

77th Annual North Carolina Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival
Competition Packet
November 3-4, 2018
<http://www.ncgourdsociety.org>

Dear Competitor,

We are excited about this year's festival and hope you will be able to enter your crafted gourds or grown gourds in the competition. This year's **Festival Theme is: "Gourd Creatures Great and Small"**. We are all excited to see what wonderful gourds and gourd art will be entered this year!! **NEW FOR THIS YEAR:** The North Carolina Gourd Society (NCGS) will have **online signups** (go to www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.html for competition entry forms), so no need to mail any paper forms (unless you like). See below for further details. To print or mail in the competition entry forms, use the forms starting on page 9.

FESTIVAL DATES AND TIMES

Saturday, November 3 from 9am to 5pm (possible class times 8am to 6pm)

Sunday, November 4 from 10am to 4pm (possible class times 9am to 4pm)

LOCATION

NC State Fairgrounds, Holshouser Bldg.
1025 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27607

AUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS

This year's festival will feature a silent auction. This exciting event can only take place with your help. The NCGS is grateful for each contribution regardless of size or value, as are the lucky winners. If so inclined, please bring your donation to the auction area or club table during setup hours and fill out the donation form (include your business card if you like). The NC Gourd Society is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

NCGS FALL QUARTERLY MEETING & BEST OF SHOW AWARDS

You are invited to attend our dinner meeting, where the Best of Show and Special Show awards will be presented, on Saturday November 3, 2018 at 6:30pm only 1 mile from the festival at the Backyard Bistro, 1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh, NC 27607, 919-851-6203.

LOCAL HOTEL & RV ACCOMMODATIONS

See the following website for a list of local area hotels:

<http://www.ncstatefair.org/accommodations.htm>

The NC State Fairgrounds has approximately 350 full service hookups available on a first come, first served basis. 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>

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

It takes many people to run a 2 day gourd festival. Volunteers do all of the setup work, provide table coverage and assist with the competition. Each person who volunteers 4 or more hours receives a free gourd t-shirt. One volunteer will be awarded the 'Cliff and Maggie Teague Award', which has a

\$50 cash award and a 1 year NCGS membership. Contact Ellen Healy (echealy@att.net) for more information.

LIABILITY

The North Carolina Gourd Society is not responsible for accidents, loss, theft, or breakage.

CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS

For judging or competition information, contact Stan Atwood, our Competition Chair, at 919-362-5615 or satwood55@att.net. You can contact Ellen Healy, our festival coordinator, at 919-996-9192 or echealy@att.net.

We look forward to receiving your competition entry forms by October 31, 2018. See you at the festival on November 3-4, 2018! Until then, happy gourdng!

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES apply to all divisions:

ENTRY FORMS

Please submit your competition entry forms by October 31, 2018. Online or mailed registration is recommended to avoid delays when dropping off entries at the festival and to allow sufficient time for the staging of the competition and the creation of entry tags. Walk-in entries will be accepted at the door during the competition entry drop-off times listed below. There are no entry fees.

COMPETITION ENTRY DROP-OFF

Friday, November 2 from 5pm to 7pm and Saturday, November 3 from 7:30am to 9am

***All gourd competition entries must be checked in at the competition and on the competition tables by 9am on Saturday November 3, 2018 to be entered and judged in the competition. The only exception is that anyone already in line at the competition check-in table at 9am on Saturday will not be penalized and will be checked in.

COMPETITION ENTRY PICK-UP

All competitive entries, including any competitive item that is sold, **MUST** remain in place until the end of the festival at 4pm on Sunday, November 4, 2018, so that the last visitor to the festival may have the same opportunity to enjoy the competitive display as the first visitor. If an entry is sold, it is the responsibility of the seller to make appropriate arrangements with the purchaser for subsequent delivery of any sold items. At competition entry pick-up, please show your claim ticket or driver's license to claim your entry.

