

FLORIDA GOURD SOCIETY FESTIVAL, February 24-26, 2012



TEACHER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Florida Gourd Society thanks you for applying to teach at the 2012 Florida Gourd Society Show & Festival. We will be in a new location this year in Melbourne, Florida. Classes will be held in a climate-controlled building, plus a separate covered space outside for all carving and woodburning. Come share your knowledge of gourds with us in Melbourne, Florida in 2012 and enjoy the Florida Space Coast. We are located just 10 minutes away from the beaches, an hour south of Kennedy Space Center and Orlando theme parks, so plan on staying a few extra days and enjoying the Central Florida weather. We look forward to working with each and everyone of you and seeing the exciting new projects you come up with. See you in Melbourne in 2012!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS is a firm date of OCTOBER 30, 2012. You will be notified by Nov. 15, 2011 if your class/classes are accepted. We will be looking for great classes that are unique and/or new, classes that are for beginners are desirable also.

CLASS TIMES are as follows with SIX - eight (6-8) different classes offered in each time slot:

*I will try to accommodate you with your preferred time.

Friday 8:00 a.m. thru 12:00 p.m. (3 or 4 hr. class) Friday 2:00 p.m. thru 5:00 p.m. (3 hr. class)

Saturday 8:00 a.m. thru 12:00 p.m. (3 or 4 hr. class) Saturday 2:00 p.m. thru 5:00 p.m. (3 hr. class)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m. (3 or 4 hr. class - This time slot can also accommodate a 5 hr. class with a lunch break)

*Sunday show hours are until 4 p.m.

THE CUT OFF TIME for a class to meet the minimum is February 5, 2012. This is a firm deadline. At that time any class not meeting the minimum number of students will be cancelled. Please consider a low minimum as we do have many drop-ins at show time.

HANDOUTS: You will need to have for the students written instructions with step-by-step procedures, including a photo or illustration of the planned project. If you are teaching a technique, rather than a specific project, please explain the technique thoroughly in your instructions. A list of sources for materials for the project would be desirable, also. We will be glad to pass on your supply list to our vendors so they can have supplies available for your students.

PHOTOS: Photograph your projects on a solid background, crop in as close as possible. File size should be no larger than 5" in any direction and 300 dpi. Send only jpg's. to thereseferguson@aol.com. If mailing your application, you can send a clear 4x6" photo. Registration applications/photos must arrive no later than October 30, 2011. Send via snail mail to: Therese Ferguson, 2567 Burns Ave., Melbourne, FL 32935

SUPPLIES: Please note, in fairness to the vendors who are paying to be at our show, instructors will not be allowed to sell supplies before, during or after their classes. Supplies needed for the class should be added as a supply fee or added to the cost of the class at registration. Please feel free to contact one of the authorized vendors to carry any special supplies that you might be teaching, or we will make arrangements for you to share space in one of the smaller class vendor spots during the show. Contact Fonda Haddad for info/fees for these special spaces. fond-a-art@earthlink.net

There will be a student list given at the beginning of each class for each student to sign. It will be picked up in the first 15 minutes of the class. An evaluation form will be provided to you to be handed to each student at the end of the class, to be completed by student. Teacher will collect forms and turn in to Therese Ferguson at the end of the class at the class info table and pick up their checks at this time.

PLEASE HAVE A SAMPLE OF YOUR CLASS PROJECT AT THE CLASS REGISTRATION TABLE BY FRIDAY AT 9 A.M.

Return application to: Therese Ferguson,
2567 Burns Ave., Melbourne, FL 32935 77493-2125
Questions? Contact Therese Ferguson (321) 749-6962. Email: thereseferguson@aol.com

Vendors, Suppliers and Teachers . . . MINI PRODUCT DEMOS - 30-45 minute demos

- Sunday afternoon from 1:30 - 3:30 .

*Possibly during the lunch breaks also.

- We will have several demos going on at each time slot and people can roam from one area to another.

- Great way to show off product lines and how to use them.

- Gourd artist will roam from one display to another, so we encourage having handouts, samples, etc.

- Products will be sold from vendor booths only

CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WANT MORE INFORMATION.