

Florida Gourd Society, Inc.
GOURDS GO WESTERN
2017

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;
 - Best Of Divisions: Dried, Junior, Adult Crafted Gourds (Divisions III, IV, V), Theme Category
- 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 50% Workmanship 50% Creativity, Originality and Uniqueness

ENTRY TIMES AND PICK -UP TIMES

- Please register your gourds in advance using the entry form available online.
- 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 2017 SHOW:

1. Limit for anyone entering gourds is 15 gourds, no more than one in a category.
2. FGS members may pre-register gourds they are entering for judging and there will be no fee for their pre-registered entries. Information will be posted on the web site to register and print out your entry slips and tags for your gourds.
3. Anyone who is NOT pre-registered (this includes Non-members & FGS members) will pay an entry fee of \$10.00 to register and then a fee of \$2.00 per gourd that they enter.
4. There is prize money for top awards: Best of Show, Best of Divisions.