

President's Message

GOURDS, GOURDS, GOURDS,GOURDS

By Karen. K. Niemeyer

The title of this issue's column is the concluding line of a musical composition written and played by Indiana Gourd Society member Carolyn Rushton and sung by brave members of the IGS during the annual state gourd show.

It could well be the theme of the show, for, once again, gourds of every shape, size, and color abounded. Co-chairs Alice Pawlowski and Mary Cuff, working with the actual theme "Going Green with Gourds", are to be congratulated for leading a show committee and creating another educational IGS show. Thanks to everyone who contributed to a great April 9-11 show, including April 6, 8, and 12 truck loading, equipment storing and show setup and teardown.

Everyone who remembered the snowy Sunday of 2009 especially appreciated the fine, sunny weather of the 2010 show. We also appreciated the veteran vendors who again were present and the new vendors who joined us for the first time. We enjoyed the great classes/workshops, the fine setup and the effort that went into securing and scheduling wonderful teachers of these workshops. The minilectures and demonstrations were copious and well done. All in all, it was a great event once again.

Next year's show will be April 1-3 at Greenfield, Indiana, at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, 620 North Apple, Greenfield 46140. Knowing the address makes it easy to find the location using various Internet mapping sites; plan to take the shortest possible route so there is maximum time left to enjoy the 2011 State Show. Chairs of the show will be Jim Ballard, Carl Abner, and Kevin Davis. Jim reports that the theme will be "Back Home With Gourds in Indiana." He encouraged exhibitors to begin now to create gourds for the show theme category: crops, Indianapolis 500 Race, musicians, and much, much more that can represent Indiana.

We offer congratulations to all of the winners of the "Jim Story Manipulated Gourd" classes and our thanks to Jane Story, who was present at the show and presented prizes to winners Bill Freihofer, Pat Moore, and Sid Meyers. Bill's knotted gourd will be eligible to represent Indiana in the American Gourd Society's Jim Story competition. See the great photos in this issue for other highlights of the show.

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Year of the Pig at State Fair



I can't believe I ate that whole bushel gourd!

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Spring and Fall - 2010 - JGS Festivals

SPRING is finally here! The Indiana Gourd Society SPRING FESTIVAL & MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held at the Hancock County Fairgrounds in Greenfield this year! (620 N. Apple St.) Saturday May 22nd 9am-3pm.

SET YOUR CALENDAR!!

There will be lots of fun! Children's make it take it table, gourd craft vendors, gourd artist/crafters, auction, IGS gourd store, seeds & mini gourd competition.

The categories for gourd competition are dried gourds, woodburning/pyrography, cutting/carving/gouging, painting/staining/dyeing, jewelry, masks, birdhouses & children's category.

Lunch will be available by J&J Concession & Catering.

Membership meeting @ 2:30 PM—4:00 PM. Voting will include offices for President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Membership Secretary plus two Directors positions.

For additional info email: emmewal@aol.com or 765-623-0621. HAVE A GOURD TIME!

FALL is rapidly approaching! The Indiana Gourd Society FALL FESTIVAL & MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, 1900 E Main St., Danville, IN 46122. Saturday, October 30, 2010, 9 AM to 3 Pm

SET YOUR CALENDAR!!

This is a great opportunity to gather new members from the West side of Indianapolis.

Free admission, open to public: Vendors, IGS gourd store, gourd seeds, demonstrations, mini craft, and dried gourd competition plus music and a kids booth and an auction.

Midmorning snacks and lunch available Membership meeting @ 3:00 PM-4:00 PM.

For now, contact Emily Wallace for info by eMail at emmewal@aol.com or phone at 765-623-0621.

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Spring Member Meet

State Fair Jufo - 2010

Your slate of officers to be elected at May 22 membership meeting follows.

Thanks to nominating committee: Rich Rodriguez, Ida Kennedy, Delaina DeHaven

President Karen K. Niemeyer

1st Vice President Jim Ballard

2nd Vice President Emily Wallace
Secretary Helen Parker

Membership Secretary Pat Moore

Director Jesse Glessner

Volunteers Needed For The IGS State Fair Booth

Please contact one of the co-chairs for the fair if you can volunteer to help at the booth. We need many people to talk to the fair-goers, do demonstrations, etc. This is another 3-week long fair!

