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## **New Gourd Art Classes to be Featured for the 13th Annual Gourd Art Festival**

**May 27, 2009, Fallbrook, CA:** Twenty gourd art classes will be taught at the Welburn Gourd Farm in Fallbrook, CA on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Thursday and Friday preceding the 2-day Gourd Art Festival, and over ten of those classes are brand new classes creating fresh interest in the craft and in the annual festival.

Among the new classes being offered is the “Dragonfly Gourd Bowl,” which features metal leafing and patina finish, taught by Gloria Crane. Returning favorites include “Crushed Glass Inlay on Gourds,” with Dianne Connelly, and “Three Ponies,” with Kristy Dial, whose ‘cave horse’ art piece is featured on the cover of this year’s Festival brochure.

The gourd art classes are one of the main attractions for gourd-lovers attending the event, and many come in early in order to participate. Nina Harris from Sun City, AZ had this to say at last year’s festival: “The classes preceding the festival were exceptional. The real difficulty was in deciding which classes to take.”

Classes run from 9:00am to 4:00pm both days and cost \$69, which includes the price of the gourd. Advanced registration is required and those interested in signing up for a gourd class can see class descriptions and photos on the festival website at [www.gourdfestival.com](http://www.gourdfestival.com) or by calling the Welburn Gourd Farm at 760-728-4271. Walk-ins will be accepted the day of at 8:30am for those classes that still have space.

The Gourd Art Festival offers plenty to keep patrons busy, including 40 exhibitor booths of gourd art and supplies, over 50, 000 dried gourds for sale, a gourd crafting arena, wine garden, great food, live entertainment and more. Children 12 and under are admitted FREE. Admission tickets for adults are \$11.00 at the gate, or just \$8.00 when purchased in advance. Tickets may be purchased at the farm or online at [www.gourdfestival.com](http://www.gourdfestival.com). Parking is \$3.00 for General Parking.

Festival gates open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gourd Art Festival or Gourd Festival classes please visit [www.gourdfestival.com](http://www.gourdfestival.com) or call the festival office at 760-728-4588.

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