

MCGA Workshop 8/16/14

Teacher: Glenda Damm, Sand Art – 12 Students attended

We are Officially in the Florida Gourd Society!!! We received notice that we now have enough MCGA members paying dues to FGS to be considered active. This will allow us to post our items through the FGS as well as see what other patches are doing.

The FGS show is every February and will be in Melbourne, FL again this year. The retreat this year is September 17-20. Sign up for the retreat is due by September 1st. Please check the FGS website at flgourdsoc.org for classes and times.

Membership and dues for gourd societies are the following times of the year:

- Marion County Gourd Artists: March – February \$16
- Florida Gourd Society: January – December \$12
- American Gourd Society: 12 month (rolling year) \$15 – Your Membership date for AGS is listed on the AGS Magazine you will received bi-annually

Al presented the treasury report with an account balance of \$2,055.06. All deposits made and checks cleared.

Pat with the Sunshine Committee mailed Carol Madler a get well card and Carole Sheftic received her August Birthday Card. Pat is also the Historian for MCGA. She has a scrapbook that she brings to each meeting. She has asked that you bring in any clippings/pictures you may find in print to add to the scrapbook.

Ella, our Publicity Chairperson, has continued her efforts to get MCGA in print. She has contacted over 10 different newspapers, 3 monthly magazines, 1 bi-monthly magazine, a senior magazine and the Pineapple Express Post in North Ocala...just this month! Her efforts are paying off. Ella's posting in the StarBanner brought in a new student, Pat, who decided to join our 8/16/14 workshop. Ella has also contacted Sena King at the new Brooksville patch to see if she would be interested in teaching a class at one of our workshops next year.

Emily Cardinali from the StarBanner arranged for photographer Alan Youngblood to attend our meeting and take pictures for the upcoming article.

Our Webmaster Carole has the sign up sheets for tables and classes updated on our website.

Please contact Glenda if you would like to teach a class next March – September. We are trying to determine what gourds we will need to purchase from Elaine in November to accommodate next year's schedule. January is our "Christmas" Pot Luck and we use October Workshop time to finish up projects for the November show. Carole Sheftic will be teaching the Owl and/or Deer in February. Glenda will be contacting Tanya to see if she would be willing to teach a silk dye class mid-year. She will also be contacting Orchid Davis to see about teaching a wood burning class. We may have to separate the group into two different classes due to the number of students. Karen Kirkland (from Georgia) may also be willing to teach a class about 5-6 months out. She does rush weaving, wood burning and beading. She also has her own line of gourd dyes.

The show committee will meet directly after the workshop today.

The show in November is coming together nicely. We are now offering a "booth" which holds 3 tables for a discounted price of \$50. A single table is \$20. A two table rental is no longer available. We are collecting donated seeds and embellishments for the MCGA table and will also have a raffle of gourds donated by Carol Madler (\$1 each or 6 for \$5).. All items can be given to Lanie for safe keeping. Please mark what type of seeds you are bringing in, if you know. If you do not know, please mark as MISC.

We have the following teachers scheduled for the show in November:

Lois – Butterfly
Hazel – Embellishment Class
Sandy – Nautilus Shell
Carole – Santa with Hat
Glenda – Bear Sand Art Necklace
Need one more teacher for Sunday afternoon

For Sand Art Supplies used today, you can contact Karen Kirkland at 229-432-7109 or chehawknapper@mediacombb.net. The glue we used today is Perfect Paper Adhesive and can be ordered from Karen or online (the local stores do not carry it).