COMPETITION ENTRIES

Only one entry per person per category, except up to two entries per person per category may be made in the youth division. Entries submitted at ANY previous years' NCGS gourd festival may not be re-entered. Crafted gourd entries shall be the work of the competitor; (It is acceptable to use purchased dry gourds). Non-crafted gourd entries must be grown by the competitor (no purchased gourds are allowed). Gourds done with 3-D laser cutting or computer aided burning are not permitted in the competition at this time.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Entries shall be predominantly gourd (more than 51% of the item must be gourd and/or gourd parts form the primary framework). In cases where this is not readily apparent, the entrant should attach a brief description (no larger than a half page) of the process and techniques used. Up to four photographs of gourd(s) before and during technique application may also be provided for entries which cannot be clearly seen as gourds. All photographs should be sized and printed on one sheet of paper and attached to the gourd. Note: Failure to submit description/photographs may result in disqualification.

ENTRY TAGS

The festival will provide an entry tag for each item, which must be attached. After judging, the exhibitor's name will be uncovered on the entry tag. Standard business cards may be placed on competitive exhibits after that time.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Please note that the festival is a family event and any gourd considered offensive or inappropriate for young attendees may be removed or covered by judges. The Competition Chair reserves the right to change, subdivide, combine, and/or relocate any entry categories and/or items entered in the competition. Entries not meeting the competition rules will be disqualified.

AWARDS:

JUDGING AND RIBBONS

Growing Entries are judged on quality of specimen.

Craft Entries are judged on creativity, skill of execution, originality, difficulty of technique and overall suitability.

Judging takes place after 9:30am on Saturday of the festival. The decisions of the judges are final.

Best in Show & Special Awards are presented at the Saturday night NCGS quarterly meeting/dinner.

Ribbons may be awarded to the top 3 entries in each class, but will be awarded at the sole discretion of the judges. Participants in the Master Categories will receive Special Award Ribbons for placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Honorable Mention. Ribbons and entries must be left in place until the end of the festival at 4pm on Sunday November 4, 2018. If you do not want your ribbon(s), please return them to the NCGS club table.

BEST IN SHOW AWARDS – These are not separate categories, but are Grand Prize winners chosen by the judges. Monetary awards will be given.

Best in Show – **Grower Categories** \$50 award

Best in Show – **Youth Categories** \$25 award

Best in Show – **Open Competition Categories** \$50 award

Best in Show – **Master Categories** \$75 award

Best in Show – **Most Competition Points** This award honors the contestant who accumulates the most

overall competition points in Divisions IV and V. The person with the most points in Division IV will receive a plaque; the person with the most points in Division V will receive a one-year membership to the NCGS. Points are awarded in each competitive category as follows: 1st Place = 4 points, 2nd Place = 3 points, 3rd Place = 2 points, Participant = 1 point.

SPECIAL SHOW AWARDS

Chair Award is chosen by the Festival Chair.

President's Award is chosen by the NCGS President.

Most Creative Vendor's Booth Award is chosen by the NCGS President and Festival Chair.

People's Choice Award The winner of this \$50 award is eligible for the "Award for Excellence in Gourd Artistry" by submitting to the AGS, <http://americangourdsociety.org/excellence.html>, by December 15th.

STEPS FOR ENTERING THE COMPETITION:

- 1) Choose which Division/s (I, II, III, IV, or V) you will be entering. For divisions and categories, see the next page.
- 2) Pick which competition category (total of 71 categories) in your chosen division best suits your gourd entry. Remember, only one entry per person per category, except up to two entries per person per category may be made in the youth division. Only 1 form is necessary for each division you enter.
- 3) Go to <http://ncgourdsociety.org/festival.html>. Click on competition information and submit an online competition entry form (listed by division) or print corresponding entry form below, starting on page 9, and mail to Stan Atwood, 1002 Black Oak Court, Apex, NC 27502 by October 31, 2018. Walk-in entries with completed forms will be accepted at the festival during competition entry drop-off times, as listed above on page 2.
- 4) Drop off your gourd entry at the festival during drop-off times. Be sure that your gourd is checked in, tagged, and on display before 9am on Saturday.
- 5) Thanks for entering the competition and enjoy the festival!!

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

There are 71 competition categories separated into 5 divisions:

- Division I **Grower Categories** – Non-Crafted gourds - Gourds in grower categories must be grown by the exhibitor and be in good condition. No finish of any kind is permitted.
- Division II **Youth Categories** – Crafted Gourds - For youth aged **12 and Under** and **13 - 18**.
- Division III **Novice Categories** – Crafted Gourds - Novice is defined as a person who has not entered ANY NCGS judged competition to include both the Annual NCGS Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival and the Triad Mini Festival.
- Division IV **Open Competition Categories** – Crafted Gourds - This is open to all competitors.
- Division V **Master Categories** – Crafted Gourds - This division is for those gourd artists who show exceptional talent in creating artistic items from gourds. Examples are those who have received Best in Show ribbons or multiple blue ribbons in the Open Competition Categories Division, sell in juried art galleries, or display at juried art shows.

