

President's Message

Karen Niemeyer

ANOTHER GOURD DAY!

Legend claims that he who gives a gourd and he who receives a gourd will have health and happiness. Since that has been proven true for me, I am making a point of giving gourds for birthdays, graduations, and Christmas. It is time now to make some for myself, as my Guy Shutt bird feeders that have been used for four or more years are really showing wear and tear. Look closely (picture, p. 4) and you can see where little bird feet and bird beaks have chipped away at the openings that provide access to bird seed (with corn) and the upper basin that provides sunflower seeds. I have repainted my Shutt feeders many times, but their frequent use demands another paint job. Most recently in our local paper "The Lebanon Reporter" columnist Brent Wheat noted that there is little point in buying the songbird mix that contains millet. I have decided that I agree, as I find that much of the millet gets left behind and then sprouts. Years ago, I even let some head up so that I could use it as a Bible School grain example. For now, however, I just challenge you all and myself to create a bird house and/or feeder...or a butterfly nesting gourd. Mine is hanging near the little patch of milkweed that I preserve for the monarchs.

One of the library's lunch program seniors asked for a birdhouse gourd, so I made her a small one—and she has wrens nesting in it.



Double knot on single gourd—Phil Hart
Indiana's representative to AGS Jim Story Award

PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

Congrats to new member RoJene Gillentine who won multiple blue ribbons on her 21 entries and won BEST OF DIVISION for her silver anniversary gourd! WOW! Way to go, Girl! Our marbled gourd gallery was a hit and our group brought home many ribbons. At the State Show it was nice to see CIP members who don't get to come to our meetings. In April at the Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC) Michelle Fife, RoJene Gillentine, Danny Hall, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo sprepped items for the show. In May Melanie Blakely (newbie), Michelle Fife, RoJene Gillentine, Danny Hall, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, and Diane Werblo shared stories from the State Show and started planning for ISF. CIP meets on the 4th Tuesday each month at GPAC SE of the center of Indianapolis. We will meet next on July /25th to show our entries and prep shards/small gourds for use at the Indiana State Fair (ISF).

Sugar Creek and Thorn Tree Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The Thorn Tree Patch meets from 2-4:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and the Sugar Creek Patch meets from 6-8:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays. Both meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, in Boone County. There is always space for new participants. Just call Karen at 765-436-7348 to insure that enough supplies will be on hand. In June both groups worked on gourd bowls painted red and blue and with decoupage patriotic napkins donated by IGS member Carol Brown. Other techniques may also be used. Participants may work on their own projects and we often find pyrography, staining, painting, and carving in the same two-hour session. Plans are being made to have Delaina DeHaven teach the desk lamp project that she taught at the May state show; it uses a combination of staining, carving, and cutting. First, however, we have to coordinate everyone's schedules. Our goals always include completing pieces to enter in the Boone County Fair Open Show (this year on July 25-28) as well as the State Fair (Aug 4-20).

Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

The Gourd Crafters met June 3 at Becky Whitted's home. She showed us how to make an alcohol ink gourd oil lamp. Becky also provided drinks and Roxanne Flesher made the goodies. Our meeting was enjoyed by all. We will miss Jana and Sarah (they are moving to Florida and have already located a patch group there). Our next meeting will probably be in September.

