



## President's Message

### GOURDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*Karen Niemeyer*

Are you making progress in completing your holiday gourds ... Thanksgiving, Christmas, or just autumn and snowmen? I found it interesting this year to paint a Sugar Skull (*see page 7*) in the tradition of the Day of the Dead that is celebrated in Mexico and elsewhere on November 1-2. This holiday is in honor of deceased loved ones, but I thought it would be an intriguing Indiana Halloween decoration as well as an entry for the Indiana Gourd Society's May state show that will have as its theme "Gourds in Black and White."

How many weeds and thistles have we pulled in our lifetimes? In spite of that, I just had to add Denise Bechtold's turkey (*see page 7*) to my collection: gourd on wreath with fall leaves, pine cone beak, Indian corn, thistle/feather tail and weed beard. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

A new challenge for any who will accept it: make a gourd that would be appropriate for a quilt show. I am working on a crazy quilt-patterned gourd and several are working on squares to make gourd quilts. What do you have or can you do to both promote gourds and the art of quilting?

Will you also make a Christmas ornament from one or more gourds? Our Christmas tree at the state show has had few small ornaments in recent years. Let's change that and increase the number, even if you have to borrow one back that you gave as a gift in December 2018 or before. Let's celebrate our holidays with our favorite gourds.

## Nov / Dec 2018 Patch Schedules

### Lakeshore Gourders

*Meets third Tuesdays, 10 a.m. CST at the Salem Chapel United Methodist Church, 2802 E. State Rd. 4, LaPorte IN 46574 unless noted*

**11-13-18:** Date change because of Thanksgiving.  
December, 2018: NO MEETING

### West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

**11-15-18:** at Hendricks Co Fairground in Danville, 1-4 p.m. EST, making angels

### Central Indiana Patch

*Meets fourth Tuesdays at Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy, 6:30-8:30 p.m. EST*

**11-27-18:**  
December, 2018: NO MEETING

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

*Meets first Wednesdays at Thorntown Public Library, 6-8 p.m. EST*

**11-7-18:** Start rain sticks and Christmas ornaments  
**11-16-18:** Ornaments due for Thorntown Heritage Museum competition  
**12-5-18:** Rain sticks and snowmen

### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

*Meets third Wednesdays at Thorntown Public Library, 2-4 p.m. EST*

**11-21-18:** Rain sticks  
**12-5-18:** Snowmen and DYOT  
**12-19-18:** Complete projects and DYOT  
**12-20-18:** Museum competition ornaments returned to artists

*See page 7 for 2019 dates*

**BOARD MEETING: Jan 12, 2019, 10-4 p.m. EST, Thorntown library (snow date Jan 19)**

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## PATCH NEWS

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### Lakeshore Gourders (Sherry Benedict, contact)

Lakeshore Gourders meet on Sept. 18, 2018 at Blanches Barn, 791 Dodge Trail, Westville, IN. 46391.

There were 10 members present.

Our project of the month was Faux leather finishes presented by Loretta Pressel, everyone enjoyed the learning process.

Next month, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. cst, projects will be given by Lora Miller and Sherry Benedict on Gourd Rims.

In November we will move our meeting place to: Salem Chapel United Methodist Church, 2802 E State Rd. 4, LaPorte, Indiana 46574. This is our winter meeting place.

Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month at 10:00 am. cst.

We always have lunch, someone brings the Entrée and everyone else brings sides or snacks.

Schedule: Nov. 13, 2018 at the Church, 10:00 a.m. cst. Salem Chapel United Methodist Church, 2802 E. State rd. 4, LaPorte IN.46574 (because of Thanksgiving).

Dec. NO MEETING

2019: 3<sup>rd</sup> tues. of the month.

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 2019, at the church, 10:00 a.m. cst

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 “

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 “

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 “

May, 2019 NO MEETING, IGS State Show

Lakeshore Gourder's

Patch Leader: Sherry Benedict (contact person)

[stbenedict@embarqmail.com](mailto:stbenedict@embarqmail.com)

574-936-4805

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

Our patch resumed the 2018 year with a guest speaker who taught "Woodburning on Gourds." Some members from the Thorntown Patches joined us. Next meeting will be November 15, 2018 at the Hendricks Co fairground in Danville at 1-4pm EST. We will be making angels.

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

Guests Julie Tucker and her sister Karen Cleary joined us in late Aug. to finish coiling on bowls and to start thunder drums. In September Melanie Blakley, Michelle Fife, Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Sandra and Tim Townsend, and Diane Werblo attached the goatskin and trim to their already decorated drums. They took springs home for final assembly. Watch for their names in competition at the State Show in May! Members of Linda's Patch are planning to join us to make rain sticks in October. We are about to create the perfect storm; we just might freak out some trick-or-treaters! RoJene Gillentine and Diane did gourd shard necklaces at a charter school festival in Indy. CIP meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. EST at the Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy. No meeting in December due to the "hollydaze."

