



President’s Message

GOURD EDUCATION FLOURISHES

The car is loaded with six large totes of gourds and a bushel basket gourd that also serves as a bin for supplies and smaller decorated gourds. Another new experience is happening: talking about gourds to students in grades 7-12 at Decatur Discovery Academy on South High School Road in Indianapolis. Teacher Betsy Carpenter-Wilson teaches a horticulture class and in the fall the students work on art made from nature. She acquired an assortment of gourds and the students cleaned them in mid-November. Although many are bird house gourds, I can never resist taking along an assortment of gourds, especially smaller ones, for show ‘n tell. After providing a brief bit of information on types, history, and uses of gourds, we focus on decorating techniques. What an adrenaline high results from talking about

gourds! What an ideal time to provide copies of selected handouts as well as posters about the 2013 state show and other IGS events for the year! Thanks to Pat Moore for developing the events list and distributing in a ready-to-copy format.

The November 3 IGS festival in Parke County was also an educational opportunity as members shared with and learned from each other and shared with novices to the world of gourds. I am carefully hoarding the special Christmas gourd purchased at the festival—it will make its appearance when the Thorntown Public Library decorates for Christmas on November 23. Thanks to Sherry Benedict for this great addition to my private gourd collection. That collection spills into every room of the house, and it seems that I just get everything back in place

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Spread Some



Holiday Cheer

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State Show 2013 Information

Free Demos Wanted! Looking for any & all willing to give free demos 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 for which we need gourds. We need SMALL, KID SIZE, CLEAN GOURDS: clean chards, bottles, eggs, spinners, snowmen, spoons, etc. Contact me at pmoore@hughes.net> 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 TWO new schools 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

Lakeshore Gourders - Patch Happenings

We kept quite busy this fall with the mild weather, many from our patch attended the fall show. Some of our members ran a booth while others went for a visit to mingle with our gourd friends & attend the state meeting.

At our Oct. meeting Ida brought gourds & everyone painted a fall theme of a pumpkin, witch or ghost. Loads of fun to see the many different faces created. At the Nov. meeting we re-elected to keep me on as patch leader for another year, and we made fall leaf angel garden stakes.

The month of Dec. we take off due to everyone's busy schedule. In Jan. we will resume with our yearly appetizer, grab-bag holiday party. This will be the start of our third year since we regrouped, we had some members with health set-back & surgeries this past year, but everyone is well & bouncing back.

I'm thankful for my gourd friends & wish them all the Happiest of Holidays & a blessed New Year with their family & friends. Alice Pawlowski

2013 State Show - More On Judging

Judging and Competition at the 2013 IGS State Show

I would like to explain or clarify some of the concerns that have been made in the past about the Judging and Competition at the IGS Shows. IGS is going to follow the **AGS Guidelines, option "C"** again for 2013. Please see the AGS website, judging handbook for the option "C" guidelines.

ALL Judges and Artist and Members need to be made aware of 2 things.... there are **Judging Guidelines** and **Competitions Rules**. The AGS Judging Guidelines are supposed to standardize the judging from one show/state to the other. Whichever option the Show uses A, B, or C, they should all use the same GUIDELINES. The Competition Rules are set up by the individual Show/State and can be very different from one Show/State to the other. This is why it is very important to READ the show book and it's RULES very carefully.

The IGS Competition Rules are already set....they are the rules set in the BOX below each Division, in the show book. These were addressed for last year's book. At the 2013 book meeting, only a few words were changed for clarification.

I have competed in 4 different state's, and have Judged/Clerked in 3 of these States. They ALL have different COMPETITION RULES to follow. So it's very important to READ that States Competition Rules very carefully before you choose your gourd entries for the competitions. Also check to see what AGS Judging option is to be used for that show.

Our Judges and out-of-state Judges may not be familiar with IGS Competition Rules, nor had an IGS Show Book to read. I feel that All Judges should be sent a copy of the **AGS Judging Guideline, option C**, and a copy of the **IGS Competition Rules** before the show, to study. This information will be part of the Judges' meeting on Friday before judging starts.

A discussion between the Head Judge and the Show Chair will take place before the show. This will be about whom and how to handle the Judging and what will be talked about at the judges' meeting on Friday night before judging starts. Some things to be discuses are: AGS Guidelines for Option "C", AGS guidelines for disqualification, when/why to call the head judge, what to do if you know the artist or can not judge fairly, Judges to be aware of unfamiliar art techniques used, and others things.

Your comments and concerns are appreciated and will be considered in all decisions. Send me your comments. I want the IGS State Show 2013 to be the BEST, Best Judged, and Hassle Free Show ever.

