



President's Message

CALIFORNIA LOVES INDIANA

Past President Sid Meyers warned me that something every day would need to be done by the President of the Indiana Gourd Society. His prediction continues to remain true. One communication, however, made for a very interesting visit between California and Indiana.

On February 21 I received the following: "Dear Indiana Gourd Society – I am going to be visiting my uncle in June. He lives in Laurel Indiana. I would like to incorporate some gourd fun into my trip if possible. Do you know of any classes that anyone will be teaching in the middle of June?"

And so began correspondence and planning that concluded on June 22 with, "I must say Indiana is the friendliest and prettiest place we saw during the whole trip. The campground that you recommended was absolutely wonderful! We had a great spot for our tent under a huge tree! It was so restful! Then we got back to about Las Vegas and the people became rude and pushy again...most of them are from California and in a huge hurry to get back to LA!"

Judy and Ed Einboden are from the Los Angeles area and after a lot of e-mailing back and forth were able to get their target (gourd play in Indiana) to coincide with their travel plans and schedules. Ed is retired and used to work for the local water company. Judy is an elementary school teacher who, after 29 years of teaching, will graduate to 2nd grade this fall. They live in the desert, north east of Los Angeles, on the dry side of the mountains. They both grew up in Los Angeles in San Fernando Valley.

IGS members who know anything about the Thorntown Public Library know that, as an architect once told me, "Food is part of your culture." The Einboden's arrived in Thorntown at Old Mill Run Campground (west edge of this town of 1540 people) on a Wednesday and on Thursday, June 17, enjoyed a pitch-in meal provided by the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch. Gourds happened!

I had taken Robbie Hiduke's class on gourd purses at the 2010 state show and my mission was to learn enough to teach the Patch how to make gourd purses from a dozen canteen gourds that had been given to us by a resident moving to Ohio. We had cut and were ready to decorate on June 17. In walked Judy Einboden with a large, fantastic, THICK canteen gourd as found at the Welburn Gourd Farm. Our Indiana canteens were less than 1/8" thick and Judy's was almost 3/8" thick. She had decorated/made her purse, and we were most impressed.

In planning for this special evening, we had various ideas and finally settled on four: we ate. We worked on gourd purses and enjoyed Judy's pictures of some of her work. She is quite the artist and has beautiful boutique tissue holders hinged and made from gourds, thus concealing the box. Her husband Ed has been drawn into the gourd world too and carves. We all know how THAT works—the enthusiasm of one gourdhead lures another into working with gourds.

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Summer Days



And Summer Nights



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Fall Festival 2010, State Show & Spring Festival 2011

FALL FESTIVAL

It is time now to start working on Fall Festival. The Spring festival has come & gone!

This year the Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival will be at Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville, Indiana. Free admission!

We are requesting donations for the auction and, of course, our wonderful volunteers to help put on a great fall show!

There will be a mini craft & dried gourd competition in green gourds, dried gourd, pyrography, cut gourd, carved/gouged, painted/dyed/stained, jewelry, mask & children's category.

We will also have the very popular kids patch!

Mid morning snacks & lunch available!

For more information please contact Emily Wallace @emmewal@aol.com or 765-623-0621

SPRING 2011 is just around the corner and we're already in the process of preparing for the Indiana Gourd Society STATE SHOW which will be held at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, 802 Apple Street, Greenfield, Indiana.

For additional info email: Jim Ballard at jebgourd@msn.com

People are also hard at work on all the details for the SPRING FESTIVAL & MEMBERSHIP MEETING which will be held at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, 1900 East Main Street, Danville, Indiana, Saturday May 22nd 9am-3pm.

For additional info email: Emily Wallace at emmewal@aol.com or 765-623-062.

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State Fair Info - 2010

FROM THE STATE FAIR WEB SITE

Section GO-Gourds

Ruth Moorhead, Marion, IN - Judge

EXHIBIT CHECK-IN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 • 9 am - 9 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 • 9 am - Midnight

JUDGING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 • 9 am

EXHIBIT RELEASE

SUNDAY AUGUST 22 • 9-11 PM (Admission Ticket Required) •

NO VEHICLE TRAFFIC • Only exhibits that can be carried to exhibitor's car will be released.

Monday, August 23 • 8 am - Noon (**No Ticket Required**)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Read general terms and conditions and agriculture/horticulture department terms and conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.