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

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch will meet from 6-8 p.m. EST on Wednesday, October 3, in the library to work on 4-inch gourd quilt block squares. The Thorn Tree Gourd Patch will meet from 2-4:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Both groups will now meet once a month instead of twice; visitors are welcome. Crafters may work on individual projects or participate in the group project, but please call Karen at the library (436-7348) so that enough supplies will be on hand. Rain sticks and snowmen are on the agenda for November and December: first Wednesday. 6-8 p.m. EST, third Wednesday. 2-4 p.m. EST.





### TURN Festival

On Saturday, 9-29-18. RoJene Gillentine and Diane Werblo represented IGS at the Paramount School of Excellence TURN Festival which supported urban farming and sustainable living. The school has goats, chickens, bees, and a greenhouse where they may try growing gourds. The kids kept us very busy making shard necklaces for five hours! The two of us couldn't manage also having spinners, but maybe next year!

## Inactive Patches

Does anyone know about the patches which didn't have a report on page 2? Are they still active? Are they just leaving for a few months? The full list is below. We'd like to know the status of the missing patches! Do you see a need for another patch? We'd welcome a new group.

### PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
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

THE INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY PRESENTS

*Gourds in*  
**BLACK & WHITE**

**MAY 3-4, 2019**

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**

10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

FULTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

37 E - 375 N

ROCHESTER, IN. 46975

[www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)

IGS STATE GOURD SHOW  
2019

VENDOR APPLICATION  
2019

2019 VENDORS WILL RECEIVE:

1 FREE BOOTH SPACE  
(10' x 10') OR (16' x 24')  
INSIDE      OUTSIDE

1 FREE SKIRTED TABLE  
2 FREE CHAIRS

VENDORS MAY PURCHASE  
ADDITIONAL BOOTH SPACES  
AND SKIRTED TABLES FOR A  
NOMINAL FEE.  
SEE APPLICATION FOR \$\$\$

## Vendor Regulations - 2019

**Contact:** Diane Werblo, Phone: (317) 783-1428 Email: vendor@indianagourdsociety.org

**Selection:** Inside and outside spaces available.

**Set-Up:** Thursday, May 2nd- Setup may begin Thursday noon until 8:00 PM.

Friday, May 3rd - Setup starting at 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM.

Vendor packets available all day Thursday.

**ID Badges:** Up to two (2) preprinted Name badges per booth space rented. Tags may be picked up on Thursday. These badges must be worn during the show hours as your Show Pass into the Shows Venue Area. Additional badges may be purchased for \$5.00.

## Vendor Policy - IGS State Show - 2019

The Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. will not create a policy that will eliminate any vendor from demonstrating or selling any Brand Name merchandise or determine any price structure for merchandise sold, thereby eliminating competition between vendors. This has been the position of the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. in the past and shall continue to be in the future.

### Location and Booth Spaces:

IGS Board of Directors

- Dry Gourd Vendors (with cleaned gourds) will be allowed inside, if space is available.
- Outside Space, approximately 16' x 24'.
- Inside Space, approximately 10' x 10'.

Booth locations, assigned by the committee according to show layout.

Specific requests will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed.

- Demonstrations in the booth are limited to the confines of the booth. Demonstrations must be completed during show hours, must not produce a "make it-take it" item, or charge a fee.
- Manning the booth is the responsibility of the person applying for the booth space. Vendor is responsible for staffing booth during show hours. As a courtesy to neighboring vendors, no booth is to be left unattended during show hours.
- Tables inside must be skirted to the floor on all audience sides.

**Permits, Merchandise and Sales.** Each vendor is responsible for all Federal/Indiana taxes (forms at Dept. of Revenue, Indianapolis, Ind.)

- Merchandise must be at least seventy-five percent (75%) gourd and/or gourd-related.

Any other merchandise and/or vendors will be by IGS invitation only.

- NO SALE of plastic items, artificial flowers or fractal burned gourds is permitted.

Committee reserves the right to reject and/or restrict vendor due to space constraints, condition and/or quality of sale merchandise, sale of inappropriate items for this show or sub-standard booth appearance.

- All imported sale gourds must be clearly marked, "Imported from \_\_\_\_\_" (specify country).
- Sales begin after your booth has been set up and continues throughout show hours.

**Teardown:** Vendors may teardown after 4:00 PM on Saturday. Merchandise sell-out does NOT constitute a reason to dismantle your booth or remove merchandise prior to the designated teardown time.

