



President's Message

Karen Niemeyer

On February 4, the Board elected the needed president and 1st and 2nd vice presidents, an interim secretary (Ruth Moorhead) stepped forward to fill my former role as secretary.

Is there someone who would like to receive names of those who want to help at the state gourd show in Lebanon on May 4-6, for any amount of time on that Thursday through Saturday? The Volunteer Chair assigns people to the places where volunteers are needed during setup, the show itself, and teardown. Would you like to fill that spot and schedule volunteers? If you wish, you may even schedule yourself as one of the show volunteers.

Is there someone who likes to write? It is time for IGS to develop a booklet of policies and procedures to supplement our May 2, 2015-adopted By-Laws that are now only 2 pages long. It would be a great service if someone would like to help us begin fleshing out details. This will be an on-going process, as I anticipate that as our needs change, our policies will evolve.

Recently, Bob Dillard died and we want to honor his and Emily's years of dedication to IGS. I know that over the years I have purchased gourd pieces by Emily and Bob. Do you have one or more? Let's create a Bob Dillard Memorial Display on a table at the show in May. Let me know if you have a piece or pieces to lend for this purpose: niemeyer@frontiernet.net or phone 765-436-7518.

Meanwhile, keep rolling those gourds over. I am truly enjoying watching last year's harvest mold and dry.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bob Dillard, a very active member and one of our former presidents.

A Note on Judging

There has been some confusion in the past about the term "plastic." OFFICIAL WORD FROM THE HEAD JUDGE: Plastic or plasticized beads, stars, glitter, etc. are acceptable if:

- A) they do not predominate;
- B) the items are unavailable in non-plastic; and
- C) they do not look like plastic.

(These items were originally made from glass or metal back when these rules were written.)

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 four or more hours a day gives you that opportunity!

IGS as a Non-profit Corporation

There has been some confusion about how IGS is set up. We have members (shareholders) who vote for Directors of the Corporation, just like a company like Ford. Directors set the major and important policy decisions. Directors elect officers (pres, vp, etc) who then implement and place those policies into action as defined by the by-laws of the Corporation.

PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

The Central Indiana Patch didn't meet in December due to the "holidayze." The January group was RoJene Gilentine and her friend Danny Hall, Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo along with first-timers Susie Need and her sister Donna Alvey. Since this May is the IGS "Silver Gourd 25th Anniversary Show," we brainstormed silver gourd ideas and exchanged decorations. Mary completed a small beautiful shiny-on-matte silver gourd (Mac speculates he might make a gourd that looks like the Lone Ranger's horse!). We tabled the modern artists style gourds until later. Our February meeting is on Mardi Gras, so we may do exotic masks. The traditional colors are purple, green, and gold. CIP meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Garfield Park Arts Center off I-65 exit 109 west to either Shelby St. or Raymond St. Follow signs to GPAC in the heart of the park.

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the Thorntown Public Library, Thorntown, from 6-8:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their own projects on which to work or to participate in the evening's project—or just sit and chat. Some of all of that took place during the February 1 meeting at which seven were present. The group also pitched in with ideas for workshops that could be taught at the state show and completed instructor application forms. Wax art will be the focus of the February/March sessions, as will cleaning seeds for dying. The art teacher from Harney Elementary, Lebanon, had returned the 40 crafted gourds loaned to him by Karen and we look forward to his students' entries in the May show since IGS members had given him more than 300 gourds for student projects. Questions may be directed to Karen Niemeyer: 765-436-7348

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The Thorn Tree Patch meets at the Thorntown Public Library on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2-4:00 p.m. Many of the Sugar Creek members attend this group as well. The daylight hours make it easier for some to participate. It is hoped that Jim and Joyce Bennett will begin attending since they are back in Indiana. The patch members look forward to new faces and ideas. When possible, both Thorntown patches follow a similar crafting schedule. At this time, wax art, state show, seed dying and seed art, and pyrography are on the schedule. Questions may be directed to Karen Niemeyer: 765 436 7348

Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

The Gourd Crafters will meet March 18 at 2pm at a member's house. Please call, text or email Lois Wright if you are interested in coming and for directions so we can have a head count of who all is coming. We will be showing how to prepare gourd seeds for planting and how to make luffa soap. Newcomers are welcome as long as we have enough space so call early if you would like to come. Thanks!