1. Gourds must predominate in all entries.
2. **All embellishments must be natural, unless otherwise stated.**
3. Entry tags must be attached to entries.
4. Only one entry may be made in a class by one individual.
5. No finish on fresh or dried gourds - classes 1-19.
6. The Indiana State Fair will provide containers where needed.
7. The Assistant in charge of this division reserves the right to discard any exhibit whenever it does not make a good appearance.
8. Stems should remain on fresh and dried gourds - classes 1-19. Stems are optional on crafted gourds.
9. Ornamental gourds: usually colorful with yellow blossoms.
Hard-shell gourds: varying shades of green with white blossoms.

You may want to send for a booklet for entry rules. Or you can download the PDF files. See the article to the right !

Volunteers Needed For IGS State Fair Booth

Please contact one of the co-chairs for the fair if you can volunteer to help at the booth. [We need many people to talk to the fair-goers, do demonstrations, etc.](#) This is another 3-week long fair!

Check the fair schedule book for the competition categories. If you can volunteer for the IGS for 5 days during the run of the show, you get a badge good for the entire fair (please contact one of us for details) plus getting to ride the tram free. Volunteer for a 4-hour shift and get a free day pass.

More information will be in the next Tendril, but, you can check the State Fair Web Site if you are entering competition pieces.

Co-chairs: Jesse Glessner, Pat Moore, & Phil Moorhead

CAUTION: READ THE COMPETITION RULES FROM THE STATE FAIR SITE ON YOUR OWN!

You can download the rules from www.in.gov/statefair/fair/index.html for Maps, Information, and More. Start at bottom right link of Competitions/Contests, then Open Class Handbook / Premiums List, cursor down to the Non-Animal section and click on Department 112, Agriculture/Horticulture. You will find all the rules in a PDF document. Just below the Ag/Hort link is a link to the Entry Form. **GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR ENTRIES!!**

CONTEST: Can you identify this lady? We ran into her at one of our meetings and have mislaid the information about who she is. We would say that she probably likes hats and long black hair.

So, give us your guess via eMail by going to the Seed Sales Nav Bar on the Web Site and select the eMail link at the bottom of the page.

The first correct answer will be given two free packages of seed for your 2011 garden.

No Board Members may enter.



Gourd Music Anyone?

Some people want music back in the State Show. Times are tough, money is short, so, it's do-it-yourself or nothing!

I've just found a solution for all of you die-hard music fans at David G. Hyatt Gourd Banjos, a site at the following URL: http://www.dhyatt.com/whats_new.html.

The site gives a history of banjos in 8 sections plus a summary. Part 1 covers African Gourd Instruments; Part 2 covers Gourd Banjos in the West Indies; Part 3 covers Gourd Banjos In Colonial America, Part 4 covers Gourd Banjos On The Frontier; Part 5 covers Gourd Banjos in the Kentucky Mountains; Part 6 covers Gourd Banjos in the Mountains of North Carolina; Part 7 covers Gourd Banjos, Dance, and Banjo Songs; Part 8 covers the concluding remarks.

The site lists several craftsmen and each has a gallery of their very nice work. And in their resources section they list a "loan banjo" for those interested, wood samples, a Draft Banjo Making Manual, and various instructions on installing a skin head.

The site also lists a "Music" tab that lists many banjo songs which are all playable on your computer. Find a title, click, and you hear some very nice mellow banjo music, unlike the tinny, high strung, production models normally associated with folk music.

Hear REAL banjo music like that played in the hills of Carolina and Kentucky in early America! Visit the site. You will be well rewarded.

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New Chairpersons Messages

JGS ARCHIVALS CHAIR

Today I was ask to take on the responsibilities of the Indiana Gourd Society Archive. Which means I am responsible for gathering, indexing, organizing, scanning all information that is produced by the Executive Board, Officers, Directors, Committees, and Patch leaders.

Some may ask why archive this information, some of which may never be looked at or used again. It is archived to build a History of the Indiana Gourd Society (IGS) and to refer back to for information on decisions made in the past to help resolve issues of the present.

So, here is your opportunity to clean out a space in your home where you keep IGS items that you have no need for anymore and send or give them to me to be archived.
Send them to:

Indiana Gourd Society
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Questions, please call 765-453-0247 or email me at dfunsford@comcast.net

JGS SPEAKERS CHAIR

Hello gourd members!