Best Vendor Booth: Sue Westhues



Indiana State Fair Ag-Hort Crafted Categories

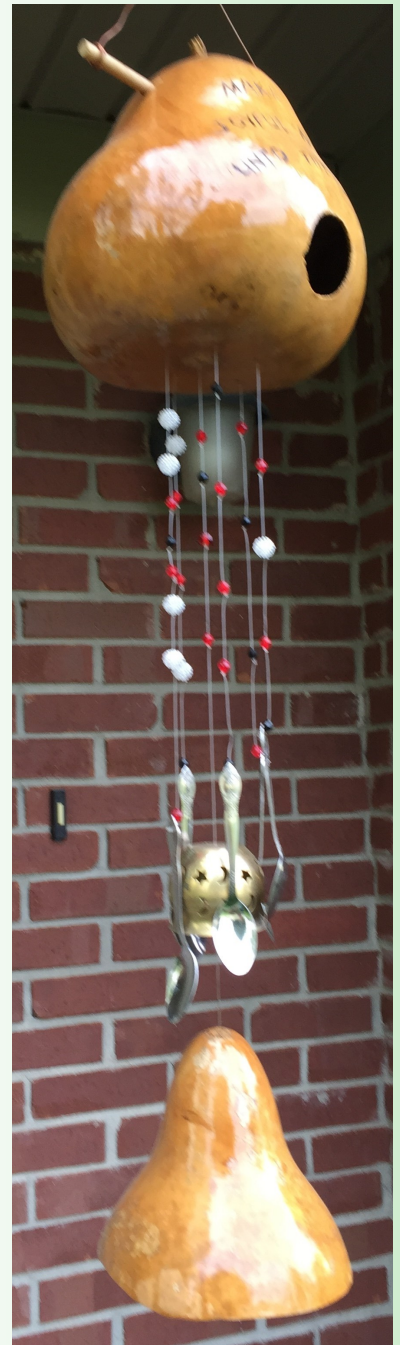
Crafted Gourds: 1st–5th Place—Ribbons \$8-6-5

Class # & Description

- 20: Undecorated Functional Wren House --
[Check the IGS website for “functional” info: hole size & placement, vent & drain holes, etc.]
- 21: Embellished with Macramé, Crocheting or Weaving
- 22: Cutting, Carving or Drilling
- 23: Wood Burning
- 24: Jewelry
- 25: Decoupage
- 26: Bead Work Embellishments
- 27: Holiday Theme
- 28: Decorated Birdhouse
- 29: Painted
- 30: Colored Pencil, Pen, & Ink
- 31: Multiple Techniques
- 32: Dyed or Stained
- 33: Basket with Handle or a Bowl, any technique
- 34: Animal or Creature, realistic or fantasy
- 35: Kids Competition, anything goes
- 36: My Way, any other gourd or technique not listed above

*Crafted gourds may be whole, cut or cut open.

*Crafted gourds may be made from one gourd, multiple gourds and/or gourd pieces.



An auction piece for the 2017 state show—
provided by Rick Ryan

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The state gourd show in May was another winner—thanks to EVERYONE who made it happen and who participated—and once again we came away with more ideas than we can realistically put into practice. At the silent auction I was able to acquire Rick Ryan's masterpiece of gourds plus tableware and decided that it should be the welcoming feature at my front door. I am happy to report that it is not nearly as noisy as I had feared it would be; yet it is a very cheerful piece. No one else has one like it, that's for sure. Thanks, Rick!!

A special thanks to Fran Bascom for returning my gourds—every year she does a great job of placing special exhibits in Indiana libraries to promote the state show and IGS. Other members also make that effort, but I suspect that Fran would win the prize for creating the most displays over several years.

State Fair is another big event on the IGS horizon. Read about it in "The Tendril" and on the IGS web site and make your plans to volunteer. We have learned that the fair officials do expect our booth to be manned (or womanned) during all hours that the Ball State Ag Hort building is open. Meanwhile, enjoy listening to your gourds grow and enjoy listening to your happy birds that are appreciating their feeders.



Karen's Bird Feeder
from Guy Shutt

I was looking last night for the Indiana article in The Gourd's newest issue and then it struck me--I have to start doing that column again. My apologies to IGS members--will be on top of it the next time!

