



Pennsylvania Gourd Society

Gourd Crafting Resources

Fact Sheet

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The following series of lists is provided to help you get started with crafting hard shelled gourds:

Good Starting Book

The Complete Book of Gourd Craft, Ginger Summit and Jim Widess. Lark Books 2000. ISBN 1-887374-55-8.

Pyrography (Burning)

Gourd Pyrography, Jim Widess. Sterling Publishing 2002. ISBN 0-8069-5884-7.

Pyrography Workbook, Sue Walters. Learn more about the book and about pyrography at

<http://www.suewalters.com/MyBooks.html> Choose "Pyro School"

Carving

Complete Book of Gourd Carving, Jim Widess & Ginger Summit. Sterling Publishing 2004. ISBN 1-4027-0442-9.

Additional information on chip carving at

<http://www.chipcarving.com/>

Tips on power carving

<http://www.arizonagourds.com/CarvingInlay.html>

Knotless Netting, Peyote and Other Weaving, Tenerife

For inspiration and to order tutorials, visit Leah Comerford's website

http://www.thatcreativeplace.com/html/leah_comerford.html

Projects and instructions are included in many general gourd crafting books... see *General Crafting List* further on.

Painting

How to Paint a Gourd, Aurelia Conway. Plaid Enterprises 2001.

Coiling with Pine Needles, Basketry and Gourds

Pine Needle Basketry, Judy Mofield Mallow. Lark Books 1997. ISBN 1-887374-14-0.

Coiling with pine needles and other materials are covered in many general gourd books ... see *General Crafting List* further on.

Gourds and Flower Arranging

Gourds from Vine to Design, Donn Kelder. National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. 2000. Available through the American Gourd Society. ISBN 0-941994-15-5.

General Gourd Crafting Books

The Decorated Gourd, Dyan Mai Peterson. Lark Books 2002. ISBN 1-57990-247-2.

Beyond the Basics, David McFarlane. Sterling Publishing 2006. ISBN 1-4027-1060-7.

Gourd Crafts, Ginger Summit. Lark Books 2000. ISBN 1-57990-152-2.

Where to Buy Gourds in Pennsylvania

- **Beiler Gourd Farm** (Lancaster Co.) 416 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster PA 17602 (717) 687-8797.
 - **Bloom's Nursery/Martha's Gourds** (Clearfield Co.)
<http://marthasgourds.com/> or e-mail Martha@marthasgourds.com
 - **Helen Olena** (Berks Co.) (610) 775-0526 or email holena@verizon.net
 - **Milk House Gourds** (Bucks Co.) 1118 Slack Rd., Newtown, Pa. 18940 (215) 852-4305
 - **Sylvia Bisker** (York Co.) 1031 New Park Rd., New Park, Pa. 17352 (717) 382-4571 or email sbisker@aol.com
- Smucker's Gourd Farm** (Lancaster Co.) 317 Springville Rd, Kinzers, PA 17535 (717) 354-6118

On-line and Mail Order Gourd Crafting Supplies

- **Amish Gourds** www.amishgourds.com or toll free to (877) 843-0770
- **Blue Whale Arts** <http://www.bluewhalearts.com/> or (603) 679-1961
- **The Country Seat** <http://www.countryseat.com/store.htm> or (610)756-6124
- **Turtlefeathers** www.turtlefeathers.net or (828) 488-8586

General Gourd Information Including Gourd Events

American Gourd Society: www.AmericanGourdSociety.org

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