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## Gourds & More Festival - It's Back!

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The Castle Valley Gourd Festival is back with an exciting new addition: Castle Valley artists and their original arts! Will there be jewelry? Fiber art? Stained glass? Home décor? Come see what art our talented residents display or BE the art and have your face painted! Face painting is always the hit of the festival for kids. AND, as always, there is no charge.

Along with our CV local artists, gourd artists from surrounding states will sell their wares: incredibly detailed work with gourds. These gourds are amazing! Perfect for autumn affairs or gifts for coming holidays.

Other festival features include hands-on gourd painting for adults and kids. Make and take home a souvenir of your day. No charge, of course. Check out the history table to see how our festival has evolved. The history table will have a new display: puppet memorabilia from previous shows. Kids will love to see how the puppets and props are made from gourds. Mdme. Gourдини will be happy to do your reading in the fortune tent with special Gourd Cards and entertainment will be provided throughout the day by our CV crooner, Ted Bright.

The ever-popular puppet show will return with a brand-new show for young and old. Don't miss "The Gourds of Olympus!" The script is original and the set and puppets are all handmade.

And let's not forget about the Parade at noon featuring the 2022 Gourd Goddess, or "Gourdess" who will appear in her gourd regalia. She has a BIG surprise this year. Gourdy, our Grand Marshall, will lead a colorful procession of locals and Castle Valley treasures.

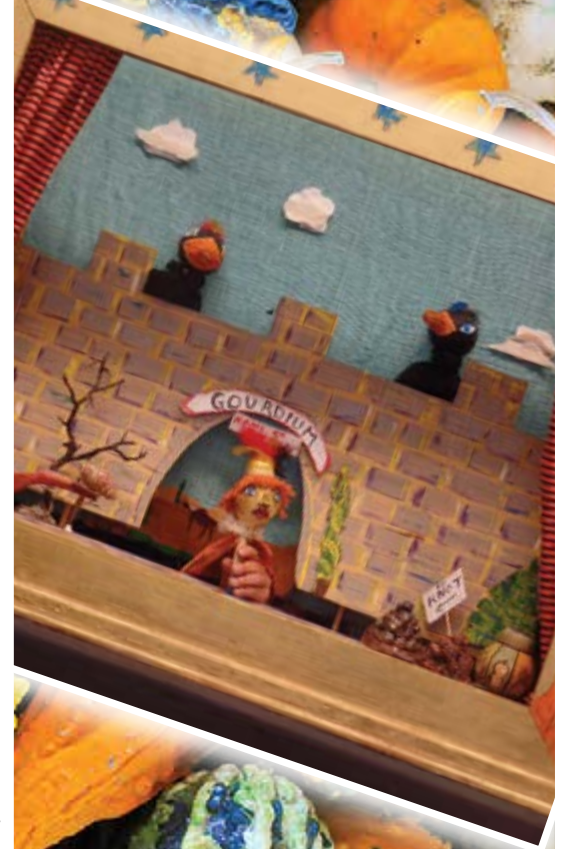
This year we will have a special memorial table for two of our festival founders who passed away recently: Cris Coffey and Bob Ridges. Their own gourd creations will be displayed.

Come for the sun, come for the fun, for the festive atmosphere. For the color. For the last hurrah before the weather turns. Come for the free FREE fun for the whole family. Bring the kids, bring a picnic lunch and do bring your camera. This is one colorful day ahead!

The festival is Saturday, October 15th at the Castle Valley Town Lot. The festival will begin at 11 AM and conclude at 3PM. Note: There will not be a potluck this year so bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day. Sorry, no dogs allowed on the town lot. Need information? Ring 435 259 0537. And be sure to mention you read about it in *Moab Happenings*



Nelly Drogan-Lehfeldt, 2019 Gourdess



Gourdy Girls from Colorado – led by Terry Doherty