**Security:** Reasonable security will be provided for all show participants by the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. and Fulton Co. Historical Society. (See security disclaimer on page 6.)

**Refunds:** No refunds issued on cancellations received after April 15th. (FIRM)

\*\*\* ALL Vendors are asked to donate one (1) or more items to IGS for the Silent Auction and enter three (3) gourds or more into competition.

## Vendor Application Form Indiana Gourd Society, Inc., 2019 Show

Mail completed form and check to: This form is available at: [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)  
IGS Registration E-mail: [vendor@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:vendor@indianagourdsociety.org)  
P.O. Box 822 Phone: Diane Werblo: (317) 783-1428  
Marion, Indiana, 46952 **DEADLINE: postmarked - April 15**

**Non-Compliance:** Failure to comply with regulations may prohibit any vendor from future participation in other Indiana Shows. Show committee decision is final.  
The 7th annual "Joyce Dankowski - Best Visual Display Award" will be given to a participating Vendor with the best visual display or booth.

Give a detailed description of what you are selling at the Indiana Gourd Show:

Name:	
Business name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-Mail:	
Phone/Cell No. & Best time to call:	
IGS Member:	Circle: YES NO

Describe any free demonstrations you are willing to do. Specify - Demo area or your booth.

Vendors will receive two (2) name tags per booth space rented. Additional tags may be purchased for \$5.00 each - list names below. Tags serve as your weekend SHOW PASS when worn. To be picked up on Thursday or a door fee will be charged on Friday and Saturday.

Names:

\*\*\*Spaces available on a first-come, first-paid bases, as space is limited inside.\*\*\*

#	Inside booth space (10' X 10') 1 space Free, additional spaces @ \$25 each.	\$
#	Outside booth space (16' X 24') 1 space Free, additional spaces @ \$25 each.	\$
#	Skirted Tables (8' X 30") 1 Free, additional skirted tables @ \$10 each. (you may bring your own). Vendor-supplied tables must be skirted to the floor by the Vendor.	\$
#	Chairs - 2 Free. More chairs free on request. (you may bring your own).	Free
#	Electricity @ \$5.00/vendor. Demonstrators given electrical preference. No extension cords or surge suppressors provided.	\$
#	Additional name tags @ \$5.00 each (write names on separate sheet).	\$
TOTAL	Make check payable to: Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. (IGS) and mail with application.	\$



## ROAD TRIPS

*2018—courtesy of AGS*

(www.americangourdsociety.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 Valley, Winchester, VA—  
www.vigs.org

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Feb 8-10: Arizona Gourd Society & Wuertz Farm Gourd Festival, Casa Grande, AZ  
www.wuertzfarm.com/gourd-festival.html

Apr 6-7: Missouri Show Me Gourd Society Fine Art Festival, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, MO—www.showmegourdsociety.org

May 18-19: Kentucky Gourd Society Fall Show, Spencer Co Extension Office, Taylorsville, KY—www.kygourdsociety.org

\* \* IGS Events 2019 \* \*

## Indiana Gourd Society State Gourd Show

May 3-4, 2019

Fulton County Historical Society  
37 E. 375 N

Rochester, IN 46975

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

## New Board of Directors/Officers 2019/2020

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## AGS Judges Class

Become a certified AGS judge and help the Society. The class is one day long, there is a fee (\$15). We're tentatively planning the class for Saturday March 16, 2019, 9-6 p.m. EST at Thorntown Library. More information in the next Tendril. We also recommend current judges take this course as a refresher; many of the judging guidelines have changed. If you are interested, please contact Phil Moorhead (see last page for info).

## Ways & Means

Caps and visors: \$12.00 each  
Jim Story DVD: \$20.00 each

The IGS was formed and exists pursuant to the Indiana Not-for-Profit corporation statute Sect. 501 (c) (5). The corporation has never attained Sect. 501 (c) (3) status of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, gifts to IGS are not deductible for income tax purposes.

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)  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Sugar Skull by Karen Niemeyer**

Central and Southern Mexico (and other areas) celebrate Day of the Dead on Nov 1 and 2 to honor their deceased loved ones. Karen painted this to enter in the “Gourds in Black and White” - IGS State Gourd Show in May, 2019

**Want to make a difference in the Indiana Gourd Society?**

**VOLUNTEER!**

Turkey

By Denise Bechtold



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4-16-19:

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1-2-19: Snowmen and snowflakes

2-6-19: Complete projects and DYOT

3-6-19: Complete projects and DYOT

### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

*Meets third Wednesdays at Thorntown Public Library, first Wednesday, 2-4 p.m. EST*

1-16-19: Ready for new ideas!

2-20-19:

3-20-19:

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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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