*****All General Competition Rules Apply (see page 2)*****

****Any technique(s) can be used, except where otherwise noted.****

DIVISION I: GROWER CATEGORIES – NON-CRAFTED GOURDS

- » Gourds must be grown by the exhibitor, in good condition, and with no finish of any kind.
 - » Gourds must be mature and clean. Hardshell gourds must have stems.
 - » Except where noted otherwise, previous or current season gourds are permitted.
1. Greatest Circumference
 2. Longest Gourd
 3. Smallest Gourd - (hard-shell or ornamental) in overall size
 4. Most Unusual Gourd -naturally
 5. Most Unusual Gourd -by manipulation. (Eligible for the AGS Jim Story competition—see <http://americangourdsociety.org/award.html> for details).
 6. Best Luffa (current crop)
 7. Three Matched Ornaments on a plate (current crop)
 8. Three Matched Hardshells in a group (current crop)
 9. Decorative basket of mixed gourds from current crop: (hardshell, ornamental and/or luffa gourds may be supplemented with decorative corn, tiny pumpkins, flowers, etc., but gourds must be primary feature, to make an attractive display).

DIVISION II: YOUTH CATEGORIES – CRAFTED GOURDS

» Youths may enter 2 items per category

Ages 12 and Under

10. Birdhouse
11. Gourd Creature
12. Holiday Gourd
13. Freestyle Gourding

Ages 13 – 18

14. Birdhouse
15. Gourd Creature
16. Holiday Gourd
17. Freestyle Gourding

DIVISION III: NOVICE CATEGORIES – CRAFTED GOURDS

18. First Gourd – Holiday Gourd
19. First Gourd – Gourd Birdhouse
20. First Gourd – Gourd Plant or Animal
21. First Gourd – Freestyle Gourding

DIVISION IV: OPEN COMPETITION CATEGORIES – CRAFTED GOURDS

» For **A** and **B** below, the focus of the category is on a single technique. For each category, the listed technique must be a predominant feature of the crafted gourd; however, one other technique may be used (e.g. pyrography and painting, carved and woven, etc.), but the gourd will be judged on the predominant technique. A predominant feature is one that is obvious or stands out to the casual observer. If two techniques are used (e.g. pyrography and painting) and both are predominant features, the gourd may be entered in either category. If more than two techniques are used (other than minor embellishments), the gourd should be entered in a Freestyle Gourding category (C37) or another category. Natural wood stains or clear finishes do not count as techniques.

A. WHOLE GOURDS

22. Pyrography/Wood Burned
23. Painted or Colored Pencil
24. Dyes or Inks
25. Pen and Ink
26. Carved (relief, chiseled, gouged)
27. Woven/Wrapped

B. CUT/OPEN GOURDS

- 28. Pyrography/Wood Burned
- 29. Painted or Colored Pencil
- 30. Dyes or Inks
- 31. Pen and Ink
- 32. Carved (chiseled, gouged, drilled, or cut)
- 33. Woven/Wrapped/Coiled

C. WHOLE or OPEN

» For each category, the listed restriction must be a predominant feature of the crafted gourd.

- 34. Group of Three
- 35. Ethnic
- 36. Small Gourd – Less than 6 inches
- 37. Freestyle Gourding

D. WEARABLES

- 38. Hat
- 39. Mask
- 40. Purse
- 41. Jewelry
- 42. Other

E. TOYS

» Toys must be functional - one toy or a set of toys.
» Dolls may have fabric bodies or may be constructed entirely of gourds.

