



President's Message

Hello My Gourd Friends

By Ida Kennedy

The IGS membership meeting was held at the Thorn-town library on June 14. We had fourteen in attendance. Karen Niemeyer, who has been our president for the past six years, has rightfully decided it is someone else's turn to hold the position. After talking with Karen, I have decided to accept the position for the next two years. I have been involved with the Indiana Gourd Society for over 15 years. I have served as a Director and 2nd Vice President; I am still involved with our Pure Seed program. Besides being an honor, there is a lot of responsibility and time involved in the position of president. This is all done on a voluntary basis. The reason I am accepting this challenge is that it is the responsibility of myself and all IGS members to step forward and do what's necessary to share the work load and help our Society grow. Karen has done an excellent job, and it will be hard to follow in her footsteps. Bill Freihofer will continue as 1st Vice President, and Frances Bascom will be the new 2nd Vice President. I am open to any suggestions to make our Society better. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Board in the near future, please step up and be involved. We are in immediate need of a Secretary and Directors. I want to thank everyone in advance for your support and your help. It takes more than one person to make the Society successful, and I need all the help I can get. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. All your opinions are important to me. My phone number is 219-363-7103. Please leave a message if there is no answer, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also send me a text message if you would like. I can also be reached through email at ikennedy5@msn.com. Looking forward to working with everyone!

Announcements

Volunteers Needed at State Fair!

We are looking for volunteers to help at the fair in Indianapolis in August. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Moore or Phil Moorhead (see last page for contact information). We can use people to demonstrate various techniques on gourds or to simply be there to talk to fairgoers about gourds.

2014 Roll of Honor Recipients

Three members' names were announced at the IGS state show to be placed on the Roll of Honor. They were Linda Harlow (posthumous), Ida Kennedy, and Pat Moore. These members were honored for their contributions to the Indiana Gourd Society.

2014 Barb Puckett Volunteerism Award

This year at the IGS state gourd show Fran Bascom was presented the award for volunteerism, which is given to the member who best exemplifies volunteerism for the society.



PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch - Diane Werblo & Mac McCrary

The topic for the Central Indiana Patch's last meeting was "FAVORITE TOOLS, GADGETS, GIZMOS & GREAT IDEAS," a follow-up to the discussion we had in April. Linda McCallister brought a clever "line-making gizmo" her woodworking husband had made for her. It lets her draw a horizontal line on a lumpy, bumpy, rotund gourd. It adjusts vertically and uses a clothes pin to hold the pencil. Gourd weaver Mac McCrary brought the most: templates he uses to leave out his weavings, a sanding cone he made for smoothing round openings, a needle tool, needles (curved, flat, blunt), jeweler's pliers, spring-loaded scissors, a "yarn-estimator board," a color wheel, dremel drill and flex cable, mini jigsaw, a circle cutter, and the Stanley wheeled "kit" he hauls it all in!

A lovely young woman, Tina Phelps, and her very well-behaved, adorable baby girl came to see what we were up to and we may have a new gourder!

Perhaps one of these days we can plan a gourd swap day or an unfinished project swap/idea exchange -- you know, for the gourds that just aren't talking to you or the project that has you stuck.

We had chicken, pasta salad, green salad, and two pies for dessert.

Diane Werblo & Mac McCrary, 317-783-1428

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch – Karen Niemeyer

The patch meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6-8pm at the Thorntown library. Contact Karen at 765-436-7518 for more information.

Lakeshore Gourders – Alice Pawlowski

Spring is in the air, gourd plants in the garden and gourd crafting still fresh on all our minds after another great show. Congratulations to Kathy Voyles for taking home the two big awards this year the "Showchair Award" and "People's Choice Award" - both of her winning pieces were fantastic. Also a big shout out to Blanche Murrin and Ron Pressel for Division wins. Ida Kennedy was recognized by the society by being elected to the Roll of Honor. We had a great patch turnout at the show, and our new members seemed to really enjoy themselves at their first IGS state show.

For the summer months our patch meetings switch to mid-week, which is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. At our June patch meeting we "created a flower" with the use of all our imaginations. We saw how many different types of flowers we all envisioned to create on a gourd. From a simple wood-burned flower to assembling one out of multiple gourds it was fun to see what each one of us came up with.

Most of our patch members will be vendors at the fall show in Crown Point, we urge other patches or patch members to join in the fun. We had a wonderful turn-out last year and hope to make this year even better. If you are interested, please contact Ida Kennedy for more information.

