



## President's Message

Gourding Is Serious Business!

May 15, 2011

This is the President's Column. The President of the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. This is SERIOUS business. There are people in the State of Indiana who are holding their collective breaths—just waiting for serious words of wisdom.

But....I just cannot pull that off. 'tis spring tra-la! Maybe even summer since it is 90 degrees. I am bleeding from head to toe from pruning the last of the black raspberry bushes that did not get pruned weeks and weeks ago. I am dancing around the yard beating on my chest and singing, "I am WOMAN, hear me ROAR!" This is not a common situation, dear reader, for I have, for the first time in my entire life, pulled out a dwarf apple tree by its roots and without aid of tractor, chain, nor male assistant. Then I dragged it off the grass and onto some stone to be out of the way of the lawn mowing. I have yet to cut it up, nor even figure out how to do it without said assistants as mentioned above, and it is looking smaller by the day, but it

was a PRETTY BIG DEAL when I accomplished the task last Sunday evening. Most of you will recognize



the syndrome—it needed to be taken care of NOW, not next week when equipment and helpers could be persuaded to be on site. On the other hand, I am thinking longingly of two brothers who own and operate chain saws and live in Indiana and within 30 and 40 miles. Will reason prevail?

I wonder if that great sense of accomplishment as the tree finally popped out of the ground is what our gourd plants feel: "If I just keep stretching and putting out tendrils and moving up one fence wire at a time, one board at a time, I'll be over the top!" "If I just push a little more energy into that gourd, it will be six inches wide instead of five, and then I can put another one over here....." "Won't she be surprised when she looks at me tomorrow and sees I have doubled overnight?" 'tis gourding season and, though it is very serious business, it is so hard to remain serious when watching the gourd plant and fruit develop. Enjoy every tour of the gourd patch this spring and summer!

Meet Millie—the IGS mascot and gourd doll. Millie was donated to IGS on April 2 at the state show. Her donor said she could be put into the auction, but Millie's personality made it impossible to auction her off. Instead, she has become the traveling ambassador for IGS. On April 23 she travelled to

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# INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY

## SPRING FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011**

**9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING 3:30 P.M.**

**Morgan County 4-H Fairgrounds  
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There will be things to do and see all day with door prizes every hour. Literature to chose from free; dried gourds, gourd seeds and plants to buy; IGS tee and sweatshirts, scarves, hats, and mugs and many donated items to choose from; attend our famous gourd auction and watch demonstrations by artists in many gourd decorating fields as well. See exhibits of many varieties of gourds grown in Indiana. See manipulated gourds, some tied in an overhand knot and learn how it is done. Make a pin or necklace from a piece of gourd. Test various wood burning instruments with instructions by experts. See and hear many musical instruments made from gourds including a shekerie, an ocean drum and a water drum!

We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of IGS. Come to the meeting to share the birthday cake and hear Herland Tabares play happy birthday music. Please bring a special memory or experience you have had because of the Society in the last 10 years.

Below is a tentative schedule of events we have planned.

- 9:30 How to judge gourds (Please bring something you want judged.) Ruth and Phil Moorhead
- 10:30 IGS Auction with Guy Shutt. Bring an item to donate if you can.
- 12:00 Society officers meet in Wilbur Kendall room.
- 12:30 How to set out and care for the plants you just bought. Expert panel to be announced.
- 1:30 How I cut spiral designs in gourds. Bob Dillard
- 2:00 How I make a gourd wren house. Lee Parker
- 3:00 Music during dismantling Herland Tabares and volunteers Wilbur Kendall Rm.
- 3:30 Opening of business meeting by President Karen Niemeyer

Bloomington to help Helen Parker and Karen with the IGS booth at the fantastic Monroe County Master Gardener Fair. Millie is a Tennessee Gourd Head born on Jan 7, 1990 and crafted by Jim & Crickett Horne of rural Townsend, Tennessee. She will tell you more of her story as the year progresses. She greatly enjoyed meeting all the folks who visited the IGS booth in Bloomington, and she was more than happy to help sell gourd seeds. She got tired of telling people how to clip, soak, and plant gourd seeds, how to harvest and how to ignore the mold. She has instructed Karen to be sure that some brief seed instruction is provided IN PRINT at future shows. Millie was amazed at how many people wanted to see, touch, talk about, and grow gourds. She thanks Helen Parker for being such a great booth sitter and for telling visitors about gourds and Millie's gourd heritage.

