



## President's Message

### IGS General Question

By Karen K. Niemeyer

With snow on the ground and temperatures predicted to be below zero, it is a bit challenging to think of planting seeds and pulling weeds. However, one great thing about Indiana is that the weather will change. The Indiana Gourd Society annually plans events and takes part in garden and other shows to promote the gourdgeous gourd and to educate about their cultivation, use, history, and decoration.

Questions about gourds continue year 'round—and many that I receive are as a result of questions asked on our web site and redirected to me. I try to answer or to connect the query to someone who might help with an answer. There is probably one question per week, at least.

Not all questions are about gourds. For example, in November a question came about how to dry a whole pumpkin...because it had been autographed. Turns out that it is somewhat possible to dry them by scooping out pulp, bleaching, and stuffing with wadded newspaper that is changed frequently. However, I still think the best plan is to take a great photo of the pumpkin and signature...just in case. I also thought that next year a gourd should be signed instead of a pumpkin; there is probably a better chance of successful drying! I may never hear of the results of that questioner's work, but it was an interesting investigation for me.

In January I received a picture from a man in Central Indiana who, three years ago, bought a carved gourd for \$5.00 at a flea market. He is wondering what

the provenance might be and what the value of the gourd is. Our Tendril publisher will include a photo with this issue in the event that anyone can help with identification. Please let me know if you have a clue. I am sending to selected members, and, if we don't have anyone who might advise us on the story of this gourd, we can try some AGS members and some gourd authors who have travelled widely.

Often the questions are about what to do with moldy gourds. Many times the queries direct us to create an educational article that will help with similar questions. This is especially true with the question, "I bought a package of gourd seeds. Now what do I do?" Another recent question was, in September, "I have harvested half of my gourds, and the ones on the vine are starting to turn color or are starting to mold, what do I do?" I just hope that those harvested before frost will dry properly; my dogs knocked a martin house off the vine in July and it rotted nicely. Some years I have had rotting gourds dry to look like dried apple faces, but I never count on success when harvest is early.

Many times I redirect these questions to one of you readers if I think you have had experience related to the query. When you receive such an e-mail from me, I hope you will reply, even if it is just to say, "I have no experience with this issue." Part of our mission is education, and I appreciate everyone's help with this aspect of IGS.



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## PATCH NEWS

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### Lakeshore Gourders—Alice Pawlowski

We would like to welcome our newest patch members to our group; we are so pleased to have you join us. With the fall show being a success here in N.W. Indiana, we were lucky enough to gain quite a few new gourd enthusiasts, hopefully they will find the joy in gourds as we all do. In January, Ida, Kathy, & I will be at the Porter Co. Master Garden show manning a booth for the IGS. In April we will be at the Lake Co. Fairgrounds for the Garden & Pond show, where we will promote the state show & our return in Oct. for our fall show. Most of our patch volunteers at the State show in one form or another whether we are a vendor, man an IGS booth, help with set-up & breakdown, teach a class or just volunteer an hour here & there, that is what makes a show. You don't have to be in a patch to volunteer, but please help in some small way. Yes, everyone is tired & some have to travel further than others, however it's not fair to leave all that clean up to a small few. If everyone could help for 10 min. after the show, it would save others hours of time.

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch—Karen Niemeyer

Eight members of the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch met at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, IN, on December 4 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 James Bennett of Bradenton, Florida. 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 will be cut and pine cone pieces will be affixed as roof shingles. 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.

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## EDUCATION

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### Trellises: Cheap, Fast, and Easy

Mary Gayle Van Ingen—Milwaukie, OR

Note: We have round and oval raised beds.

Our first trellis experience was lashing water shoots from the apple tree together into tripods and then lashing on crossbars. The only expense was a bit of string for tying. These lasted about seven years, even with standing out in the rain all winter. They did need to be retied once or twice because we used cotton string.

Our second experience was of bolting two 2 x 4s together a few inches from the ends, making an "X" with long legs. We straddled two of them over the ends of an old clothes line pole in our yard around which we made a large raised bed. We screwed in "L" hooks about 12" apart down the length of the 2 x 4s, laid bamboo poles in the "L" hooks, then laid additional poles across the ends of the first poles at right angles (the side poles support the end poles and make a square,) then lashed them together with twist ties. Cost was the cost of the four 2 x 4s, a few "L" hooks, two bolts, washers, and the bamboo poles, some of which were obtained for free from a bamboo grower's compost pile. The bamboo doesn't weather particularly well, so we bring these poles indoors. We sometimes fold down the 2 x 4s and bring them in also.