Have a GOURD Day,
Pat Moore, 2013 IGS State Show Chair

showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

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IGS Gourd Art Classes and Entry Form for Children and Groups

Nov. 2012 Fall Show and/or May 2013 IGS State Show

Division 8 and 9 Requirements:
 Must be Child's own work, with minimal Adult assistance.
 You may have up to (2) entries per Child or Group, per Class #.
 NO Plastic used, except for beads and flower stems.
 Gourd pieces may be added.
 Stems to be cleaned if attached.
 Wood bases allowed.

Division 8--Children's Competition Classes

Children's age groups: (1-4) (5-8) (9-12) (13-18) yrs. old

Class # 84 Decorated (functional or non-functional) Bird House (Holes may be cut/drilled by an Adult)

Class # 85 A Toy and/or an Animal

Class # 86 I made it "My Way" (Anything goes, except Class # 84-85)

Division 9—Group Galleries

Division 9 is open to schools and other youth groups...categorize by age: (1-4) (5-8) (9-12) (13-18) yrs. old.

A "gallery" is 3 or more gourds displaying your group's gourd art. You provide the staging, max size 48" wide and must be pre-registered.

Class # 87 Group Gallery--I made it "My Way" (Anything goes)

Entry Form—Nov 3, 2012 and/or 2013 IGS State Show

Division 8 and 9 -- Children and Groups

Date: _____

Childs name: _____

Age group: _____

School or Group name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Children: (1-4) (5-8) (9-12) (13-18)yrs old	Age Group	# of entries--1 or 2
Class# 84 -- Decorated Bird House		
Class# 85 -- A Toy and/or an Animal		
Class# 86 -- I made it "My Way"		
Groups: (1-4) (5-8) (9-12) (13-18)yrs old	Age Group	# of entries--1 or 2
Class# 87 --Group Gallery--I made it "My Way"		

Comments: _____

For additional info, contact: Pat Moore, e-mail: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

Send forms to: IGS Registration, P.O. Box 822, Marion, IN 46952

Indianagourdsociety.org

Thanks to our vendors, the demonstrators, and others for making the Fall Festival a success. They make attendees like the people shown below very happy.

Pat Moore for her work with the school projects.

The Gordian Knot

The Blackers

Fran & Ida

Bill Freihofer

Marla Helton



The Kennedys

Carolyn Ruston

Helen Thomas

The Pressels

Ron Bair

I did not get the name of these two happy attendees, but, if they see this and eMail the Editor we will post the photo and their names in the next issue.

Your Friendly Ways & Means Store

We have a nice selection of knit shirts, T-shirts, and cotton shirts, aprons, shopping bags, hats, pins, books for children, and various miscellaneous items and

Jim Story Tapes© or Jim Story DVDs© - \$20.00 each

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www.indianagourdsociety.org

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Contact Phil Moorhead about the Tapes and DVDs at - treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org

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shoot for a “patch”. I’ll bring membership info.

That ends this year’s talks as far as I now have scheduled.”

On September 3 Sandlady Helen Thomas again held her all-day festival near Tangier and had her gourd museum open to the public. In September Carolyn Rushton talked about gourds with Master Gardeners in Rushville and on November 17-18 Emily Wallace and crew will take part in the Autumn Art Fair at the Garfield Park Conservatory in Indianapolis. IGS members Mac McCrary and Diane Werblo chair this annual artistic event.

Being IGS President has provided me with many, many opportunities to provide gourd education. On a lovely fall Saturday on September 22, I drove to Shelbyville to provide an educational display booth full of gourds as well as a “Gourds from Seed to Art” talk from 10-11:00 a.m. at a Master Gardeners open air market on the town square. The response was positive and it was a time to promote IGS membership and events as well. In addition, I shall pay a return visit on April 27, 2013, when the Master Gardeners will again have a grand event, this one inside their fairground buildings. Saturday, April 13, will be a unique experience for me: talking with approximately 30 of 120 people who attend the Hoosier Recreation Workshop in Camby. The attendees will be people who want to go back to their home groups (Scouting, 4-H, church, etc.) and teach them the art form; most will be adults but a few high school students may attend the three-day workshop designed to introduce people to new types of recreation and crafts.

During Thorntown’s Festival of the Turning Leaves Sept. 27-29, we filled the meeting room hallway of the public library with new gourd projects and those that had been entered in the Boone County Fair in July. Our Sugar Creek Gourd Patch had on July 18 enjoyed learning crayon art from Pat Moore (with the blessing of Arizona’s Miriam Joy Sagan, who had taught Pat) Gourd projects from simple to complex fill the case.

