

Pa Gourd Society

March 17, 2012 Workshop 10:00am Smucker's Gourd Farm

Painting Fruit on a Gourd ----- All Members Welcome

Linda Cancelliere will be leading a workshop on using acrylic paints to paint a beautiful still life picture of an apple, a pear and grapes with leaves on your prepared gourd. Artists of all abilities are encouraged to attend this workshop!!

What you need to bring:

#10 flat brush, #4 flat brush, # 1 liner brush, a small scruffy brush (or a small old brush with bent bristles!) There will be a limited number of brushes to share. If in doubt...bring what you have! Bring a small brush basin or container to hold water to clean your brushes. Paint will be provided by instructor. **AND**, a prepped gourd, a medium to large martin or kettle gourd that has a nice area to paint on that is at least 7 inches by 7 inches. If you plan on cutting your gourd, please cut and clean before the workshop.

HOW TO PREP YOUR GOURD

Please follow these directions to prep your gourd before you come to the workshop....your gourd must be dry before the day of the workshop!!!

1. Please read all directions before starting!!
2. Please use acrylic paint to basecoat your gourd a dark color...your choice, this color will show through the cracks in your finish. Let it dry.
3. Cover with crackling medium. Let it dry.
4. Quickly, paint over the dried crackling medium with antique white acrylic paint. For best results **DO NOT** paint over the same area twice as this may cause your paint to **NOT** crackle. Let it dry.
5. **SEAL** with polyurethane. Matte or satin, brush or spray. **NOT OIL BASED!!** Let it dry.
6. Your gourd is now ready for the workshop.
7. **You can also paint on an unpainted or a light colored painted gourd without using crackle. It still has to be sealed with polyurethane. Please be aware of the colors of the fruit and leaves as you don't want to use a background color that will make it difficult for you to see your design. REMEMBER, seal your gourd!**

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