

Hello Again Gourders!

The date: Sunday, July 8, 2018

The time: 1:00 pm

The place: [Artesia Community Center](#) (click to see address and map)

At our last gathering, we worked on the filigree carving around the design on the Poinsettia Bowl (see pic below). This month, we will be adding the gold leaf rim to top of the bowl. (See picture below.)

If you haven't done any work on this project, you can bring a gourd or a piece of a gourd to learn how to do apply the gold leaf.



What you need to bring for the July gathering:

- The instructor reimbursement is \$3.00 for this workshop
- If you are NOT an NGS member, bring \$5 to the gourd patch for the workshop--or better yet, join NGS for \$15 and your membership will be good through December 2018.
- The gourd or gourd shard that you will be putting the gold leaf on.
- You should have a clearly defined line marking the gold leafed area on your gourd--either Woodburned, or drawn with a Sharpee.
- You should have your gourd completed and sealed (clear satin or gloss spray) prior to the workshop. Carefully mask off the gold leaf area before spraying.

- Bring an apron or towel to catch gold leaf scraps that fall in your lap. These can be used to fill in little missed spots.
- Tweezers to pick up leaf pieces - Optional
- A stiff brush, or tool to remove gold leaf that gets where you don't want it - Optional
- Don't forget to wear your name pin/necklace--if you have one. (If you don't have one yet, think about making one.)
- And feel free to bring a friend!

Show and Tell

Don't forget to bring any gourds that you've finished for show and tell!

Raffle

We'll have our usual raffle with great prizes. If you want to participate, raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.

We can always use items to raffle, so if you have something that you would like to donate to the raffle, please bring it. (Note: Raffle prizes **DO NOT** have to be gourd related.)

Snacks

Feel free to bring snacks for yourself or to share. I will always provide something to drink (coffee and water).

There will also be paper plates, plastic utensils, napkins, and cups.

'For Sale' Items

Also feel free to bring any **"gourd-craft related"** items that you would like to sell to others in the group.

Gourds, handy tools, or whatever you have that you think could be used in gourd crafting.

If you have any questions or concerns send me an email, or give me a call.

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Good to Know.....

[Nice video from Welburn Gourd Farm](#)

How to use the Fili-Point bur: <https://www.gourd.tv/2018/05/25/47/>

NGS Information Portal

To get ideas on where to buy gourds and supplies, as well as other info about gourding, go to the "Info" page on our very own NGS website: www.nevadagourdsociety.org/info

Also, remember that if you lose this email, you can always visit the "Pahrump Valley Gourd Patch" page on our website to see what to bring to the next workshop:

www.nevadagourdsociety.org/pahrump-valley-gourd-patch

Gourd Patch Tool Kit

Any time you attend a gourding class or workshop, there are some basic supplies that you should have with you. It is a good idea to have a "tool kit" to keep these basic supplies in. Here is a suggested list of some of the things you will want to have with you:

Your name badge pin/necklace

Apron

Notebook

Pencil and eraser

Scissors

Xacto hobby tool (with cutting blade and saw blade)

Tape (masking tape is best)

Flexible ruler

Compass for drawing circles

Sand paper - medium grade

Gourd cleaning tools

Paint brushes

Q-tips and/or other small applicators

Rotary tool with bits

Paper towels

Baby wipes

Heat tool

Mask

Safety glasses

How to Clean the Outside of a Gourd

There is a thin layer of skin that must be removed before the gourd is suitable for painting. This is a messy process that I do outside. I put the gourd into a plastic bucket or bin that has a tight lid, and then I fill it with water. The gourd will float. When I put the lid on the bin, it pushes the gourd down and some of the water gushes out. Once the lid is down tight, the gourd is completely submerged in water. (If your container does not have a lid, saturate one or two bath sized towels with water pile them on top as a cover.) I let it soak for 3-4 hours--until the skin is easy to scrape off. I use the back side of a knife to gently scrape the skins from the gourd, taking care to not mar the beautiful wooden finish of the gourd. I finish by rubbing the entire gourd with a kitchen scrubbie. Allow the gourd to dry completely in a shaded area before you cut or paint the gourd. (Drying it out in the sun can cause the gourd to crack.)