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**The Dawning Of The
Age Of A-Gourd-ius -
Let The Sunshine In**

By Paul Zenner

Artist Statement: The genesis for the theme of this piece came about on a rare sunny day in February, a gray and pandemic gloomed month around Blacksburg: The 5th Dimension's song Aquarius - Let The Sunshine In. This door led naturally to the musical Hair and all of the old hippies got excited. Thus this year's gourd creations will be based loosely on the ideas of emergence from the dark, rebirth, breaking out, new beginnings, Jupiter aligning with Mars (it's in the song, no idea what it means), and... Sunshine. We can all use a little sunshine.

Artist Biography: Retired Hokie currently exploring the vagabond artistic side of life.