

THE ZGOURD MINER

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‘ROUND THE CLUBHOUSE Meeting Notes:



June Notes

Additional information on the Leiser Festival: Over \$2,200 was raised for the Knights Landing Library. This was especially good news as there were only half the class students as last year, but only \$100 less was raised than last year. Our patch received \$100 for having the most entries in the Cal Gourd Society – we had 12 people enter. Our club booth sold \$507 in artwork, \$188 for the basket raffle, 3 t-shirts and 1 tote. We have done well with the t-shirts and totes. We initially spent \$870 to purchase them and we have sold \$775 so far. **Davis Ranch club booth:** Much discussion on getting our booth to have a more professional look. Dan Zuckerman will head the club booth committee. This committee will work on the appearance of the booth, how many pieces each person may have on display at one time, how many should be working in the booth, and will simplify and standardize the inventory lists and sales tags. Gourds for sale must be delivered in a box, preferably plastic. It is recommended that weights be placed in gourds (such as bean bags or stones) to prevent accidents to the artwork. **Other News:** Charlotte and Barbara volunteered to be photographers for the club. Bird houses are available to be decorated and donated to the Water District. There is a new patch forming that will meet at Leiser’s Farm on June 19th @ 10 a.m. They will be meeting the first Saturday of each month.

July Notes

Davis Ranch club booth: Sign-up sheets for working in the club booth were circulated. It was decided that the club will have 2 booths for this festival and future festivals. There will be 2 people assigned to work the booth to prevent over-crowding. Gourds for sale are to be delivered in clear plastic bins with your name written clearly on the bin. Diane will bring sample of wire squares for display to the next meeting. Lynda has a manzanita tree branch for displaying small gourds such as ornaments. **Other News:** The new gourd group meeting at Leisers is the Sutter Buttes Gourd Artists. Patti Brown will be giving a class on the silk dye technique at the next meeting. **Demo:** Betsy Kritzon gave a demonstration of the Golden products and several other products. The Golden products such as gels and molding pastes were used to give many different textures and looks to your gourd art. Other products demo’d were Triple Thick and a crackle paste by Tim Holtz. This was a great demo and gave everyone many new ideas for their gourd art.

August Notes

Davis Ranch club booth: Charlotte finished the pricing labels and passed out labels to those who will not be at the next meeting. Those loaning tables and display materials are to bring them to the September meeting. Lou will be getting the table skirts. It was decided to use the wire basket displays for the booth. Both Diane and Cindy will bring them to the September meeting. If you have a club t-shirt, please wear it when working in the booth. **Other News:** Several members created beautiful bird houses that were donated to the Water District. Sylvia asked for volunteers to help out in the California Gourd Society booth at the Davis Festival. Pink tiles are due at the September meeting. **Demo:** The Caning Shop gave a hands-on demo of many different woodburning pens.

It is always such a help to be able to try out the different tips and to see what is possible with each tip. Thanks to the Caning Shop and Lynda and Patti for this demo.

REMINDER!!!

It's not too early to start working on your gourdament for the club's Holiday party in December.

zgourdminer Website

The club website is now on-line. Input from members is needed. There is a section for member to sell gourd related tools and supplies. Members who have their own websites can have a link posted on the club's site. If you have a favorite on-line supplier for gourd related products, please send the information to Diane @ dpb10388@yahoo.com, There is now a link on the Leiser Farms website to the club's website as well as our web site is listed with our information on the CalGourd website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes and Demonstrations:

Patti is giving a class on **name tags** at the *September* meeting. The class is \$5.00. Bring your own gourd shard and Patti will have lots of embellishments.

Clint's class has been rescheduled to November 7th. The class is \$65 plus a \$20 materials fee. It will be held at Leiser's Farm. Contact Patti for signups and further information.

Festivals:

**** Davis Ranch/Sloughhouse Festival**
September 18 and 19, 2010

We are looking forward to having a club booth again this year. Please consider showing some of your work to represent our club. There will be sign-up sheets to help out at the booth in our upcoming meetings. For more details about the festival and pre-fest classes, go to the Davis Ranch website: <http://www.davisranchproduce.com/>, then under **Upcoming Events**, click on **Gourd Festival**.

**** Folsom Fine Arts & Gourd Festival:**
September 25 and 26, 2010

This year the festival admission will be **free!** They are working on getting the parking for free also, but no news yet. First Step Sports Marketing Group is managing the festival this year. The website is <http://www.folsomfineartsfestival.com/>.

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