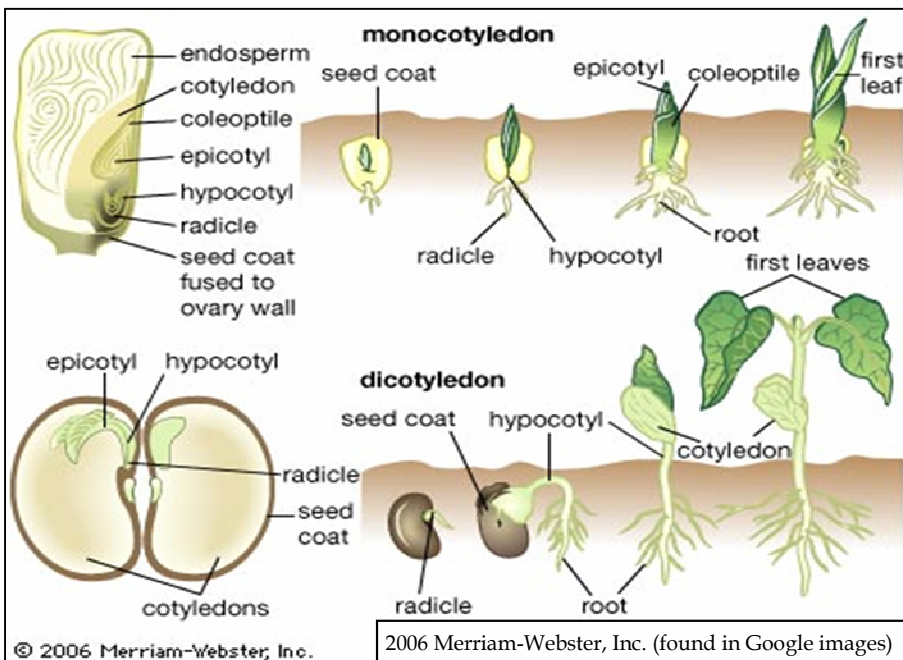
As the newly added Programs and Speakers Chairperson, I'd like to make a list of gourders who are interested in giving programs around the state. We need name, address, email, phone, the area they can comfortably travel, and the topics they are comfortable presenting (growing, cleaning, gourd culture, wood burning, cutting, painting, weaving, etc.).

Our president and board members often get requests for someone to give a program, set up an information booth at an agricultural event, speak to Master Gardeners, etc., so the need is there. All interested gourd members can write, phone or email me their information. and I will try to match the member with the program need.

Thank you very much for all your help.

Questions, comments, maybe some help.

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Have you ever wondered why people caution others about not damaging the tip of a seed, especially after it has popped open and that first sign of plant life appears?

This view of seed growth from the 2006 Merriam-Webster, Inc. dictionary (found in Google images) spells it out in words and graphics.

This amazing process literally pushes the seed pod up through the soil, at times some very hard soil. So, don't tamp down on the soil after planting your gourd seeds. It causes stress on or breaks the radical and causes compaction of the soil, very possibly causing the seed not to grow, or prolonging the appearance of first leaves.

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Joe Lee had given me about 70 green-cleaned spinner gourds to share with children and what are gourdheads but big children with wonderful imaginations? We still have spinners left and have shared with children and adults. However, we gave two to the Einboden's and they promised to demonstrate gourd spinning in every campground they visited between Indiana and California. Annette Knox continues to reign as spinner queen in Thorntown and manages to spin from waist height to the floor as well as onto a table.

Gourd spinning accomplished, the group turned to teacup production. Member Jan Boettcher is a Rosemaling (Norwegian folk painting) artist and teacher, and her husband is a skilled woodworker. Patch members cut various gourds into teacups, applied Quikwood handles and placed them on wood saucers turned by Roger. A cup had been cut, handle attached, and the unit base-coated for the Einboden's. At the end of the evening they took their cup, saucer, spinner gourds and others, as well as Indiana gourd will, to their tent. Part of the evening was spend enjoying a gourd display created on several tables in the library—raw cleaned gourds, uncleaned gourds, and many examples of Indiana gourd art acquired at IGS auctions and vendor booths.

Although snow and fires in the LA area meant that Judy's end-of-school date and make-up days were uncertain as late as April 28, when everyone was still awaiting word from Sacramento as to when school would dismiss for the summer. It turned out that June 5 was the magical ending date. The Einboden's camped their way across America to Thorntown, Indiana, and made it back home on June 21. That was a critical part of the planning: being home in time for Father's Day as well as the Welburn Gourd Festival. Judy has sent photos for the Sugar Creek Patch to enjoy—wouldn't that be a great field trip for several Patches—drive to California to the Welburn Festival?

