

2022 Idaho Gourd Retreat Class Information

The following is a consolidation of the classes we will have at the retreat. These are listed for your convenience and not in any particular order. Pictures can be found on the website:

<https://www.idahogourdsociety.org/retreat-activities.html>

IDGS members are volunteering to share their love of gourds by teaching short classes. The classes are free to the IDGS membership but donations to the teacher are appreciated to help offset their expenses.

'COME & GOURD WITH ME'

We also have several 'come and gourd with me' free time casual projects. Contact these individuals if you have questions.

Christy Pletcher: spinner gourds

Leanna Saenz: Let's Paint

Robi Hathorn: Alcohol Ink Cabochons

RESIN ON GOURDS DEMONSTRATION, Part 1 and 2 (Friday a.m. 1 hour and Saturday a.m. 1 hour)

Chris Peters will lead a demonstration on epoxy resin. This is a beginners class and has to be done over two days. It takes at least 8 hours for the resin to cure. Bring pencil and paper to take notes. A \$1 donation would help defray the cost of the resin.

SAND TEXTURE (Saturday 2 hours)

Christy Pletcher will teach us how to make a gourd look like pottery with sand. Sand and glue is provided and Christy will have some metallic paints, too. Bring a gourd of your choosing, paint, paint brushes, and any other medium you'd like to use to make this gourd your own. If you have it, a heat gun would be helpful to help the glue dry. If you want to prep the gourd at camp bring your tools to do that. There is electricity at camp.

GOURD QUILT

Dee Hamlin will teach us how to make a gourd quilt.

Supplies needed:

Gourd pieces of various sizes. (Flat pieces work the best)

Sandpaper of various grits

Face mask

Hobby knife

Small jigsaw

Wood burner and tips

Thoughts on gathering your supplies for this project:

The bigger your flat pieces of gourd are the larger your finished project will be.

Lots of sanding will be done to get the gourd piece the correct size.

Hobby knife can help get some pieces to the correct size.

Jigsaw can help cut the branch to the desired length for hanging your project and cut more gourd pieces.

Small cordless hand drills are best for doing holes on gourds.

Dee will bring some supplies to share and ask for a donation to offset the cost of these:

Carver with burrs

Drill with small bits

Inks, dyes, paints along with brushes, applicators, felt pads

Waxed thread of different colors or thin jewelry wire

Seed beads or other small beads

Inks, dyes, paints, applicators, brushes, felt pads

Gourd pieces of various sizes

Sandpapers

Jewelry wire

Seed beads

Macramé hanger with gourd & air plant

Leanna Saenz is teaching this class. Small gourd and cording will be provided.

Bring scissors, a measuring tape and a stick if you want to do that option. But, of course, you can find a stick at camp but please find it before this class. It is optional to decorate the gourd and decorating can be done in class or later.

Bring whatever medium (and supplies to apply it) you would like to use to decorate the gourd.

A \$2 to \$3 donation would be appreciated to cover the cost of air plants.

Woodland gourd doll

Dee Smart is going to show us how to use found objects from the forest floor to create gourd spirit dolls. Supplied will be banana gourds for the body and small jewelry gourds for the head. Bring tacky glue, a drill, bits, small pieces of leather, leather cord and embellishments to finish it off. Dee says to bring an open mind.

Puzzle Gourd

Corlis Kent will teach us how to make a puzzle gourd.

What to bring: a gourd, open and cleaned; woodburner (or you can draw with a Pitt pen); Pitt pen; pencil

Power Relief Carving

Liz Meyer will teach us how to do some simple relief carving using a power carver.

What to bring: Burs in your tool box but you will need a barrel bur (ex. Dremel #194); Micro carver or Dremel rotary tool; gourd or shard; transfer paper; pencil and your usual tools for carving.