Check the fair schedule book for the competition categories. If you can volunteer for 5 days during the run of the show, you get a badge good for the entire fair (please contact one of us for details). Volunteer for a 4-hour shift and get a free day pass.

More information will be in the next Tendril, but, you can check the State Fair Web Site if you are entering competition pieces.

Co-chairs: Jesse Glessner, Pat Moore, & Phil Moorhead

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Director Bill Freihofer

THANK YOU THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who make the annual Indiana Gourd Society show a success. We also must thank all of the visitors who brought their enthusiasm and curiosity to the show. Many of them also bought raffle tickets and won the twelve pieces of gourd art, art for which we thank our nationally acclaimed artists:

Winner-State	Art Piece	Artist
Anna Miller-OH	Cardinals Wooburned/Painted on Banana Gourd	Carolyn Rushton
Joye Orr-IN	Woodburned Mini-Bottle Necklace	Joe Lee
Frank Minear-IN	Winter Scene Painted on Cannonball	Delaina DeHaven
Deb Stallings-MI	Gourd Seed Necklace with Mini-Bottle Pendant	Bill Freihofer
S. Donlon-IN	Christ & Crown of Thorns Carved	Sid Meyers
	& Mounted on Tree Slab	
Lois Wallace-IN	Harlequin Metallics on Lidded Basketball Gourd	Emily Wallace
Alice Simmons-MI	Woodburned Mini-Bottle Vase	Ron Pressel
Darla Swanson-IN	Watercolor Painting of 5 Gourds	Ruth Moorhead
Lisa Hajek-IN	Carved, Gouged, Stained Vase	Alice Pawlowski
Cheryl Timke-IN	Genie Bottle in Metallics,Gold Leaf, Hand-Carved	Pat Moore
S. Shoemaker-WIPolyme	er Clay Leaves on Egg Gourd, Christmas Ornament	Karen Hundt-Brown
Sue Westhuis-IN	Oriental Gourd Teapot	Emily Dillard
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2010 Awards Dinner - South Bend



Steve Sullivan: The distinguished Barbara Puckett Award. An award for outstanding volunteer work and dedication to the advancement of the Indiana Gourd Society.



Loretta Pressel: Role of Honor for her years of service to the society in various capacities and support of her spouse in his IGS activities and dedication to the advancement of the Indiana Gourd Society.



Peggy Sullivan: Roll of Honor for her years of service to the society in various capacities and support of her spouse in his IGS activities and dedication to the advancement of the Indiana Gourd Society.



Ron Pressel: Role of Honor for his years of service to the society in various capacities and support of many varied IGS activities and dedication to the advancement of the Indiana Gourd Society.



At left, Jim Story Manipulated Gourd competitors Pat Moore and Bill Freihofer (the competition winner) shown with Jane Story.

Each state winner of this competition will advance to the AGS competition.

The award is in honor of and a memorial to Jim Story, the "father" of the Indiana Gourd Society and a strong contributor to the advancement of gourd education.



We always have small contests during our dinner hour. Contestants get serious and everyone has an opinion about who the winners are.



Not part of our dinner activities, however, our Kids Patch always has kids trying their hand at decorating gourds. These are future competitors.

2010 "Going Green With Gourds" State Show Wrap Up

Well the state show is over & a great weekend for all that attended. The exhibit entries were outstanding this year, the true workmanship & love of gourds was showcased by many. We welcomed many others from different states & Canada that truly added to our exhibit.

Mary Cuff did a superb job for her first time running the exhibit, & as my co-chair was indispensable to me this year. I thank you so much for all your hard work this year.

To Phil, Jesse, Ida, Tom, Jerry, Judy, & Joyce, this years show committee, thank you all for your time & commitment this past year.

Thanks to all the many vendors that traveled from far to help make our show such a success, we hope your stay was nice & hope to see you all next year.

