



**Title:** Gourdelier

**Artist:** Anne Panella

Gourds assembled into a chandelier for the garden.

**Artist Biography:** Anne Panella maintains a strong interest in textile and fiber art. Her creations are eclectic and often inspired by the natural environment. They frequently include experiments with fabric, weaving, gourds and other natural materials. She received her bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech in clothing, textiles and related art and a master's in library and information science from the University of South Carolina. She retired in 2017 from a career with Virginia Tech Athletics.

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**Art Statement:** A surplus of sturdy cannonball gourds provided material for this garden mobile inspired by globe chandeliers. Though gourds have many utilitarian and fine art applications, these gourds have devoted themselves solely to decoration. I appreciate my friends who inspired and motivated this creation.

