

President's Message

Karen Niemeyer

Now is the time! If you have not invited someone to attend the Indiana Gourd Show as a first-timer, please do so now. There will be space remaining in most workshops, but there will also be free demonstrations and opportunities to not only see awesome gourd exhibits but meet, learn, and buy from vendors. This year there will be special crafts for youth, so plan to allow a few minutes for the Kids' Patch booth. The workshop and show schedules are in this newsletter, so plan to join us in Lebanon on May 5 and 6. If you want to help with setting up on Wednesday or tearing down on Saturday evening, let me know by calling: 765-436-7518.

This will also be the time to buy your gourd seeds and soak them in preparation for planting—or to buy a few plants at the show. Last summer I nipped and soaked any miscellaneous seeds I had left and was delighted to get 22 nice gourds from the bunch. Well, 21 are nice, and the 22nd will get entered into the natural freak/deformity of nature (dried gourd class 16). It got its “nose” stuck in the privacy fence, is spotted and thin, but it wants to be a bear or bunny face in its next life. Check the IGS list of educational articles for how to grow, plant, care for, and craft gourds. Also take time to read Jesse Glessner's article on “Germinating Large or Hard Gourd Seeds”—I have tried the 50% hydrogen peroxide soak and find it speeds the germination and growing by about two weeks.

Our library is full of Honey Bear Miller's dried and crafted gourds. These are available to lend to schools and libraries for display. Thanks to his daughter Sunshine for providing these to IGS for promotional and educational uses.

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The American Gourd Society has a Jim Story Award Committee and is seeking some Indiana participation. Especially needed is someone who understands social media and can help create a presence for the committee's efforts. Glenn Burkhalter, chairman from Alabama, Ce-Ce Thomas, Betty French, and Sylvia Nelson are on the committee and a 5th person is needed. The new member does not need to have manipulated gourd experience or even be a gourd grower; that knowledge is already within the current committee members. It would be helpful to find someone from Indiana since that was Jim's home state. Details are available on the JSA page of the AGS web site. There are no term limits for committee members; they serve as long as they are comfortable with committee goals and have a good working relationship with other committee members. Let me know if you would like to participate in this committee's efforts and represent Indiana.

Special Memorial Display

This year at the IGS State Show we plan to have tables highlighting the work of some of our deceased members. If you have artwork showing the work of these masters, please consider allowing us to display them at the show.

Bob Dillard
 Joe Lee
 Honey Bear Miller
 Deb Grunden
 Jim Story
 Joyce Dankowski

PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In February RoJene Gillentine, Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo worked with gourd fragments and seeds to make Mardi Gras masks along with new attendee Amy Davis. In March Michelle Fife, RoJene Gillentine, Mary Johnson, Mac McCrary, Sandra and Tim Townsend, Ann Stankiewicz, and Diane Werblo worked on "Your Choice." Some brought unfinished projects, especially silver, and others started Easter eggs. In April we will check over our competition entries and set up our gallery of marbled gourds. 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. Go to either Shelby St. or Raymond St., follow the signs to GPAC in the heart of the park. A light dinner will be provided.

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

On the first and third Wednesdays at 6-8 p.m. the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets at the Thorntown Public Library. Call Karen at 765-436-7348 if you have questions and are interested in being part of this group. There is no participation fee unless a special project is planned and requires supplies. Participants may work on their own projects or a group project. A day trip to Sandlady's gourd farm near Tangier, Indiana, is being planned, and entries for the state show are being readied. Karen, Ardith Bowles, and Annette Knox will be offering workshops at the show and are searching for and preparing enough gourds in case all classes fill. A few gourds are kept on hand in case there are drop-in visitors who want to try their hands at gourd crafting...visitors are welcome!!

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The Thorn Tree Gourd Patch meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. in the Thorntown Public Library meeting rooms. Having returned to Indiana, Jim and Joyce Bennett have been attending this group and demonstrating chip carving and pyrography. Jim will teach at the state show a chip carved birdhouse with a pine cone roof and also how to draw a circle design, chip carve, stain, and finish a gourd. The group is inviting Jim to teach the circle and carving technique on May 10 and 24. Reservations are recommended so that enough supplies will be on hand; there will be a cost for this project. Call Karen at 765-436-7348 with questions or to make a reservation.

Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

We celebrated 10 years as a patch with IGS. We enjoyed refreshments provided by Lavina Smith, Nancy Winter Donhoe, and Becky Whitted. We had 12 people present; besides the above members mentioned were: Imogene Hendickson, Roxanne Flesher, Robert West, Joyce West, Sarah Piersall, Jana Piersall, Clet and Linda Hammer, and Lois Wright. Our project this meeting was making Luffa soap and preparing gourd seeds for planting. Thanks to Clet for sharing his knowledge of seed preparation. It was very helpful. This is what I love about our patch. Everyone shares their knowledge, skills and tools in our group. We pull our resources together so beautifully! The rest of our time together was spent working on individual projects and visiting with each other. Our next meeting will take place at the home of Becky Whitted after our State Gourd Show. She will plan a class in "Alcohol Ink Oil Lamp." The time and date will be set in the next newsletter.

Lakeshore Gourders (Tom Benedict, contact)

Welcome Spring!! At our March meeting, led by Ron Pressel, we created wood burned designs on a gourd egg for the Easter Season. It is always a pleasure learning from one of the best in wood burning. For our April meeting Sherry Benedict will be leading us at trying our hands at creating a dream catcher. In their spare time the group is getting prepared for the May state show, doing clever gourd art for competition, and making lists of supplies needed. Many of the group volunteer their weekend to the IGS state show.

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 pleasure:
 - ◆ 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.
 - ◆ Percy Medina, artistic gourds

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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Please fill out this form and
mail to the indicated address

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC. <input type="checkbox"/> NEW <input type="checkbox"/> RENEW ID# _____
Membership Application DATE: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year @ \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 year @ \$40.00 Patch # _____
PLEASE PRINT (Free gift with New or 3yr Membership)
NAME: _____
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DO YOU WANT ELECTRONIC <i>TENDRIL</i> ? CIRCLE YES or NO
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Visit the IGS Web site at: www.indianagourdsociety.org

Have You Reserved Your Hotel Room Yet?

If you plan to stay overnight at the State Show, please reserve a hotel room through one of the hotels listed in the state show schedule. They are giving us special rates for the show

For our special "Silver Gourd" 25th Anniversary show we are bringing back some of our past events. On Friday from 4 to 5 pm we will be having a contest for Best Of Gourd: Masks, Hats, Jewelry, and Instruments. These do not have to be from this year or even made by the wearer. There will be a \$20 cash award to a winner in each of the (4) categories. There will be a parade on Saturday sometime after 2:30 (will be announced) to display any gourd item you would like to show off. There will be a \$20 cash prize, from a random drawing, awarded to one of the lucky individuals who enter the parade.

*Come join us
HELP MAKE THE
SHOW FUN.*

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.)



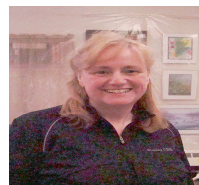
Jim Story



Joe Lee



Debbi Grunden



Joyce Dankowski

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
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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.

SHIP TO:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

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

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.

If you have questions, contact us at: seeds@indianagourdsociety.org Copyright © 2017, Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. IGS/2-7-17

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- 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.michigangourdsociety.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
- Sep 23-24: Georgia Gourd Society's 2017 GourdFest, Kiwanis Building on the fairgrounds, Griffin, GA, www.georgiagourdsociety.com
- Sep 24-25: Hawaii Gourd Society's 2017 festival, Ipu Lani Farm, Captain Cook, HI, www.hawaiigourdsociety.com
- Oct 6-8: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH, www.ohiogourdsociety.com

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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]



Gourd Crafters meeting (photo by Nancy Winter Donhoe)

Jane Story

We have received word that Jane Story was recently in the hospital. By the time you read this, we hope she is home again. You can send cards and well-wishes to Jim Ballard at 409 N 50 E., Greenfield, IN 46140 and he

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 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 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!

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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