Millie's first appearance, however, was at the Thorntown Public Library where she visited staff, children, the library cat Tober, and, on April 11, the library board meeting. **Now** that she has a basis of comparison, she reports that library board meetings are not as interesting as garden and gourd shows. She did greatly enjoy herself at the Sugar Creek Home Extension Club meeting on April 16, where she learned all about how Teresa Carter and Sasha Williamson of T&L Upholstery (Thorntown) reupholster sofas, chairs, and even cut up old quilts to upholster furniture. She even had to opportunity to try a staple gun powered by an air compressor, but no one offered her dessert. She did assist Karen in describing gourd opportunities to the ladies. Millie also visited Homewood Health Care when Karen presented her monthly program on April 14. The residents were fascinated by the new gourds that had come from the 2011 state show and by Millie and her beautiful eyes. Millie also met Tippy, a long-haired gray cat that Karen had rescued and who visits her "mother" Marjorie once or twice a month when Karen takes her. Since moving into Karen's home, she sees Tippy daily and supervises the comings and goings of the two dogs and the other two cats.

Millie looks forward to greeting visitors to the IGS booths at the May 21 gourd festival in Martinsville and will participate in her first ever membership meeting. She has not yet received her membership card but knows this is merely an oversight.

November 5, 2011, will be the fall membership meeting and festival. Thanks to arrangements made by Steve Sullivan, the meeting will be at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru, IN. The festival will be from 9:00-3:00 and a volunteer is needed. Who would like to chair the festival and carry forward the work started by Steve and Peg? Please contact Karen (or Millie): 765 436 7518

There is one more opportunity for service. Who would like to be the third person for the 2012 Indiana Gourd Show in Greenfield? We are seeking a triumvirate: Emily Wallace has agreed to chair the show and is in the process of naming committee members. Jim Ballard has agreed to serve as past chair, senior advisor, and publicity chair of the show. We seek someone who would like to learn more about the state show and be in a position of greater leadership in 2013; it is hoped that in 2013 this volunteer will be show chair, Emily will be past chair, and someone else will be in training for 2104. Please call Karen (and Millie) at 765 436 7518.

Millie is happy to make guest appearances and looks forward to seeing gourders at upcoming events. She wishes all of her readers, "Happy Gourding"!



Photos from Monroe County Master Gardeners Fair in Bloomington on April 23. MIDDLE: Millie, the IGS gourd doll., welcoming people to the Indiana Gourd Society booth and seed sales. RIGHT: Millie supervises Helen Parker's seed sales record-keeping. LEFT: interested attendees test and examine the Ocean Drum made by Ralph Irish and purchased by me at the 2011 state show.



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## ***Welcome To Our New Members***

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We would like to welcome our new members.

We invite you to attend any or all of our coming events and to be a very active participant.

You can benefit from contact with some of our long time members and gain some free expert help and knowledge in the areas you wish to do your crafting in.

### **Regular new members:**

Beverly Pinkerton, Anderson, IN  
Matilda S. Sterns, Indianapolis, IN  
Dee Terry, Whiteland, IN  
Patti Lee Klos, Medford MA

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Glover, Julie	Montague, MI
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Hogan, June	
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## 2011 JGS State Show Photos



HCVB Representatives greet Greenfield Mayor, Brad DeReamer



2011 Show Co-Chairs Jim Ballard and Carl Abner greet Mayor Brad DeReamer



Ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday morning opened the show to the public.



We start off with our raw gourd vendors as that is where our artists begin their fabulous work following.



Greenfield Master Gardeners representatives were present at the 2011 Show.



The American Gourd Society was represented by Dallas & Linda Lunsford.



The Hancock County Visitors Bureau worked with the co-chairs with community involvement.



Here are just some of our workshop Instructors—always teaching—some with the very latest techniques and others teaching older techniques to people new to gourding.



