

Touring the Tech Shop

We have an exciting quarterly meeting lined up for you at the Tech Shop in the Raleigh-Durham store. They have 20,000 square feet of workshops and tools worth half a million dollars.

The TechShop sells memberships, similar to a gym, but requires no long-term contract. They have a full wood-working shop, metal working shop, electronics lab, Shopbot, welding shop, plastics lab, sewing lab and more.

They also hold classes to teach you how to use the equipment which can be taken by members or non-members. Just think of the gourd accessories you can make without the clean-up at your house.

Be sure to arrive at 1:00 p.m. at the Tech Shop located at 5905 Triangle Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617. You can see more at <http://www.techshop.ws/> or call 919-782-2344.

Gourd Outreach in the Triad

Members of the Triad Patch joined forces to spread the gourd word recently in Greensboro. Fox 8 News Roy's Folks invited the NC Gourd Society members to share the gourd word and sell their wares.



Many new folks were introduced to gourds by Tim Cormier and Georgia Bartholomew. They ran out of seeds on the first day of the three day show, but handed out plenty of growing tips and Triad Patch information.

Gourding in Charlotte

Sala Faruq joined the Gourd Society with a bang at our recent Festival. Her innovative, decorative and functional gourd art won many ribbons including a unique bustier.



Sala is interested in starting up a Charlotte Patch and can be contacted by phone (980) 406-3578 or email her at sala@salafaruq.com for ideas on locations and your interests in what you'd like to learn about gourds.

Festival Results

This year had 39 competitors vying for ribbons in some 67 categories. We had entries in nearly all categories, but we're sad to report a downturn in the number of youth and growing category entries.



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