- 43. Toy(s)
- 44. Doll

F. BIRDHOUSES or FEEDERS

- 45. Functional Birdhouse – Gourd and entrance holes should be appropriate size with drainage and hanging holes, and suitable for outdoor use. Used birdhouses are not permitted.
- 46. Decorative Birdhouse – With or without gourd bird.
- 47. Bird Feeder – Must be functional including nontoxic finish (which includes no finish) and drainage holes

G. HOLIDAY

- 48. Santa
- 49. Snowman
- 50. Christmas Ornament
- 51. Other Christmas
- 52. Halloween
- 53. Other Holiday

H. GOURD SCULPTURE

- 54. Fantasy Plant or Animal
- 55. Real Plant or Animal
- 56. Non-Plant or Animal

I. UTILITARIAN

- 57. Musical Instrument
- 58. Centerpiece
- 59. Lamp – Electric
- 60. Lamp – Oil
- 61. Wall Hanging

J. FESTIVAL THEME

- 62. “Gourd Creatures Great and Small”

DIVISION V: MASTER CATEGORIES – CRAFTED GOURDS

- 63. Ethnic Figure (On gourd surface or may be a 3-D figure made from gourds)
- 64. Set of Jewelry (necklace and earrings or bracelet and barrette for example)
- 65. Gourd Container (Bowl/Basket/Vase/Other)
- 66. Musical Instrument
- 67. Gourd Mask
- 68. Gourd Plant or Animal
- 69. Wall Hanging
- 70. Gourd Sculpture
- 71. Freestyle Gourding

DIVISION I - GROWER CATEGORIES

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Check each category in which you intend to enter a gourd/s for competition. (1 item per category)

1. _____ Greatest Circumference
2. _____ Longest Gourd
3. _____ Smallest Gourd - (hard-shell or ornamental) in overall size
4. _____ Most Unusual Gourd -naturally
5. _____ Most Unusual Gourd -by manipulation.-Eligible for the AGS Jim Story Award
6. _____ Best Luffa (current crop)
7. _____ Three Matched Ornaments on a plate (current crop)
8. _____ Three Matched Hardshells in a group (current crop)
9. _____ Decorative basket of mixed gourds from current crop: (hardshell, ornamental and/or luffa gourds may be supplemented with decorative corn, tiny pumpkins, flowers etc., but gourds must be primary feature, to make an attractive display).

I have read and understand the competition rules.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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DIVISION II - YOUTH CATEGORIES

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Check each category in which you intend to enter a gourd/s for competition. (Youth can enter up to 2 items per category.)

Ages 12 and Under

10. _____ Birdhouse

11. _____ Gourd Creature

12. _____ Holiday Gourd

13. _____ Freestyle Gourding

Ages 13 – 18

14. _____ Birdhouse

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DIVISION III - NOVICE CATEGORIES

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Check each category in which you intend to enter a gourd/s for competition. (1 item per category)

- 18. _____ First Gourd – Holiday Gourd
- 19. _____ First Gourd – Gourd Birdhouse
- 20. _____ First Gourd – Gourd Plant or Animal
- 21. _____ First Gourd – Freestyle Gourding

I have read and understand the competition rules.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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DIVISION IV – OPEN COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Check each category in which you intend to enter a gourd/s for competition. (1 item per category)

A. WHOLE GOURDS

- 22. _____ Pyrography/Wood Burned
- 23. _____ Painted or Colored Pencil
- 24. _____ Dyes or Inks
- 25. _____ Pen and Ink
- 26. _____ Carved (relief, chiseled, gouged)
- 27. _____ Woven/Wrapped

B. CUT/OPEN GOURDS

- 28. _____ Pyrography/Wood Burned
- 29. _____ Painted or Colored Pencil
- 30. _____ Dyes or Inks
- 31. _____ Pen and Ink
- 32. _____ Carved (chiseled/gouged/drilled/cut)
- 33. _____ Woven/Wrapped/Coiled

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E. TOYS

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44. _____ Doll

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- 46. _____ Decorative Birdhouse
- 47. _____ Bird Feeder

G. HOLIDAY

- 48. _____ Santa
- 49. _____ Snowman
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DIVISION V - MASTER CATEGORIES

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Check each category in which you intend to enter a gourd/s for competition. (1 item per category)

63. _____ Ethnic Figure

64. _____ Set of Jewelry

65. _____ Gourd Container (Bowl/Basket/Vase/Other)

66. _____ Musical Instrument

67. _____ Gourd Mask

68. _____ Gourd Plant or Animal

69. _____ Wall Hanging

70. _____ Gourd Sculpture

71. _____ Freestyle Gourding

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

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