

The Georgia Gourd Society announces Gourd Education Days hosted by the Flint River Patch featuring Vickie Echols and Robin Bryson

The classes will be held at the UGA Research and Education Garden at 129 Ellis Road, Griffin, GA 30223 on **May 21, 22, 23, 24, 2020**. These are full day classes starting at 9 am. The maximum number of students per class is 15 and the cost for **each class is \$75**. Lunches can be purchased in advance. Email Holly Heath Gallagher at Hollyheathgallagher@gmail.com to register or for more information.



Lidded basket with Sand dollar—Thursday May 21—Vickie Echols

You will learn how to coil pine needles onto a prepared sand dollar to create a lid for your basket. Shaping techniques will be emphasized to help you get a well-fitted lid. After you make the lid, you will then learn to make the basket to fit the lid. This is a great class to work on your shaping skills.

Students should bring: Needle nose pliers, fine tipped wire cutters (for jewelry) and sharp scissors. Instructor will have some to share if you don't have them

Instructor will Supply: prepared gourd, glycerinated pine needles, waxed linen, glover's needle, stitching needle, prepared sand dollar (coated with resin and attached to leather) and a detailed tutorial that will be emailed after the class

Ink Dye Baby Owls with Natural Bark—Friday May 22—Robin Bryson

Create unique ink dye baby owls peeking out of a tree hole, accented with natural tree bark to give your gourd a realistic effect.

Students should bring: Emery board and razor blade. A clean and cut canteen gourd (if you wish the angle position the right angle by looking at the top and sand the bottom. Sand down flush to where the stem came out and on the other side. (If you do not have one the teacher will have some for purchase but tell Holly when you register.)

Instructor will Supply: Pattern ready to transfer, tutorial, ink dye: (white, black, brown and yellow), Formula 49, micro brushes, bark, Faber-Castell Pitt Pen, brush, soap, paper towels and mod podge, extension cord, heat gun and power strip.



Footed Twisty Rim with Tyvek Beads —Sat May 23—Vickie Echols

You will learn several pine needle coiling techniques. You will start out by adding a foot to stabilize a round bottomed gourd. Next you will become skilled at coiling pine needles onto the rim of the gourd while incorporating your hand-made Tyvek beads. The finale is the double twisted rim.

Students should bring: Needle nose pliers, fine tipped wire cutters, sharp scissors, a green cutting mat (I will have one to share), an X-acto knife, metal yard stick, heat tool, latex gloves and about 2-5 colors of ink (any color).

Instructor will Supply: The prepared gourd, glycerinated pine needles, waxed linen, sewing needle, Tyvek sheet, wool pad, bamboo skewers, glue stick and tutorials for the basket and Tyvek beads.

Baby Giraffe with Ink Dye —Sunday May 24—Robin Bryson

Learn step by step how to paint an adorable baby Giraffe with ink dye. The gourd is a little taller than a water bottle so everyone should complete in class.

Students should bring: nothing (apron?)

Instructor will supply: A clean cut and ready gourd, Pattern ready to transfer, tutorial, ink dyes: (white, black, brown and orange and tan), Formula 49, micro brushes, paper towels and, heat gun.

