



## President's Message

A MORAL LESSON FROM GOURDS

*Karen Niemeyer*

As I was scrubbing spinner gourds in preparation for their use in the Society's booth at the Indiana State Fair for 17 days in August, I was struck by the lessons they teach us. Although gourds get pretty distressed in appearance after the exterior starts molding and peeling, with gentle care and repeated contact, the gourd becomes attractive and useful. If treated roughly, it may be damaged. Even when damaged, it may still be useful, but it may be a mini bowl instead of a spinner. Even if they do not function well as spinners, they may be great for other purposes, such as necklaces and mobiles. Is that not like our human race? Once I had a gourd shrivel as it dried, and it instead became a granny apple face for a doll; instead of its intended purpose, it served a different one. I don't think I want to carry this analogy further and try discussing seeds and gourd guts!! It could be good sermon material, I think.

We had a great crop of display gourds for the Indiana State Fair and it is always wonderful to see the variety on display. We owe a big THANKS to the volunteers who set up and work the booth, thus informing many others about the wonder of gourds. As we polled members a few years ago, we discovered that many discovered the Indiana Gourd Society through the state fair display.

In July we concluded another Boone County 4-H Fair and Open Show. This year there were 14 gourd entries. This is only the third year that gourds have had their own class *Gourd Art* in the open show. When we gourders first started entering gourds, they had to be entered as a *Miscellaneous Hobby* in the Arts and Crafts Department. There were seven artists in gourds this year instead of just one—good progress.

Back by popular demand are IGS caps and visors. Caps are available in muted green or tan, and visors in ivory or dark green. See the information box in this issue.

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



Best of Show Dragon, made by Denise Bechtold, at the Indiana State Fair Home and Family Arts Building.

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

#### Board Members

We need five volunteers to serve two-year terms as directors. All 5 of our current directors' terms end in December 2018.

#### Seeds Chair

We also need a chairperson for Seeds

#### Archives Chair

We also need a chairperson for Archives.

Please contact Karen at 765-436-7348 if you are interested in helping fill these positions.

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# PATCH NEWS

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## **Lakeshore Gourders (Sherry Benedict, contact)**

The Lakeshore Gourders held their July meeting at Westville, IN. There were 12 members present, we had a good time experimenting with marbleizing on gourds, a fun time was had by all. We had discussions on the coming State Fair booth and the next IGS State show at Rochester, IN. Our next meeting will be held on August 21, 2018 at 791 Dodge Trail, Westville, IN (White fence along road back to the white barn).. New members are always welcome. Meetings start at 10:00 a.m. CT the third Tuesday of each month. Lunch is shared by all and there is a different demo every month.

## **West Central Indiana Gourd Patch (Shirley Gates, contact)**

The West Central Indiana Gourd Patch has been busy this summer. Our county fair added a separate class for gourds this year. We were pleased that we had 22 entries. We have entries in the State fair also. September 20th will be our next meeting date.

## **Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)**

Core members Melanie Blakley, Michelle Fife, RoJene Gillentine, Danny Hall, Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Sandra Townsend, and Diane Werblo entered the ISF as the Central Indiana Patch. In addition, RoJene Gillentine and Ann Stankiewicz entered as individuals. All told, we brought home about 30 ribbons, including a Best of Show for Diane's "Brad Paisley" (AKA "The Inverted Porcupine"), see page 4. Almost all of our active members volunteered at the ISF. There are MORE gourders all across Indiana who haven't joined IGS yet. We encouraged them to participate in ISF and IGS and got contact info.

CIP is looking forward to finishing coiling and to making thunder drums and rainsticks. Our quilt plans went on hold until fall. CIP meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ET at the Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy. No meeting in December.

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

Anyone who wants to work with these amazing dried gourds is welcome to the gourd patch sessions at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown. Crafting sessions are held from 2-4:00 p.m. ET on the second and fourth Wednesdays and from 6-8 p.m. ET on the first and third Wednesdays each month. In addition to working on special projects, participants are invited to work on their own gourd pieces while sharing gourd conversations. In August, participants will either help clean spinner gourds for future fairs and the state show or work on individual projects. On September 5 and 19 at 6:00 p.m. ET the plan is to work on quilt squares and on September 12 and 26 to experiment with making rain sticks. On October 3 and 17 at 6:00 p.m. ET we shall be finishing our gourd lamps and working on individual projects while on October 10 and 24 at 2:00 p.m. ET we shall make the aromatherapy necklace as featured in the spring issue of the AGS gourd magazine. November 7 and 21 will be a time to work on snowmen of various styles, while on November 14 and 24 the plan is to finish gourd lamps and snowmen. The December sessions will be a time to finish quilt squares, finish other projects, and do-you-own-thing. At any session participants may DYOT. There is no meeting planned for Dec. 26. It is all gourd fun! It was especially great fun to have seven artists and 14 exhibits at the Boone County Fair Open Show in July and to have wins at the Indiana State Fair for several patch members: Sandra and Tim Townsend, Sally Mohringer, Karen Niemeyer, Denise Bechtold, Earlene Stanifer, Jim and Joyce Bennett, and Annette Knox.

