



President's Message

PLANNING AHEAD FOR AWARDS – A STATE SHOW CHALLENGE

By Karen K. Niemeyer

Every year by February nominations are due for the Indiana Gourd Society Awards. Every year at the state show's Saturday evening dinner the awards are announced. This year, as IGS members move around the state show areas, I am encouraging each to be on the alert and to identify which members are consistently volunteering and need to be recognized for the Roll of Honor. The Roll itself is a wood plaque with engraved plates of winning names. The plaque is displayed on Sunday at the show and at meetings. The individual winner is given an engraved badge that may be worn at all subsequent gourd events. There are many worthy members whose names have not yet been added to the Roll. What volunteers should be so honored? Each IGS member may nominate outstanding volunteers. A letter of recommendation will be due to the IGS secretary by February 1, 2015. Now, and all during 2014, is a great time to be observing, drafting, and mailing that letter. We'll see you at the show!



Announcements

Volunteers Needed at State Show

We are looking for volunteers to help out in any of the IGS areas. If you plan on joining our show for the weekend and have some spare time to volunteer - please contact

volunteer@indianagourdsociety.org

If you work 4 hours or more you will receive a free day pass into the show. If you don't have 4 hours to spare but can give 1 or 2 we still welcome the help. Simply contact me with your day and times available. Thank you, Alice Pawlowski

Free Demonstrations at State Show

With the state show nearing we are looking for anyone that wishes to demonstrate a gourd technique, talk gourd growing/caring or show a new or favorite product. The demonstrations run every 30 min. If you are interested in helping out please email me at demos@indianagourdsociety.org. We can get you scheduled to give your free demo. You are welcome to do more than one demo at a time or repeat your demo if you like. Thank you, Alice Pawlowski

Spring Festival/Membership Meeting Moved

Due to a large increase in venue costs, the spring festival and meeting at Lafayette has been changed. Membership meeting June 14, 2014, 1-4 p.m in upper level of Thorntown Public Library. Gourd display, judging demonstration, pitch-in snacks. All members are invited to come and bring a gourd for display, enjoy snacks, and take part in business meeting.

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PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch - Diane Werblo & Mac McCrary

It's official! The **Central Indiana Patch** will meet in Indianapolis at the Garfield Park Arts Center from 6pm-8pm first Thursdays of each month starting in June. Does anyone have a suggestion for a better name? We have GPAC's Visual Arts 4, a classroom with a slop sink for messy projects. There will be food. Bring "Show & Tell."

DIRECTIONS TO GPAC: From I-65, take Exit 109 W. onto Raymond St. Pass Shelby St. & S. Garfield Dr. At the light, veer left (SW) onto Pleasant Run Pkwy. Opposite the fire station, turn left (S) onto Conservatory Dr. Go straight, cross 2 bridges, & turn right into our parking lot. GPAC is built into the side of the bluff. Or INDYGO Route #22 goes down Shelby along the east side of Garfield Park about a block from GPAC. It is west of the Garfield Park Conservatory and Sunken Gardens across the creek. Diane Werblo & Mac McCrary, 317-783-1428

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch – Karen Niemeyer

Eight members of the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch met on March 5, 19 and April 2 to complete making stained gourd bowls with rope edges. Many thanks to Ardie Bowles for leading the teaching of this project. Much of the April 2 class time was spent discussing and completing forms for the state show in May, and many volunteers identified available time slots for working. On April 16 members will make a crayon art project while using multiple melters owned by many of the members and crayons donated to the Patch.

Since not all participants are readily available to meet the first and third Wednesdays, the Thorn Tree Gourd Patch has been formed and has begun meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2-4:00 p.m. Usually, the Thorn Tree members work on a project similar to the one(s) being undertaken by the evening group but in all cases participants may work on any other project of their choice—or just sit and visit with the group.

What is really exciting is that every Wednesday there is a gourd opportunity at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market Street, in Thorntown. The exceptions are the months when there are five Wednesdays, and it would not be surprising to find those would become a “Do Your Own Thing” session! Karen, 765-436-7518

Lakeshore Gourders – Alice Pawlowski

The weekend of April 5-6 some of our patch were at the Duneland Woodcarvers show. The weekend of April 25-27 the IGS and some patch members will be at the Lake Co. Garden & Pond show help promote the state and fall show. At March's patch meeting we made new name tags, and at April's meeting we will be decorating egg gourds for the Easter Season.

