that are not gourd related. A detailed description of such non-gourd items must be included on your application.

A space of approximately 12' x 12' is available for \$65.00 and includes 2 chairs and 2 tables. Electrical drops from the ceiling or use of wall outlets are available for an additional \$25. The North Carolina Gourd Society encourages vendors to do demonstrations in their space. Vendors are encouraged to bring additional displays and table skirting to compete in the Best of Show - Vendor competition.

**Note: The purpose of the Gourd Festival is to educate and entertain the public about gourds and, accordingly, photography is encouraged. However, if a vendor does not wish to have their items photographed, they will be responsible for posting a clearly visible sign noting “No Photos Please”. The Festival does not discourage photographs of any special exhibits, including items entered in the Festival Competition.**

- Vendors must be members of the North Carolina Gourd Society, the American Gourd Society, or any American Gourd Society state chapter.
- Vendor Setup is 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday, and 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. There is no early set up as the building is rented starting at noon on Friday and insurance for the event begins then.
- We will review vendor applications and have a right to select the ones that will best represent a variety and balance of raw, crafted, art, and supply vendors based on the space we have available. Priority will be given to vendors who submit their application before October 1.
- Each non-gourd sales item described to the Festival Chair by the October 1 deadline will be reviewed and the vendor notified of either approval or rejection. Non-gourd items not approved in advance by the Festival Chair may be removed from the vendor's table.
- As part of the Festival's goals of both entertaining and educating the public, **each vendor must enter either one competitive category or one display category**. This helps show the public what can be accomplished with gourds and provides additional exposure for the vendor's wares.
- All vendors are expected to be packed up and out of the building by 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- Vendor space deposits are not refundable after the October 1, 2017 deadline unless the Festival Chair is able to rent that space to another vendor.
- Anyone wishing to be a vendor who did not reserve a space by the October 1, 2017 deadline will be permitted to do so if space is available.
- Vendors wishing to use electricity in their spaces must bring their own power/extension cords. The electrical drop charge is \$25 for use of outlets either from the ceiling or on the wall.

## VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Please send completed vendor applications with appropriate space fee made out to the **NC Gourd Society** to Ellen Healy (see below) by October 1, 2017.

I have read and agree to the terms stated in the Vendor Regulations section:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Days: \_\_\_\_\_ Evenings: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to exhibit and/or sell the following types of items:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the sale of non-gourd items must be approved in advance. The non-gourd items I propose to sell are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Member of:  North Carolina Gourd Society  
 American Gourd Society  
 Other State Chapter of the American Gourd Society

Each 12' x 12' space includes 2 tables and 2 chairs

Additional Chairs	_____ Space(s) @ \$65.00 each	_____
Additional Tables:	_____ Chairs at \$2 each	_____
Electrical use/drop	_____ Tables at \$10.00 each	_____
	_____ Space(s) @ \$ 25.00 each	_____

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the **North Carolina Gourd Society**. Please mail completed Vendor Registration Form and check by October 1, 2017 to:

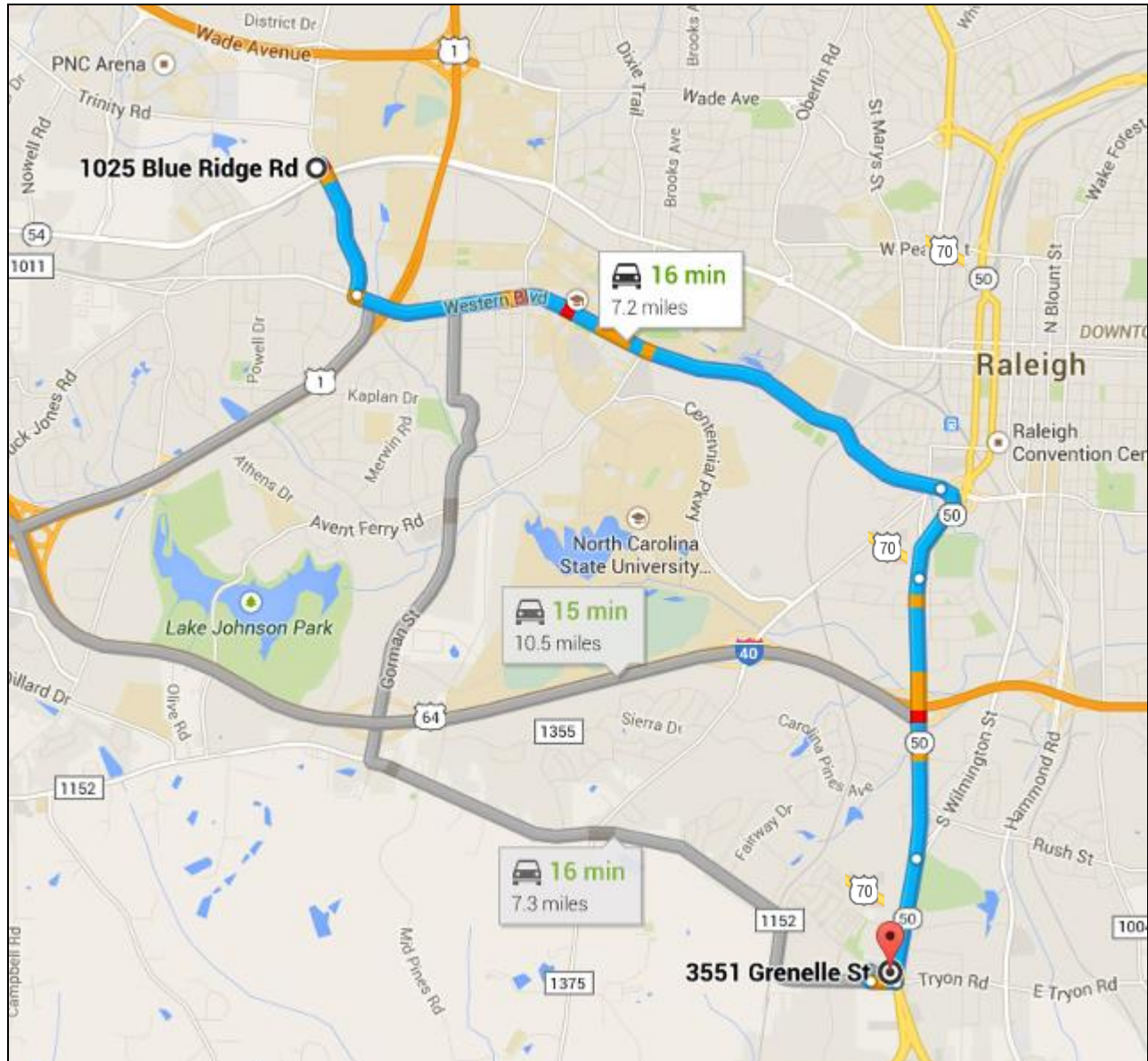
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Additional names of vendors

