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Tennessee Volunteer Gourd Society

(Pikeville, TN) The Tennessee Volunteer Gourd Society (TVGS) will hold its Third Annual spring gourd show entitled *Home Grown and Hand Made* at the Bledsoe Community Complex Center, 234 Allen P. Deakins Road, Pikeville, TN 37367 on April 17-18, 2010.

This show is a good opportunity for the public to meet regional gourd artisans, crafters, and growers. Admission and parking is free to the public.

As our theme indicates, all products displayed and demonstrated will be “home grown” and “hand made.” Several gourd growers from the region will be displaying and selling a marvelous variety of gourds - all dried and ready for crafting. Crafters use gourds to create masks, decorative vessels, statues, seasonal ornaments, and elegant objects d’art.

There will be demonstrations and gourd crafting classes available throughout the two-day event. Some of the techniques used in crafting gourds are pyrography, pine needle weaving, silk dyes, acrylic painting, and decoupage. Some classes may have registration fees or space limitations.

The Complex Center is an open-air facility serving as the local market for area farmers and producers and has a closed in Exhibit Hall that will house the classes, competition area and other vendors.

The Tennessee Volunteer Gourd Society is the Upsilon Chapter of the American Gourd Society. Our purpose is to band together those persons who are interested in the history, horticulture, culture, uses, and art/crafting of gourds. For information about the TVGS, visit these websites: www.tennesseevolunteergourdsociety.org.

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