One of my challenges is to keep the speaking schedule straight. In September, October, and November I have provided talks on the Boone County Barn Quilt Project and three days after the last quilt talk I shifted into a gourd talk. I have thought about putting a gourd quilt block on a piece of 4 x 4’ medium density overlay board, but that would be much more challenging to haul around the state than six tubs of gourd art!

AWARDS—Just a reminder that Roll of Honor nominations are due to secretary Kirsten DeHaven, 6254 S. 350 W., Rossville, IN 46065 by February 1. Any current IGS member may make a nomination on an 8 ½ x 11” sheet of paper and should describe specific activities of the nominee. These activities may include growing, crafting and promotion of gourds and the nominee should be an individual who has gone “above and beyond” in volunteer efforts in behalf of IGS. The nominee must be a current or past member of IGS. The Executive Board will review nominations, have the name engraved on the Roll of Honor plaque, and the winner(s) be introduced at the Saturday evening dinner at the state show on May 4.

LOST GOURDS RETURNED HOME: To date the elephant head and two miniature bowls have been returned to their artists after being left at the 2012 state show. Photographs in [The Tendril](#) greatly helped in that process.



AGS Election Of Officers

The notice below was received from the AGS. Please Vote !

Hi folks,

The 2012 election for AGS officers has been posted for 2 weeks now and we have only had 9 people vote so far!

Please send an email to your chapter members to vote ASAP. Send them the link below or telling them to go to the AGS website and click on the link on the home page.

2012 AGS Election of Officers.

Please Vote by December 20th

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Thanks,

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State Show	16200.00	17083.50	-14692.30	16200.00
StateFair	200.00		-87.03	500.00
SprMtg	500.00	298.65	-325.00	500.00
FallMtg	100.00	484.00	-200.00	100.00
Tendril	1800.00	210.00	-748.87	1800.00
Ways&Means	500.00	762.85	-81.21	500.00
Seeds	2700.00	2928.00	-1360.17	2700.00
Publicity/Not Show	200.00		-79.00	200.00
Education	1500.00	24.00	-542.78	1500.00
Patch	800.00			800.00
Operations	3000.00	30.00	-2249.96	3000.00
Plants	0.00	54.00		0.00
Photography	50.00			50.00
Pure Seed	50.00			50.00
LucasOil-Indy Show	600.00			600.00
General Shows	600.00		-214.00	600.00
Archives	50.00		-174.98	50.00
TOTAL	29350.00	25025.00	-21219.45	29650.00

Notes:

All expenses over budget were approved by board.

Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdeous World

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

[An IGS Sponsored Event]

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

[An IGS Sponsored Event]

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, membership 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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OR RTF FORMAT.**

Send as an attachment to your eMail
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address. Please send us your pictures,

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for improving or inclusion in The Ten-
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State Show 2013 Information



11/3/12 IGS FALL FESTIVAL-- ROCKVILLE, IN. - CHILDREN'S COMPETITION							
Children's Levels -- #'s categorized by age/yr old: 1 (1-4), 2 (5-8), 3 (9-12), 4 (13-18)							
EXHIB'R #	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CLASS # C-	LEVEL #	SCHOOL	CITY/STATE	PLACE
Décorated Birdhouse							
128	NAKYLIE	MELLON	84	4	Rockville HS	Rockville, IN	1
127	KAITYN	RAYBORN	84	4	Rockville HS	Rockville, IN	2
101	KATRINA	WOOD	84	4	Turkey Run HS	MARSHALL, IN	3
142	RUTH ANN	DARKIS	84	4	Riverton Parke HS	Montezuma, IN	4
Toy or Animal							
140	HANNA	BRUCKER	85	4	Riverton Parke HS	Montezuma, IN	1
143	DAKOTA	MILNER	85	4	Riverton Parke HS	Montezuma, IN	2
150	JAYDA	JOHNSON	85	4	Riverton Parke HS	Montezuma, IN	3
148	KALEB	HUXFORD	85	4	Riverton Parke HS	Montezuma, IN	4
141	ALEXIE	BROCKETT	85	4	Riverton Parke HS	Montezuma, IN	5
My Way							
121	TAYLOR	O'NEAL	86	4	Rockville HS	Rockville, IN	1
129	MEGHAN	BULLINGTON	86	4	Rockville HS	Rockville, IN	2
130	LANE	MANURIN	86	4	Rockville HS	Rockville, IN	3
149	SAMANTHA	SHEI	86	4	Riverton Parke HS	Montezuma, IN	4
123	BRIANNA	WELLS	86	4	Rockville HS	Rockville, IN	5
131	ABBY	TOTH	86	2	Grade School	South Bend, IN	1
132	MEGAN	KENNEDY	86	2	Grade School	South Bend, IN	2

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