# Indiana State Fair

## Best of Show, Gourds

### ISF Report (Diane Werblo)

I may have the title of Coordinator for the ISF, but kudos to Pat Moore for doing the lion's share of the work. Fran Bascom has done an excellent job at the booth and has been generous with her time and resources just like Pat. Mac McCrary and new member Danny Hall were also valuable helpers. We had several new ISF volunteers at the booth: Jean Long, Jeff Curtiss, Michelle Fife, Dale Winger, Kathy Stuart, Jim and Joyce Bennett, and Marion Ellis. Our usual helpers were: Ardie Bowles, Ida Kennedy, Mary Johnson, Shirley Gates and granddaughter Erasina, Sandra and Tim Townsend, and RoJene Gillentine. Several people, including a Michigan-based member, are planning to volunteer next year.

I'd like to encourage both patches and individual members to participate in the Indiana State Fair in 2019. Put a note on your calendar to check <https://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/> next March for the info or give me a call at 317-783-1428. This year, an investment of \$40 gave you \$52 in tickets. If you placed 1st-3rd, you got a monetary award. Hey, growers! I'm talking to you, too! Only 3 people competed in the fresh and dried gourd categories. You are leaving money on the table!



Diane Werblo, Best of Show: "Brad Paisley" (AKA "The Inverted Porcupine")

### PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
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Lakeshore Gourders	Plymouth	Sherry 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	317-742-5184 or
		Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

# Images from the 2018 Indiana State Fair, Gourd Competition



## Results from the 2018 Indiana State Fair, Gourd Competition

### 20 Undecorated Functional Wren House

- 1 Ann Stankiewicz
- 2 Tim Townsend

### 21 Macramé, Crocheting or Weaving

- 1 Mac McCrary
- 2 Joyce Bennett
- 3 RoJene Gillentine

### 22 Cutting, Carving or Drilling

- 1 Jim Bennett
- 2 Amy Spitzer
- 3 RoJene Gillentine
- 4 Michelle Fife

### 23 Wood Burning

- 1 Joyce Bennett
- 2 Melanie Blakley
- 3 RoJene Gillentine

### 24 Jewelry

- 1 Mary Johnson
- 2 Denise Bechtold
- 3 Ann Stankiewicz
- 4 RoJene Gillentine

### 25 Decoupage

- 1 Sally Mohringer
- 2 RoJene Gillentine

### 26 Bead Work Embellishments

- 1 Ann Stankiewicz
- 2 RoJene Gillentine
- 3 Joyce Bennett
- 4 Melanie Blakley

### 27 Holiday Theme

- 1 Annette Knox
- 2 Jean Long
- 3 RoJene Gillentine

### 28 Decorated Birdhouse

- 1 Joyce Bennett
- 2 Shirley Gates
- 3 Ann Stankiewicz
- 4 RoJene Gillentine
- 5 Danny Hall

### 29 Painted

- 1 Karen Niemeyer
- 2 Ann Stankiewicz
- 3 Sandra Townsend
- 4 RoJene Gillentine
- 5 Dale Winger

### 30 Colored Pencil, Pen, & Ink

- 1 Ann Stankiewicz
- 2 Karen Niemeyer
- 3 Diane Werblo
- 4 RoJene Gillentine

### 31 Multiple Techniques

- 1 RoJene Gillentine
- 2 Melanie Blakley
- 3 Annette Knox

### 32 Dyed or Stained

- 1 RoJene Gillentine
- 2 Ann Stankiewicz
- 3 Michelle Fife
- 4 Annette Knox

### 33 Basket with Handle or a Bowl, any technique

- 1 Michelle Fife
- 2 Ann Stankiewicz
- 3 Shirley Gates
- 4 RoJene Gillentine

### 34 Animal or Creature, realistic or fantasy

- 1 Earline Stanifer
- 2 Angela Splain
- 3 Jean Long
- 4 RoJene Gillentine
- 5 Dale Winger
6. Shirley Gates

### 36 My Way, any technique not listed above

- 1 Diane Werblo
- 2 RoJene Gillentine
- 3 Shirley Gates
- 4 Sandra Townsend

## ROAD TRIPS

*2018—courtesy of AGS*

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

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

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

Oct 5-7: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH—www.ohiogourdsociety.com

Oct 13-14: California GourdFest, Uesugi Farms, San Martin, CA—www.gourdfest.com

Oct 19-20: Alabama Gourd Show, Cullman Civic Center, Cullman, AL—www.alabamagourdsociety.org

Oct 27-28: Idaho Gourd Society Gourd Festival, Boise, Idaho—www.idahogourdsociety.org

Nov 3-4: North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, Holshouser Building, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC—www.ncgourdsociety.org

Nov 17-18: Virginia Gourd Show, Museum of the Shenandoah Valey, Winchester, VA—www.vigs.org

TBA: Kentucky Gourd Society Fall Show, Spencer Co Extension Office, Taylorsville, KY—www.kygourdsociety.org

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### Indiana Gourd Society State Gourd Show

May 3-4, 2019

Fulton County Historical Society  
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[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Want to make a difference in  
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## Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. - Gourd Seed Order Form - 2018

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.

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

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

<p><b>Note: Sizes and shapes listed are approximate</b>  <b>Each package contains 12 seeds <i>unless noted</i>.</b>  <b>All cost \$3.00 / package. All seed batches are checked annually for germination rates. 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> <div style="background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Postage/handling, including IGS members (through: May 31, 2018):</b>                      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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