

**CLASSES AT THE 2017 MISSISSIPPI GOURD FESTIVAL  
SMITH COUNTY AG COMPLEX, RALEIGH, MS  
CLASSES ON SEPT. 14-16, FESTIVAL ON SEPT. 15-16**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

**TPM1—GOURD JEWELRY**

**Teacher: Carol Maddox, Bossier City, LA**

Thursday, 1-4 p.m.; Cost: \$22 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 16 and up

Leave class with a finished project? Yes; Min/Max # of Students: 3/10

Techniques and materials for this class include: woodburning, carving, inlay, Quikwood, alcohol inks, acrylics, and metallics. Student will complete three pieces of jewelry in class. **Instructor will supply:**

cleaned gourd pieces and everything needed to complete projects. Instructor will have one woodburner and one carver for class to share. Student may wish to bring own burner and/or carver. **Student must bring:** mask, gloves, and apron or smock. You may wish to bring a woodburner and/or carver, if you have them.



**TPM2—CHIPPER**

**Teacher: Cecil Walley, Sebring, FL**

Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Cost: \$35 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 10 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Approx. Project Size: 6-10" diameter; Leave class with a finished project: Yes

Min/Max # of Students: 5/10

Students will woodburn a chipmunk design and color it with Prismacolor colored pencils and/or acrylic paints. Students will be shown how to burn hair on the chipmunk and do some shading. We will be using a knife tip pen and a spear tip. Tips will be available to use, if you don't have one. Other tips you have can also be used instead of the knife tip, so don't go buy pens/tips until after your class. Burners will be available at the show to purchase, if you need one, as well as a variety of pens/tips. Students in this class can **save 10%** on all supplies purchased at the show from Sunshine Woodcarving Supply. **Instructor will supply:** Stick and Burn pattern and painting directions, Prismacolor colored pencils, acrylic paints, and miscellaneous items needed to complete project in class. **Student must bring:** 6-10" diameter gourd or one will be available for purchase for \$5, temperature-controlled wood burner and any pens/tips you have. Do not buy one from Walmart or the hobby stores, as they will not do for this class. Apron or smock.

**TPM3—INKED AND UNWOUND**

**Teacher: Georgia L. Golmon, Bogue Chitto, MS**

Thursday, 1-3 p.m. (a 2-hr. class)

Cost: \$20 + \$5 MSGS registration fee; Skill Level: All levels

Ages: 12 and up; Approx. Project Size: 5" wide by 5" high

Leave class with a finished project? Yes; Min/Max # of students: 3/8

Students will apply their choice of available colors of alcohol inks to a prepared gourd bowl. After sealing the inks, they will add a decorative seagrass rim and an embellishment of their choice. **Instructor will supply:** prepared gourd bowl, alcohol inks, spray-on sealer, seagrass, assorted embellishments, and all other supplies needed to complete the project. **Student must bring:** an apron or smock and a willing attitude.



## FRIDAY MORNING CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

### **FAM1—MOLD MAKING**

**Teacher: Carol Maddox, Bossier City, LA**

Friday, 9 a.m.-12 noon; Cost: \$25 + \$5 MSGS registration fee



Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 16 and up  
Approx. Project Size: 2-1/2" wide by 3-1/2" high; Leave class with a finished project? Yes; Min/Max # of students: 3/10

Student will make a mold using silicone putty and use that mold to make an emblem to place on a gourd ornament. The ornament will be embellished with hot glue scrolls and painted. Student will complete one ornament in class. **Instructor will supply:** cleaned gourd and all supplies needed to complete project. Instructor will have a variety of items to mold. **Student must bring:** hot glue gun and glue sticks, apron or smock. If you have small items you wish to mold, bring them.



