

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

Thrills & Frills - Alcohol Ink and Rim Treatment Experience

*The woven rim part of this project was developed from a tutorial by
Eileen Marcotte in the Fall 2024 issue of The Gourd Magazine.*

July 15th 9 am – 3 or 4 pm

Instructor: Kathy Allen

Maximum Class Size: 15

Cost: \$70

Description: In this two-part class you will learn to apply alcohol inks/alcohol in whimsical layers to bring your gourd bowl to life. A bonus gourd shard and smaller gourd bowl will be supplied for practice. A sealer will be applied to finish the piece and set aside to dry for the afternoon session. After lunch you will be given a choice of materials and colors to enhance your rim with a seagrass or bamboo weave and complete a woven frilly rim. Weighting methods will be used to help stabilize the gourd if necessary. You will be able to finish this project in class.



What to bring:

- Heat Gun
- Small Drill
- Scissors/Clippers
- *CA Thick Superglue

Optional: Acrylic paint and painting supplies if desired.

Staybowlizer is helpful but not absolutely necessary

Provided by the Instructor:

Clean and drilled gourds

Apron

Alcohol Ink to share

Upholstery needles (curved ones too)

Threads for bundling seagrass spokes

Variety of seagrass and/or bamboo rim weaving “spokes”

Weaver material (variety of dyed cottons, hemp and seagrasses)

Beads

Finishes and ballast materials

**This is CA
Thick Superglue*