To the workshop instructors, the only way we can grow is through learning from others, thank

you again for sharing your talents and knowledge with our society.

To all the many volunteers, a show can only come together with the help of others, this year's show committee & I would like to thank you all for your time & energy setting-up, running & breaking down the show.

I thank you all once again for attending the show, hope everyone had a great time & look forward to seeing many of you next year at the state show on April 1, 2 & 3, 2011, in Greenfield, In.

STAY GREEN!

Thank you,
Alice Pawlowski
2010 State Show chair



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2010 State Show - Best Of Show/Divisions



Percy Medina – Best in Show and Div 3



Bill Freihofer – Indianapolis, Jim Story Award



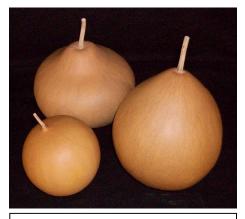
Pat Moore (Bloomingdale) - Div 2



Alice Pawlowski (Hobart) - Div 6



Chris Pawlik (Michigan) - Div 4



Pat Smith (New Haven) - Div 1



Gary Devine (Canada) - Chair's Award

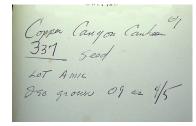


Catherine Devine (Canada) - Div 5



Enlargement section of Best of Show

Seed Extraction Day - Things Steve Taught Us



It all starts with the paperwork!



Gourds are cut open and extraction starts by hand



Gourds are still wet and gooey so you might want gloves



More seeds than are expected due to hiding in the contents.



Tough taskmaster Steve teaching students in the correct methods!



We all ended up with a pan of seeds, now what?



Time for rinsing, straining, massaging, more rinsing & straining.



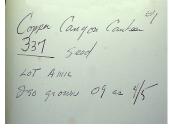
Floaters are no good for growing so we tossed those out.



Don't interrupt, I'm counting as fast as I can!



Keep the music going and a one, and a two, and a three.



HEY! Don't lose paperwork. It is ALL important in this process!



See, Steve actually uses it! Each individual gourd seed set is packaged and identified.



Then it is back to Steve's house



And we still don't forget that all important identification paper.



Peg just LOVES all of the racks lying around her house with the pungent smell of drying seeds.



Sometimes one gourd will produce a huge number of seeds. These are off to the dehydrator for final drying



After drying and Steve's germination studies have been performed, seeds are bagged similarly to these again and sent to Jesse for the Seed Packaging Day activities.

There are many things in this process that textbooks or classroom instructions do not teach. It takes getting your hands into the processes, talking to Agricultural Educators, and developing, along with years of learning to get these processes right!

Our society owes Steve & Peg Sullivan a huge debt of gratitude for developing the seed extraction processes and the germination processes that insure that the Indiana Gourd Society has the best Pure Seed Project in the world of gourds.

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC

Executive Board Meeting March 6, 2010 - Thorntown, Library

PRESENT: Karen Niemeyer, Phil Moorhead, Jesse Glessner, Pat Moore, Emily Wallace, Bill Freihofer, Delaina DeHaven, Steve Sullivan, Pat Moore, Ida Kennedy.

ABSENT: Loretta Pressel Carolyn Rushton and Rich Rodriquez

President Karen Niemeyer called the meeting to order at 1:34pm EST.

Car magnets were passed out before we took up regular business. Also we discussed the Health issues of our fellow members and friends Brenda Rodriquez and Steve Stairs wife Gigi. We will send them our best wishes and keep them in our prayers. If anyone wants to send a card to either one, please contact Loretta for an address.

SECRETARY' REPORT: September minutes were reviewed. Minutes were approved by Ida, 2nd by Pat. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Phil reported that the bank balance as of March 6, 2010 is \$33,042.68. The books balance with the bank statement. Budget year starts July 1st. Report will be filed for audit. Ida made a motion to accept, Jesse 2nd motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Jesse presented a bill for seeds from Quarry Farm in the amount of \$1,688.50. Motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: We received 1 request for a Jim Story CD.

