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## Gourds Galore on October 18!

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Gourdy Girls from Colorado on parade

It's back! The Castle Valley Gourd Festival is back with "more than gourds" again this year. As always, this fun day in the sun is free of charge. Donations are welcome and go to the Castle Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Castle Valley artists will display and sell original art. See what they will sell this year: lotions and tinctures, candles and soaps, stained glass, sculpture? Come see what our talented artists have in store for you. Stock up for the holidays. It's always free to browse.

Along with our local artists, gourd artists from surrounding states will sell their wares: incredibly detailed work with gourds. It's a joy to see these magnificent creations!

Other festival features include hands-on gourd painting for kids and adults. Take your creation home at no charge. See how our festival has evolved by visiting the history table. Flip through the scrapbook to see if your picture is in there.

Face painting is always a hit. Kids line up to get their face painted as an animal or flower. How about getting your fortune told by Mdme. Gourдини? She'll use custom Gourd Tarot cards to tell your future. As always there will be live music to entertain us!

The ever-popular puppet show will return with an original show for young and old—The Long Howdy will have its world premiere at the festival.

Don't miss the 'tractor' parade at noon led by our giant gourd/man, Gourdy, who will introduce this year's Gourd goddess, or Gourdess. Her costume is always a surprise. The Gourdy Girls from Colorado always add a festive air along with surprise floats and fire trucks.

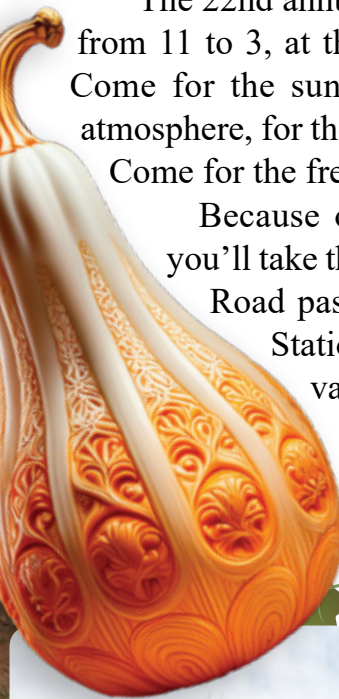


Kids at the hands-on table with Sherry Karp

Bratwursts and salads will be available for a suggested donation of \$5 to cover costs and hot dogs for the kids.

The 22nd annual festival is Saturday, October 18th, from 11 to 3, at the Castle Valley Community Center. Come for the sun, come for the fun, for the festive atmosphere, for the last hurrah before the weather turns. Come for the free, free fun for the whole family.

Because our bridge may be temporarily out, you'll take the scenic route! Continue up the Loop Road past the Castle Valley Farm to the Fire Station at Schaffer and turn right into the valley. There will be signs to guide you.



Jeanne Allen's Flipped Our Gourd Booth