### Seed harvest

Mar 15 at 10am (EST) at Thorntown Library

Contact Karen at [niemeyer@frontiernet.net](mailto:niemeyer@frontiernet.net) or 765-436-7518 if you plan to attend

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# \* \* \* IGS Events \* \* \*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ikennedy5@msn.com)

## GENERAL EVENTS

February/March—Seed harvest/packing days

For additional dates see: [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)

### New Gourd Patch—Central Indiana

Diane Werblo and her husband Mac McCrary are working on getting the Central Indiana Gourd Patch off the ground, weather and health permitting. Anyone who is interested may contact her at [dpwerblo@yahoo.com](mailto:dpwerblo@yahoo.com)—subject line "Central Ind. Gourd Patch" or call 317-783-1428 for info."

### State Show

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help up put the show on! Volunteers needed before, during and after the show! Help 4 hours and get into the show free. We don't set up or tear down tables, but need help with covers and skirts—you must preregister. See the showbook for a volunteer form, or call Pat at 765-597-2049

## 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

**Jim Story Tapes© or Jim Story DVDs© — \$20.00 each (+ \$3 shipping/handling)**

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Contact Phil Moorhead - [treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org)

## **22ND ANNUAL INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY STATE SHOW**

**May 3, (9am to 6pm).....May 4, (9am to 3pm) EST, 2014**

**Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, In 46052**

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**Fellowship Dinner Sat. Night, Gourd Gurus to Answer Questions**

**For Details See: [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)**



# Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. - Gourd Seed Order Form

Please go to [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org) - click on "Seed Sales" to link to more detailed descriptions and pictures

**Instructions: To ensure accuracy, please fill out this form and send it with payment to the address below.**

Qty	Item	Qty	Item	Qty	Item
	<b>01:</b> Apple, SHORT		<b>19:</b> Bottle, CHINESE (8-10" h)		<b>37:</b> Kettle, SMALL (6" W x-9" H)
	<b>02:</b> Apple, TALL		<b>20:</b> (Not used)		<b>38:</b> Wrenhouse, Hardshell Mix
	<b>03:</b> Martin House, SMALL (9"W x 12" H)		<b>21:</b> Dipper, SHORT Handle (12 - 18" long)		<b>39:</b> Bottle, Indonesian
	<b>04:</b> Martin House, GIANT (14" W x 16" H)		<b>22:</b> Dipper, APACHE (flat bottom) (12 - 18" long)		<b>40:</b> Bottle, NIGERIAN - Mini (limited quantity)
	<b>05:</b> Kettle (9" W x 12" H)		<b>23:</b> Dipper, LONG Handle (36 - 48" long)		<b>41:</b> Basketball
	<b>06:</b> Kettle, African Wine (6 seeds/pack) (16" W x 24" H)		<b>24:</b> Dipper, EXTRA LONG HANDLE (48 - 72" long)		<b>42:</b> Duck Gourd (limited quantity)
	<b>07:</b> Bird House		<b>25:</b> Luffa, LONG		<b>43:</b> Long Gourd (limited quantity)
	<b>08:</b> Bushel, SMALL		<b>26:</b> Jewelry, sub-mini mix		<b>44:</b> Snake
	<b>09:</b> Bushel, 100 lbs PLUS (6 seeds/pack) (18" W x 14" H)		<b>27:</b> Bottle, MINI-CHINESE (3" H) (limited quantity)		<b>45:</b> Swan/Goose Gourd
	<b>10:</b> Bushel, GIANT (12" W x 11" H)		<b>28:</b> Kettle, Mini (3 - 4" H) (limited quantity)		<b>46:</b> Warty, African (8 - 9" H)
	<b>11:</b> Canteen (8" W x 4" H)		<b>29:</b> Bottle, SMALL CHINESE (snowmen) (4 - 6" H) (limited quantity)		<b>47:</b> Penguin
	<b>12:</b> Canteen, Corsican (10" W x 5" H)		<b>30:</b> Bottle, Baby (snowmen) (2 - 4" H) (limited quantity)		<b>48:</b> Luffa, BALL
	<b>13:</b> Tobacco Box (taper top) (8" W x 6" H)		<b>31:</b> Peruvian Pear, Mini (6 seeds/pack) (3 - 4" H) (limited quantity)		<b>49:</b> Zucca (6 seeds/pack) (18" tall)
	<b>14:</b> Canteen, Copper Canyon (Pear shape) (6"W x 8" H)		<b>32:</b> Banana		<b>50:</b> Sennari, mini (3 - 4" H) (limited quantity)
	<b>15:</b> Maranka		<b>33:</b> Spoon		<b>51:</b> Buffalo Gourd (ball shape) (limited quantity)
	<b>16:</b> Cannon Ball		<b>34:</b> Spinner		<b>52:</b> Autumn Wings, mixed (limited quantity)
	<b>17:</b> Bat Gourd (30 - 36" long)		<b>35:</b> Crown of Thorns		<b>53:</b> Tall Vase (14 - 16" H)
	<b>18:</b> Bottle, Mexican Water		<b>36:</b> Nest Egg		

**Note: Sizes and shapes listed are approximate**  
 Each package contains 12 seeds unless noted. All cost \$3.00 / package. All seed batches are checked annually for germination rates.

