

**2017 PRESS RELEASE
LONE STAR GOURD FESTIVAL**



Go Home With the Gourd Armadillo

2017 Lone Star Gourd Festival Runs Aug. 18-20 in New Braunfels

Go home with the carved armadillo and other fine pieces of Texas art on display and for sale at the 2017 Lone Star Gourd Festival Aug. 18-20 at New Braunfels Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels.

The annual event, sponsored by Texas Gourd Society, features gourds rendered as works of art by skilled artists using multiple techniques.

Gourd art demonstrations for all ages run daily throughout the festival. Included this year are Gourd Art Camps for kids, scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18 and 19 and noon on Sunday, Aug. 20. Top gourd artists will teach kids how to make "Alien Gourds." Supplies and instruction are free.

Vendor booths will sell raw gourds, gourd art, and supplies and tools that can be used to create gourd art.

Gourd artisans use multiple techniques to create gourd art, which is carved, wood-burned, painted, dyed, inlaid, coiled, woven. Gourds are even built into sculptural pieces.

Competition gourds will be judged and ribbons placed before the show opens on Aug. 18 so the public can view dozens of award-winning gourds. Visitors can vote on their favorite piece, which will receive a People's Choice Award. Gourd awards include "Best of Show," "VIP Choice," "People's Choice," "Best of Division," and first- through third-place category awards. Divisions judged are "Growers," "Youth," "Novice," "Intermediate," "Advanced," and "Masters." There are multiple categories within each division.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children and teens under 17. Fee is good for the entire festival. Parking also is free.

Artists and artwork from Lone Star Gourd Festival have been featured in [The San Antonio Express](#) (which also [live-blogged](#) the show and described gourd art as astounding and mind-blowingly beautiful), [New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung](#), [Texas Farm & Home Magazine](#), [Hill Country Sun](#), Triple AAA Travel Magazine, and many other local newspapers.

For more information, visit TexasGourdSociety.org.

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