



## President's Message



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Is It June Yet? Are There Gourd Award Nominees?

Is it June yet? We are officially into autumn and my gourds are looking like June—blooms and tiny gourds galore. This has certainly been one of the most unusual growing seasons since I discovered the Indiana Gourd Society in 1995. I can only wish there were time for all of these baby gourds to mature but at least I can enjoy multiple blooms at last.

In the last column I added a recipe made by the Thorn-town Public Library's Youth Cooks and received the following response: "We just wanted to let you know that we received the new Tendril via the Internet yesterday. For supper tonight (Sept. 3) we had your pizza monkey bread!! It was very good!!! Thank you!!! Will see you in May at IGS. Jim & Joyce Bennett (Bradenton, FL)"

In October the youth

will be making bread sticks, cheese sauce, dill dip (for chips) and fruit pizza (the kind put on a 14" sugar cookie and glazed with peach jelly). The library will have a pizza party to celebrate the September reading competition, youth versus adults. Two giant cheese pizzas grace the lobby bulletin board and as a book is completed, the reader is given a paper disc to staple onto the pizza; the discs feature green pepper and tomato slices, mushrooms, sausage, pepperoni, etc. Competition is fierce. Last year the adults whupped the youth, but this year the youth are determined to win. The Youth Cooks, grades 3-8, will make the rest of the meal. I know I am of the older generation when I am told children prefer chips and dip with their pizza; obviously, we scrapped the idea of a green salad!

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## State Show 2013 Information

**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 GOURDS!** I am asking ALL IGS members to donate some spare GOURDS for use in the Kids Patch at IGS State Show 2013 AND for any schools that we need gourds for.. 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 to 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—**REVISED**—FORM IN THIS TENDRIL ISSUE.

**YEAH! We have already picked up one new school to work with!!**

# Judging Standards Sheet for the IGS State Show 2013

The **Judging Standards Sheet** is a work in progress, but the idea is accepted and should eliminate a lot of the judging problems and complaints from past years.

This Judging Standards Sheet is being developed for use during the judging for the 2013 State Show. By using this sheet, the judging quality will be more consistent from judge to judge. This sheet will be a checklist of categories, and is to allow the judges to evaluate all the art by the same standards. There is also a judge's comment area for good, constructive or explanatory comments.

This sheet will help explain why you did or did not get the placement you thought you should have on your art work. Each entry will have this judging sheet attached discreetly to its entry tag and be for the artist's eyes only.

The ratings for these standards will be: Excellent, Good, Fair and Poor. The categories were developed from the AGS Judging Guidelines, and are:

1. Originality of Design
2. Beauty/Overall Appearance
3. Does Gourd/Class Technique/ Predominate
4. Execution of Technique (If applies)
5. Overall Quality of Craftsmanship
6. Harmony of Colors and Materials
7. Neatness/Cleanness of lines/Design
8. Balance and Scale
9. Creativity and Suitability of Accessories
10. Fit to Competition Class and/or Level
11. Judge's Comments

Please forward any comments or suggestions to me.

Thanks and **Have a GOURD Day!**

State Show Chair, Pat Moore

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## ARE THERE NOMINEES FOR IGS AWARDS?

I want to give us all plenty of time this year to submit names for the Roll of Honor. Nominations for this award that celebrates volunteerism, are due to secretary Kirsten DeHaven, 6254 S. 350 W. Rossville 46065 by February 1, 2013. The charter members who founded the Indiana Gourd Society decided to show their appreciation to those individuals who went above and beyond their volunteer efforts for the society. This passion for the growing, crafting and promotion of gourds is shown in their efforts. Individuals who have clearly demonstrated this work in any area of the gourd society may be nominated for the Roll of Honor. All nominees must be current or past members of the society. Any current IGS member may make a nomination. Nominations for the Roll of Honor are to be sent to the secretary of IGS on an 8 ½ X 11" sheet of paper; provide specific activities of this individual. The Executive Board will review the nominations. Those found worthy by the Executive Board will

then have their names engraved on the Roll of Honor plaque and will be introduced at the dinner of the annual Indiana Gourd Show. Please send nomination to the Secretary of I.G.S. by February 1 and provide specific examples as to why this nominee should be included on the Roll of Honor.

**GOURD PATCHES** There is ample space in IGS for additional gourd patches, the groups that meet by interest (growing, painting) or geography to enjoy gourds. The patch application form is available on the IGS web site and rules are simple: apply, be approved by the IGS board, meet, and enjoy gourds. In addition, a \$100 grant is available from the IGS board for any group that wants to host a gourd event and needs startup funding.

