

## 14. DEFINITIONS

- 14.1 Gourd. The fruit in the Cucurbitaceae family of plants.
  - 14.1.1 Raw gourd - a hollow, dried shell of a fruit in the Cucurbitaceae family of plants.
  - 14.1.2 Current season gourd - A recently harvested gourd which still contains the green coloring and water weight before it has dried.
- 14.2 Varieties of gourds. The varieties as depicted in the most recent issue of The Gourd that has a variety chart.
- 14.3 Cleaned. A gourd that has had surface dirt and membrane removed via any process such as hand washing, scrubbing, machine washing.
- 14.4 Carving. Any result of removal of a portion of the shell of a gourd exposing the undersurface. Knives, rotary tools, gouges, or any other tools may be used for this general result.
  - 14.4.1 Chipping. A type of carving performed with gouging tools to “chip” out a small piece of a gourd at a time.
- 14.5 Woodburning. Marking the surface of a gourd by the use of heat, ordinarily using a woodburner system. Other possibilities are heated metal tools or torches.
- 14.6 Birdhouse. A gourd prepared so it would reasonably serve as a home for wild birds. It has an appropriate size hole, drainage holes, and a method of hanging/attaching to a support (such as a tree or post).
- 14.7 Embellishment. Any decorative item, natural or artificial, attached to a gourd for the purpose of improving the appearance of the work.
- 14.8 Colored gourd. A gourd whose color has been changed with dye, paint, crayon, pencil, marker, or other commonly accepted coloring media.
- 14.9 Cut gourd. A cut gourd is any gourd whose surface has been cut, partially or completely, with a tool such as a knife, saw, hot woodburning pen, awl, or other implement. The gourd does not have to be cut into two pieces, just cut completely through the shell.
- 14.10 Gourd basket. A gourd basket is a gourd with either the top cut off and a carrying handle attached, or cut so part of the gourd remains to act as a handle. The general appearance is a container with a handle for carrying items.
- 14.11 Gourd bowl. A gourd with the top portion cut off. The general appearance is a container that is intended to sit still.