

## OLD PUEBLO NEWS

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Hello!!

Oh my, here we are toward the end of 2009. Well then, during the next eight weeks, in preparation for 2010, the Patch has several machinations going on behind the scenes. We have folks who are looking for volunteers for next year's officers, we are finishing up the plans for our dinner at the November meeting time, and we are planning for the Wuertz Festival in February. Hope you all are looking forward to the coming year and are giving thought to what new and exciting programs, demonstrations, festivals etc. we can all participate in. If anyone has idea(s), PLEASE, put them in the suggestion box up front or contact one of the Board members so that we can incorporate your idea(s) into our planning. And remember, you might have experienced, observed, or heard about something during your gourd experience, BUT even though you might not be interested in participating, your idea(s), experience or observation might be interesting to someone else. Come on, folks, share your ideas, and support your fellow gourd artists.

Remember, it is almost time for electing new Patch officers for 2010. If you want to hold an office next year or know of someone who does, let anyone on the Board know or email Dee Pfeiffer at [dee@execusearch1.com](mailto:dee@execusearch1.com). Please let them know prior to the meeting in December, which is the month we will have the election. Vice President, Secretary and newsletter editor have no volunteers. Even though there are volunteers for other positions, that does not mean you cannot volunteer, also. At the December meeting, the membership will vote and choose who they want for each position.

Also, the Arizona Gourd Society (AZGS) was looking for volunteers for President and Vice President for 2010. Three members from our Patch volunteered: Judy Weinfurther – President ; Barbara Barton and Wanda Shirey- Vice President. How wonderful that these special ladies have stepped forward. That all of them are from our Patch, makes it all the better. Thank you, ladies!

If any of our members know of an art and/or craft show in Southern Arizona during the balance of 2009, please let me know so that I can get this information to the membership. Feel free to email me at [roadrunnermsw@aol.com](mailto:roadrunnermsw@aol.com).

THANKSGIVING – 3.5 WEEKS

CHRISTMAS – 7.5 WEEKS

2010 – 8 WEEKS

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH – Sharyn Binam



“Sharyn Binam has been painting in acrylics for 25 years and has been a member of the Society of Decorative Painters and Tucson Decorative Painters Guild during her entire painting career. She achieved her CDA (Certified Decorative Artist) in 1989. Sharyn has taught painting for the last 24 years locally, nationally and internationally at various classes, conventions and seminars. Her specialty is floated, side loaded acrylics.

She has authored 17 books on acrylic painting (including some with pen and ink) and contributed to 7 multi-author publications. Sharyn became a Certified Craft Designer as a member of the Society of Creative Designers and a Certified Professional Demonstrator for the Craft and Hobby Association. In addition, she taught and demonstrated acrylic products for Delta Technical Coatings, Inc. (now Delta Creative) for many years and has served on the Editorial Advisory Board for Creative Painting and Quick 'n Easy Painting magazines.

Presently, Sharyn is pursuing more fine art techniques (collage) as a member of the Contemporary Artists of Southern Arizona. Drawing in pen and ink, graphite pencil, colored pencil, pastel pencil, sgraffito and silverpoint has replaced painting during the last several years. Using her photographs of flowers, butterflies, animals and people as subjects for drawing and painting is a never ending joy. You can view Sharyn's books and instruction packets on her website: [www.SharynBinam.com](http://www.SharynBinam.com)”

### MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 2009 OPGP MEETING

At 6PM, Laura Moreno introduced four visitors: Marge Humphrey, Gail Seale, Renee Pearson, and Beverly Beck Taylor. It was wonderful to have all of them attend.

Laura brought several subjects to the membership for a vote, all of which were discussed and approved by the membership, as follows:

1. The Old Pueblo Gourd Patch (OPGP) Board can approve any expenditure, not to exceed \$25.00, without membership approval.
2. Vendors at the Patch meetings WILL be members of the OPGP, except for vendors the Patch has invited such as The Feather Ladies.
3. Only gourd related items can be sold by the member vendors, not finished products.
4. There WILL NOT be a vendor fee charged at the meetings.
5. At the Wuertz Festival, for those who are going to enter a gourd(s) in the Patch booth, there will be a \$5.00 charge per gourd or gourd item per person plus 10% of total sales over \$100.00.
6. The Patch will no longer ask for volunteers to bring snacks to the meetings. If someone wishes to bring snacks at a meeting, they are welcome to do so.
7. **DUES FOR THE OPGP WILL BE \$15.00, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010.** If you have already paid your dues for 2010 at the \$10.00 rate, please submit an additional \$5.00 to Irma Brewer to cover the increase in cost.
8. A \$100.00 expenditure was approved to cover the cost of the decorations, silverware, plates etc. for the Patch dinner at the next meeting day on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer, Irma Brewer, indicated that Patch had an opening balance of \$434.93, income of \$10.00 = \$444.93. Irma indicated that with expenditures the Patch now has a balance of \$211.46. Inquiry was made about the cost of rent for the meeting hall (\$480.00), when the rent was due (1/1/10) and how the Patch was going to pay this rent. After much discussion, it was decided to charge for each gourd being sold at the Patch booth at Wuertz Festival and to increase the Patch annual dues. This increase should cover the cost of the Patch rent come January 1, 2010.

Laura indicated that Barbara Larkum donated a Christmas ornament to be placed on the Christmas tree. Wanda Ryckman donated a roll of two-way raffle tickets to the Patch. There were seven more donations given for the dinner raffle. Numerous gourd-related items were donated by a previous member. The Board will go through the donation and will either place them on the raffle table and/or present them to the Patch at a later date. Thank you, everyone, for your donations.

Green Valley Gourd Patch is going to have their first gourd festival to be held at the Green Valley Village on November 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. If anyone desires to have a vendor table, there is no cost to you this year!! For further information, please contact Diane West at 520-625-4488 or [dwest4gv@aol.com](mailto:dwest4gv@aol.com). Come on folks, let us support the Green Valley Gourd Patch.

Show and Tell was called for. There were 17 members who participated.

Meeting ended at 7:45PM.

OCTOBER SHOW AND TELL





Thank you to Kim, Ralph, Jo, Carol, Velma, Judy, Linda Points, Judy Rifenberick, Beverly Beck Taylor, Phyllis, Terry LaBrosse, Linda, Tim Miner, Bonnie, Lynne, Dawn and Maria. Again, such talent!!

