



## President's Message

GOURDS, GONERS, GOOSE  
BUMPS & A GREAT RECIPE

July 15, 2012

I was so very proud of my ONE (count it, ONE) short-handled dipper gourd that was on my pure seed vine. She was precious at three inches long. On July 18th I saw great pictures of Ida Kennedy's northern Indiana (LaPorte, in LaPorte County) dippers, but my ONE pollinated gourd is now a goner. It seems to be drying nicely (drat), and the plant itself looks fine, but the baby gourd is turning brown and no more pollination is taking place. Right now there are only male blossoms and no females.

As I look at my gourds planted at the museum in Thorntown, I see one ornamental gourd and struggling plants. I can sit and listen to the cardinals and the whir of hummingbird wings without risk of mosquito bites; there is not enough water for them to survive--that is the plus side of drought, I suppose, but I wonder about the critters that depend on mosquitoes for supper.

Today I watered a spring-planted tree and saw butterflies

grateful for the water there. It makes me even more conscious of the connectivity of life and of the challenges all living things face because of this unusual, thankfully, weather.

It makes me glad that I felt a goose bump two days ago—the evening air was cool enough that there was ONE goose bump. The last goose bumps were because I had walked across the Boone County Fairgrounds (Lebanon, IN) and entered an air-conditioned building. We have finished our county's open show and I am pleased to report the entry of multiple gourds in our show. Several years ago there were no gourds at that show, but this year Denise Bechtold (Thorntown, in Boone County) won a sweepstakes ribbon for her pink flamingo. I won champion for a pen/colored pencil gourd and on a wax ornament gourd. Myrtle Cox (also Thorntown), Denise and I won blue ribbons on other wax art gourds, as well as on other gourd projects. Next year we plan to have even more gourds in the show and more of our gourd patch

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## Baked Soil



## =No Gourds

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## State Show 2013 Information

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**Free Demo's Wanted!** Looking for any & all willing to give free demo's at the State show next year in Lebanon. We wish to return to our old ways of sharing our gourd knowledge, whether it's a technique, growing, a product or something unique you wish to share. You may demo at your booth if that's easier for

you or at a scheduled time in the demo area. If you're a workshop instructor we will work around your class schedule. Please contact Alice Pawlowski at mpap2@frontier.com & let me know what you wish to demo & when. This is a great way to volunteer your time! Thank you for your help.

Demonstration Chair, Alice Pawlowski

**Volunteers Needed!** We're looking for volunteers to sign up for all phases of the IGS State Show - Entrances, Clerking, Booth Relief, Information, Discussion Table, Kids Korner, Auctions, Raffles, etc.

We had a great crew for the 2012 show, but, we need more people as we expect larger attendance at the 2013 Show due to an all-in-one facility and easy access for attendees from several surrounding communities.

Volunteer Chair, Kirsten DeHaven

**Wanted...Donated GOURD!** I am asking ALL IGS members to donate some spare GOURDS for use in the Kids Patch at IGS State Show 2013. We need SMALL, KID SIZE, CLEAN GOURDS: clean chards, bottles, eggs, spinners, snowmen, spoons, etc. Bring them to me at the Fall Show, Nov. 3, 2012 or contact me for pickup arrangements.

Thanks and Have a GOURD Day!

State Show Chair, Pat Moore

### IGS needs NEW YOUNG BLOOD in the GOURD WORLD!

We are all getting older and need to inspire younger people too enjoy gourds as much as we do and to carry on our LOVE for GOURDS. Contact and work with the Art Teachers and others in your area to get the KIDS INVOLVED! Below are the 2013 class competitions for the Children and Groups. Take this form with you and talk to parents, teachers and other leaders to get the kids involved in our show.

IGS will also need donated CLEAN GOURDS for the Kids and Groups to use for Competition pieces at IGS State Show 2013. We need Birdhouse gourds and other medium to small size gourds of all types for the competition classes listed below. Bring what you can to the Nov. 3, 2012 Fall Show or donate them yourself in your area.

Thanks and Have a GOURD Day!

State Show Chair, Pat Moore

**SEE THE FORM ON THE TENDRIL INSERT—THIS ISSUE.**

## Sadly We Report the Passing of Another Long Term Member

**Joyce Dankowski (7-2012)** was a friend, teacher and vendor who resided in Bartlett, Ill. Joyce was always a positive influence in the IGS and at our shows. Joyce gave freely her time to come to ALL IGS shows, no matter how far, to sell and demonstrate her products. In her honor IGS has created an award at our 2013 State Show for the best visual vendor booth display:

**The Joyce Dankowski Best Vendor Booth award.**

- - By Pat Moore.