Lakeshore Gourders (Tom Benedict, contact)

With the New Year comes new ideas. Normally we like to do projects as a group, why? Because it's the best way to learn something new, maybe a neat trick or shortcut you may not have thought of. Plus, everyone sees the project differently. It's neat to see each one of our perspectives on the same project. However, in January we went off the grid a bit and each brought in our own projects which we worked on, discussing tips and tricks, do's and don'ts, etc. In February we brushed up on our painting skills by painting a scene on a whole gourd.

The second weekend in February was the #1 Gourd Show located in Casa Grande, Arizona. Our own Blanche Murrin and Peggy Miller made the trip there to enjoy a fantastic gourd gathering. Wuertz Farms is a family-owned gourd farm, they host their own show every year, drawing over 8,000 guests each year. We're all looking forward to seeing and hearing all about their trip at our next meeting.

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch (Shirley Gates, contact)

Our first meeting was held January 19, at the Hendricks Co. Conference Center. The purpose was to become acquainted and organize the patch. Six ladies and one gentleman met with Shirley Gates and Carol Brown, co-leaders. We discussed the kinds of gourds, their uses, past and present, and crafting of gourds. Cleaning of dirty gourd pieces was shown. The next meeting will be March 16 at 1-4 PM at the same location.

Message from the 2017 Show Chair

This is my 5th and final year as Show Chair for the Indiana Gourd Society's State Show. I want to give a big **THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** for all your support and help in all these years. Also, this is our 5th year at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana.

The Show Book has been mailed and is online. The Workshop Flyer was sent out and online the first of March.

***** There are some changes in the gourd wind this year. *****

- Once again this year this will be **NO SHOW ON SUNDAY**. We will set-up on Thursday, then be open to the public on Friday (10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m. TO 4 p.m.) with everything going on.
- We are sorry to say that IGS will not be having a Fellowship Dinner this year. Decisions to continue some other past year's traditional events will be made later. Show announcements to be made on Saturday about 2:30 pm.
- In the competition section, one (1) new dry gourd class has been added: Class #9 - Most outstanding specimen gourd, with or without a hole for seed removal. This is for any type gourd that is TRUE-to-TYPE in size, shape and blemish free; seeds may be removed. In the Children's Competition Classes, we have changed Class #94—School, Youth, Group "Gallery." This competition class is limited to two to five children's gourds in a gallery and must be pre-registered.
- Competition placement will be on Thursday, 2-8 p.m. and Friday, 7-10 a.m.. The Judges meeting will be on Friday at 10 a.m., followed by competition judging until completed (competition area closed during Judging).
- The workshops will be on Friday and Saturday and again be in a different building behind the main show building. No more gourd dust in the show area!
- This will be the 5th annual vendor's competition for the Joyce Dankowski Memorial Award, "Best Vendor Display." We would like to congratulate the 2016 winner, **Leah Reed, "Blue Whale Arts"** for her lovely display last year.
- Listed below are just **some** of the fine **vendors** that will be at our show for you shopping pleasurer:
 - ◆ Leah Reed, "Blue Whale Arts" art & craft supplies, tools, embellishments, and more.
 - ◆ Sheryl & Tim Scott, "Front Porch Gourds LLC" dried and crafted gourds.
 - ◆ Helen Thomas, "Sandlady's Gourd Farm" dried gourds.
 - ◆ Seth Kent, "Kent's Cucurbits" dried gourds.
 - ◆ Phil & Jayne Hart, "Hart's Gourds" dried gourds.
 - ◆ Loretta Pressel, "Pressel's Gourd Art" crafted gourds.
 - ◆ Sue Westhues, crafted gourds.
 - ◆ Sherree Krause, "Nana's Katie Pie LLC" full assorted food menu.
 - ◆ Gary Baum, "Uncle Gary's Kettle Corn" Kettle corn.

I hope to see you at IGS's 25th State Gourd Show, our "Silver Gourd" Anniversary Show.

