



President's Message

Ida Kennedy

Hello fellow members,

I am writing this on Thanksgiving eve. I hope everyone will have a great Thanksgiving. I am looking forward to spending the day with my family. Next week is December already and we are quickly moving forward toward our next State Show. Please consider being an active part of our Show. We can use any help you might be able to give us. Even a couple hours during the Show to give someone a break or help set up or tear down would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you might be able to help.

We are hoping to be more informative in the future so please let us know if you have any questions or concerns and we will try to get back to you as soon as possible. We enjoy hearing from our members. We need you to help our Society grow and make it fun.

I would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Editor's Note

We had so much information to share with you this issue that we had to expand the newsletter! Keep those articles coming.

ERRATA

The last issue was listed in the masthead and footer as Volume 23 #5 (Sep / Oct, 2015) that was incorrect and should have been Volume 23 #6 (Nov / Dec, 2015)

Membership Meeting

Membership Meeting MINUTES (Unapproved)
November 7, 2015

President Ida Kennedy called the IGS November 7, 2015, membership meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Thorntown Public Library, Thorntown, IN, with 15 members present.

Phil Moorhead moved and Loretta Pressel seconded that the minutes of the May 2, 2015, membership meeting be approved; motion carried.

Treasurer Phil Moorhead presented the treasurer's report showing a total of \$30,352.06 on hand, with \$20,246.37 in savings (money market) and \$10,105.69 in the checking account. That report has been filed for audit.

Extensive discussion on improving communications and working relationships was conducted. It was agreed that there are three loops or levels of communication that are needed: Board, Committees -Patches-Board, and all members.

Phil reported that the Tendril magazine comes out in January, March, May, July, September and November and that deadlines for content are December, February, April, June, August and October, first of each month.

Pat Moore moved and Phil seconded that there be term limits for officers and board members; motion carried. Effective immediately, board members will be limited to two terms of two years each, unless asked by the board to continue. Jim Ballard and Helen Thomas have agreed to fill the Director 3 and 5 vacancies.

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PATCH NEWS

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch & Thorn Tree Gourd Patch (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

Both patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., on Wednesdays, and participants sometimes work on their individual projects and sometimes work on a group project or on learning a new skill. Visitors are welcome at 2-4:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and 6-8:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd. Some supplies and gourds are kept on hand for first-timers who would like to try their hands at the craft. We do plan to meet on Wed., Dec. 9 and 23, 2-4 p.m., and Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m., even though December is a busy month.

A fairy garden is in the planning and development stage, with members watching for appropriate gourd pieces.

Both patches are helping prepare the seven classes that were proposed for the IGS state show. This includes cutting and cleaning 16 bowls, collecting pretty napkins for decoupage work, and collecting and cleaning gourds for three painting classes.

In addition, anyone who shows up without a project in tow is invited to help clean a huge bag of spinner gourds that were in the IGS storage facility in Lebanon. We hope to be done by May so the spinners may be used at the state show. We are experimenting with soaking gourds in a bucket of water with a fabric softener sheet. We are very impressed with the resulting ease of removal of the gourd skin and mold, and Karen plans to try it with a really, really, warty gourd!

Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

The Gourd Crafters met Oct 24 at the Goodrich Park in Winchester. Becky Whitted led a group of ten in crafting an egg mosaic design bowl like the one pictured on page 10. We only had enough supplies for ten so we had a full class. Everyone had an enjoyable time. We are going to take a break over the holidays and start back up in the Spring. If anyone in the area would like to join us you are welcome! Stay tuned for the time and place of our next meeting for it will change.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Jim Ballard, contact)

Linda's Gourd Patch had a gathering in Greenfield IN at Faith Lutheran Church on Nov 14th 2015. Thirteen people attended we had a great time. We started with discussing the upcoming 2016 IGS show, also we set our schedule for 2016. We will meet ever other month: Jan 16th, Mar 19th, May 21st, July 16th, Sept 17th, and Nov 19th with locations to be announced. Jim Ballard brought some green gourds. Phylis Kingen brought lots of pairing knives to have a green cleaning party. No one left without knowing how to green clean a gourd. I would encourage everyone to attend a gourd patch gathering or start a patch in your area.

Lakeshore Gourders (Loretta Pressel, contact)

In October we did something out of the norm—working with gourds directly. Instead, we all designed a gourd embellished T shirt using Sharpie Permanent Markers. This is a project which is lots of fun and also easy and fun to do with grandkids. In November, our project was to create a parrot on a hanging perch. We also celebrated this month with our annual Holiday dinner/gift exchange. A special thanks to Blanche Murrin for hosting our meetings at the barn. We'd like to wish all a Happy Holiday season. To all our patch members travelling for the winter—Godspeed.

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Make Your Plans Now!
2016 Indiana Gourd Society
State Gourd Show (Friday & Saturday only)
Boone County Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN

May 4, Wed	IGS setup 10am to 5pm.
May 5, Thurs	IGS setup, maybe classes from noon to 6pm (to be determined).
May 6, Fri	Show open to public 9am to 6pm. Classes 9am to 6pm. Dinner at 6:30pm.
May 7, Sat	Show open to public 9am to 6pm. Classes 9am to 6pm. Teardown starts at 6pm.

