

About the 2018 Artistry Award

The Artistry Award is a special award to honor and recognize some of our fantastic artists and their beautiful gourd creations. Because there are thousands of art entries in many different AGS gourd shows, the Artistry Award acknowledges the best of the best.

Eligible entries from AGS sanctioned events by AGS members include:

- People's Choice
- Best of Show
- Entry in a non-judged Grand Masters category

What do you receive if you win?

- Cash award \$300
- Photo of your gourd on the cover of the Spring 2019 issue of The Gourd Magazine
- Extra copies of the magazine for "bragging rights"

How to Enter: You can't win if you don't enter!

- Deadline for submission is December 1, 2018
- Specify what award was earned to qualify your entry
- Send up to 3 (three) photos of your winning piece
- Write a short description about how the piece was created
- Provide a brief biographic information on the artist

Photography Guidelines

- We require photos that are of the largest file size possible for quality reproduction in the magazine
- Photos without ribbons are preferred
- Digital photos (.jpg) are preferred to printed ones

How the Judging Works

- Judging is done by 2 gallery owners (non-gourd artists) and 3 members of the Artistry Award committee who are nationally-recognized gourd artists.
- Each judge sees a private web page with photos and information on the construction of each entry (if provided by the entrant). Each entry is assigned a letter and there is no identifying information about the entrants.
- All judging is done independently of the other judges. The committee chair does not vote, but tabulates the results from the 5 judges.

How to Submit Your Entry

- You may send photos, bio and description by eMail to bonnie@arizonagourds.com
- All photos MUST be individual .jpg photo attachments. DO NOT insert them in a document or embed them into the body of the email.
- Printed photos may be sent to Bonnie Gibson, Artistry Award, 5930 N Camino Arizpe, Tuscon, AZ 85718-4612
- Please note: Printed photos will be scanned (to upload to the private web page) and the photo quality will not be as good as an original digital file

Definitions of Qualifying Entries

Chapter Show Judging

- Judges use AGS standards
- Uses AGS-certified judges as much as possible
- Entries from chapter shows that are combined with woodworking events are allowed if they are in a separate gourd category and are judges using AGS judges and guidelines

Best of Show Award

- ONE Best of Show entry is permitted from each show.
- If a Chapter holds more than one show, Best of Show winners from each show may be entered.
- If a show awards multiple Best of Show ribbons, show chairpersons must select one as the final Best of Show.

Peoples Choice Award

- A "popular choice" award determined by voting from the general public instead of judges.