There is one other little oddity about this visit: Judy bought gourd seeds in Iowa. Usually she has only found birdhouse seeds, but on June 11 she bought bottle, bushel and cannonball. she planted and sprouted them in the car (thanks to long-suffering husband Ed), and by the time they arrived home, she was reporting successful sprouts that had survived agricultural inspection stations. Does it not make you wonder what God thought when he created gourdheads? He must be truly enjoying our fascination with our gourds.



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California Visitors

Purses and paints, Patches (gourd) and people (gourdheads): On June 17 Ed and Judy Einboden of the Los Angeles, CA, area visited Thorntown and the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch for an evening of food, gourd spinning, purse-making and gourd teacup-decorating. Seated L to R: Marilyn Pickett, Sandra Townsend, Cindy Townsend, Jan Boettcher. Standing, L to R: Ed Einboden, Judy Einboden (with gourd purse), Monta Taylor, Annette Knox, Artdith Bowles, Roger Boettcher, and Karen Niemeyer.



Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdeous World

IGS Booth at the State Fair - Aug 6th to Aug 22nd We may still be there by the time you receive this. Come by and visit.

September 8-October 8, 2010 All About Gourds: From Garden to Gallery--The Ice House Gallery's 9th Annual Gourd Show, Mayfield, Kentucky. \$300 Best of Show Award with additional cash awards and ribbons. Deadline for entry--August 28th. E-mail icehousearts@att.net or see website www.icehousearts.org

Sept. 11-12, 2010 69th annual North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Theme: "Into the Woods." See historic gourds from around the world, workshops. Vendors of gourds, gourd craft, craft supplies. Holshouser Building (new location!), NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, N.C. Adults \$4, ages 12-17 \$2, younger than 12 free, seniors \$3. Information: Festival Chair: Kate Mahony at tolecat@nc.rr.com, (910) 639-4577,

Sept 17-19, 2010 Fall ILGS State Festival at the Chicago Botanical Gardens in Glencoe. Classes contact Sandy Bulgrin, sbulgrin@mac.com. Vendors contact Joyce Dankowski, lady_jd@att.net. Competition contact Thomas Bloore, tbloore@sbcglobal.net or Sally Arnold, sassyii@sbcglobal.net. General questions contact Bonnie Cox, ilmidwife@aol.com.

Sept 17-19, 2010 Michigan Festival of Gourds - at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City MI. Vendors, classes, live entertainment, judged competition, demonstrations. All proceeds to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan. Michiganfestivalofgourds.com

Sept 25-26, 2010 Ohio Gourd Society's annual Gourd Show at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio. For more information: americangourdsociety.org/ohiochapter

October 15, 16, and 17, 2010 15th Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg TX at the Gillespie Country Fairground in the Pedernales River Valley of the Texas Hill Country. Workshops, Demonstrations, Judged Competition & a free Kids Kraft Korner. Visit TexasGourdSociety.org for further details and updates.

IGS Fall Membership Meeting and Festival Oct 30, 2010 Hendricks County (Danville, IN)

The 2010 Fall Festival and Membership Meeting is moving!! We are going to Hendricks Co in Danville to their fairgrounds exposition center / conference center. More information will be forthcoming.

[An IGS Sponsored Event]

Nov 13-14, 2010 Idaho Gourd Society's Gourd Festival-- Holiday Inn Convention Center on Vista in Boise. For more information, go to idahogourdsociety.org/festival.html

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NEW submissions due September 15,
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Phil & Ruth's Washington Train The Judges Trip

Recently Master Judges Phil & Ruth Moorhead traveled to Washington State to train Judges for the Washington Gourd Society. They have shared some of their photos of the 2010 Washington State Show below.



With matching yellow shirts they couldn't get lost!



Phil looking for a deal, but wait, that is in the Corn Palace, not the Wash. Show. A good place for birds though.



And it wasn't all vacation time after their course. Notice though that Phil took his green hat., front , left.



The crowd is listening some light music.



Happy vendors and customers!



A shot across the room to show the size.

The Washington State Show Exhibits



For a young society, not a bad showing of entries.



Getting a bit closer helps to show detail, but notice the rope barrier. The didn't want people to handle the entries.



Handlers were available behind the rope to show attendees a closer view of any piece the wanted to see.



Some very nice pieces, many with a "western" theme.



Another entry with a nice looking ribbon beside it.



The body of the doll in this photo is made entirely of gourds. Even the toes are individual gourds or pieces.