

## "GREEN SIDE UP" STARTS THIS SEPTEMBER!

We are proud and excited to introduce "Green Side Up", our gardening basics series. This 3-part series begins in autumn with *Green Side Up: The Basics of Gardening*. Winter follows with *The Basics of Perennials*, and the spring's Basic Theme Gardens is sure to be a hit.

The series, designed to get you into your garden with more confidence than ever, is jam-packed with information, innovative ideas, and hands-on participation.



Lisa Norrick, our new staff member, will be spearheading this program. She comes to us with several years of experience at Oakhurst Gardens in Muncie, Indiana, where she taught Adult Gardening workshops, Kid's Gardening Daycamp and environmental education programs.

All classes will take place Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-4:40 pm in the Education Greenhouse. Program dates and details on each series are listed on the enclosed calendar. To sign up, call (626) 821-4623.

## THE "GOURD HEADS" ARE PUTTING ON AN ETHNOBOTANICAL PARTY AT THE ARBORETUM!

On September 8 & 9, The Arboretum and the California Gourd Society will celebrate the many ways that groups of people (ethno) use plants (botanical) to make our lives a little better. And, the magical gourd will be "the plant" of the weekend celebration. Programs will center on the historical, cultural and contemporary use of hard shelled gourds.

"Gourd Fair LA" will bring together artists, gourd growers, gourd musicians, crafters and the horticulture community. **Weekend highlights include:**

...John Sturgeon, President of the American Gourd Society, will be bringing with him from Indiana **new gourd seed varieties** for shapes that are rarely seen in California. Seeds will be available for purchase.

...Pam Elam Geisel, director of the Master Gardener Program at the University of California Extension, will share home **gardening tips** and discuss gourds as a specialized small farm crop.

...Jim Bauml, The Arboretum's senior biologist, will present the **history of gourds** throughout the world.

... Leigh Adams will conduct outdoor seminars each day, sharing tips from her many years as an educator specializing in the **use of gourds to teach Spanish**. Gourds are great to integrate into art, music and science lessons. Lesson plan strategies will be shared.

### ...Mini-seminars

include Noi Thomas showing gourds from her native Thailand and demonstrating how gourd art reflects her culture. Renowned gourd artist Patricia Boyd will share her inspiration sources used to create exotic African figures. Native American artists Sue Erb and Peal Reece will also be participating in the weekend celebration.

...Leigh Adams will be conducting a series of **children's programs**.

...A "Wall of Masks" exhibit, under the leadership of California Gourd Society Chairman, Larry Raymond of Pasadena, will feature **gourd masks** that span cultures around the globe

...**Dollmaker**, Lillian Hopkins of Santa Monica, will present a slide show of her work as well as exhibit some of her new creations

...Professor Phillip Morrison will direct a puppet show with students from California State University, Northridge, Art Department, and Betty Finch of Bakersfield will share some of her **delightful puppets**.

### ...Gourd musicians,

Guillermo Martinez, Robert Hudson and Yashid will perform by making music from gourd flutes, drums and stringed instruments that they have created themselves.

...Some of California's best-known **gourd artists**, including Don Weeke, Larry McClelland, Judy Cunningham and Doris Soyka, will be displaying their work in Ayres Hall.

...Jim Widess, co-author of the *Complete Book of Gourd Crafting and Gourd Musical Instruments* will be signing copies of his **books** and displaying a full range of **gourd crafting products** from the Caning Shop in Berkeley.

...Gardeners from throughout California are invited to participate in a **gourd-growing contest**. Prizes will be awarded for the largest, smallest and most unusual gourds.

...And, lots and lots of craft-ready gourds for purchase.

So you can see, when we say Get Ready LA, the "gourd heads" are putting on a party, we really mean it! Hours for Gourd Fair LA are **Saturday, September 8 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm and Sunday, September 9 from**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Your LAAF membership or general Arboretum admission fees covers admission to Gourd Fair LA.

For more info visit us at [arboretum.org](http://arboretum.org) and the California Gourd Society at [calgourd.com](http://calgourd.com)







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