



## President's Message

Ida Kennedy

Hello fellow Indiana Gourd Society members:

This will be my last Tendril article as President of the Indiana Gourd Society. I want to thank everyone for the privilege of being able to hold this position for the past 2 ½ years. Being President is an important position within the society. It is the President's job to oversee the operations of the Society but more importantly to try to pull the Society together. None of this can be done without the support of the Directors and our other Society members. The Directors are really the backbone of the Society. Hopefully we will get individuals to fill the positions of Directors who want to work together to select the best officers and make the right decisions when it comes to voting on important issues. I would also like to thank all our past volunteers for their help with our State shows and wherever we needed them, whether it was volunteering to give a talk about gourds, or help at the Indiana State Fair, or just to talk us up and distribute fliers to help promote the Gourd Society. Under new Officers hopefully we can all continue to work together and be open to new ideas to help grow our Society and make it a fun Society to belong to. We need more individuals to show an interest in the Gourd Society and be willing to step up and share their views and take on some of the positions on the Board. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas. Please think about getting involved and let us know if you have any thoughts on helping to make our Shows better. Do you have a preference as to where you would like to see our State Gourd Show held in the future? What was it that made our shows fun to in the past? What kind of classes do you want to see offered? Are classes too expensive? What can we do to bring in more kids? Let us know your thoughts about these. All suggestions will be considered.

Thanks for all your past support



Jim Story Pussy Willow Artistic Design Challenge—issued by Thorn Tree and Sugar Creek Gourd Patches, see patch information on page two for details. Note: these are about two feet long each.

### Roll of Honor Nominations Due

Nominations for the IGS Roll of Honor are due to the secretary by February 1, 2017. If you know of someone who has performed outstanding service to the IGS cause, please see the website or send a note to Karen Niemeyer at [secy@ivytech.edu](mailto:secy@ivytech.edu) or mail to her at PO Box 822, Marion, IN 46952

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# PATCH NEWS

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## Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In late November after eating yummy leftovers from the Autumn Art Fair where Jean Long was a TERRIFIC help in the kitchen, we *finally* passed out the award money from the Indiana State Fair. RoJene Gillentine, Danny Hall, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, Sandra and Tim Townsend and I made holiday ornaments out of small gourds. I finally talked to one of the Garfield Park Arts Center clay teachers about our gourd/pottery project. Apparently we need to find someone with an outdoor kiln or we need to do it raku style. We'll let you know how it turns out. CIP members RoJene, Jean, Mac, and I helped out at Garfield Park's Christmas celebration and signed up three interested people. We are not meeting in December. In January and February we will be painting gourds in the style of some modern artists.

## Sugar Creek Gourd Patch & Thorn Tree Gourd Patch (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The Thorn Tree and Sugar Creek Gourd Patches are issuing a Jim Story Pussy Willow Artistic Design challenge. Pictured (see page one) are three 2" x 18" pieces of one limb of a willow tree. In September, 2003 Jim Story had placed several pussy willow starts with the Ways and Means Committee of the Indiana Gourd Society. Karen Niemeyer acquired two and the trees are large and doing well at the Thorntown home she moved into in November 2002. One small limb died, however, and it has been cut into these three portions. The fungus on each is hard and dry and quite interesting. Since Jim provided the pussy willow starts and is famous for his artistic designs with gourds, the two Thorntown patches will provide these to the first three gourders who agree to incorporate one into a design with gourds and exhibit it at the IGS state show in May. After the show the artist may reclaim the entry and a \$25.00 cash prize. Note that this is a challenge, not a competition, and each entrant will receive the prize. Let's do something funky and fun and honor the gourd heritage of Jim Story. Call Karen with questions: 765 436 7348.

Both patches have returned to their typical scheduled sessions at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown. The Thorn Tree patch meets from 2-4:00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, and the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets from 6-8 :00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. In January and February crayons and melters will be available for wax crayon gourd crafting. A few gourds will be available as well as other supplies and equipment. It is helpful if new participants call Karen to let her know of plans to attend, as this will assure proper supplies are on hand.

Carol Brown has for a few years attended these patch meetings but is establishing a Hendricks County patch in Danville, Indiana. Anyone who is interested in a West Central Indiana Gourd Patch should contact Carol at [carolwardhank@yahoo.com](mailto:carolwardhank@yahoo.com) (317-742-5784) or Shirley Gates at [sjgates.7177@icloud.com](mailto:sjgates.7177@icloud.com) (317-852-9809). Gourders may participate in multiple patches and some of our members have been enjoying sessions with the Central Indiana Gourd Patch organized by Diane Werblo and Mac McCrary.

