

**Marion County Gourd Artist
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2016**

The March 19,'16 meeting was called to order by president Diane Surrige at 10a.m. She told members that four people from the patch; Ella Curtis, Glenda Damm, Shari Zabrowski and Diane Surrige had received a total of 11 awards from the Florida Gourd Festival held last month in Melbourne. Congratulations on your hard work.

The treasure's report was read with a balance of \$3121.89. The minutes were available on-line, Lou White, secretary was not present due to a death in the family.

Workshops; April-Orchid Davis- woodburned Kitten; May- Shari- leather braid trim;June- Shari- judging hints on woodburning (members are asked to bring one of their projects)July-Glenda-copper tooling; August-Diane to be announced;Sept-open-; Oct.- finish items for show; Nov.- show- weekend 11-13th.

New Business- Diane handed out sign-up sheets to members and requested that they select three areas they would be willing to volunteer to help during the fall show. She said," this is our major fund raiser for the patch and we need all members to help in some capacity, not just a few," Members were asked to mark three areas; 1,2 &3 and hand the sheet back to her at the April meeting. She also asked members to come up with ideas for items to do for the show as part of the fund raiser. Previous years we have done birdhouses and Christmas ornaments.

Applications were available for the Gallery East Show, which will be held the month of July. You do not have to work the show, just tag any item you would like to sell with your name and price. The committee will handle the sells, receiving a 20% commission on items sold. If you are interested check with Diane at the April meeting.

Shows and Classes: Cherokee, North Caroline June 2-5, featuring classes at all levels, Sign-up starts April 15- May15. For more information visit:

<http://www.gourdgathering.org/>

A motion was made by Ella and seconded by Sandy Hinrichs to change the patch's meeting time from 10a.m. to 9:30a.m. Motion approved. Ella was to send e-mails to all members on the change.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30. Members worked on their dreamcatchers led by guest instructor Mary Ann Gary for the rest of the workshop.

Respectively submitted;

Lou White