With Joyce's passing, Bob wishes to sell off Joyce's gourd business. If anyone is interested in buying the inventory & rights of her business please contact Bob Dankowski at (630)830-4546. He is asking for just the cost of the inventory.

Joyce's gourd business carried Micro-lux saws & blades, sanders with sand discs, Burnmaster wood burning units with Detailmaster pens, feathers of many kinds, leather dyes, Memories ink dyes, gold leafing, turquoise cabochons.....and many more odds & ends.

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represented!

The judge left a note on my three musical instruments (kazoo, croaker, warbler) made at our April state show in a class taught by Sue Westhues (Bloomington, Monroe County). She was curious as to how the egg gourd worked. I found her as she finished her judging and showed her how the warbler sang. As she checked out she said, "I would like to meet with your Gourd Patch and see how you do that wax art. I used to have a pumpkin-squash-gourd business that became so successful I burned out. Then I had wrist surgery two years ago and have not worked on a gourd since. I think I want to get into it again." You HAVE to know that I shall invite her to our Patch meetings, even though it is an hour drive that she seems willing to make. Then, we shall have to get a Patch in her area. It is serendipity that I was able to talk to her; as a director of the show, I am present all three and one-half days. Most competitors have no opportunity to interact with a judge, but this was a gourdgeous opportunity.

On July 18 Pat Moore of Bloomingdale (Parke County) traveled to Thorntown with the blessing of Arizona's Miriam Joy Sagan to coach thirteen students in Miriam's wax art technique. Miriam had to cancel at the last minute and was unable to provide at the April state show her intended class in melted crayon wax on gourds. Unfortunately, a student arrived at the show without having received word of the cancellation. We tried to arrange her sitting down with Pat at the show, but it was just not workable, so we planned for Pat to teach the technique in West Lafayette at the June 2 spring festival.

Unfortunately, the intended student's father was having chest pains and she needed to be with him on June 2 but was able to call Pat via cell phone to alert her. Since Pat had already set up, three of us took the class and enjoyed learning the technique and completing our projects. We were grateful that Miriam Joy had approved the opportunity. With her approval, we then scheduled two July 18 classes in Thorntown, where our Patch members as well as the Anderson student, her Pendleton sister, both from Madison County, and two artists from Covington (Fountain County) joined us. Everyone but me completed their projects; I find it a challenge to play hostess (or gopher—or officer—or president) and complete a project within a class period. However, I DID complete mine four days later and in time for our county fair. Although not per-

fect, I am eager for IGS members to see the project because the gourd is very unusual. It is a cross that Pat Moore grew about three years ago, and I bought seven of these medium-sized gourds that are shaped like old-fashioned glass Christmas ornaments of the 1940's.



Another opportunity has presented itself and is relieving me of some of my excess stash of gourds grown in recent years. A teacher from a religious school wrote, "Several years ago I attended your gourd show at our fairgrounds, and had a great time. I ended up buying large bags of uncleaned gourds, which I then cleaned, painted, and used in a variety of ways. Here is my question: I am in charge of programming for my synagogue, and as such I want for the kids in religious school to participate in a gourd painting lesson. The gourds would then be used in conjunction with our autumn celebration of Sukkot. I need to obtain a large number of gourds (50 – 70) before September 25<sup>th</sup>."

I stopped counting my banana-cross gourds (3 plants) last year at 381 and decided I could donate enough for her project. As we corresponded, I decided to provide enough larger gourds for another project, and have bagged them for her to pick up at the library on August 18. She will still need to purchase quality gourds from our member growers for her own projects, but she had agreed to the catch: she must become a member of the Indiana Gourd Society. The other requirement is that she is to provide some photos of the students' projects for The Tendril and that she encourage entries into our state show. It will be interesting to see what pieces will be created by the students, for there are a few "hats" included in the bags: stem ends/lids cut from gourds during our seed harvesting day for IGS.

The recipe that follows was promised to IGS board members and is from our library's Youth Cook group. The class is taught by local lawyer Debbie Smith monthly for students in grades four and up. This is a Pillsbury recipe that is quick (15 minutes prep, 35 minutes total), makes 8 servings, and allows more time for working on

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gourd projects.

#### Skillet Pizza Monkey Bread

1 can (16.3 oz) Pillsbury Grand's Flaky Layers refrigerated biscuits

1 cup pizza sauce (from 15-oz can)

½ cup chopped pepperoni

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (8 oz.)