May 8, Sunday
NO SHOW—it is Mother's Day.

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Membership Meeting Minutes

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Phil moved and Pat seconded that Karen Niemeyer be named board secretary instead of interim secretary and that her term expire in 2017; motion carried. Karen is to ask Sandra Townsend to serve as assistant secretary.

Phil Moorhead moved and Karen seconded that Phil Hart contact show vendors to determine whether or not IGS should plan a one-day state show in future years; motion carried. Phil Hart will report his findings to the board.

Pat reported that there are 277 members.

Loretta Pressel has been named contact person for the Lakeshore Gourders. Susan Salings is no longer active nor coordinating a southern Indiana gourd patch, nor is Barbara Brovont working with a Delphi area patch. However, Lois Wright plans to get the Winchester area patch in motion again.

Pat distributed a list of tasks and volunteer needs for the May state show and reported that she will continue chairing the 2016 show but will not be in charge of 2017. She is hopeful that Sandra Townsend will chair in 2017.

There being no further business, Phil Moorhead moved and Karen Niemeyer seconded that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and informal discussion resumed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen K. Niemeyer, Secretary

Patch News

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Central Indiana Gourd Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In Dec. CIP voted to change our meetings to the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning March 22, 2016. We had a holiday pitch-in and made small gourd ornaments using ink and/or paint for the tree at the Garfield Park Arts Center where we meet. We discussed updating "Fairyville" and planned upcoming programs in Zendoondling, Hugs for Heroes, and seed starting. We decided we like using small gourds and doing projects which we can finish at our meeting. Cathy Burton, Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac, and Diane Werblo helped out at "Christmas at Garfield" on Sat., Dec. 12. Our next meeting is January 12, from 6:30 - 8:30.

At our Nov. meeting, after downing a turkey, rice casserole, and other goodies, we decorated small gourds with ink-dots and squiggles using Sanford permanent markers. All were amazed at the shade of purplish-copper that the royal blue ink became on an untreated gourd.

October's meeting was the postponed "Weaving on Gourds Class" by Mac McCrary. Our mayor unexpectedly chose our meeting site for a city-wide celebration in Sept., so we cancelled. Members made woven pins on gourd frames. Also in October, Mac and Diane met longtime gourder and historical re-enactor Perry Riley at the Feast of the Hunters' Moon. He was in full Native American costume with his face painted half red and half black. He told us that he wood burns his designs first and then paints in his dyes; the burned "gullies" prevent the colors from bleeding. Clever! We also met Kim Wainscott (relative of fine gourd artist Denny Wainscott); she showed us her period-perfect drinking gourds and decorations. A gourd witch donated by Helen Parker was prominently displayed at GPAC for the park's celebration of "Ghoulish Garfield."

“Fairies in the Gourd Patch” 2016 Show Theme

******Timeline for the 2016 State Gourd Show******

Tuesday, May 3, 2016:

Fairgrounds will setup the IGS layout for tables and chairs.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016:

IGS setup will start at about 10am to 5pm.

Get IGS items from storage at 10am, takes about 1 hour.

Vendor's setup can start about noon to 5pm.

Thursday, May 5, 2016:

Vendor's setup continues till noon, selling can begin at noon.

IGS setup continues till done.

Workshops start at noon to 6pm or 7pm.

Competition placement start at 4pm to 9pm.

Friday, May 6, 2016:

Competition placement continues from 7am to 8am.

Judging begins at 8am, till done. Area closed to public during judging.

Open to the public at 9am to 6pm.

Workshops ongoing from 9am to 6pm.

Gourd Art Raffle ongoing from 9am to 6pm.

Gourd Fellowship Dinner starts at 6:30pm, on the fairgrounds.

Saturday, May 7, 2016:

Open to the public at 9am to 6pm.

Workshops ongoing from 9am to 6pm.

Live Auction (Saturday only) starting at 1pm.

Gourd Art Raffle closes at 4pm. Drawing to follow.

Announcements, drawing winner, People's Choice Award and others, starting about 4:30pm.

Teardown of vendor and workshop area begins at 6pm, till done.

Teardown of competition area begins at 6:30pm until done.

Return IGS items to storage between 8pm to 9pm.

Show Chair will be staying on fairgrounds Saturday night till everyone is packed up, some vendors may not pull out till Sunday, May 8, 2016.

Volunteers needed to work from Wednesday thru Saturday, during the entire show time.

(See the Volunteer Form in the show book and possibly earn a free day pass to the show.)

On Tuesday the physical labor of setting-up the buildings tables/chairs, will be done by the fairgrounds staff.

On Wednesday IGS needs help retrieving items from storage...Got a pickup truck? Also to dress up the building, cover and skirt tables, put out IGS show signs, set-up and decorate IGS areas, and many other things.

On Thursday, volunteers needed to complete setting-up and decorating, to layout the competition area and begin placing exhibits in area, to man the workshop sign-in booth, and other things.

