

Baskets and Gourds - Containers of Our Culture VIII

April 24 – 26, 2020

This conference will be hosted by the Tulare/Sequoia Gourd Patch and endorsed by the California Gourd Society. It is the eighth Baskets and Gourds Conference to be held in the city of Visalia, California. Visalia is located in the center of California, close to Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Yosemite National Parks.

We are currently seeking teachers for this event.

Friday - April 24, 2020: Opening Reception 6 pm – 8 pm
Arts Visalia in downtown Visalia
An exhibit featuring the instructors' professional work (may be for sale)

Saturday - April 25, 2020
Classes 9 am – 4 pm
Vendors' Booths open 9 am – 5 pm (open to all to purchase supplies)
Teachers' Marketplace 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (open to all)
Dinner and Keynote Speaker 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Bill Colligen from Tucson, AZ)

Sunday - April 26, 2020:
Classes 9 am – 4 pm
Vendors' Booths open 9 am – 4 pm

Fees: Class Fee for Participants: \$65
Teachers will receive \$45 per student, and may also charge a materials fee.

Proposals must be received by March 31, 2019. Class decisions will be mailed by May 10, 2019. Preference is given to classes that are **unique and will be taught for the first time** in California at our 2020 conference. This will help increase your student count and make our conference more exciting! Students generally expect to complete a project that is very similar to your photo.

Please send the following to the address below by March 31, 2019:

- **teaching application**
- **biography**
- **PROFESSIONAL QUALITY PHOTOS of class projects with a high resolution image on a CD, flash drive, or as an attachment to an email (300 - 400 dpi or higher in JPG, Tiff, or EPS format; no compression)**
- **Two professional quality photos of the artist working on projects**

We ask that all of our instructors participate in the Arts Visalia Show by sending a minimum of three pieces by March 20, 2020. The show will be broken down on Sunday, the last day of the conference.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Teacher Application: Baskets and Gourds - Containers of Our Culture VIII
(Please fill out an application for each different class proposal.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Name of Class: _____

Medium: _____

Day or days preferred: Saturday: _____ Sunday: _____ (6 hour classes only)

Class Level: All Levels _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Can student expect to finish this project within class time? Yes _____ No _____

Number of students you will take: Minimum _____ Maximum _____

Approximate number of students per table: (tables are 8' x 3') _____

I am interested in participating in Teachers' Marketplace: Yes _____ No _____

I am interested in vendor information: Yes _____ No _____

Approx. Dimensions of Project: Length _____ Width _____
Diameter _____ Height _____

Description: (include special skills taught or emphasized, or techniques demonstrated). Please use 40 words or less. You may use back of this sheet or attach another page if you wish.

Total Materials and Preparation Fee per student: \$ _____

Material or supplies required of student: _____

(Teachers: Please bring cleaned, pre-cut gourds.)

Additional requirements:

Teaching Assistant _____ Water _____ Planned Electricity Usage: High _____ Medium _____ Low _____ None _____

Other: _____

Please check all that apply to your project:

_____ dyeing _____ carving _____ painting _____ wood burning _____ heat gun/dryer _____ drilling
_____ power sanding _____ bone drilling or carving

Please include with your application:

Teacher's Biography (50 words or less)

PROFESSIONAL QUALITY PHOTOS of projects and artist (300 - 400 dpi or higher, no compression: JPG, Tiff, or EPS format)

Proposal must be received by March 31, 2019. Class decisions will be mailed by May 10, 2019.

I give my permission to use my photos to promote this event in print and on the Internet. I agree to send at least three pieces of art and photos of myself working for the show at Arts Visalia.

Signed _____ Date _____