And, it was great to be able to take a break and have a meal or just a cup of coffee.



## 2011 JGS State Show Photos



Best of Show  
Karen Brown

Chair Person's Award  
Carolyn Rushton



## 2011 JGS State Show Photos





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## State Show Meeting—Awards & Recognitions



### THE PUCKETT AWARD—2011

Left, Helen Parker

Right, Jesse Glessner



### Roll Of Honor

Right, Bill Freihofer

### AGS Annual Jim Story Award

Left, Pat Moore

Right, Bill Freihofer



The Necklace Contest



Our skit performers, L to R, Helen Thomas, Ron Pressel, Emily Wallace and Pat Moore



The Mask Contest



Long-time IGS Member Jack Schandelmeier was recognized for his service in IGS and on retirement from his "Jack's Grain & Gourd" business in Du-rand, Illinois

My Dear Gourd Friends,

I write this belatedly in an effort to express my gratitude and extreme good fortune in being chosen for the Indiana Gourd Society's Roll of Honor for 2011. The large plaque which identifies prior honorees was near the Raffle at the State Show and I am highly honored to assume a position among these outstanding gourd people.

I was stunned to hear my name called. Such a thing never occurred to me. My acceptance "speech" was messy. No time to plan. Overwhelmed was I, then and now and forever. It is my sincere hope that, as I continue down life's trail, the Lord will furnish me with the strength and courage to prove myself worthy of this most high honor and to always be a good gourd example.

I was once told that brevity is a manifestation of the grace of God. Happy gourdng.

Bill Freihofer



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## Roll of Honor - 2011

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### Indiana Gourd Society Roll of Honor

<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2009</u>
Jim Story	Jane Snider	Sid Meyers
Jane Story	Acy Puckett	Jesse Glessner
Owen Crowder	John Sturgeon	<u>2010</u>
Dorothy Crowder	<u>2004</u>	Peggy Sullivan
Richard Thompson	No Award Given	Loretta Pressel
H. B. (Honey Bear) Miller	<u>2005</u>	Ron Pressel
Hazel Thompson	Dick Harshman	<u>2011</u>
Dr. Charles Heller	Bob Dillard	Bill Freihofer
<u>2000</u>	Bill Taylor	<u>2012</u>
Nancy Norris	<u>2006</u>	
Lee Parker	No Award Given	
Helen Parker	<u>2007</u>	
Rosemary Dougherty	Joe Lee	
<u>2001</u>	Renee Meyers	
Ron Bair	Debby Grunden	
Dallas Lunsford	Helen Thomas	
<u>2002</u>	<u>2008</u>	
Valene Alexander	Steve Sullivan	
Barbara Puckett	Jim Ballard	
	Guy Shutt	
	Phil Moorhead	

**The Roll of Honor is the Indiana Gourd Societies' yearly recognition of those who have contributed significantly to goals of the society.**

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### 2011 Show Wrap

As the 2011 show has passed we have fond memories of the success in Greenfield IN. I appreciate so much all the help and cooperation from all the members of my show committee, also the members of the IGS, and all other volunteers.

I want to thank the Hancock Co. fairgrounds, Greenfield Chamber of Commerce, Hancock County Visitors Bureau, Daily Reporter News Paper, Indianapolis Star Newspaper, and the Greenfield Lyons Club, Post net of Greenfield, Pondero-

sa Steak House, and Jean Howell of the Garden Retreat Bed & Breakfast.

If I have forgotten please forgive me there are so many.

Next year show will be April 13, 14,15th at the same location in central Indiana at the Hancock Co. 4-H Fairgrounds in Greenfield Indiana. 30 minutes from downtown Indianapolis.

If you want some EXCITEMENT be there!

