

Washington State Gourd Society
1st Annual Gourd Retreat
April 17-19, 2024
Historical Mineral Lake Lodge Conference Center

The Amazing Thunder Drum

April 17th 8am – 12 pm

Instructor: Pam Loranty

Class Size: 20

Description: A Thunder Gourd is basically a drum made from a gourd, with a spring attached to the drumhead. When the spring is shaken, it creates vibrations that are amplified through the drumhead into the gourd resembling sounds like a thunder storm; it is impressive! Most class supplies are included with the cost of the class. Students will be carving a shape out of the gourd for the sound to escape and assembling the entire drum.

Class is for all skill levels.

Cost: \$50

What to bring:

- Carver with burrs or small gourd saw
- Welburn Gourd Master dyes
- Paint brushes, usually small to medium

Many extra tools and supplies will be provided for sharing.



Hatching Dragon

April 17th 1-5 pm

Instructor: Carol Sulham

Class Size: 15

Description: We will be sculpting a baby dragon hatching out of an egg using Quickwood. The kit that is included with the class will have some very basic preparation done on the egg gourd and almost all you need for the class. (see supplies needed below). Painting instruction will be given but may not be completed on the same day.

Class is for all skill levels.

Cost: \$50

What to bring:

- Flat metal palette knife
- Small round paintbrush
- Small flat paintbrush
- Hair dryer or heat gun



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Dragonfly Fantasy Class

April 18th & 19th **9 am to 3 pm each day**

Instructor: Claudia Herber

Class Size: 30

Description: This two-day gourd workshop is for all levels of experience. The fun in making this gourd is learning to create the background. We are going to do an advanced, detailed filigree carving technique that creates a lace-like and airy backdrop for the dragonflies and geometric shapes. There will be a lot of tips and tools to make the job easier. Metallic paints and embossing powders will be used to finish the floating elements. Dust off your carver and come play with us.

Cost: \$120

What to Bring:

- One tall, roundish gourd that when cut open is 8 to 10" tall. Thickness ideally 3/8" thick. Need to be cut open and cleaned on the inside and out.
- Carver with all your burrs.
- Good dust mask
- Pencil
- Exact-o Knife
- Sanding Supplies – papers of different grits, files, etc.
- Blue masking tape 1/4"
- Metallic paints – bring whatever you have
- Embossing powders
- Black fine-tip acrylic marker (POSCA or Pitt 0.7)
- Small paint brushes – rounds and flats

Claudia will bring extra burrs and masking tape to sell if you need some.

The community of class members are usually willing to share some of the supplies if you are in need.

Please contact Claudia with supply questions: cherber1945@gmail.com

