

AGS JIM STORY AWARD RULES (2022)

1. You **MUST** be a member of the American Gourd Society to enter the AGS National competition.
2. The entry must have been grown by the entrant between 2009 to the present.
3. To be eligible for the national competition, entrant must win 1st place in an AGS approved competition at the state or local patch level, between 2020 and 2022.
4. While any method of gourd manipulation will be eligible to compete, innovation, new ideas and new techniques are desirable.
5. An entrant may enter and possibly win multiple competitions with different manipulated gourds, but many enter only one winner for the AGS Jim Story competition.
6. Eligible entries may be a single dried manipulated gourd or ****NEW**** or multiple gourds manipulated together (inseparable). These multiple manipulated entries can also be grown in different years, such as a green gourd manipulated around a previously grown & dried manipulated gourd.
7. The Degree of Difficulty: While any method of gourd manipulation will be eligible to compete, we are looking for innovation, new ideas and new techniques. Challenge yourself.
8. If etching is used, it must be done while the gourd is green and living. Carving into the surface after the gourd has dried is not permitted.
9. Green cleaned (outer skin removed before the gourd has dried) entries may score higher with respect to manipulation. Note: Green cleaning carries a risk of the gourd drying too fast. This may result in shrinking, cracking and possible disintegration of the gourd. So be careful if you decide to use this process.
10. No added finish may be applied to the surface of the gourd, not even a clear coat or hardener.
11. All entrants must submit a completed the Jim Story Award application.
12. If possible, submit photos of your gourds during the growth and manipulation process will help the national judges understand the time and effort you put into your entry and will be a valuable teaching aid for others.
13. A minimum of two photos is required from the local competition.
14. One photo of the entrant with the winning gourd, ribbon and/or trophy (if awarded)
15. One photo of the winning gourd only; no ribbon or trophy included.
16. Note: All pictures should be of sufficient quality for reprinting in The Gourd Magazine.
17. What you may win: 1st Place--a \$200 cash award, a trophy and a Jim Story gourd
2nd Place--a \$100 cash award and a certificate, 3rd Place--a \$50 cash award and a certificate
Photos of all winners with their winning gourd will be published in The Gourd Magazine.