

Florida Gourd Society, Inc.
SEASIDE GOURDS
2018

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES

- *GOURDS MUST PREDOMINATE IN ALL CATEGORIES.* Judges may disqualify an entry if they feel that this is not the case.
- All cut and or open gourds must be cleaned or finished on the inside.
- Stems are not required, but if present, must be cleaned and neat. Exceptions: Categories 1-6.
- Any Individual may exhibit a gourd; the individual is not required to be a member of a gourd society.
- Entry must be the work of the artist. Be mindful that gourds should be original in design and not copied from a book or from a class project. Any gourd that is verbatim from a pattern or class is not eligible for judging. To be eligible for judging, gourds from patterns and classes must reflect the entrant's ability to make the design or technique their own.
- Each individual may enter only one gourd per category. Limit 15 gourds per person.
- Entry tags will be available on our web site. Please attach one per entry.
- No business cards allowed in the exhibit area.
- You must mark the tags "yes" or "no" allowing the judges/clerks to move your gourd from the category that you chose if it does not fit the criteria for that category. Gourds left in wrong categories will be disqualified from judging.
- The Florida Gourd Society will attempt to provide reasonable security for all entries, but assumes no responsibility for damage to or theft of an entry.
- Stands are allowed for gourds that do not sit up on their own. These stands must be simple and will not be considered in the judging. Any gourd that does not sit solidly will not be accepted. Rotating stands for highly decorated gourds will be allowed, but not turned on during judging.
- Gourds previously entered into a FGS Show may not be entered again.

AWARDS

- Judging will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Judges decisions will be final. The Head Judge does have the right to award additional awards.
- AWARD CATEGORIES:
 - Adult - Best Of Show; Grand Master.
 - Best Of Divisions: Dried, Junior, Adult Crafted Gourds (Divisions III, IV, V), Theme Categories.
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Merit Ribbons will be given out in each category.
- The judges have the option of only awarding ribbons to gourds meeting the criteria.
- JUDGING CRITERIA 75% Workmanship 25% Creativity, Originality and Uniqueness

ENTRY TIMES AND PICK -UP TIMES

- Please register your gourds in advance using the entry form available on-line. Only paid FGS members may preregister. All others must register at the show.
- Entries may be checked in at the Exhibit area from 10-5 p.m. on Friday
- You or your representative must register your entries and attach tags to each gourd entered. Tags are on the web site. Please print these on white card stock paper.
- NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY
- Pick-up will be on Sunday from 1:30-2:30. Any gourd not picked up by 2:30 will be donated to FGS for auction.

PLEASE NOTE FOR THE 2018 SHOW:

1. New Category in Division III and Division IV. Combination of techniques.
2. New Category - Name Tags - #48
2. Addition of a Grand Master's Category.
3. Changes to the Master Category rules.
4. There is prize money for top awards in: Best of Show, Novice, Master, Grand Master, Best of Adult Crafted Gourds (Divisions III, IV, V combined).