2011 Show Chair, Jim Bal-

# State Show Meeting—Exhibition Winners

## 2011 State Show Exhibition Winners

**Best of Show:** Karen Brown  
**People's Choice Award:** Karen Brown  
**Chairperson's Award:** Carolyn Rushton

**Division 1 (Dried):** Kevin Davis  
**Division 2 (Floral Design):** Carrie Rogers  
**Division 3 (Basic Techniques):** Robbie Hiduke  
**Division 4 (Functional Arts & Crafts):** Ralph Irish  
**Division 5 (Arts & Crafts):** Karen Brown  
**Division 6 (Arts & Crafts):** Carolyn Rushton  
**Division 7 (Child, PreTeen, Teen):** Monte Kingen

	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5
Abel-Pau, Sadie	1			1		
Abner, Diane	1	1				
Adnan, George	1		1			
Ambler, Kathy	2				1	1
Ballard, Kole	1	1				
Ballard, Lukas	2		1	1		
Barber, Bruce	10	6	3		1	
Barber, Judy	5		3	2		
Benedict, Sherry	8	6	2			
Biggs, Mia	1		1			
Brown, Karen	6	3	2	1		
Burton, Cathy	5	1	3	1		
Butler, Sandra	10	7	3			
Collins, Jenny	1		1			
Dalton, Darrell	2				1	1
Davis, Kevin	9	5	2	2		
DeHaven, Delaina	2	1	1			
Delaney, Lynia	2		1	1		
Delaney, Nicki	2			1	1	
Demares, Kaylie	1		1			
Devine, Gary	1	1				
Dillard, Bob	1			1		
Ehrgott, Sydney	1				1	
Ellis, Marion	2			2		
Etnyre, Julia	1	1				
Fincher, Cory	1			1		
Fisher, Abby	1			1		
Freihofer, Bill	3		1	2		
Gottshath, Brenna	1			1		
Harlow, Linda	8	3	2	3		
Hickman, Robert	2		1		1	
Hiduke, Lily	1		1			
Hiduke, Mia	1			1		
Hiduke, Robbie	6	3	2		1	
Hiduke, Tyler	1		1			
Hildred, Sherry	2		2			
Hochstetler, Red	2		1		1	
Hood, Hunter	2		1		1	
Howell, Carmen	3	1	2			
Irish, Ralph	14	11	2		1	
Kennedy, Ida	6	3	2			1
Kennedy, Megan	1	1				
Kennedy, Nancy	1			1		
Kidder, Brenda	3	3				

	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5
Kingen, Monte	1	1				
Kingen, Phyllis	2				2	
Lawson, Ruth	1		1			
Longenecker, Andrea	1				1	
Lowry, Jeanie	1		1			
Millard, Jaden	2		1	1		
Millard, Jaxon	2	1			1	
Millard, Jerry	7	2	2		1	2
Miller, Khloe	1	1				
Miller, Yvonne	7	2	5			
Minarik, Ed	5		4		1	
Moore, Pat	34	19	10	5		
Murray, Jayden	2	1	1			
Murrin, Blanche	16	6	5	4		1
Niedermeyer, Gwen	2	1				1
Niemeyer, Karen	3		1		1	1
Orr, Joye	5	3	1	1		
Parson, Elison	1	1				
Parson, Kaden	1		1			
Pawlik, Chris	6	4	2			
Pawlowski, Alice	6	5	1			
Pressel, Loretta	17	12	3	1	1	
Pressel, Ron	14	8	3	1	1	1
Ratliff, Carol	2	1	1			
Reed, Frank	2	1			1	
Reed, Kathy	1	1				
Richards, Megan	2				2	
Riley, Perry (Jr)	6	4	2			
Rogers, Carrie	10	4	2	2	2	
Royal, Marilyn	2	1	1			
Rushton, Carolyn	17	12	3	1	1	
Schmidt, Sally	2	2				
Tabares, Herland	7	2	5			
Thomas, Helen	6	1	3	2		
Thompson, Nyjia	1					1
Toth, Virgil	1			1		
Trees, Mary Lou	1	1				
Wallace, Daniel	2			2		
Wallace, Emily	4	2	1	1		
Wallace, Ethan	2	2				
Ward, Gillian	1		1			
Whitinger, Barb	1					1
Williams, Grace	1	1				



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## ***The Sand Lady's Tornado Damage***

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Below are a few of the photos taken by Helen Thomas and on her Web Site after a recent tornado at her farm. Just as a precaution, do you know what to do during a tornado? Where to go and what to take with you? If you have children do they know what to do? Would they know what to do themselves if adults are not present? Be prepared! These things can be extremely dangerous and no one knows what a tornado will do, where it will go, or when it will touch down. Please send Helen a note of encouragement!