New Patch Forming Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

Thorntown, IN meeting 2-4pm on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
of each month at the Thorntown Library
Contact Ardie Bowles or Karen Niemeyer for details

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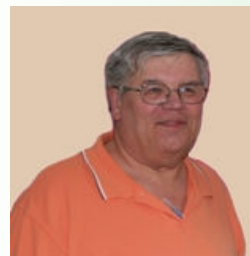
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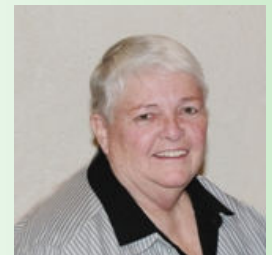
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For the Growing Season

By Ron Bair

What about those pesky pests - cucumber beetles (spotted and striped), squash vine borer, and squash bugs.

For the organic grower, I have read that Sabadilla dust or spray works very well to get rid of cucumber beetles and adult squash bugs. For the squash bug nymph and squash vine borer, 5% Rotenone dust or spray is supposed to be very effective. There are other varieties; please inquire.

For the non-organic grower, Sevin dust or spray is very common and works well to get rid of cucumber beetles and the squash bugs in their early adult stages. There are other varieties, too, that are very effective.

All of these dusts or sprays have a wide variety of uses for other vegetables, ornamentals, shrubs and vines. Be sure to READ THE LABEL. Sprays seem to be more economical. **NOTE:** When applying any of these dusts or sprays, try to apply at dusk after the bees have left and went home for the evening. Try to apply before the dew sets in so that it will have time to dry. Do not apply dusts or sprays when the vegetation is wet. Sevin spray is known to cause a whitish discoloration to the leaves. This doesn't seem to harm them, however. **NOTE:** Some types of moths visit in the early evening and help in pollination. Be cautious when applying.

One method I have used to kill the squash vine borer, is to cover the vine where the borer appears to be. Cover the vine with good loose soil on top of the damaged area, and pat it down firmly, making a 6" to 8" mound of soil. This will usually smother the borer. Keep watered well. The vine will normally take new roots in the new mound and continue to grow. For those growing on a trellis, this is next to impossible. For these vines, a J-Hook can be made from small wire. Slide the J-Hook up inside the vine and extract the borer. Keep this portion of the vine watered down from time to time over the next couple of days. A "patch" over the damaged area with a wrapped paper towel or cloth helps to contain the moisture. The presence of the borer can be noted by a secreted pile of wet sawdust looking material near their hole(s). There are also methods of syringe injection into the vine to get rid of the borer.

The cucumber beetle thrives on the blooms. It will also eat on the gourds. They are beneficial at the same time though. They do an extremely large amount of pollination. In some cases, they may be the only pollinator. In big masses, they can be very destructive. Try to maintain a controllable level. of them.

Squash bugs like to eat the skin of the gourd. They will usually eat on the bottom side of the gourd lying on the ground. Their eggs will normally be laid on the bottom side of the leaves. The eggs will be a golden brown color, laid in masses of tiny round balls. These can be easily squished with your fingers, or spray the underside of the leaves with an effective substance.

When your gourds are actively growing in the warm humid weather, the pests are usually very active too. These are of my own experiences, and do not intend to promote any certain pesticides. For more information on gourds and gourd events, contact the Indiana Gourd Society.

Call for Workshop Instructors—2015

Indiana Gourd Society State Show

The Indiana Gourd Society will be accepting Workshop Instructor Applications for the 2015 state show. The application can be found in the website at Indianagourdsociety.org. Please complete and return to

IGS Workshops

Delaina DeHaven

6254 s 350 w

Rossville, IN 46065

Or scan and email to workshops@indianagourdsociety.org.

We prefer digital photos, 300dpi or better.

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.
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2014 IGS Gourd Show Winners

Jim Story Award
Bill Friehofer



Chair Person's Award
Kathy Voyles



People's Choice Award
Kathy Voyles



Best of Show
Gallery
Marilyn Brames



Best of Show
Dried
Fran Bascom



Best of Show
Botanicals
Pat Moore



Best of Show
Floral
Pat Moore



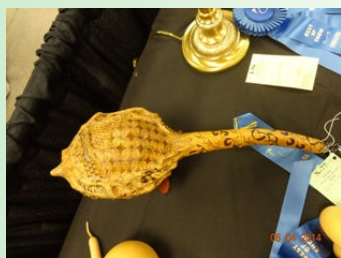
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Bobbie Lee



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Gourd Haven



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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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