

ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Gourd Carving

Instructor: Trustina F. Griscavage

Dates: May 24-29, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students are invited to discover the intimate and adventurous art of gourd crafting in this comprehensive workshop, which is open to all skill levels. The course begins with foundational preparation, including how to safely use power tools for cutting, cleaning, and sanding the gourd. Students will then move on to a blend of foundational and intermediate surface design techniques, including creating, choosing, and placing a design, wood burning, dyeing, applying metal leaf, and stipple carving. Materials used include gourds, metal leaf, dyes, and acrylic paints. Students can expect to leave with three finished projects: one demonstrating gourd dyeing, another with metal leafing, and a third piece showcasing stipple carving.

WHAT TO BRING

- Goggles or eye protection if you have it - Arrowmont has safety glasses and face shields
- Ear plugs to reduce noise if you have it -Arrowmont has “over the ear” hearing protection
- Aprons(optional)
- Head covers(optional protection from dust)
- Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)

Planning to purchase materials from the Supply Store for your workshop? Keep in mind that the Supply Store carries a limited selection and cannot guarantee that all materials listed by your instructor will be in stock. Please call **865-436-5860 Ext. 25** or email Celeste Rudd at **crudd@arrowmont.org** to reserve your selection prior to arrival.

MATERIALS FEES | **\$105.00-\$200.00**

Fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class, this keeps your out-of-pocket costs lower than a typical flat fee. Fees include all provided studio materials as assigned by the Instructor. Material fees are to be paid in the Supply Store no later than midday on the last day of workshop instruction.

Please be advised that the above course description and materials list has been written and approved by the instructor.

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