1 cup torn fresh basil leaves

**DIRECTIONS:** Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease ovenproof 10-inch skillet. Separate dough into 8 biscuits. Cut each biscuit into fourths. In large bowl place biscuits; add remaining ingredients. Mix well to evenly coat each biscuit piece. Spread mixture in skillet. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with a side salad.

Speaking of cookery, many of you will remember that member Joe Lee provided IGS festival participants a

taste of gourd sushi a few years ago. Although in Hawaii he grew up eating gourds and although his samples were very tasty, I prefer to enjoy my gourds decorated—over a longer period of time. In fact, I prefer my Joe Lee gourds that way too and will continue to enjoy them for years and years. Likewise, I am glad that I have gourds from other cherished members, including Joyce Dankowski, to whom we had to say good-bye in July. Her gourd enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

We shall look forward to seeing many gourd enthusiasts at the Fall Festival and Membership meeting, November 3, 2012, at the Parke County Fairgrounds, Rockville, Indiana.

IGS President, Karen Niemeyer



Ida Kennedy's garden seems to be doing great! Nice green vines and huge flowers produced some very nice gourds.

We may have to depend on only a very few who have had good luck with their gourds this year for seed extractions.

Comments from people at the State Fair do not bode well for a good all around crop this year. Many people have commented that gourds and pumpkins both have not done well.

Well, we prayed for rain—and we got it, but, maybe too late to help much.



# **SANDLADY'S GOURD FARM**

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## Other State Fair Happenings

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Eli Lily boss Lauren challenged her team, as part of a scavenger hunt team-building activity, to find a gourd identification chart at the state fair. At 10:55 a. m. on Friday, August 17, the first of the team came by the IGS booth and collected a chart.

(You can print your copy of the IGS Gourd Chart by accessing our Educational Articles on line at [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org). IF you do not have access try a friend or use your local Library for assistance. Or, better yet, come to one of our IGS events!)

Let's make an effort to include more IGS member exhibits in the Indiana State Fair for 2013. Only 3 of 15 people who entered gourds in the Ag/Horticulture Building at the 2012 state fair only 3 were IGS members. Karen Niemeyer talked with the building supervisors and had found a relatively inexpensive, yet legitimate, way for members to participate in the fair. She is working on the assumption that entry fee costs, gasoline costs and time to enter and pick up pieces are the negative factors. The negative side of her plan is that only one name appears on exhibits, and individuals will have to keep track of which pieces were created by which artist.

Since gourd members often function as families, and since multiple people may enter exhibits under one family name, it will be legitimate for a family or a Gourd Patch, for example, to enter under a family name. It is NOT appropriate to enter as a farm name unless the Patch has incorporated as a farming operation. For example, the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch in Thorntown could enter as the Denise Bechtold Family and enter one item per class in the Horticultural building. If two people wanted to enter the same

class, they would have to decide which one would enter or pay a second entry fee as family or individual. There could be two or more families in a Gourd Patch, but the goal is to make it easier to enter and to increase the size of the show. In addition to the gourd exhibits, garden produce, scarecrows, dried arrangements, and houseplants may be entered for the same \$30-40 fee by July 1, 2013.

One of the scarecrows this year had a gourd head and neck, and a smallest and largest gourd were entered into the Backyard Gardening Division. Pat Moore had two wonderful floral arrangements in which she used gourd vases. Pat also enters in the Family/Fine Arts Building, and this requires payment of a separate fee. (By the way, congratulations to Pat for winning Sweepstakes with her gourd vase floral arrangement in the Arts & Crafts Division!)

Karen's goal initially is to increase the gourd exhibits in the horticulture building and she knows there are more available shelves that could handle additional exhibits. She is eager to hear of several gourd families who plan to enter in the gourd classes at the 2013 Indiana State Fair. She is also looking forward to working with new members who enjoy meeting other gourd enthusiasts and who would like to work in the IGS booth at the fair. This is a good time to work a little on a project, listen to experienced members answer questions, then answer questions based on the recent observations. Sometimes the only recourse is to take notes in order to later ask an expert and respond by phone or e-mail to the questioner; Karen has a few of those on her agenda as a result of her hours at the IGS booth. Now, however, is a good time to start working on exhibits for the 2013 Indiana State Fair.

