

President's Message

Having a Gourd Day
Karen Niemeyer

Although we tease about playing on the word "gourd", as in, "Have a gourd day" or "Things are gourd-geous," but it is still fun to play on the word in unique ways. Did you notice in the spring issue of the American Gourd Society's "The Gourd Magazine" that Renee' King had included an article, "Living as a Closet Gourd-Aholic"? I think many of us could lay claim to that label as well.

Isn't it great to watch our gourds growing? I am hearing reports of a successful (so far) growing season in Indiana. I bought seeds at our May state show and I am enjoying watching the progress.

In addition to the stash of dried, uncleaned gourds most of us gourdheads have, we have access to the dried gourds provided to us by Honey Bear Miller's family. These will be used for educational purposes, and Jim Ballard is leading the charge on seeing that these are used appropriately and effectively.

The May state show was a success and planning has begun for the 2019 show. It is a challenge to keep what works best and come up with new ideas to interest visitors. I am confident, however, that our show committee will succeed at this mission. I am looking at my still unfinished projects and making plans to have them ready for our July county fair open show and thus our state IGS show next year. What are your plans?

There was recently an unfortunate incident in our town when a newly hired mowing crew for one of our larger cemeteries removed and destroyed all decorative pieces that were not affixed to the tombstones.

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2018 Puckett Volunteer Award Winners



Helen Thomas



Diane Werblo

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In my case, I lost a stone sleeping cat that I had affixed 15 ½ years ago behind my husband's tombstone. I had faithfully kept the grass trimmed around it, had put a heavy farm chain around its neck lest children might vandalize, and staked the chain beneath grass level. The mowing crew had to work hard to remove Bandit, our favorite cat, but they got it done.

Other people lost Mother's Day flowers a week after Mother's Day. Needless to say, this has caused a bit of turmoil and a lot of hard feelings. Yes, there was a badly painted sign that said as of April 1, 2012, nothing should be placed in the grass, but there was no warning that this was about to be enforced. However, I have hit upon a gourd solution. I plan to paint a tiny gourd cat and attach her to our headstone, even though I know she will not last as many years as our stone Bandit did. I'll be able to have a spare cat standing by as the replacement guardian. Do you have a story that shows an unusual use of a gourd?

PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

Our most regular attendees are Melanie Blakley, Michelle Fife, RoJene Gillentine, Danny Hall, Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Sandra and Tim Townsend, and Diane Werblo. Members of our group did well at the IGS State Show. We were most proud of RoJene who won the most blue ribbons! Our new best artist is demonstrating gourd art/craft at the Marion County Fair on the evenings of June 19 and 21. Michelle is keeping us busy this summer with a 3-part alcohol ink and coiling/weaving class. CIP meets on the fourth Tuesday each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ET at the Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy.

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

The patches will be making jewelry during, June-August as well as working on gourd quilt blocks and independent projects. We are collecting supplies to create the aromatherapy necklace that is a tutorial article in the spring 2018 issue of the American Gourd Society magazine. Some of the members have been assisting adult and youth special needs artists with the creation of various gourd projects. We are even working on snowmen in the summertime!!

There will be gourd entries in the July open show at the Boone County fair as we try to help people see the wonderful variety that gourd art encompasses. We have decided that we may occasionally need to take a week off—sometimes due to winter weather, sometimes due to summer and other travels. Normally, however, the Sugar Creek Patch will meet on the first and third Wednesdays at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, and the Thorn Tree patch will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2-4:00 p.m. Questions may be directed to Karen Niemeyer at the library 765-436-7348.

Lakeshore Gourders (Sherry Benedict, contact)

Lakeshore Gourders did not have a meeting in May, we choose to use our May time to help out at the IGS Show, as many of our members are Snowbirds and were just returning for the summer. Several of our members won awards at the State Show, Ron Pressel for Advanced wood burning, Tom Benedict for Best of Show, Intermediate Carving on Themed Gourd, Sherry Benedict, Best of Show for Advanced Arts and Crafts. Awards were won by many other members including some of our Grandchildren.

Our next meeting is June 19, 2018 at Westville, IN. Our meetings are held in the summer on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch (Shirley Gates, contact)

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Hendricks County Conference Center. Please e-mail Shirley Gates (paddlegates@gmail.com) for more information.

Leadership Update

Per the IGS by-laws adopted on May 2, 2015, IGS has 5 directors elected by the membership at the fall membership meeting. That board then meets and elects six officers. The terms take effect on January 1. This year all terms expire on December 31, so we are accepting volunteers and will begin working on a slate for election on October 20 at the fall meeting in Rochester at 11:00 a.m. ET. The five directors are responsible for voting and determining IGS direction and policy. Please consider volunteering now to serve for two years, and attend on Oct. 20 to vote for IGS leadership. Karen Niemeyer, president, 765 436 7518

See What You Missed at the 2018 IGS State Show



This little piggy was so heart-broken when she found out you were not there



We stuck our necks out hoping you'd be there



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West Central Indiana	Avon	Carol Brown	317-742-5184 or
		Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

ENTER THE INDIANA STATE FAIR!