Have a GOURD Day,
Pat Moore, 2017 Show Chair

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INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Preliminary Minutes)
FEBRUARY 4, 2017

Secretary Karen Niemeyer called to order at 11:20 a.m., Saturday, February 4, 2017, a meeting of the IGS board of directors. Four of five board members were present: Tom Benedict, Bill Freihofer, Phil Moorhead, and Helen Thomas. Ida Kennedy was unable to attend. Also present were officers Karen Niemeyer, secretary; Pat Moore, membership secretary, and members Delaina DeHaven, Fran Bascom, Shirley Gates, Carol Brown, Diane Werblo, Loretta and Ron Pressel, and Sherry Benedict.

Phil moved and Tom seconded that the minutes of the December 10, 2016, meeting be approved as amended; motion carried. Phil presented the treasurer's report: \$8262.74 in savings (money market) and \$20,052.46 in checking. This balances with bank statement and the report will be filed for audit.

Bill Freihofer explained boards, officers, and authority; Phil noted that he and Bill have written an article for the next issue of "The Tendril" in order to clarify for members. In summary, Bill stated that in the for-profit world, corporations have stockholders who vote for directors, usually 9-12 in number. Those elected do not have to work for the corporation to be on the board. They make the corporation's policy decisions, e.g., whether to make autos or airplanes. That board elects officers who carry out the instructions of the board and serve at the pleasure of the board. The board can fire the officers. Indiana Gourd Society is a not-for-profit and has members instead of stockholders. Members elect the board of directors; IGS now has five. The directors decide whether or not to have a state show and elect the officers, which they could also fire. Present at this meeting are board members, officers, show committee, and other members.

Former IGS president and vendor Bob Dillard died on February 1, so Emily is in need of our voices of concern especially since they also recently lost both of their beloved little dogs. Her number is 317-873-4259. This reminded those present that IGS needs some guidelines for appropriate memorials. Phil and Karen will work on that and bring to the board but, for now, precedent will be followed.

Phil moved and Tom seconded that the following officers be elected: Karen Niemeyer, president; Annette Knox, 1st vice president; Monta Taylor, 2nd vice president. Motion carried. It was noted that a secretary will now be needed.

Phil moved and Bill seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried; The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen K. Niemeyer, Secretary

PATCH CONTACTS

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Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
Lakeshore Gourders	LaPorte	Tom Benedict	574-936-4805
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Jim Ballard	317-468-5717
Patch 4	West Lafayette	Verona Clark	765-242-1967
Story Gourd Patch	Pendleton	Inactive	
Sugar Creek	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
Thorn Tree	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
West Central Indiana	Avon	Carol Brown	317-742-5784 or
		Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. - Gourd Seed Order Form

Go to: 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, SMALL (9"W x 12" H)		21: Dipper, SHORT Handle (12 - 18" long)		39: (Out of Stock)
	04: Martin, Giant (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 (6 seeds/pk) (limited quantity)
	06: Kettle, African Wine (6 seeds/pk) 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: (Out of Stock)		44: Snake
	09: Bushel, 100+ (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 (8" W x 4" H)		29: (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: Round Gourd (taper top) (4" D x 5" H)		49: (Out of Stock)
	14: Canteen, Copper Canyon (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)		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.

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Name: _____
Address: _____
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E-mail: _____

Total Packages: _____
Price per pack: _____ x \$3.00
Plus Postage: _____
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Postage/handling, including IGS members
(through: May 31, 2017):

1-4 packs = \$2.00 11-20 packs = \$4.00
5-10 packs = \$3.00 21 packs and up = 5.00

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

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)