### **FAM2—MAGIC BUTTERFLIES**

**Teacher: Michelle Thompson, Raleigh, MS**

Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon; Cost: \$42 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 12 and up

Approx. Project Size: 5-7" wide x 6-8" high; Leave class with a finished project? Yes  
Min/Max # of students: 3/10



In this fun class, student will learn how to layer alcohol inks and masking shapes. Choose from many ink colors (test colors on provided gourd pieces, if you wish), then start designing your gourd

picture! When you finish the inking and masking process, you'll begin removing the masks. Your beautiful butterflies and ferns will magically appear! Magic Butterflies! **Instructor will supply:** a whole, basecoated gourd, vinyl masking shapes, alcohol inks, spray sealer, tutorial, and all supplies needed to complete class project. Instructor will have two hair dryers for shared class use. **Student must bring:** apron or smock to protect clothing.



### **FAM3—CARVED FILIGREE VINE**

**Teacher: Renee King, Hattiesburg, MS**

Friday, 8 a.m.-12 noon; *This class will be held outdoors in the covered arena.*

Cost: \$35 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 16 and up

Approx. Project size: 8" wide by 8" high; Leave class with a finished project? Yes, with one design; Min/Max # of students: 2/12

Learn the characteristics of different carving burrs. Dye your gourd, then select your pattern from those supplied and carve it on your gourd. You will be able to create designs for future projects.

**Time allows only one pattern to be completed in class. Instructor will supply:** Tutorial with patterns and dyes. **Student must bring:** Kettle gourd, 8-9" tall and about 8-9" wide, opened at the top and cleaned. Dremel or carving tool with carving burrs (inverted cone, structured tooth and a small steel round burr. Do not bring a diamond burr; it won't cut through the hard shell.), mask, and apron or smock.



## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**



### **FPM1—DREAM CATCHER**

**Teacher: Carol Maddox, Bossier City, LA**

Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Cost: \$35 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 16 and up

Approx. Project size: 7" wide by 7" high; Leave class with a finished project? Yes

Min/Max # of students: 3/8

Students will dye gourd and complete a dream catcher design with embellishments.

**Instructor will supply:** cleaned and prepared gourd and all materials needed to complete project. **Student must bring:** scissors, needle-nose pliers, and apron or smock.

### **FPM2—COSMOS TREASURE CHEST**

**Teacher: Renee King, Hattiesburg, MS**

Friday, 1-4 p.m.; Cost: \$30 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 10 and up

Approx. Project size: 5-6" wide by 5-6" high



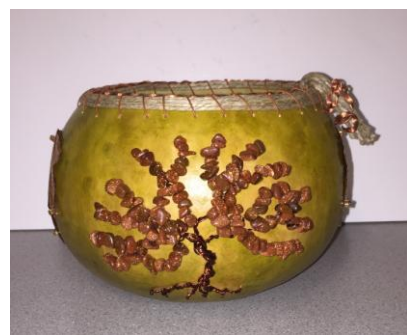
Leave class with a finished project? Yes

Min/Max # of students: 3/12

Learn the basics of gourd cleaning and preparation.

Select designs for your own outer space treasure box from the moon, planet and solar system patterns supplied and paint them on gourd. Apply a clasp and hinge, if desired.

**Instructor will supply:** cleaned and prepared gourd and all materials needed to complete project. **Student must bring:** apron or smock and big smile.



### **FPM3—COPPER FOREST**

**Teacher: Theresa Berryhill, Raleigh, MS**

Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Cost: \$40 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 15 and up

Approx. Project Size: 8-10" wide x 6" high

Leave class with a finished project? Yes; Min/Max # of students: 3/6

Create your own copper forest! Students will learn to use alcohol ink and glazing gel as a coloring agent, learn the beading technique to shape and form your one-of-a-kind

tree, and learn to form copper leaves full of interesting textures. Students will complete their forest with a copper twist wire and twine rim. **Instructor will supply:** prepared gourd and all supplies needed to complete your copper forest. Instructor will have a drill and drill bits and some hair dryers for shared class use. **Student must bring:** awl and apron or smock. Bring a hair dryer, if you wish.



## SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

### **SAM1—WEAVING A GOURD VASE**

**Teacher: Carol Maddox, Bossier City, LA**

Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 noon; Cost: \$40 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 16 and up

Approx. Project Size: 6" wide by 15" high; Leave class with a finished project? Yes

Min/Max # of students: 3/8

Student will learn simple weave, twining, triple twine, hills and valleys, and finish with a simple border. Finally, student will finish with a philodendron sheath and embellishments.

**Instructor will supply:** cleaned and prepared gourd and all materials needed to complete project. **Student must bring:** bucket for soaking reeds, old towel, spray bottle, scissors, needle-nose pliers, apron or smock, and hair dryer.



### **SAM2—EMBOSSED BOWL**

**Teacher: Elizabeth West, Cullman, AL**

Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 noon; Cost: \$40 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 14 and up

Approx. Project Size: 6" wide by 5" high

Leave class with a finished project? Yes; Min/Max # of Students: 1/10

Student will woodburn a pattern on a gourd bowl, based on a Rail Fence quilt design. Then student will use crackle medium, mica powders, and two types of embossing powder to add texture and "bling". **Instructor will supply:** prepared gourd, mica powder, embossing powders, crackle medium, paint, and other miscellaneous supplies. Instructor will have one heat tool to share.

**Student must bring:** apron or smock, woodburner with knife tip, heat embossing tool (if you have one), 1/2" flat brush, 3/4" flat brush, hair dryer, and level-line marking tool (if you have access to one)

### **SAM3—ETCHED BIRDHOUSE**

**Teacher: Renee King, Hattiesburg, MS**

Saturday, 9 a.m.-12 noon; *This class will be held outdoors in the covered arena.*

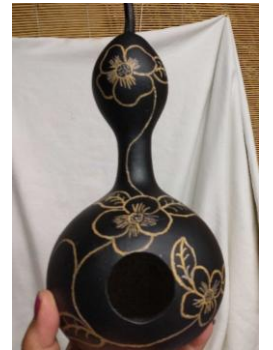
Cost: \$25 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 15 and up

Approx. Project size: 5-6" wide by 10" high

Leave class with a finished project? Yes; Min/Max # of students: 3/10

Learn the basics of gourd cleaning and preparation. Learn how to draw your design, then etch it onto your gourd using a rotary tool and a small steel ball carving burr. **Instructor will supply:** cleaned gourd ready to paint, paint, brushes and clear coat. **Student must bring:** Rotary tool (Dremel) or carving tool, small steel ball burr (no larger than 1/8" diameter, and can be smaller--possibly a Dremel 106 or 107. Do not bring a diamond burr; it won't cut through the hard shell.), hair dryer or heat gun, mask, and apron or smock.



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**SAM4—ABSTRACT MIXED MEDIA**  
**Teacher: Theresa Berryhill, Raleigh, MS**  
 Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 noon  
 Cost: \$45 + \$5 MSGS registration fee  
 Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 15 and up  
 Approx. Project size: 8-10" wide by 6" high  
 Leave class with a finished project? Yes  
 Min/Max # of students: 3/6



This is a really fun class where you can find ways to use some of your found treasures. Students will begin the journey creating their mixed media surface with a recycled paper. Enjoy learning different techniques, including decoupage, beading, Fantasy Film, skeleton leaves usage, and collage composition. Add expression by attaching unique objects. You will complete your gourd with a copper twist wire and wire twine rim.

