

This is an Easter press release that AEA members can use. It showcases emu eggs for Easter. They can also take a look at past AEA "EGGS'travaganza" emu egg art contest entries at [www.AEAEggArtContest.com](http://www.AEAEggArtContest.com) .

This press release can be used to promote your decorated emu egg contest or to highlight egg shells for sale.

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## PRESS RELEASE

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ATTACHED: "BIG" Easter Basket, courtesy of Gale Gardner, Divine Dromaius, LLC, [www.ddemuoil.com](http://www.ddemuoil.com) .

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**Decorated Emu Eggs Make a *REALLY* "BIG" Easter Basket**

Colored chicken eggs make nice Easter eggs but to make a giant basket of eggs, you can't beat painted and decorated emu eggs! Whether painted a solid color, used as an artwork canvas, carved or decorated, emu eggs will fill a large basket with some of the most interesting Easter eggs that you will ever find.

These large, dark green eggs can weigh 1 to 2 pounds each when first laid. The fresh emu eggs are first emptied, washed and sanitized. When dried, the egg shells can be painted, carved, hung like Christmas ornaments, made into jewelry boxes/music boxes or decorated like the famous Faberge eggs. The emu egg shells, with layers of white, blue, gray, turquoise and green, are a perfect start for creating a masterpiece.

The strength and thickness of an emu egg shell make it a durable canvas for all types of painting from egg critters to beautiful landscapes. Both acrylic and oil paints can be used successfully to create amazing art.

Many artists carve emu eggs because of the many different color layers. The dark green outer covering varies from hunter green to almost black, the middle color is a turquoise/teal green to blue and the inside is a bright white. The teal and blue are actually as many as seven subtle layers of color, each about the thickness of a sheet of paper.

These different layers of color can be utilized by carvers to add texture and depth to artwork and make even a simple design dramatic. The texture, contrast and natural colors of the shell make even a simple design dramatic without the use of any paint or other coloring. Many interesting works of art, including nightlights, can be made from a lacework cut egg shell.

Pieces of emu egg shell can be used to make inserts for jewelry and the smaller broken pieces can be used to make mosaic artwork.

A variety of emu egg shell artwork can be seen on the American Emu Association (AEA) Egg Art Contest website, [www.AEAEggArtContest.com](http://www.AEAEggArtContest.com) , where artists competed in the AEA's "Eggs'travaganza" egg decorating contest. Works of art from all over the United States along with information about the artists, can be viewed on this website.

The American Emu Association is a non-profit trade association representing the emu industry that consists of emu growers, product companies and related businesses. The emu industry is an alternative agricultural industry, dominated by the small farmer, who is devoted to humane and environmentally positive practices that will produce beneficial products for society.

For information about emus, their products or the Peoria Convention, July 18th-20th, visit the American Emu Association (AEA) website at [www.aea-emu.org](http://www.aea-emu.org) , or phone 541-332-0675.

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