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Gourd Wonderful



Fig. 1 Field of gourd plants in fruit, Welburn Gourd Farm, 2007. **Fig. 2** Detail of gourd plants in fruit. **Fig. 3** Dried gourds on racks. All photos by artist.

I have ordered gourds via the Internet and am always delighted to receive my box filled with the marvels of the plant world. However, there is nothing like going to a gourd farm and selecting your own gourds.

Since moving to California, one of my favorite places to visit is the Welburn Gourd Farm in Fallbrook, California. The farm is located deep in a canyon where the asphalt turns into a dirt road. Though the drive can be long and arduous, the journey's well worth it. The sight of fields filled with gourds (see Figs. 1 and 2) and the racks of dried gourds beckoning with infinite creative possibilities (see Fig. 3) is simply wonderful and exhilarating! — S.F.

Recent Works

I have created over fifty new jewelry pieces this year. Below are four samples of my most recent works.



Fig. 4 *Masala* (necklace), Gourd, epoxy resin, wood, Paperclay®, silver, leather, 2" x 18" x 2", 2007. Photo by artist.

Fig. 5 *Abmadu* (bracelet), Gourd, metal leaf, 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 4 1/2", 2007. Photo by artist.

Fig. 6 *Apolonia* (ring), Gourd, tangerine quartz cluster, Paperclay®, wood, 2 1/2" x 2 1/4" x 2 1/2", 2007. Photo by artist

Fig. 7 *Fernando* (ring), Gourd, Paperclay®, wood, blue kyanite, 1 x 2 x 1, 2007. Photo by artist.

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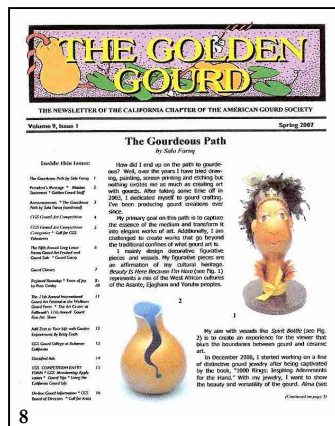
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If I forgot anyone, please forgive me. Thank you as well.

What's New



Publication
My article, "The Gourdeous Path," (see Fig. 8) was published in the spring issue of *The Golden Gourd*, newsletter of the California Gourd Society. To request a copy of my article, e-mail me at afrooriginals@hotmail.com.

Inspirations

This year I have been enthused by many things. Here are two of my favorite inspirations. Check them out.

Book: *Power of Intention* by Wayne Dyer.

Music: *In the Heart of the Moon* (World Circuit), Ali Farka Touré (guitar) & Toumani Diabaté (kora).

Exhibits, Etc.

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