

Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild
Basket & Gourd Class Day
August 2, 2026
9:00am to 4:00pm

This is a traditional day of celebration. We are featuring low cost classes for Guild members and the community. Classes are held at the San Dieguito Heritage Museum, 450 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA, 92024. This is special 30 year celebration for the Guild. We will have a special display of Misti Washington's baskets and cake.

Please bring your lunch and water bottle. Bring a folding chair, if possible. We will have coffee available. Each class is a full day. To register please use the link below. For questions please contact: Debbie Zimmerman via dzmistibasketday25@gmail.com.

Jaunty Lantern – Kim Orr, Instructor

All levels

Cost: \$ 40 Guild members, \$45 non-members

Learn to twine around spokes on a round mold to form this delightful lantern. The handle is twisted reed.

Tools needed: Awl, scissors, towel, wood or metal ruler, and a 3" round object for mold – ball, onion, orange. Teacher will have extra tools and molds to share.

Teacher will provide reed and battery operated tea light.

Class size: 10 max

Walk-ins: allowed

Project size: 3" height, 2" diameter. Students will make 1 lantern.



Croton Leaves on a Gourd – Grace Swanson, Instructor

All levels

Cost \$60 Guild members, \$65 for non-members

Learn to transfer design with Press N Seal and then burn through it. Learn to dye the leaves with Gourdmaster red under-painting and metallic ink dyes blended on top.

Tools and material needed: Gourd 6-7". Woodburner with spear tip, heat setter and gourd saw if you have one.

Teacher will provide, pattern, dye, paint, tutorial, paint brushes, UV protecting spray.

Class size: 12 max

Walk ins: 2 if under max



Fancy Faux Raku Gourd – Stacy Holtz, Instructor

All levels

Cost \$60 Guild members, \$65 non-members

Learn to carve a step stone design in gourd and color with paint and pigment powder.

Tools needed: Dremel or power carver, steel carbide ball burr – medium size, wheel burr, locking compass with pencil, mask or respirator, eye protection.

Class size: 12 max

Walk-ins: yes

Project size: 4-6" diameter, 4-5" in height

Teacher will supply gourd, paint, pigment powder and sand.



Wet Felted Bowl – Pam Watson, Instructor

All levels

Learn how to wet felt a wool bowl.

Cost: \$60 for Guild members, \$65 for non-members

Tools needed: scissors sharp pointed, sm. bucket or plastic bowl, towels (1 bath, 2 hand towels), a chopstick, spray bottle, bar or liquid soap (not deodorant or foaming soap).

Class size: 10

Walk-ins: no

Teacher will supply wool, embellishments, bubble wrap, resist, mat for rolling, balloons and vinegar.

Project size 5" diameter 3 "ht.



Students will select a color choice- blue/teal, pink/purple, orange/yellow or green/brown at registration.

Market Basket – Marsha Orr, Instructor

FULL

All levels

Cost: \$70 for Guild members, \$75 for non-members.

Learn basic over-under weave, twining and braided rim. More advanced weavers can do complex weaving.

Tools needed: sturdy scissors and an old towel.

Class size: 10 max.

Walk-ins: up to max.

Project size: 8" wide x 12" long with 12" handle.

Teacher will supply reed, awl, spray bottles.

The decorative weave on handle may need to be finished at home.

The basket was stained with a Watco oil after it was dried. You will get information on how to do this at home.



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