**Instructor will supply:** cleaned and prepared gourd bowl and all supplies needed to complete your project. Instructor will have a drill and drill bits and some hair dryers for shared class use. **Student must bring:** awl and apron or smock. Bring a hair dryer, if you wish.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017**



**SPM1—REJOICING CHIPPENDALE ANGEL**  
**Teacher: Georgie Foster, Hattiesburg, MS**  
 Saturday, 1-5 p.m.  
 Cost: \$35 + \$5 MSGS registration fee  
 Skill Level: All levels; Ages: All ages  
 Approx. Project Size: 7-8" wide x 10-12" high  
 Leave class with a finished project? Yes  
 Min/Max # of students: 1/12



In this Chippendale style acrylic painting project, student will learn side-loading, floating, double-loading a paint brush, combined with some line work. Student will also learn to do a basic face to create this lovely angel. **Instructor will supply:** instructions, gourd, paint, medium, and brushes. **Student must bring:** apron or smock or wear old clothes.



**SPM2—ROUND & ROUND LUMINARY**  
**Teacher: Michelle Thompson, Raleigh, MS**  
 Saturday, 1-4 p.m.; Cost: \$40 + \$5 MSGS fee  
 Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 12 and up  
 Approx. Project Size: 4-5" wide by 5-6" high  
 Leave class with a finished project? Yes; Min/Max # of students: 3/12

Create a stunning light show by combining drilled holes with electrical illumination! Student will sketch circular patterns onto prepared cannonball gourd and drill holes following the sketched designs. The circles may be filled as desired by student—concentric circles, pie-shaped wedges, stars, etc. Weather permitting, luminary will be sprayed with sealer. **Instructor will supply:** cleaned and prepared cannonball gourd, light base with cord and bulb, design templates, pencils, erasers, instructional handout, and other supplies needed to complete this project. **Student must bring:** drill and drill bits, ranging from 1/16" to 3/16". Brad-point bits are less likely to skip. If using a cordless drill, a spare battery may be required. Apron or smock and dust mask, if you wish.

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### **SPM3—BLACK IRIDESCENT TREASURE CHEST**

**Teacher: Renee King, Hattiesburg, MS**

Saturday, 1-4 p.m.; Cost: \$30 + \$5 MSGS registration fee

Skill Level: All levels; Ages: 10 and up

Approx. Project size: 5-6" wide by 5-6" high

Leave class with a finished project? Yes

Min/Max # of students: 3/12

Learn the basics of gourd cleaning and preparation. Design your treasure box using tape; then paint your gourd with iridescent paint. Apply a clasp and hinge, if desired. **Instructor will supply:** cleaned and prepared gourd and all materials needed to complete project. **Student must bring:** apron or smock and big smile.

## **GENERAL INFO ON CLASSES**

Classes and registration information will be posted on the website, [www.mississippigourdsociety.org](http://www.mississippigourdsociety.org). Classes will be held at the Smith County Ag Complex in Raleigh, MS, September 14-16, 2017. The carving classes will be held outdoors in the covered arena. All other classes will be held indoors. **Spaces are limited and will be filled on a "first-come" basis. You may register at the festival as a walk-in, if class space is available.** Class fee consists of teacher fee payable to the teacher in class and registration fee payable to MSGS upon registration. The \$5 registration fee per class is non-refundable, unless teacher cancels class. If paying registration fees with PayPal, you may register through Tuesday, September 12. If mailing payment, you may register through Thursday, September 7. Pay registration fees promptly to hold your space(s).

Fully read class descriptions and pay special attention to what you need to bring to class. Please be prepared with tools and supplies required for classes you are taking or hope to take. We will have lots of gourds, tools, and supplies for sale at the festival. All students should check in at the class registration desk before going to class. The "**Fast Lane**" is for pre-registered students with prepaid registration fees to check in and pick up their schedules. There is a separate line for students to register and pay at the festival.

*Notice to all students: Please be prompt for classes. If you are unable to make it to class or are running late, please give us as much advance notice as possible. Our teachers are counting on your attendance. If you are more than 10 minutes late for class and have not notified us, we will assume you are a no-show and will allow a waiting student to fill your spot. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.*

We look forward to having you! If you have questions about classes or registration, please let us know. Our goal is to have happy students and happy teachers!

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