**If you would like to submit gourd related articles or photos to be published in The Tendril please submit the articles in a word processing document attached to your eMail. Photos should be at least 300 dpi for publication and can be in either the standard or in the new PNG format. Try and size your images at 300 dpi and to approximately a 4 inch by 6 inch format.**



# Lakeshore Gourders - Patch Happenings

Whew! What a hot, hot, dry summer we are all coping with the year. The gourd plants are doing great in the heat . . . . .wish we could say the same.

In June we met at my house, it was a pleasant summer day & Robbie Hiduke showed us all how to create "a lil bird", it was an easy but very fun project. Every bird was different; when we were done we perched them on my bird fountain for a group picture.

For July with a heavy heart but extremely honored we were asked by Joyce to prepare an urn for her final resting place. We all tried to do a little something on

the gourd as that was Joyce's wishes. She loved cardinals and her favorite techniques on gourds was carving, wood burning, gold foil & dyes, so we tried to incorporate it all in. Joyce also requested that we add a candle for Bob to light. Our hopes are to finish it & give it to her before she passes so she can see how much we cared & thought of her. Joyce will be missed very much by our patch.

Submitted by Alice Pawlowski

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What a wonderful smaller show KGS puts on. It was soooooo refreshing to be judged fairly & be judged on your art alone not who created the art or who is best friends with the committee.

I did very well, many 1st, a few 2nd & 3rd places. I won the Best Of Gallery Award, \$50, and my granddaughter Mia won \$25.00 for best in her age group of 8-12.

Karen Brown was recognized for her great work on the Falling Leaves Gourd, for which she also won the mayors award.

Of course Pat Moore had loads of entries and did very well for herself. She also won the Judges award, \$50, for one of her floral arrangements

Alice



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## A Memorial Tribute To Joyce Dankowski - Lady JD

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We lost one of our devoted long standing gourd members, Joyce aka Lady JD on Mon. July 16, 2012 from cancer. Joyce was a staple in our society always there for every spring, fall and state show, no matter how many miles or how she felt. Joyce loved gourds from growing, to crafting, to selling and sharing. She was always there to lend a hand, helpful hint or have the supply you needed. Though, Joyce resided in Illinois she loved being a part of the IGS and an active member of the "Lakeshore Gourders Patch." When you talked gourds with Joyce she had a twinkle in her eye and a smile as big as the sun... as she told me when we last spoke "I love everything gourds." I asked some of our patch members to express their feeling & what they will miss most about Joyce. Rich, Brenda and Ray said that no one could pack a van the way Joyce did, she had every inch of that van filled with gourd stuff and she knew exactly how to pack it so everything fit just so. Ida, Ron and Loretta, said that Joyce went out of her way to make sure there were gourd supplies available at all of our shows. Blanche appreciated the hands-on training on how to use the power tools & any product she carried. Renee recalls the dinners after our functions and how Joyce would want her food prepared just so and if it came to her any other way she would send it back.

Right before Joyce's passing she contacted the patch with one final request, she asked us to prepare her a gourd urn for her final resting place. It was her wish that we do it as a "patch project" together with us all working on it and signing our names so we will be a part of her forever. With heavy hearts and great honor we all collected together to create an urn that we hope will please Bob and do justice to Joyce's memory. We asked Joyce what her favorite techniques in gourds were and we incorporated them all into the gourd. There were 10 of us that created her gourd and those from our group that could not make it we signed their names. Our hopes were to finish it and get it to Joyce before her passing, but unfortunately the heavens opened up early & took her from us. All of us from the "Lakeshore Gourd Patch" will forever miss her, but never forget her. Joyce may you R.I.P.

submitted by Alice Pawlowski



About the urn, the oil lamp insert comes out so that Bob may add the ashes & then seal with wax. Joyce asked that we all sign the back; the sides of the urn have her name and date of birth and death.

Alice

# State Fair Happenings

Top Right This Farmall 1930 tractor was at the Pioneer Village. The cow head and bell are augmented with udder and teats made from dried gourd! Since this is a Hamilton County Tractor, you gotta know I'll try to get him to bring it to next year's show in Lebanon!

Left: The Purdue hot air balloon was donated early in the State Fair to the IGS. We appreciate the contribution to our permanent collection. It also triggered one young artist to make a hot air balloon with colored pen as he sat at the IGS booth.



Right: This elephant actually forgot whom he belonged to and was stranded on the wall at the April IGS State Show in Greenfield. The owner should call Karen Niemeyer at 765-436-7518 or Niemeyer@frontiernet.net if you made and displayed the gray elephant. She is in hopes of returning it to its owner soon—it is getting too expensive to feed!