Karen K. Niemeyer

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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1-4 packs = \$2.00 11-20 packs = \$4.00
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Please list alternate choices below in case any of the above
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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.
If you have questions, contact us at: seeds@indianagourdsociety.org Copyright © 2017, Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. IGS/2-7-17

ROAD TRIPS

2017—courtesy of AGS
(www.americangourdsociety.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.hawaiiourdsociety.com
- Oct 6-8: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH,
www.ohiogourdsociety.com
- Oct 12-15: California Statewide Northern Gourd Art Competition and Exhibit, San Martin, CA,
www.gourdfest.com
- Oct 21-22: California Southern Competition (with Orange Co. Woodcarvers, Santa Ana, CA),
www.ocgourdsociety.org
- Oct 21-22: ALABAMA Gourd Society 18th annual gourd show, Cullman, AL,
www.alabamagourdsociety.org
- Oct 22-23: Idaho Gourd Festival, Wyndham Garden, Boise Airport Hotel, Boise, ID,
www.idahogourdsociety.org

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* * IGS Events 2017 * *

Indiana Gourd Society Membership Meeting

Time and Location TBA
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Gourd Crafting Question

If you applied black paint images (probably acrylic paint, but possibly marker—definitely NOT pyrography) and then added a clear coat (probably polyurethane) and the images turned slightly milky black, how could you remedy that? Could you just apply a gloss acrylic finish? Should you attempt to wipe off part of the clear coat? There is a detailed image on an egg gourd and Fran Bascom would like to return to the black to a high gloss, not milky, image. Do you have an answer? Contact the president or editor and we'll publish it!



Gourd Crafters Patch: Pictured left back row. Jana Piersall, Lois Wright, Joyce and Rob West, Roxanne Flesher. Left front row Sarah Piersall and Jenny Davis

Indiana State Fair—2017

Gourders, any Indiana resident can participate in the Indiana State Fair (ISF)! You don't have to have won something at a county fair or at IGS. The items you enter need to have been created in the past three years and can't have been entered before at the state fair. The competition classes aren't the same as IGS State Show. ISF registration forms are now online. Go to <http://www.indianastatefair.com/>, select "COMPETITIONS" in the bottom red banner. "Enter Information," next select either "PURDUE EXTENSION AGHORT" (with the green pepper) or "INDIANA ARTS" (with the pie) for Entry Books and forms. If you aren't computer savvy, you can call the Ind. State Fair at 317-927-7500 (general info) or 317-927-7515 (entries dept.), and they will mail you information. Entry deadline is July 1. (Late entries have increased fees.) If you normally use six fair tickets (\$48), then entering the competitions for \$30-40 is a bargain. You can always donate any extra tickets to the IGS stash for our volunteers.

The Ag-Hort Building

There are about 400 open competition classes you may enter. Check the introduction and p. 11 - 12 for information on the 36 open gourd classes. In the Giant Vegetable Division, there is a class for the Longest Gourd on p.10 - 11. The Backyard Division (p. 12-13) also has a gourd competition. A \$40 entry fee allows you to enter all the building's classes AND you receive six complimentary gate tickets! You may have one entry per class. For your convenience, we've listed some of the Ag/Hort's Crafted Gourd Division information on page three.

Indiana Arts Building (formerly Home and Family Arts)

The Decorative Art Division has several areas where gourds can be entered or used as part of your entry. The most common are floral, painted and basketry. In many of these classes you may have one, two, or three entries. Cash is awarded for first, second, and third place winners. The entry fee is \$30 plus \$0.50 for each item.

Parking

Since parking is a separate \$5/day fee, if you are coming more than four days, purchase a parking pass for \$20 from the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office. It's good for the entire 17 days of the ISF. The other parking option is the FREE Glendale Park & Ride which starts at 10 am daily. Park in the far east lot at the Glendale Mall, 6101 N Keystone Av, Indianapolis, IN 46220. The last fair-bound shuttle leaves 30 minutes prior to gates closing (8:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 9 p.m. on Friday-Saturday). The last shuttle leaves the fair for the lot at 11:45 p.m., or once the lot is empty, whichever comes first. Check about parking your RV on the grounds -- get information from Gary Rainey, Parking Services Manager, 317-927-7683.

Pat Moore, show chair, announcing volunteerism awards



2017 Puckett Award—Bill Freihofer



2017 Roll of Honor—Sandra Townsend

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All submissions welcome!

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