Shelves dumped on walk way.



Deck roof blown 300 feet by barn.



Old outhouse knocked down.



Gourds blown everywhere.



Shop SE side siding blown off.



Shop's south side damage.

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## ***Flower & Garden Show - Lucas Oil Stadium Feb. 2011***

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## ***JGS Show Demo - Perry Riley***

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Perry Riley, the Indian you might have seen wandering around at the State Show, put on a superb demonstration of life in early America.

If you haven't yet taken the time to see one of his demos you've missed out on a great deal.

You can catch up with his demonstrations listed on his Web Site at:

[www.perryriley.com](http://www.perryriley.com)

ENJOY!!

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## **Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdgeous World**

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### **May 21, 2011 - IGS SPRING FESTIVAL & Membership**

**Meeting** is set for the Morgan County Fairgrounds, Martinsville, IN (just off S/R 37 about 30 miles south of Indy). 9:00AM to 3:00PM Membership Meeting 3:30 PM. - A 90 ft. X 45 ft. show room & a side meeting room. Food will be available. 25 camp sites. Possible set-up on Friday, 20 May.

**Contact: Helen Parker, [lparker@scican.net](mailto:lparker@scican.net)**  
**[An IGS Sponsored Event]**

**Jun 23—25, 2011 – Pennsylvania Gourd Society—2011 PA Gourd Fest: The Many Faces of Gourds** – Smucker's Gourd Farm, Lancaster County, 317 Springville Rd, Kinzers, PA 17535 - Demos, Auctions, Vendors, Food, Workshops

**June 25-26, 2011 - Lebanon Art and Gourd Festival** – Lebanon IL [www.illinoisgourdsociety.org](http://www.illinoisgourdsociety.org) or contact Cheri Wright, [cheriwright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cheriwright@sbcglobal.net) 618-537-9925

**July 14-17, 2011 - Northwest Gourd Festival** – Moses Lake WA [www.wagourdsociety.org](http://www.wagourdsociety.org) Teachers, Artists & Vendors across the U.S.. Live entertainment & much more. Vendors & Teachers wanted.

**Aug 05—21, 2011 The Indiana State Fair—2011** - Keep checking the site at [http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/exhibits/ghort\\_building.html](http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/exhibits/ghort_building.html) for entry and competition information.

**Aug 26—28, 2011 The 2nd Annual Michigan Festival of Gourds** - held at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City - The Festival of Gourds is a three-day event, bringing together the gourd community to share their

knowledge, passion and creative use of the gourd. The Festival will increase awareness of and raise funds for treatment at the Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

**Sept 10-11, 2011 - North Carolina Gourd Festival** – Raleigh, NC [www.ncgourdsociety.org](http://www.ncgourdsociety.org) . Gourd Festival hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Click [here](#) to view a map of the fairground buildings and gates with the surrounding roads . There are more than 70 competition categories, including ones for any age or skill level

**Sept 24-26, 2011 - Ohio Gourd Show** – Greenville, OH, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio - Saturday Sept 24th 9-5 and Sunday Sept 25th 9-4—workshops: Friday, Saturday and Sunday [www.OhioGourdSociety.com](http://www.OhioGourdSociety.com).

**Oct 14-16, 2011 - Lone Star Gourd Festival** - Fredericksburg TX., Gillespie County Fairgrounds - [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org) - Classes, gourd art competition, vendors

**Oct. 15 – 16, 2011 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama Gourd Society Show** – The location is the Cullman Civic Center in Cullman, AL. Follow updates at [www.alabamagourdsociety.org](http://www.alabamagourdsociety.org) .

**Nov. 05, 2011 - IGS Fall Membership Meeting & Festival** - 9am—3pm—Miami County Fairgrounds, Peru, IN. Free admission, open to the public. Vendors, IGS Gourd Store, Gourd Seeds, Demonstrations, mini-craft and dried gourd competition, music, kids booth. Auction. Midmorning snacks and lunch available

Membership meeting at 3pm  
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