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**By Pat Moore**

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Hats gone from wild to wooly! Phil Moorhead and Sweetie at the State Show with matching chartreuse hats brought about several strange looks from attendees and many comments to boot.

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## Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdeous World

### **2012—IGS Fall Membership and Festival**

November 3, 2012 - 9am-3pm - Parke Co Fairgrounds, Rockville, IN  
Free admission, open to public  
Vendors, IGS Gourd store, Gourd Seeds  
Demonstrations, mini craft and dried gourd competition, music, kids booth and Auction  
Membership meeting at 3pm  
Midmorning snacks and lunch available  
For additional info: Helen Thomas, 765-498-5428 or e-mail: sandlady@sandlady.com

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### **2013—IGS Spring Festival (w/Membership Meeting following festival)**

June 15, 2013 - 9am—3 pm Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, 1010 Teal Road, Lafayette, In 47905  
Free admission, open to public  
Vendors, IGS Gourd store, Gourd Seeds, Demonstrations, mini craft and dried gourd competition, music, kids booth, Auction  
Membership meeting at 3pm  
Midmorning snacks and lunch available For additional info: Karen Niemeyer, 765-436-7518 or eMail niemeyer@frontiernet.net

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### **2013—Indiana Gourd Society - State Gourd Show**

May 4-5, 2013, Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN  
Admission charged, open to public, Large gourd competition, Vendors, IGS Gourd Store, Gourd Seeds, Demonstrations, Classes, Kids booth, Auction Saturday and Sunday.  
For additional info: Pat Moore, e-mail: [showchair@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:showchair@indianagourdsociety.org)

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### **2013—IGS Fall Festival(w/Membership Meeting following festival)**

October 26, 2013 - 9am-3pm (CST)- Lake Co Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St, Crown Point, IN  
Free admission, open to public  
Vendors, IGS Gourd store, Gourd Seeds, Demonstrations, mini craft and dried gourd competition, music, kids booth, Auction  
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# Got Squash Bugs?

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## Squash Bug

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**Common Name: Squash Bug - Scientific Name: *Anasa nistis* (DeGeer)**

The squash bug is one of the most common and troublesome pests attacking squash and pumpkin plants. Both nymphs and adults suck sap from the leaves and stems, apparently at the same time injecting a toxic substance into the plant causing a wilting known as *Anasa* wilt of cucurbits. Tills closely resembles bacterial wilt, a true disease. After wilting, vines and leaves turn black and crisp, and become brittle. Small plants are killed entirely, while larger plants have several runners affected. Squash bugs are often found in large populations, congregated in dense clusters on vines and unripe fruits. Sometimes no fruits are formed.

### Identification

Adult squash bugs are rather large, about 5/8 inch long and approximately 113 as wide. Adults are winged, brownish black, sometimes mottled with gray or light brown, flat-backed, and give off a disagreeable odor when crushed. Young, called nymphs, are willtish to greenish-gray, with black legs. Bugs vary in size from tiny, spider-like individuals when first hatched, to maturing nymphs, which are nearly as large as adults. Young nymphs have red legs and antennae with a green abdomen. A few hours later, red parts become black. Late instars are of a dark, greenish-gray color. Eggs are yellowish-brown to brick red laid in groups or clusters.

### Life Cycle and Habits

Unmated adult squash bugs overwinter in the shelter of dead leaves, vines, boards or buildings and fly to cucurbits when vines start to grow. Following feeding and mating, egg laying soon begins. Masses of eggs, each containing about a dozen or more, are usually deposited on the undersides of leaves in angles formed by the veins. Egg laying by the overwintering females continues until midsummer. Eggs hatch in about 10 days or more, and the nymphs pass through 5 instars requiring 4-6 weeks to reach adulthood. Only one generation develops each year and new adults do not mate until the following spring. Squash bugs are secretive in habit. Both adults and nymphs are found clustered near the plant crown, beneath damaged leaves, under clods or in any protective groundcover. They all scamper quickly for cover when disturbed. Because of the protracted egg laying period, all life stages occur throughout the summer months.

### Control Measures

Early detection of adult squash bugs is very important since they are difficult to kill and can cause considerable damage.

### Prevention

If only a few vines are involved, it is best to collect and destroy the bugs and crush their egg masses. Some people place pieces of board or shingles on the ground near the plants to concentrate the number of individuals in an accessible area. Plant remnants may be buried or burned at the end of the year. It is a good idea to select varieties of squash and pumpkin resistant to the squash bug. Since there is only one generation per year, damage can be great-

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 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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