

Special Topics

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

At the conclusion of this workshop, student use and experimentation with color, shape, and design will enhance their ability to design unique one-of-a-kind art pieces from a perfect medium provided by nature. Four projects will be introduced and completed in the weekend-long workshop.

The class will begin with an introduction to the cutting and cleaning tools used in preparing craft ready gourds. Students will explore the wood-like qualities of a gourd through the construction of a lidded gourd bowl. The prepared gourd pieces will be combined with cork, bass wood and a decorative topper to create a tight fitting lid for the gourd bowl base.

The second workshop project will progress to the introduction and use of coloring treatments to create a one of a kind gourd bowl and vase set. The two pieces will become a set when they are finished with complementing sea grass and Danish cord rim treatments and embellishment items. The use of these coloring treatments and the application of embellishments will allow students to elevate their pieces to functional art.

Students will be able to express creativity and design in the last workshop project of the weekend. Students will combine the skills and knowledge gained in the previous projects with a technique requiring dark line pyrography and of the use of eggshell. This application will develop individual mosaic patterns on the gourd surface to make it a stunning one of a kind piece.

Student use of the equipment/tools in this class should not be feared. The "power tools" used are specially created on a small scale for use with delicate projects. Those not comfortable, or who have limitations that prevent them from successfully using the tools or equipment, will be assisted by the instructor.

MATERIALS LIST

- Apron to protect clothing
- *Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the Week)
- *Flash drive (to protect and save data to from Library computers)

All Items marked with an "*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store

MATERIALS FEES: \$55.00-\$75.00

All materials for the class will be provided by the instructor. This will include inks, dyes, paints, applicators, gloves, dust masks, sealers, and embellishment materials such as various colors of seagrass, waxed linen thread, beads, buttons, etc. **The instructor will collect a \$35 supply fee in addition to the students purchasing their craft ready gourds from the instructor. The gourds will vary in price based on shape and size. Individual gourd prices will range between \$5-\$10 per gourd. Students should plan to purchase four (4) gourds for the four individual class projects. The instructor will accept cash, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards, as well as payment via PayPal for the combined supply/materials fee and gourd costs.**

Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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