The Thorn Tree Gourd Patch has completed a portion of Indiana's traveling gourd and will be turning it over to the Linda's Gourd Patch so that its section may be completed and displayed at the May state show. Jan Boettcher had painted the Sugar Creek portion in 2011, and the SCGP has issued a challenge to the Thorn Tree, Central Indiana, and West Central Indiana patches to add their unique designs to the gourd. A history of the decorative bits is being written but someone needs to let Karen know: how did Michigan end up on the gourd in 2004?

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## Patch News

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### Linda's Gourd Patch (Jim Ballard, contact)

We had a great time with how to make a gourd thunder drum. Also, how to create a beautiful alcohol ink finish on the exterior on gourd. It was great to have a visitor from Homestead Florida: Doris Hancock, Jane Story's sister. Phyllis Kingen some small gourds along with some colored pencils and markers some members had a great time working on the small gourds. We had three members renew their membership also we had two new members joined the IGS. I want to welcome Peggy Robertson of Greenfield, IN and Melanie Blakely of Greenfield, IN to the IGS. Linda's Gourd Patch meeting schedule for 2017: Sat, 1/21st Mar ,3/18th May, 5/20<sup>th</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 9/23 Nov, 18<sup>th</sup>. Location to be decided for information contact: Jim Ballard 317-468-5717 e mail [jeballard62@yahoo.com](mailto:jeballard62@yahoo.com) or Phyllis Kingen 317-326-7312.

### Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

Gourd Crafters met October 15 at the old Lion's club building south of Ridgeville. We had 13 people come. Lavina Smith did a demo showing how to woodburn gourds. Several individuals started on new projects trying out new tools . We decided to meet in March or April. We will set exact date later. Contact me at [lawright54@yahoo.com](mailto:lawright54@yahoo.com)

### Lakeshore Gourders (Alice Pawlowski, contact)

With our fall patch meetings winding up, the season comes upon us where we say goodbye to some of our members as they travel to warmer climes over these long winter months, lucky gourdheads! In October we made a mess with our rotary/carving tools as we took on a sunflower carving project. I lead the project by showing how to achieve multiple layers of carving techniques to create a sunflower. The Lakeshore Gourders would like to wish all our gourd friends a Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years to all.

## IGS State Gourd Show Teachers Needed!

The Indiana Gourd Society is looking for teachers for the 2017 state gourd show. If you have a project or technique that you think others may be interested in learning, then think about being an instructor. Mail in your photo and proposal to Delaina DeHaven, 6254S 350W, Rossville, IN, 46065 (workshops <at> indianagourdsociety.org) by the first of November. Feel free to call or email me with any questions you may have. You can find the needed form on the IGS website under state show.

### Address Change?

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SEED PRODUCTION

Across the country there are very few gourd seed producers available anymore. Indiana Gourd Society is one of the few left. At this time I am doing most of the work to keep the Pure Seed Project going. I cannot continue doing the majority of the work involved by myself. If I cannot find at least two other individuals who want to get involved and learn to do this and are willing to work with me on a regular basis then I am afraid we will have to discontinue this service as a Society.

What is involved:

- Growing individual type gourds in isolation or hand pollinating each type
- Removing and curing the seeds
- Testing seeds on a regular basis (1 X year)
- Packaging seeds for resale
- Selling seeds from home and other sources
- Tracking sales of seeds

If anyone would like to be involved with the process, please contact me as soon as possible.

Ida Kennedy, Indiana Gourd Society [Ikennedy5@msn.com](mailto:Ikennedy5@msn.com)  
219-767-2901

## New Board of Directors and Executive Board Members Elected

Did you miss the membership meeting in December? If you did, you didn't get a chance to vote on the Board Members. See the last page for a 2017 list.

### PATCH CONTACTS

Lakeshore Gourders	LaPorte	Alice Pawlowski	219-942-2529
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
Story Gourd Patch	Pendleton	Inactive	
Patch 4	West Lafayette	Verona Clark	765-242-1967
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Jim Ballard	317-468-5717
Sugar Creek	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
Thorn Tree	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
West Central Indiana	Avon	Carol Brown	317-742-5784 or
		Shirley Gates	317-852-9809

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

Go to: [indianagourdsociety.org](http://indianagourdsociety.org) - open seed link, click on gourd names for pictures and descriptions.  
To ensure accuracy, please fill out this form and send it with payment to the address below.