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 3 years and can't have been entered before. Also, the competition classes aren't the same as IGS State Show.

The ISF registration forms are online. Go to <https://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/>, select "COMPETITIONS" in the bottom red banner. Next select either "PURDUE EXTENSION AGHORT" (with the green peppers) 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 walk you through the form or mail you info. Entry deadline is Sunday July 1; if you are mailing your entry, get it postmarked on Sat., June 30. If you normally use 6 fair tickets (\$48), then entering the competitions for \$40 is a bargain. (You can always donate any extra tickets to the IGS stash for our volunteers.)

ENTERING ITEMS IN THE AG-HORT BUILDING:

There are about 400 open competition classes you may enter. Download book and check the intro and p. 12-13 for info on the 36 gourd classes overseen by Diane Werblo. (In the Giant Vegetable Division, there is a class for the Longest Gourd on p.10 - 11. The Backyard Division, p. 13, also has a gourd competition; it doesn't specify fresh or dried.) A \$40 entry fee gets you entered into all of the building's classes and gets you 6 complimentary gate tickets worth \$48. You may have one entry per class. The Ag/Hort's Crafted Gourd Division info is listed below for your convenience since it requires time to prepare.

Category: 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.

IGS Membership Mtg
Oct 20, 2018, 11 a.m. ET
Fulton Co Museum
Rochester, IN

Since parking is a separate \$5/day fee, if you are coming more than 4 days, get 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 Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220. The last fair-bound shuttle leaves 30 minutes prior to gates closing (8:30 pm Sun-Thurs and 9 pm on Fri-Sat). The last shuttle leaves the fair for the lot at 11:45 pm, or once the lot is empty, whichever comes first. Check about parking your RV on the grounds with Event Services at 317-927-7624. (Info from Gary Rainey, Parking Services Manager, 317-927-7683.)

Any questions: Diane Werblo, 317-783-1428, igs.dpwerblo.com, or Phil Moorhead, 765-674-8088, treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org.

Message from the 2018 IGS State Show Chairperson

I would like to personally thank all those who were a part of our State Show last May 4th and 5th at the Fulton County Historical Society facilities in Rochester, Indiana. We could not have put on the show without your group support. I was very pleased with the outcome of the show and the support that we got from many of our members and friends. I hope everyone else had a good time also. If any of you have any suggestions on how we can make improvements for the next show, please let us know so we can start working on plans as soon as possible.

The following is a list of those who went above what was expected to help make our show a success: Sandra Townsend, Tim Townsend, Frances Bascom, Sandra Stropky, Tom Benedict, Sherry Benedict, Ron Pressel, Loretta Pressel, Karen Niemeyer, Pat Moore, Phil Moorhead, Diane Werblo, Mac McCrary, Marian Ellis, Jr., Peggy Miller, Blanche Murrin, Beverly Gerner, Jim Ballard, Ella Lockwood, Louise Minarik, Jesse Glessner, Annette Knox, Lanny Knox, Monta Taylor, Jim Bennett, Joyce Bennett, Michelle Fife, and Rojene Gillentine. If I forgot anyone, I apologize and want to let everyone know I appreciate all the help we received.

I want to say that I think we had the best demonstrations this year that we have ever had in the past. Great job everyone. We also had a successful Make It Take It table that was well received, thanks to Sandra Townsend.

I want to thank all the vendors who came to our show. Our dry gourd vendors this year were Seth Kent, Phil Hart, and Tim Scott. Inside vendors this year were Loretta & Ron Pressel, Sue Westhues, Vikki Mustad, and Sheryl & Tim Scott of Front Porch Gourds. The winner of the “Best Vendor Booth” this year was Sheryl and Tim Scott. Congratulations to them.

We didn’t have a lot of classes this year but we were pleased with the ones we did have. We are on the search for instructors who would like to be a part of future IGS shows. Next year we will not be having any regular classes. In order to continue to have classes at our shows, we need to know what everyone is looking for so we can find instructors who will bring people to our shows. We will be putting more emphasis on demos and reasonably priced “Make It Take It” kits next year.

We would like to have everyone’s thoughts about:

- What type of classes would you like to see offered at our shows?
- What are you looking for in an instructor?
- What do you think is a fair price to pay to learn a technique which is usually a 3-4 hour class?
- What did you think of our 2018 demonstrations? What would you like to see demonstrated?

Please email or write us with any suggestions. Again, thanks for helping put on a great show.

Ida Kennedy, 2018 IGS Show Chair



Sheryl and Tim Scott of Front Porch Gourds, winner of the Joyce Dankowski Best Vendor Booth

ROAD TRIPS

2018—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Jun 23-24: California Earlybird's Place Gourd and Craft Festival, Healdsburg, CA—
earlybirdsfarms.com

Aug 3-5: Texas Gourd Society, New Braunfels Convention Center, New Braunfels, TX—
texasgourdsociety.org

Aug 9-12: Statewide CGS Retreat, ECCO Conference Center, Oakhurst, CA—
californiagourdsociety.com

Aug 16-18: Mountain Gourd Gathering, Cedar Mountain, NC—
mountaingourdgathering.weebly.com

Sep 13-16: Silver State Art Festival, Carson City, NV—NevadaGourdSociety.org

Sep 29-30: Georgia Gourd Show—
georgiagourdsociety.com

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Indiana State Fair

Aug 3—19, 2018

Indianapolis, IN

Visit the IGS booth in the Ag-Hort Building

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Oct 20, 2018, 11 a.m. ET

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Indiana Gourd Society State Gourd Show

May 3-4, 2019

Fulton County Historical Society

37 E. 375 N

Rochester, IN 46975

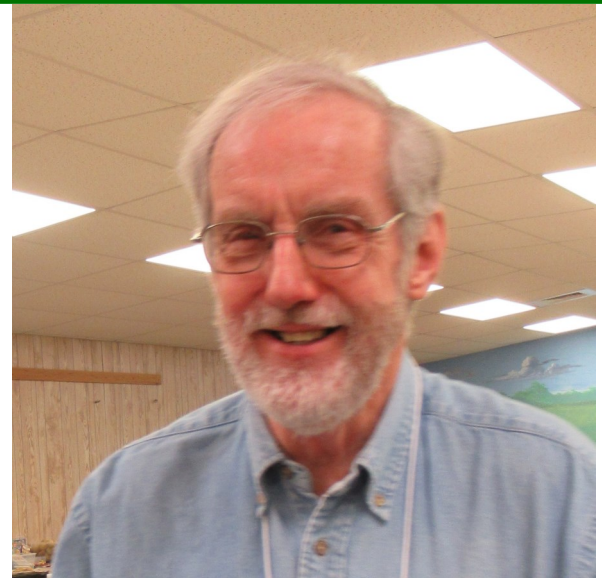
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2018 Roll of Honor Winners



Annette Knox

Marion Ellis, Jr.



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Address Change: Fill out form and mail to indicated address below.

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC. NEW RENEW ID# _____
Membership Application DATE: _____
 1 year @ \$15.00 3 year @ \$40.00 Patch # _____
PLEASE PRINT (Free gift with New or 3yr Membership)
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Visit the IGS Web site at: www.indianagourdsociety.org

Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. - Gourd Seed Order Form - 2018

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.

Qty	Item	Qty	Item	Qty	Item
	01: Apple, SHORT		19: Bottle, CHINESE (8-10" H)		37: Kettle, SMALL (6" W x 9" H)
	02: Apple, TALL		20: Bottle Mix, BILOBAL		38: Bottle, INDONESIAN
	03: Martin House, MEDIUM (8 - 9" W)		21: Dipper, SHORT Handle (12 - 18" long)		39: Small Pear – (Orn.)
	04: Martin House, LARGE (6 seeds) (10 - 12" W)		22: Dipper, APACHE (flat bottom) (12 - 18" long)		40: Bottle, NIGERIAN - MINI (limited quantity)
	05: Kettle Mix (Taper Top)		23: Dipper, LONG Handle (36 - 48" long)		41: Basketball (6 seeds)
	06: (Out of Stock)		24: Dipper, EXTRA LONG Handle (30+” long)		42: (Out of Stock)
	07: Birdhouse Mix (Hard Shell)		25: Luffa, LONG - (Orn.)		43: Long Gourd (6 seeds) (limited quantity)
	08: Bushel (10 -12” H)		26: (Out of Stock)		44: Snake
	09: Bushel, 100 lbs. PLUS (Out of Stock)		27: Bottle, CHINESE MINI (3 - 4” H)		45: Swan/Goose Gourd
	10: (Out of Stock)		28: (Out of Stock)		46: Warty, AFRICAN (8 - 9" H) (Out of Stock)
	11: Canteen (8" W x 4" H)		29: Bottle, SMALL (4 - 7" H)		47: Penguin (limited quantity)
	12: Canteen, Corsican (10" W x 5" H)		30: Bottle Mix, MINI (Taper Top) (3 – 5”H)		48: Luffa, BALL – (Orn.)
	13: Tobacco Box (Taper Top) (8" W x 6" H)		31: Round Gourd (Taper Top) (4 - 5" H)		49: (Out of Stock)
	14: Canteen, Copper Canyon (Pear Shape) (6"W x 8" H)		32: Banana		50: Hardshell Warty (5 - 6" H)
	15: Maranka		33: Spoon – (Orn.)		51: Orange Gourd – (Orn.) (3" - Round)
	16: Cannon Ball		34: Spinner– (Orn.)		52: Autumn Wings, MIX –(Orn.)
	17: Bat Gourd (30 - 36" long)		35: Crown of Thorns – (Orn.)		53: Tall Vase (14 - 16" H)
	18: Bottle, Mexican Water		36: Nest Egg – (Orn.)		

Seeds will NOT be shipped until the first week in February 2018

<p>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:</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>TOTAL ORDER: _____</p> <div style="background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Postage/handling, including IGS members (through: May 31, 2018): 1-4 packs = \$3.00 11-20 packs = \$5.00 5-10 packs = \$4.00 21 packs and up = \$6.00</p> </div> <p>Please list alternate choices below in case any of the above are out of stock. _____</p>
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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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