

Marion County Gourd Artists

October 18, 2014 Meeting

Glenda Damm called the meeting to order. She announced there was no class today. It was a work time for volunteers to paint birdhouses which would be donated to the club for sale at the Festival. Thanks were given to the 17 volunteers who attended the meeting to volunteer their time and talents on behalf of the club.

Pat Thompson, our Sunshine Lady, reported that no cards were sent out since there were no birthdays. As Historian she announced that she brought in the history book for each of us to look at and add our name where needed.

Al Harnage, our Treasurer, reported that we have more booths rented this year for the Gourd Festival. He added that we have \$549.36 for classes and booth rental money for the Festival. He will finalize class money during or after the Gourd Festival.

Carole reported that anyone wanting to sign up for any of the Gourd Festival classes may do so on the website. There are nine signed up for the Friday classes; but, no one for the classes on Saturday. Only 3 people have registered for Sunday. The artists who are the teachers for these classes said that they will do their projects as demos if there were no sign ups.

People are still needed to do demonstrations. Carole need to know so that the name of the project and time that it will be demonstrated can be written on the board.

Glenda thanked those that have volunteered to be at The Market of Marion the weekends prior to the Festival in order to hand out flyers and promote the show. She also reported that we have volunteers to fill in for vendors as needed in the booths for all three days of the show. However, if anyone else wishes to attend and help out, it will definitely be appreciated.

It was asked that members who have anything that can be used on gourds they wish to donate for the club to sell at the show please bring it to the show.

Glenda also reported that she had spoken with Reggie Eakin, the Georgia Gourd Guy, about teaching a class at our club gathering. It would possibly be in February, if she is able to schedule him. It would be for either carving or burning. The class would be \$45 per person. He requires a minimum of 10 students. A sign-up sheet was passed around and 14 people signed

that they would definitely take Reggie's class. Therefore, Glenda said she would speak to Reggie about the class.

A list of classes being offered at the State Gourd Festival in Melbourne will be posted on their web site November 16 for anyone interested.

Ella Curtis, our Publicity Chairman, reported that three members met with a reporter and photographer for the Ocala Good Life magazine to provide information and pictures about our Second Annual Gourd Show, plus when and where our club meets monthly. The photos and article should appear in their next issue.

It was decided that the birdhouses that were donated to the club would be sold at the Festival for \$18 each. The price would be held firm until Sunday. Any left on Sunday would be marked down to \$15 each.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou White