

Washington State Gourd Society
3rd Annual Gourd Retreat
July 15-17, 2026
Historical Mineral Lake Lodge Conference Center

Prolonged Rain -- Rain Stick Gourd

July 16th 9 am – 3 or 4 pm

Instructor: Ron Swank

Maximum Class Size: 15

Cost: \$140

Description: In this class you will be working on a clean and craft ready gourd for making your very own Rain Stick. Unlike any other rain sticks you may have made, seen, or heard; which typically last for about 10 seconds, give or take; this one is uniquely created to provide minutes of relaxing rain. There certainly are multiple techniques to be learned, which will be covered in this class. Best part of it all, everything will be provided for you to enjoy this class. Let's make some rain!!

What to bring:

Your love of creating a beautiful instruments out of gourds.

Provided by the Instructor:

Everything!



Musical Instruments Evening Presentation

Ron will be discussing different types of gourd instruments and how to pick out the right gourds for such. He will also entertain us with music played on his "Native American Style" Flutes.