

MCGA Workshop 7/19/14

Teacher: Carole Sheftic, Painting of Funky Chicken

Our Publicity Chairperson, Ella, contacted the Star Banner and the Editor requested Emily Cardinali attend our workshop today. Emily painted the Funky Chicken with us and will be joining our workshop in August. She hopes to be able to place a write up in the Star Banner about MCGA in October, just before our Gourd Show in November. Ella was also able to get MCGA represented in print in the July 2014 issues of Ocala Magazine and Ocala's Good Life.

Pat, our Sunshine Committee, has returned to us after a two and a half month leave. Glenda has requested a get well card be sent to Carol Madler due to her surgery/infirmity. Pat has a current list of everyone's birthday.

The Show Committee will meet directly after the workshop today.

Al presented the treasury report with a deposit after the last meeting of \$93.00, one outstanding check and a balance of \$2,130.06. When signing in, it has been requested that attendees mark if they are a V - Visitor or M - Member, and also F - if you are a member of the Florida Gourd Society. Current membership list is available from Glenda.

Glenda contacted Teresa Z. from the Florida Gourd Society and verified that we only need 75% of PARTICIPATING members to be considered active with them. There is no specific list of benefits available at this time. One benefit is covering some of the expenses for traveling teachers, although there are only a few traveling teachers. Another benefit is first option at classes and certain discounts. [The major benefit is being part of a larger group of other gourd enthusiasts to share knowledge and interest in gourds.](#)

The Florida Gourd Society has a "Traveling Gourd" project [and all members of our patch will be able to make a contribute to the creation and submission of a single gourd.](#) The gourd is sent/taken to the annual Florida Gourd Show and voted on by the general public. If the gourd is sold, the funds are paid to the patch that created the gourd.

Our Web Master Carole stated everything is operating well. A request has been made to add a sign up for tables for our November 7, 8 & 9th Gourd Show at the Market of Marion. Meeting minutes will now be available on our web site with a running history. [Information about our upcoming show will soon be on line, and hopefully people will be able to register for a table.](#) Classes will be offered and registration information for them will also soon be available.

Members are requested to start saving their gourd seeds to donate for the club to sell at the Fall show. If possible, separate and label. If not, mixed will also be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Lanie Cantwell