Attending the state show is a great way to meet new gourd friends in your area where you can join a local patch or start-up a new one. We are currently looking for anyone in the Indy area to join a new patch being formed. Patches are a great way to learn about gourds and meet new friends. If you are interested, come to our state show in Lebanon, see what you've been missing by not being a member of a patch. Alice Pawlowski

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Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. - Gourd Seed Order Form

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

SHIP TO:

Name _____

Address: _____

City State/Zip: _____

Phone or E-mail if we have questions: _____

Total Packages: _____
Price per pack: _____ x \$3.00
Plus Postage: _____
TOTAL ORDER: _____

Postage/handling, including IGS members
 (through :May 31, 2014):
 1-4 packs = \$1.00 11-20 packs = \$4.00
 5-10 packs = \$ 3.00 21 packs and up = \$5.00

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

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

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Education: Germinating Large or Hard Seeds

By Jesse Glessner

Typically you just soak seeds overnight and then plant in either a peat pot or in the soil. However, some gourd seeds need a bit of special care if you wish to have higher germination rates. Larger seeds, in particular, take a long time to pop open the pod when germinating after planting.

The Bushel 100 + in the IGS Seed Inventory is just one of those. To prep for germination, you should sand the white flutes off on both sides down to the brown of the seed. It isn't necessary to sand off the top of the seed. Take care not to sand into the brown portion. If other large seeds have the flutes, you can sand those off, or you can just score the surface if none are present. Much of getting the germination process started is to soak the seeds overnight.

After sanding, you may want to also score the surface of the Bushel 100 + seed with a sharp knife, again, being careful not to go too far down into the brown "meat" of the seed. This will help the seed pod crack open more readily when the germination process starts. DO NOT score into the tip of any seed!

Soak the seeds overnight and then you may either start the germination process in the peat pot, or, if you want to assure higher germination, try placing the seed on a thoroughly rinsed paper towel that has been folded in half. Place the seeds on only one half of the dampened (not dripping) folded towel, then fold the other half over the seeds. Place the towel in a sealable plastic bag and assure a temperature of 80F for 2-3 days, checking on seeds each day.

As soon as you see the seed pod opening, it is ready to be put into a pot or the soil. NEVER tamp down on the soil after you pull it over the seed. Water will move the soil down around the seed. Just make sure and keep the prepared pots warm while plants continue to grow.

Another very hard seed is the very tiny black seed of the Ball Luffa. You should hold these seeds with a set of tweezers and score one side of the seed before starting to soak overnight.

If you wish to try something different with some of your seeds, no matter the variety, try soaking half of them in a hydrogen peroxide solution overnight and check the resulting seed germination and growth against those soaked in water.

Also, you might want to try starting some seed in peat pots and plant others of the same varieties directly into the soil when temperatures are good for planting. Plant both, with identifications, on the same day and watch the growth of both.

If you are planting your seeds in a permanent location, directly into the soil, the soil temperature should be around 50F-55F, which in Indiana is usually around the end of the third week in May. Your plants should also be planted at those ground temperatures AFTER they have been hardened. Good luck with your gourds!

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

THE MAGICAL BEAUTY OF GOURDS
(FROM SEED BEGINNINGS TO THE FINAL GOURD ART)

Open to Public, Admission Charged,
Workshops on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 2-3-4, 2014
Adult & Children's Dry & Art Gourd Competitions,
IGS Gourd Store, Jim Story Video, Dry Gourds, Seeds, Demos, Vendors,
Kid's Booth, Gourd Art Raffle, Gourd Auction Saturday and Sunday,
Fellowship Dinner Sat. Night, Gourd Gurus to Answer Questions
For Details See: www.indianagourdsociety.org

VENDOR APPLICATION

Event: Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014
Time: 9am to 3pm CST
Place: Lake County Fairgrounds, Industrial Building
Address: 889 South Court Street
Crown Point, Indiana 46307
219-663-3617 lake-county-fair.com

We are looking for Gourd Crafters, Wood Crafters and Basket Crafters for our Fall Festival. Please contact us if you are interested.