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## Saturday Dinner and Awards Information

The North Carolina Gourd Society will host its Fall Quarterly Meeting dinner and Best of Show awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Golden Corral Buffet, 3551 Grenelle Street, Raleigh NC 27603, (919) 772-6603. This Golden Corral is about 7 miles from the State Fairgrounds, at the intersection of Tryon Road and U.S. Highway 70, very close to Garner. Contact Paul Buescher for more detailed directions: (919) 696-0744 or [paul.a.buescher@gmail.com](mailto:paul.a.buescher@gmail.com). Dinner with a drink is approximately \$15. Get your dinner and join us at the back of the restaurant in our reserved space.



**NORTH CAROLINA GOURD FESTIVAL**

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**LIVE AUCTION  
and  
DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Dear Vendor/Competitor:

This year's festival will feature a live auction at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017. This exciting event can only take place with your help.

The North Carolina Gourd Society is grateful for each contribution regardless of size or value, as are the lucky winners. However, we realize that each of you is already contributing to the festival and to the Alpha Chapter in many ways, so do not feel that participation is mandatory.

If you choose to participate, please fill out the form and bring it to the NCGS Club table with your donation on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Include your business card so that we may give proper credit for your generosity. Proceeds from the auction help to ensure an even better Festival next year.

Thank you!

**LIVE AUCTION and DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS**

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The NC Gourd Society is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

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Donated Item(s)

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## Local Accommodations

\$ = \$60 or less      \$\$ = \$61-90      \$\$\$ = \$91 or more

Innkeeper	1-919-821-0521	2501 S Saunders Street, Raleigh (6 miles from show)	\$-\$\$
Best Western Plus	1-919-481-1200 or 1-800-780-7234	1722 Walnut Street, Cary (4 miles)	\$\$
Days Inn	1-919-481-4011	1716 Walnut Street, Cary (4 miles)	\$-\$\$
Motel 6	1-919-467-6171	1401 Buck Jones Road, Cary (4 miles)	\$
Ramada Inn – pet friendly	1-919-832-4100 or 1-800-441-4709	1520 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh (closest to Festival)	\$\$\$
Red Roof Inn	1-919-469-3400	1800 Walnut Street, Cary (4 miles)	\$
Comfort Suites Arena	1-919-854-0502	1200 Hurricane Way, Raleigh (2miles)	\$\$
Hampton Inn & Suites	1-919-233-1798	111 Hampton Woods Lane (RBC)	\$\$\$
Holiday Inn	919-851-1220 or 1-800-HOLIDAY	5630 Dillard Drive, Cary	\$\$
Windsor Inn	919-277-8485 or 1-877-848-8485	3921 Arrow Drive, Raleigh (4 miles)	\$\$
LaQuinta Inn	919-851-2850 or 1-800-642-4239	191 Crescent Commons, Cary	\$\$

## RV Accommodations

The NC State Fairgrounds has approximately 350 full service hookups available on a first come, first served basis at a cost of \$30.00 per night. Some of the hookups are very close to the Festival Building. Call (919) 612-6767 or (919) 821-7400 for details. State Parks in the Raleigh area also offer full service hookups for recreational vehicles. See: <http://www.ncstatefair.org/facilities/camping.htm>