

Marion County Gourd Artists

June 21, 2014 Minutes

There were 15 members attending the June meeting of the Marion County Gourd Artists on 6-21-2014.

Following the treasurer's, program chairman's, and publication chairman's reports there was discussion about members joining the Florida Gourd Society. The fee is \$12.00 a year, and the fee for the American Gourd Society is \$15.00. Those joining the American Gourd Society receive a quarterly magazine as well as information on upcoming demonstrations, classes & gourd shows. If we have enough of our members join the Florida Club, we will again become an active patch, which would provide our members numerous benefits, including notices of upcoming activities, more awareness of our local club, better participation in our gourd show and classes, more instructors as well as possible receiving some reimbursement for instructors. All members were strongly urged to join.

The upcoming Fall gourd show was discussed. Members were told that the tables will still be advertised at \$20.00 each; however this will be the last year for such a low price. Cecil Walley, of Sunshine Woodcarving Supplies, will be a commercial vendor at this year's show with approximately five tables to display his woodburning and carving tools we can use on our gourds. He also has an Ebay store, Everglades Woodburning Supplies.

As previously mentioned, Elaine Hayes has also committed to be our grower vendor at the Fall show. We're happy to have her return!

Members of the show committee are asked to stay following the July meeting to begin working on the upcoming show. To date, the committee members are Ella, Stephanie, Pat and Glenda but the committee is open to other members who wish to work to make our show a bigger success this year.

Following the meeting a pine needle project was taught by Sandy Hindrichs.

Members were also able to purchase gourds for upcoming projects, July and September.

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