

# John R. Hernandez

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## *Experience*

- Gourd Artist since 2001

## *Description*

Using various sewing techniques I stitch long leaf pines along the tops of gourds that have previously been cut. The opening allows each gourd to dictate its own unique style, giving the gourd its own personality. The use of agates, walnut slices, wired wrapped precious stones are used to enhance the flow of the sewn pine needles. The color variations vary from opaque to multiple coats of dye or paint to give each gourd a layered or impressionistic look. Each gourd vessel is then coated with a protective coat to ensure longevity. All colors used are archival and color fast.

## *Education*

- B.A. Art, 1978
- Gourd Workshop 2001
- Gourd Workshop 2003
- Presented gourd workshop since 2004 at Museum of the Great Plains, Lawton, Okla.