Qt	Item	Qt	Item	Qt	Item
	01: Apple, SHORT		19: Bottle, CHINESE (8-10" H)		37: Kettle, SMALL (6" W x 9" H)
	02: Apple, TALL		20: Bottle Mix		38: (Out of Stock)
	03: Martin House (10"W x 14" H)		21: Dipper, SHORT Handle (12 - 18" long)		39: Bottle, Indonesian (Out of Stock)
	04: Martin House, Tall (Out of Stock)		22: Dipper, APACHE (flat bottom) (12 - 18" long)		40: Bottle, NIGERIAN - Mini (limited quantity)
	05: Kettle, mix		23: Dipper, LONG Handle (36 - 48" long)		41: Basketball
	06: African Wine Kettle (Out of Stock)		24: Dipper, EXTRA LONG Handle (48 - 72" long)		42: (Out of Stock)
	07: Bird House, hardshell mix		25: Luffa, LONG		43: Long Gourd (limited quantity)
	08: Bushel, (10-12" H)		26: Jewelry, sub-mini mix (Out of Stock)		44: Snake
	09: Bushel, 100lb. Plus (Out of Stock)		27: Bottle, MINI (3 - 4" H)		45: Swan/Goose Gourd
	10: (Out of Stock)		28: (Out of Stock)		46: Warty, African (8 - 9" H)
	11: Canteen		29: Bottle, SMALL (Out of Stock)		47: Penguin
	12: Canteen, Corsican (10" W x 5" H)		30: Bottle, MINI, (taper top) (3 - 5" H)		48: Luffa, BALL
	13: Tobacco Box (taper top) (8" W x 6" H)		31: Ornamental Gourd (taper top) (4" W x 5" H)		49: (Out of Stock)
	14: Copper Canyon Canteen, (Pear shape) (6"W x 8" H)		32: Banana		50: Hard Shell Warty (5 - 6" H)
	15: Maranka		33: Spoon		51: Orange Gourd (3" - Round)
	16: Cannon Ball		34: Spinner		52: Autumn Wings, mixed (limited quantity)
	17: Bat Gourd (30 - 36" long) (limited quantity)		35: Crown of Thorns		53: Tall Vase (14 - 16" H)
	18: Bottle, Mexican Water (limited quantity)		36: Nest Egg		

**Seeds will NOT be shipped until the first week in February, 2017**

<p><b>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.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>SHIP TO:</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>E-mail: _____</p>	<p>Total Packages: _____</p> <p>Price per pack: _____ x \$3.00</p> <p>Plus Postage: _____</p> <p><b>TOTAL ORDER:</b> _____</p> <p align="center"><b>Postage/handling, including IGS members (through: May 31, 2017):</b></p> <p>1-4 packs = \$2.00    11-20 packs = \$4.00 5-10 packs = \$3.00    21 packs and up = 5.00</p> <p>Please list alternate choices below in case any of the above are out of stock.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Make check payable to "Indiana Gourd Society" or "IGS" and mail to Ida Kennedy, 5615 S. 425 W., LaPorte, IN 46350.  
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## ROAD TRIPS

2017—courtesy of AGS  
([www.americangourdsociety.org](http://www.americangourdsociety.org))

No listings for 2017 yet.



### Gourd Crafters patch at work!

**Right row:** Lois Wright, Sarah Piersall, Mary Brown, sitting down demonstrating wood burning  
Lavina Smith, LuRhre Edwards, Jacinda Edwards, Pat Good

**Left row:** Jana Piersall, Rob West, Joyce West, Becky Whitted  
Taking the pictures Kathy Bond.  
Not pictured but present Carrie Sullivan

\* \* IGS Events 2017 \* \*

## Indiana Gourd Society State Show

Friday, May 5 (10 a.m.-7 p.m. EDT)  
Saturday, May 6 (9 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT)  
Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN 46052

**NOTE: There will be no show on Sunday, May 7th.**

Admission charged. Open to public.  
Gourd competition (adult and children), IGS gourd store, gourds, seeds, demos, workshops, vendors, kids' booth.

Gourd gurus available to answer questions  
Please contact: Pat Moore, show chair  
e-mail: [showchair@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:showchair@indianagourdsociety.org)  
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## PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW FOR THE SHOW!

**A successful show takes time and people! We need help to put on the show. Want to get to know your gourd friends better? Want to get into the show free? Volunteering an hour at a time at different stations gives you that opportunity!**

## Workshops at our Indiana Gourd Society State Show

What workshops would you like to see at the show? Any comments or complaints about the workshops? Do you want to teach a class? Should we even offer workshops? Let your voice be heard! Please contact Ida Kennedy ([IKENNEDY5@msn.com](mailto:IKENNEDY5@msn.com)) or any board member with your comments/concerns. To grow the society AND our great show, we need your input.

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All submissions welcome!

**ARTICLES MUST BE IN MS WORD OR RTF FORMAT.**

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