EDUCATION: We are looking for articles for the Tendril. Joe Lee is working on writing an article on his woodburning techniques and how he places his design on his gourds. Pat Moore said she will research Silk Dye on gourds. Jesse is working on an article on How to Photograph your gourds. A suggestion was made to interview Perry Riley on Gourd Safety.

FALL MEETING/FESTIVAL: We are committed to Danville next fall. The date is October 30th, Saturday only. Setup of tables and clean up will be taken care of for us. We pay for one day only. We can start to set up at 7 am Saturday morning. Space available to us will be ½ the auditorium without the stage. Show time is 9am-3 pm EST. There will be a membership meeting after. Catering will be available. We are working on getting a contract at Danville for future IGS State Shows. We would have a building and the conference center available. We are committed to a 1 year contract at Greenfield for 2011. We will be using 2 buildings there; a sheep barn and the conference center.

IGS STATE SHOW: We discussed advertising for future IGS state shows. The fliers are working well. They are relatively inexpensive so we can get a lot of them circulating and people seem to like them. We need to advertise at the spring show that we will be moving so hopefully we can keep some following. We got an update on how things are going for the spring state show at St Joseph fairgrounds in South Bend. At this point everything is down from last year; exhibits, vendors and class signups. We are optimistic though that we will still have a great show. We discussed having a separate area for selected vendors to show off their prize gourds if we don't get enough competition gourds entered so people will have plenty of gourds to look at. That is what pulls people in and encourages them to take classes and get excited about gourds. Two other events will be going on at the fairgrounds during our state show this year so we will have to change the way we collect money and charge for entry at the door. Hopefully this will work out better for us and we may pull in a lot more people. We will have to pay for our own gas to heat the building this year but hopefully that will not be a big expense.

We discussed giving our present and future Show Chairperson an allowance to reimburse them for pre-show expenses. The chairperson will be responsible for keeping their own receipts in case of future audit and will present only one bill to Phil.

A motion was made that IGS will reimburse the Show Chairperson upon presentation of a bill in the amount not to exceed \$200.00 for any and all pre-show expenses. Phil approved motion, Bill 2nd. Motion approved

AWARD PRESENTATION: We discussed who gives out what awards. The Puckett award is presented by the prior year winner. The Roll of Honor award is given out by the President. Selections for Honor Roll were discussed. Motion was made by Ida to select all 3 people who were put in for Honor roll. Phil 2nd the motion. Motion was approved. To add someone to the Honor Roll you have to send a written request to the Secretary by Feb 1st stating why you feel someone should get the honor. They will then be voted on at a later date. Phil showed us the new ribbons that will be used at the State show.

MEMBERSHIP: Pat Moore read membership minutes. Membership total is 392. Phil will order 500 new Membership cards. Patch meetings all seem to be doing well. Karen, Emily and Ida gave updates on their patch activities.

PURE SEED: Steve gave an update on pure seeds. We are up to 6th generation on some seeds. Some of those producing in 4th and 5th generation that have been true to type have been selected to be sold if germination is good. Seed harvest day this year produced over 9,000 seeds in addition to other seeds collected by Steve. Seed germination must be 55-70% to be used for sales. The varieties that we are having problems with are the strawberry, long handle dipper, X long handle dipper, jewelry mini mix and long luffas. ISDA is offering grants for enhancing specialty crops under certain conditions. Steve is going to check into this. True seed sources are getting scarce and we may be able to get some money to help pur-

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Our Entertainment

Fred Rogers, Niles, MI was our official bagpiper with his pipes made partly of gourd.

Our Guest



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Executive Board Meeting Minutes Continued

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chase sterile germination paper or other equipment. We saved about half on our seed costs this year.

SEEDS: Jesse brought up the fact that we may need to increase our postage charge, to those who order seeds: we need to at least cover our cost.