- Apr 8: Wisconsin Gourd Society's Festival, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, WI
www.wisconsin gourdsociety.org
- Apr 8-9: Missouri Show-Me Gourd Society 19th Annual Gourd Art Festival, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, MO
www.showmegourdsociety.com
- Apr 28-29: South Carolina Gourd Society Ghost Creek Gourd Fest, Laurens, SC
southcarolinagourd.wixsite.com/scgourdsociety/sc-gourd-festival
- May 6-7: Indiana 25th Annual State Gourd Show, Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN
www.indianagourdsociety.org
- May 20-21: Kentucky Gourd Show, Spencer Co Elementary School and Spencer Co Extension Office, Taylorsville, KY
www.kygourdsociety.org
- Jun 15-17: Pennsylvania Gourd Society Gourd Gathering, Lebanon Expo Center, Lebanon, PA
www.pagourdsociety.org
- Jul 15-17: Michigan Gourd Society 3rd Annual Gourd Gathering, Ann Arbor, MI
www.michigan gourdsociety.org
- Jul 20-23: Washington Gourd Art Classes, Kittitas Co Event Center Armory, Ellensburg, WA
www.wagourdsociety.org
- Aug 18-20: Texas Gourd Society Lone Star Festival, New Braunfels Convention Center, New Braunfels, TX
www.texasgourdsociety.org
- Sep 9-10: North Carolina 76th Annual Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.htm
- Sep 16-17: Mississippi 7th Annual Gourd Festival, Smith Co Ag Complex, Raleigh, MS
www.mississippigourdsociety.org

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* * 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
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Show-Me Gourd Society Competition and Judging

The Missouri Show-Me Gourd Society is quite excited that the American Gourd Society will be having their annual meeting at the festival in Springfield, MO.

The festival includes a competition with a wide range of artists. In addition to the gourd growers, there are five divisions for gourd art. I am extending an invitation to you to not only enter some of your gourd art in the competition, but also asking if you would be interested in assisting in the judging.

Gourds are to be entered into the competition on the afternoon Friday, April 7th. They will then be judged Friday evening starting at 5:30. Details for the competition can be found on the website at <https://www.showmegourdsociety.com/annual-gourd-festival/competition/>.

If you are able to assist with the judging, please contact Nancy Amburgey at amburgey21@centurytel.net or 636-667-0836.

I look forward to meeting you in April.
Sincerely,
Nancy Amburgey
Show-Me Gourd Society Competition Chair

2017 Show Theme:

“Silver Gourd” 25th Anniversary Show

Timeline for the 2017 State Gourd Show

Wednesday, May 3, 2017:

- Fairgrounds will setup the IGS layout for tables and chairs.

Thursday, May 4, 2017:

- IGS setup will start at about 10am to 8pm.
- Get IGS items from storage at 10am, takes about 1 hour.
- Vendor’s setup can start about noon to 8pm.
- Exhibitor registration and competition placement from 2 to 8pm.

Friday, May 5, 2017:

- Vendor’s setup continues till 10am, selling can begin at 10am to 7:30pm.
- Competition placement from at 7 to 10am.
- Judging begins at 10am, till done. Area closed to public during judging.
- Open to the public from 10am to 7:30pm.
- Workshops start at 11am to 7pm.

Saturday, May 6, 2017:

- Open to the public at 9am to 4pm.
- Workshops ongoing from 9am to 3pm.
- Announcements, People’s Choice Award and others, starting about 2:30pm.
- Doors closed to public at 4pm.
- Teardown of vendor and workshop area begins at 4pm, till done.
- Teardown of competition area begins at 4:30pm until done.
- Return IGS items to storage between 6 to 7pm.
- Show Chair will be staying on fairgrounds Saturday night till everyone is packed up,

Volunteers needed to work from 10am Thursday thru 7pm on Saturday, during the entire show time.

(See the Volunteer Form in the show book and possibly earn a free day pass to the show.)

- ⇒ On Wednesday, the physical labor of setting up the buildings tables/chairs, will be done by the fairgrounds staff.
- ⇒ On Thursday, IGS needs help retrieving items from storage...Got a pickup truck? Also, to dress up the building, cover and skirt tables, put out IGS show signs, set up and decorate IGS areas, layout the competition area and begin placing exhibits in area and many other things.
- ⇒ On Friday and Saturday, volunteers needed to work in many areas and to give breaks to others so we can all enjoy the show too. These areas are: Admissions Desk, Greeters, Gourd Exhibit Area, AGS Judges, Seed Sales, Education, Kids' Patch, Ways & Means, Workshop Sign-in Booth, Membership, Members Sales Booth and other areas as needed.
- ⇒ On Saturday evening, volunteers needed to un-dress the building, undoing the things done on Thursday, and return items to storage, until next year.

This is YOUR show PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP!!

Thank you and Have a GOURD Day! Pat Moore, 2017 State Show Chair
showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

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All submissions welcome!

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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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