**YOUTH DIVISION**

The Youth Division is divided into classes based on age for youth up to 18 years of age. All types of gourd art may be entered. One entry per person. Any person in the youth age group may enter in the Novice Division instead if they wish to.

Y-1 .. Ages 1-5 Functional or decorative gourd using any technique

Y-2 .. Ages 6-12 Functional or decorative gourd using any technique

Y-3 .. Ages 13-18 Functional or decorative gourd using any technique

**NOVICE DIVISION**

The Novice Division is for the gourd artist who is new to the art form. This division provides the new gourd artist with an opportunity to demonstrate basic skills learned. The entrant may have no extensive experience or expertise in any art form that has been used on an entry gourd, such as painting, carving, pyrography, basketry etc. Thus, an entrant who has won a major award in a juried art show must move into a higher Division. Participation in this Division is limited to two years’ experience of gourd art.

N-10.....Woodburning/Pyrography

N-11.....Carving

N-12.....Coloring Techniques

N-13.....Clay

N-14.....Weaving/Coiling/Teneriffe

N-15.....Musical Instrument

N-16.....Wearable

N-17.....Christmas Theme

N-18.....Halloween Theme

N-19.....Lamps and Luminaries

N-20.....Gourds Crafted in a Class or Tutorial

**INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**

The Intermediate Division is for an artist who may be new to gourds but has extensive experience or expertise in other art techniques, i.e. painting, woodcarving. This Division includes the artist who has two or more years of gourd art experience or the technique being used to enhance the gourd or has won a first-place ribbon in the Novice Division or artist has won Best of Novice Division.

I-10.....Woodburning/Pyrography

I-11.....Carving

I-12.....Coloring Techniques

I-13.....Clay

I-14.....Weaving/Coiling/Teneriffe

I-15.....Musical Instrument

I-16.....Wearable

I-17.....Christmas Theme

I-18.....Halloween Theme

I-19.....Lamps and Luminaries

I-20.....Gourds Crafted in a Class or Tutorial

**GROWERS DIVISION**

The Growers’ Division is for entry of gourds in their natural state. Gourds must have been grown by the exhibitor. The outer skin of the gourd must be clean, unfinished, and uncut. Gourds must not have any stain, oil, or wax applied to them.

G-1 Conformation (3 identical in size & shape)

G-2 Greatest Circumference

G-3 Longest Gourd

G-4 Smallest Gourd

G-5 Most Unusual Gourd by natural growth

G-6 Single Manipulated, i.e., hand-trained Gourd (dry & clean)

G-7 Multiple Manipulated – inseparable, hand trained Gourds (dry & clean)

**ADVANCED DIVISION**

This Division is for gourd artists who have won Best of Intermediate Division. It is also for artists who have won first place in any category in the Intermediate Division and wish to enter another gourd in the same category. Generally, gourd artists in this division have a good grasp of multiple techniques and are creating distinctive, original work.

A-10.....Woodburning/Pyrography

A-11.....Carving

A-12.....Coloring Techniques

A-13.....Clay

A-14.....Weaving/Coiling/Teneriffe

A-15.....Musical Instrument

A-16.....Wearable

A-17.....Christmas Theme

A-18.....Halloween Theme

A-19.....Lamps and Luminaries

**MASTER DIVISION**

Gourd artists in this division have an excellent grasp of multiple techniques and are creating distinctive, original work. Master Division is for gourd artists who have won Best of Advanced Division. It is also for artists who have won first place in any category in the Advanced Division and wish to enter another gourd in the same category.

M-10.....Woodburning/Pyrography

M-11.....Carving

M-12.....Coloring Techniques

M-13.....Clay

M-14.....Weaving/Coiling/Teneriffe

M-15.....Musical Instrument

M-16.....Wearable

M-17.....Christmas Theme

M-18.....Halloween Theme

M-19.....Lamps and Luminaries

**Special & Collaborative Categories**

All competitors of any skill level may enter these categories – including those who have entered in different divisions. Regardless of the Other/Special category, individual or group entries, the Gourd Must Predominate