SPRING FESTIVAL: Emily sent out letters for vendors. Those currently who will be attending are Perry Riley (dressed in period dress), Phil Hart, Sand Lady, Carl & Jim Abner and Joyce Dankowski. They are trying to get Blue Whale. 10 X 10 Spaces are available inside for \$20.00, \$30.00 for double space. Outside 10 X 10 space is \$20.00. The Festival will have a chat table, mini competition, exhibits, and food.

INDIANA STATE FAIR: Loretta will be retiring from being one of the chairpersons at the Indiana State Fair. Pat Moore will be taking her place.

TENDRIL: April 12th is the deadline for the next Tendril which will come out in May.

WAYS AND MEANS: Loretta not present for report

WEBMASTERS: Phil is redesigning

NEW BUSINESS: Positions up for re-election are President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Director 1 and Director 2. The 1st Vice President will also be elected this year.

MEETINGS: May 22nd will be a membership meeting. Yearly audit has to be done within 30 days after the membership meeting.

There will be a board meeting in June, date to be determined later. It was brought up that we should review our bylaws and standing rules asap. The bylaws are on our website.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE: Karen will be going to Indianapolis March 25th to Meridian Street Senior Services garden show.

April 17th Ida will set up a table at Sunset Park in Valparaiso to sell seeds and provide info. Ida and Ron Pressel set up there last year.

Saturday July 24 from 10 to 5 pm Pat is going to Kingman, Indiana, for the Summer Moon gathering to discuss gourds.

May 1st is the Monroe County 1st Annual Garden Fair in southern Indiana. We will be setting up there to sell seeds and provide info. Emily Wallace and Helen Parker will handle this event.

Motion made by Emily to adjourn meeting. Phil 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ida Kennedy, Sec. Pro-Tem

Ida Kennedy, Sec. ProTem

Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdgeous World

IGS Spring Membership Meeting and Festival

May 22, 2010 - 9am - 3pm NOTICE: This is a date change Hancock Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Greenfield, IN Classes, Vendors, Auction, IGS Gourd store, Gourd Seeds and Plants

Come, Purchase your lunch and make it a day! Membership Meeting will be held at 2:30-4pm For additional information: Emily Wallace, Ph 765 623 0621 or email: emmewal [at] aol.com

[An IGS Sponsored Event]

<u>August 6 thru 22, 2010</u> - 9am - 9pm - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for demonstrations and to talk to fair attendees coming through the gourd exhibits. Check the State Fair Web Site for competition costs, regulations, and for obtaining competition booklets.

IGS State Fair Booth Manned

[A State Fair Sponsored Event with IGS Support]

Sept. 11-12 69th annual North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Theme: "Into the Woods." See historic gourds from around the world, learn a craft at workshops. Vendors of gourds, gourd craft, craft supplies. Holshouser Building (new location!), NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, N.C. Adults \$4, ages 12-17 \$2, younger than 12 free, seniors

\$3. Information: Festival Chair: Kate Mahony at tolecat@nc.rr.com, (910) 639-4577, www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.htm

IGS Fall Membership Meeting and Festival

Oct 30, 2010 Hendricks County (Danville, IN)

The 2010 Fall Festival and Membership Meeting is moving!!

We are going to Hendrix Co in Danville to their fairgrounds exposition center / conference center. More information will be forthcoming.

[An IGS Sponsored Event]

September 8-October 8, 2010: All About Gourds: From Garden to Gallery-The Ice House Gallery's 9th Annual Gourd Show, Mayfield, Kentucky. \$300 Best of Show Award with additional cash awards and ribbons. Deadline for entry--August 28th. E-mail icehousearts@att.net or see websitewww.icehousearts.org If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Ms. Dana Heath at the Ice House Gallery or me. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Very repetitive, I know, however, we're still looking for a LARGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS for the State Fair this year. We're looking for members who don't normally participate to join us and have fun, meet new people, and help our cause at the fair. See the State Fair article inside.

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<u>NEW submissions due May 15, 2010 for</u> <u>the next Tendril Issue!</u>

ADS ARE TO BE PREPAID. AD SUBMISSIONS MUST BE IN JPEG FORMAT.

All submissions welcome! <u>ARTI-CLES MUST BE IN MS WORD</u> 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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