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets the first and third Wednesday from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Thorntown (IN) Public Library. From three to twelve members attend and in early September a major gourd cleaning evening was held in spite of the chill. In the photo, L to R, Ardie, Earlene, and Denise scrub and scrape gourds large and small—approximately 150 gourds in 90 minutes. Five



## 2012 Best Of Show

We must apologize to Carolyn Rushton for our oversight. Her winning “Best of Show 2012” was mentioned in one of the Tendril issues, however, we failed to actually show the gourd. We have that shown below with some of the smaller details enlarged for better viewing. The gourd has been wood-burned from end to end and all around the circumference. Congratulations, Carolyn! Sorry this was so late in coming!  
 Jesse



Top Rt.: Buffalo & Prairie dogs.

Left: Horse Herd

Right: Manipulated photo to lighten end view.



Left: Territorial Eagles

Right: Buffalo on the move.



Left: Eagles watching over the nest??

Right: A better close-up of horse herd.



# **SANDLADY'S GOURD FARM**

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gourd washers participated, but all agreed the joke was on Earlene, who had given many Lump in Neck gourds to the group for two reasons: she wanted to share with the group, of which she was then not a member, and she wanted to avoid cleaning so many gourds! She has since begun participating and it was just her luck to be present on gourd washing night. The good news is that she took two cleaned gourds back home because, once cleaned, they spoke to her creativity. The bad news is, the apple gourds refused to give up their skins and will require additional soaking and effort!

As we move into cooler weather and frost, it is exciting to see what our gourd vines yield. I hope that all readers are planning for the upcoming shows and competitions. As our 2013 show chair Pat Moore reminds us, “Have a Gourd Day!”

Included in this issue is a photo of a Christmas ornament and two bowls left at the spring 2012 state gourd show. I also have the elephant head pictured in last month’s issue. If the artists will let me know of their ownership, I shall be happy to mail the gourds home.

Karen Niemeyer



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# FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOV. 3, 2012, 9am - 3pm EST

Parke Co. Fairgrounds Extension Bldg

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## IGS Educational Article ©

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### Decouping Gourds©

By *Emily Dillard*

Date: Unknown

An interesting medium for crafting gourds is decouping. It is as good for beginners as it is for advanced crafters. It is very versatile, in that you can use a variety of materials. It is a very forgiving medium, in that you can totally start over without foregoing your original gourd, if you should happen to mess up your first attempt, or your second or third!

#### Supplies you will need:

- A cleaned gourd.
- A decoupage glue, such as Modge Podge, etc. (I use Golden Gel Medium, which comes in four consistencies - soft, regular, heavy and extra heavy, and can be purchased at Michael's).
- A material or choice of materials to decoupage.

Some possibilities are: pressed flowers/foilage, papers of all kinds (thinner papers do best), cloth, pictures.

- Waxed paper, newspapers.

#### Procedure:

- (1) Put newspapers down on your working surface.
- (2) Look at your gourd and decide what decoupage material would best suit this gourd. You may have something specific you would like to try for... OR, you might just like to start out and see what happens ! You might be pleasantly surprised.
- (3) If you are using pressed flowers/leaves that are so brittle they might break easily, you might want to soak them in water for a bit (15-20 minutes, depending on how dry and brittle they are).

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(4) Work on waxed paper. Apply material in small amounts by brushing on the glue or get medium onto the back side of the material. Pieces can usually be moved and rearranged for a minute or two after being placed on the gourd. And, of course, you may cover any "mistakes" any time by gluing another piece over the existing piece.

(5) After gluing each piece, go back over it with another coating of glue, being sure to seal the edges.

(6) After you have completed gluing all the pieces into their proper places, let the project dry thoroughly, then feel to see if you have any loose edges. They will feel rough to your touch. If so, give the

piece another layer of glue. Repeat until the gourd feels smooth all over.

(7) Then dry thoroughly and add a coat of acrylic spray, if you like.

#### Add interest:

After you have got "the hang" of decoupage, try adding some other techniques with the decoupage technique. For example, you can paint or leather dye the gourd before you add the decoupage material. Try adding colored pencil or ink (don't forget the spray!). I like to woodburn a design, color it with oil pencils, then add some decoupage pieces. In fact, you can combine decoupage with just about any other technique. Experiment! And enjoy!

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## It is time to think about what you are going to do with all of your gourds in preparation for the coming Spring Festival and State Show.

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### Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdeous World

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#### **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

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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, Children's Art Competition, bershship meeting at 3pm—Mid-morning snacks and lunch available - For additional info: Ida Kennedy, 219-767-2901 or e-mail: ikennedy5@msn.com

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