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**6-10 packs = \$2.00                    21 packs and up = \$5.00**

**Please list alternate choices here in case any of the above are out of stock.** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make check payable to "Indiana Gourd Society" or "IGS" and mail to **Ida Kennedy, 5615 S. 425 W., LaPorte, IN 46350.**

If you have questions, please contact us at [seeds@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:seeds@indianagourdsociety.org)

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### Show Question

My question is concerning the **competition levels** (N, I, A, M). Do I have to enter all my pieces under one level? In a past year I won a "Best of Award" for one of my entries, do I have to move ALL of my entries into a higher level? Let's say I am fairly new at wood burning, and never got a blue ribbon as a novice in it, what level do I enter into?

#### Answer-1

For an example let's say you were at the Advanced level last year. You may enter your pieces in Advanced again this year. In the Classes you have won a "Best of" Award, you must move up one level into Masters. You may have entries in both A and M, but not in the same class. In other words, you might be A in class 34 and M in class 56.

#### Answer-2

If you are in Advanced this year, you may **REGRESS** one level for a Techniques or class/ category you are new or less good at. So Intermediate level is also possible, say for wood burning. (This is really up to you, but you CAN NOT/SHOULD NOT go back to Novice. Your artistic talents and background are way above Novice level.) — Pat Moore

**Please contact one of these people if you have questions:**

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Phil Moorhead, head judge,  
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## ROAD TRIPS

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

### March / April / May

**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)

**May 3-4 Indiana Gourd Society Gourd Show** Lebanon, IN

(www.indianagourdsociety.org)

**May 16-18 Kentucky Gourd Show** Tay-

### New Gourd Patch—Winchester

March 8, 2pm: Gourd Seminar/Workshop at Two Feathers Learning Center Cabin, Goodrich Park, Winchester, IN

**Call Lois Wright 317-370-1418 for details**

lorsville, KY (kygourdsociety.org)

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# 22nd Annual Indiana Gourd Show - 2014

## Admission charged:

\$5.00 per day per Adult,

\$3.00 per day per Senior 60 & older, age 14 & under, free

**Bring a can of food for Food Bank and get \$1.00 off admission fee.**

Volunteers, pre-registered, working at least 4 hours a Day receive a free Day Pass.

## Location:

Boone County Fairgrounds (In the Witham Health Services Pavilion)

1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, Indiana 46052

Phone: 765-482-0750

## Workshop Hours:

Friday, May 2, 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, May 4, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Friday: Workshops and Entry Placement Only! No other public access!**

**Saturday: Fellowship Dinner at 6:30 PM on the grounds. Reservations required.**

## Doors Open to Public:

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, May 4, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

## For More Information Contact:

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**Visit: [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org) then click on "StateShow"**

### **Show Question**

Are stems required in the Jim Story Classes 14-18? On page 7 of the booklet, the Dry Gourd Requirement #2 says: ...."stems optional". Further down the page, a requirement dealing with Jim Story Classes says: "Gourd and Stem must be Green Cleaned"

### **Answer**

Dry Gourd Requirement #2 says: Stems must be clean **if attached** - stems optional. This applies to ALL Dry Classes.....and to the Jim Story Classes 14-18. AGS Jim Story rules state: "Green Cleaned preferred but not required." (There is no mention of stems.) IGS rules are more defined for 2014: Gourd and Stem must be Green Cleaned..... This means that...**if** there is a stem attached, it **MUST** be Green Cleaned, as does the rest of the gourd. If there is **NO** stem attached, there is no stem to clean.

### **FYI as a Judge**

I would place a Green Cleaned gourd with a Green Cleaned stem at a higher ranking than a Green Cleaned gourd without a stem. So for your Jim Story entry, the stem is optional, but try to keep the stem attached if you can, for a higher ranking. Be sure to Green Clean the gourd and the stem. — Pat Moore



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**NEW submissions due the 20th of the month for the next Tendril Issue!**

**ADS ARE TO BE PREPAID. AD SUBMISSIONS MUST BE IN JPEG FORMAT.**

All submissions welcome!  
**ARTICLES MUST BE IN MS WORD OR RTF FORMAT.**

Send as an attachment to your email or mail your submissions to the above address. Please send us your pictures,

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