IGS Members: 1 (8X10) space free. Donation of a gourd item valued at \$20 or more for our raffle would be appreciated. There will be a \$10.00 charge for each 8' table and \$3.00 for each chair. You can bring your own if you would like to. (1st space free-Extra spaces available for \$20.00).

*Number of spaces wanted: 1 free+ _____@(\$20) Tables @ (\$10)_____ Chairs@ (\$3) _____
Total due \$ _____

Non IGS Members: Each (8X10) space will cost \$20.00 plus \$10.00 for each 8' table and \$3.00 for each chair. You may bring your own table and chairs if you would like to. Any contributions to our auction would be greatly appreciated.

*Number of spaces wanted _____@ (\$20) Tables _____@ (\$10) Chairs _____@(\$5)
Total due \$ _____

Set up time: 3 to 7 pm CST Friday or 7 to 9 am CST Saturday October 25th. Let me know if you plan on setting up on Friday night. The building will be locked up at 7 pm unless we contact the fairgrounds. Overnight parking will be allowed.

Please return to me by September 30th, 2014.

Name: _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____
Address: _____

It would be appreciated if vendors would do demos in their area to promote crafting and encourage people to take up our hobbies.

Thank you for your interest and support of our Society.
Please make checks payable to: Indiana Gourd Society
c/o Ida Kennedy 5615 S 425 W, LaPorte, Indiana 46350
lkennedy5@msn.com 219-767-2901

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 (1:00pm-4:00pm), 2014 (EST)

Moved to the Thorntown Library

Membership meeting with small festival

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

ROAD TRIPS

2014—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

March / April / May

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

(www.indianagourdsociety.org)

May 16-17 Michigan Gourd Society at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, MI
michiganagourdsociety.org

May 16-18 Kentucky Gourd Show Taylorsville, KY (kygourdsociety.org)

June 6-8 Washington State NW Gourd Art-Whidbey Island, WA wagourdsociety.org

June 19-21 Pennsylvania Gourd Society’s Annual Gourd Fest-Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds
www.pagourdsociety.org

June 28-29 San Diego County Gourd Artists-Gourdstock Gourd Festival & Southern California Gourd Society Competition-Bates Nut Farm, Valley Center, CA
sandiegocountygourdpatch.com or californiagourdsociety.com

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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

(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:

Pat Moore: Phone - (765) 597-2049

Email: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

Visit: www.indianagourdsociety.org then click on "State Show"



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"Excellence in Gourd Artistry" 2014 Award

To promote excellence in artistry and to promote interest in entering artwork in gourd competitions, Arizona Gourds will offer a special 2014 "Excellence in Gourd Artistry" award that includes a cash prize. By submitting a photograph of the artwork, a gourd artist who wins during the year "Best of Show," "People's Choice," or "Best of Division" awards, OR is entered into a "Grand Master Category" at any 2014 American Gourd Society show, will be eligible to compete for a \$100 cash award OR a \$150 merchandise credit from Arizona Gourds. In addition, a \$50 donation will be made to the state society that hosted the show where the winner qualified. In May additional details will be available at the Indiana state show at the IGS membership booth.

Patch News (Continued from Page 3)

Winchester Gourd Patch – Lois Wright

We had a great turnout today at our patch meeting in Winchester. I counted 17 people. The newspaper was there also. Everyone seem to have a good time and wanted to meet again, so we scheduled our next meeting April 26 at 2pm at the Two Feathers Learning Center Cabin at Goodrich Park in Winchester. We covered info on planting gourds from beginning of a pure seed to sanding the 3 sides of the seed and soaking in water 24 hours, to bagging in the sandwiches bags in wet paper towel on top of the refrigerator, to harvesting after several frosts. One lady thought her gourds spoiled and I think her husband threw them out. We explained that they were just going through a process. Another lady did not realize that you could wash the gourds to craft them. It was so rewarding to see the interest people had. At our next meeting Becky Whitted is going to show how to wood burn. Thanks for your support! Lois Wright 317 317 1418

THE TENDRIL

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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,

stories, tutorials, and anything else gourd related plus your suggestions for improving or inclusion in The Tendril.

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