

Voting continued

Ads Manager. She is a past-president of PA and NYS gourd societies and actively participates in the PA gourd society and the NY Pepo Patch.

Terry's life philosophy can be described as "when you see something that needs to be done, be part of the team that does something about it." This can be seen in action as she serves on numerous AGS committees, including Judging, Jim Story Award and Chapter Relations. Terry also completes a monthly review and audit in coordination with the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary. She is also one of the AGS Facebook moderators, manages several web-based applications for AGS and is the "Girl Friday" for other AGS officers and programs.

Candidates for Directors 3 & 4 –

Marla Garber.

Marla has been a gourd artist for 25+ years and currently is the President of the very active Dallas Gourd Patch in Dallas, Texas. She started out making gourd birdhouses that look like little cottages using information from all the books she could find. The rest is history. After about 15 years she started experimenting with the art form. Her sister-in-law gave her 2 snake gourds, she accepted the challenge, and won the People's Choice Award at the 2016 Lone Star Gourd Festival in New Braunfels, TX with the Cobra she made.

Marla has won many ribbons since 2016. She then started teaching classes at different gourd festivals, on Zoom and in person classes locally. Participating in demos at the Dallas Arboretum in the Fall as part of the Dallas Gourd Patch.

Marla's favorite part of gourd is traveling to the festivals, teaching and sharing tips. She loves that this venture through the gourd world includes her family. This helps to keep our gourd-addiction strong. Her husband, Doug, is a supply vendor. Their sons help with proofreading her tutorials, and help run the booth. They help carry her supplies to her classes and check and to make sure if students need anything. Plus, they will build stands for her when needed..

She hopes to continue contributing to the gourd world for many years to come.

Madonna Watermon.

Madonna is the current president of the Missouri - Show Me Gourd Society. She became entranced with gourd art a dozen years ago after seeing gourd art at Branson, Missouri. She began her own journey into gourd art forthwith. Madonna is an accomplished gourd artist and

her artwork has graced the cover of The Gourd magazine. She idolizes Bill Decker and is greatly inspired by his pyrography and carving. The challenge of carving has made her become a better artist.

Madonna has been a valued member of the AGS board these past two years adding valuable insights in meetings. Her dedication to the AGS is shown in her faithful attendance at all the meetings, work on committees, and in her steady promotion of AGS at gourd shows including the Show Me Gourd Festival.

Madonna's background includes work as an RN in a surgical unit where she further developed her native empathy. She brings this great gift to bear in meetings and casual interactions. She is a great asset to the AGS board.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review the bios of each candidate (above)
2. Vote online or by mail (voting concludes on 11/30/2022)
 - Follow the link to Elections found on the home page: <https://americangourdsociety.org>
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