



President's Message

The 22nd annual Indiana Gourd Society State Show setup will be Thursday and Friday May 1-2, 2014, and the show will be open to the public May 2,3,4 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana. There will be 22 fee-based classes (2 more free), free demonstrations, a fellowship dinner, vendors, auctions, raffles, and make-it-take-it opportunities. The show theme will be "The Magical Beauty of Gourds (from seed beginnings to the final gourd art)" Send questions to: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org.

The spring festival and IGS membership meeting will be in Lafayette at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (EST) June 14, 2014 (Contact: president@frontiernet.net)

The fall festival and IGS membership meeting will be in Crown Point at the Lake County Fairgrounds 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (CST) October 25, 2014 (Contact: ikennedy5@msn.com)

For both festival/membership meetings there will be no parking nor admission fees. We'll have workshops, a vendor/display area, auction, and membership meetings at 3:30 p.m.

A seed harvest day will take place on February 1 and seed packaging day on March 14, both at 10 a.m. (EST) at the Thorntown Public Library, Thorntown, IN.

IGS representatives will staff our booth at the Indiana State Fair on August 1-17, 2014. If you would like to volunteer, contact Phil at treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org

We need a chair person(s) to head the Ways and Means Committee. W&M Items are now stored at our storage site. Your main job will be to man the booth, setup (and teardown), layout and sell items. You'll also coordinate getting the material to shows. If interested in volunteering, contact president@indianagourdsociety.org .

PATCH NEWS

Eight members of the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch met at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, IN on December 4, 2013 to work on basic chip carving on gourds as taught by patch members Beth Morris and Monta Taylor. Both gourders had participated in a class taught in early May at the Indiana Gourd Show by Florida's James Bennett. They displayed their completed bird houses made from martin house gourds and talked participants through practice cuts. Leather dyes and gel stains were added for additional color. The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets every first and third Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. If no joint project is on the agenda, members work on individual projects. However, on December 18, the holes for bird houses were cut and pine cone pieces were affixed as roof shingles.

In November, Sandra Townsend, Sally Mohringer, and others in the group brought in their own tools and showed how they are used; the patch also worked on making shakeree necklaces out of small gourds. In January (NO Jan 1 meeting!), February, and March, the sessions will be devoted to individual projects and helping absentee members catch up on missed lessons. On April 2 and 16, Ardith Bowles will teach weaving on gourds, and on May 7 and 21 Beth Morris will teach how to make giraffes from dipper and pear gourds. Visitors and new members are invited, but should call Karen at the library 765-436-7348 to assure that adequate supplies will be on hand.



Your Friendly Ways & Means Store

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

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* * * IGS Events * * *

2014—IGS at Porter Co. Master Gardeners Show

Jan 24 (8am-4pm), 2014 (CST)

Valparaiso Exposition Center

Valparaiso, IN

Admission Charged by Master gardeners, open to the public.

2014—IGS State Gourd Show

May 3 (9am-6pm) and May 4 (9am-3pm), 2014 (EST)

Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN

Admission Charged, open to the public.

Adult & Children's Gourd Competition. IGS Gourd Store, Gourds, Seeds, Demos, Workshops, Vendors, Kid's Booth, Gourd Art Raffle, Gourd Auction Saturday and Sunday. Gourd Gurus available to answer questions.

Contact Pat Moore, email: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

2014—IGS Spring Festival & Membership Mtg

June 14 (9am-3pm), 2014 (EST)

Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Lafayette, IN

Free admission, Open to the public. Vendors, IGS Gourd store, seeds, demos, kid's booth, gourd auction or raffle. Gourd Gurus available to answer questions

Membership meeting (with voting for officers) follows Show at 3:30 pm.

Contact: Karen Niemeyer, e-mail president@frontiernet.net

2014—IGS Fall Festival & Membership

October 25 (9am-3pm), 2014 (CST)

Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN

Free admission, Open to the public. Vendors, IGS Gourd store, seeds, demos, kid's booth, gourd auction or raffle. Gourd Gurus available to answer questions

Membership meeting follows Show at 3:30 pm.

Contact: Ida Kennedy, e-mail ikennedy5@msn.com

GENERAL EVENTS

February/March—Seed harvest/packing days

For additional dates see: www.indianagourdsociety.org

TENDRIL FORMAT CHANGE

Welcome to the new Tendril format!

Since the Tendril is supposed to be a newsletter and not a journal, at the 2013 fall membership meeting, we voted to change to that format. We'll still do a full journal twice a year, just after the IGS show in the late spring, and again in late fall. That will have pictures and results of various competitions. This new format newsletter will contain timely information of interest to the membership, and be easier to read.

We also agreed that the dates on the issue should cover when it will actually be used, so this Jan/Feb 2014 issue should reach you in December, 2013.

The editors (Susan and Danna) hope you like it.

Phil Moorhead, publisher

ROAD TRIPS

2014—courtesy of AGS
(www.americangourdsociety.org)

February

Feb 7-9 Wuertz Farm 11th Annual Gourd Festival

Casa Grande, AZ
(www.arizonagourdsociety.org)

Feb 21-23 Florida Gourd Society Azan Shrine Center, Melbourne, FL
(www.flgourdsoc.org)

Feb 22-23 Idaho gourd Society's Artistry in Wood Show Boise, ID
(www.idahogourdsociety.org)

April

Apr 3-5 Louisiana Gourd Society's 2nd Annual Gourd Show New Iberia, LA

Apr 25-27 California's Baskets and Gourds, Containers of Our Culture Visalia, CA
(www.californiagourdsociety.com/Calendar-Gourd-Events.html)

Apr 26-27 Missouri's Show Me Gourd Society's Gourd Art Festival Springfield, MO(www.showmegourdsociety.com/festival)

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One Way To Start Seeds

By *Acy Puckett* Date: Unknown

- ◆ Take a half gallon paper milk carton and poke some small drain holes in the bottom of it (DO NOT CUT OFF THE TOP OF THE CARTON), then fill it with 3" to 4" of potting soil.
- ◆ After soaking [soaking] your seeds in water overnight, take 2 or 3 of them and plant them no more than ½" deep or as deep as they are long in each of your cartons.
- ◆ Keep the potting soil moist (NOT WET) and in a warm place until the seeds sprout and grow till they have 4-6 or more leaves on them.
- ◆ After danger of frost has passed transfer the gourd plants carton and all to your garden. Dig a hole large enough to hold your carton and deep enough to have the potting soil inside the carton at the same level as the soil outside the carton.
- ◆ Carefully cut off the bottom of the carton (DO NOT CUT OFF TO [TOO] HIGH UP THE SIDE OF THE CARTON) and place carton and gourd plant in the hole. Move soil in around carton.
- ◆ By planting carton and gourd plant together, you place a protective barrier around the plant to protect it from wind, hot sun, and insects.
- ◆ For each carton you plant take a 1 gallon plastic carton and cut just the bottom off of it. These can be used to place over the top of your gourd plants in case of late frost, and they will work as a mini greenhouse also.
- ◆ After your gourd plants have become well established, you can cut off the carton at ground level and discard it.

Roll of Honor Nominations

Know of anyone you'd like to nominate for the IGS Roll of Honor? If so, please send a short (about 1/2-page) description of why he/she should be inducted into the Roll of Honor to the secretary (Kirsten DeHaven, 6254 S 350 W, Rossville, IN 46065) before February 15, 2014.

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