On Friday and Saturday, volunteers needed to work in many areas and to give breaks to others so we can all enjoy the show. These areas are: Admissions, Greeters, Gourd Exhibit Area, AGS Judges, Seed Sales, Education, Kids' Patch, Ways & Means, Workshop Sign-in Booth, Auctions, Membership, Art Raffles and other areas as needed.

On Saturday evening, volunteers needed to un-dress the building, undoing the things done on Wednesday and Thursday, and return items to storage, until next year.

This is YOUR show PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP !!

Thank you and Have a GOURD Day!

Pat Moore, 2016 State Show Chair
showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

Message from the Show chair

***** There are some changes in the Gourd Wind this year. *****

We are having a date change due to **“Mother’s Day” falling on Sunday ... so ...NO SHOW ON SUNDAY.**

We will start setting-up on Wednesday, continue on Thursday, also have workshops on Thursday after noon, and then be open to the public all day Friday and Saturday with everything going on.

The show book will be online and in the mail by the end of December 2015. The show book will not be in color and has gotten thinner this year...there is no WORKSHOP information in it. The show book will still have ALL the info you need about the show, competition classes and forms...just no WORKSHOP information. In February you will receive a WORKSHOP FLYER. It will be in full color and have ALL the WORKSHOP CLASSES and information about them in it.

With these changes, you will still have the theme and competition info all winter, with ample time to work on your gourds. Then the workshop flyer arrives in February, you will have several months to decide on what workshops to take. These change should lower the cost of printing and mailing the show book, even with the cost of the printing and mailing the workshop flyer, the total cost should be less than past years. (FYI: The show book is the second highest expense of the show.)

Some other changes in the show book: In the competition section, some division numbers are changed. Division 5 now has sections, 5A, 5B and 5C. Division 6 is Gallery and Division 7 & 8 are for children. One (1) new adult class has been added: Class 60 - “Seed Art” - Decorate a gourd, an item, make a picture, etc., using at least 50% gourd seeds. Most of us have old gourd seed lying about, let’s have some fun with them. Six (6) new classes were added in the Children's Classes for a total of 13 classes: Decorated Bird House, Bowl and/or Container, Hanging Gourd Ornament, Any holiday item-except an ornament, Jewelry and/or Hair Accessories, Toy, Animal-realistic or fantasy, Doll or Figure-realistic or fantasy, Hat, Mask-must be wearable, Clay on a gourd, Wood Burning on gourd, I made it “My Way” (Anything goes, except Class # 81- 93.)

Some changes in the show: The competition entry and judging times are also changed. Competition placement will be on Thursday, 4-9pm and Friday, 7-8am. The Judges meeting will be on Friday at 8am, followed by competition judging until completed. The workshops will be in a different building (#12 on map) behind the main show building (#4 on map), no more gourd dust in the show area. The Live Gourd Auction will only be on Saturday this year at 1pm.

Come to the 2016 IGS State Show, **“Fairies In The Gourd Patch”**. I hope to see you there!

Have a Gourd day,
Pat Moore, 2016 Show Chair

Indiana Gourd Society Patch Information

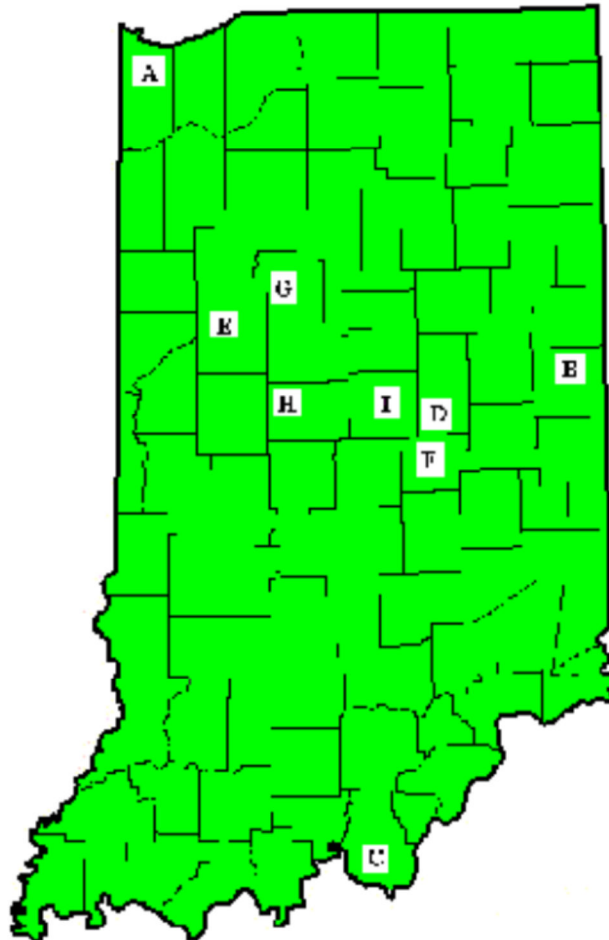
Would you like to try something new? Would you like to have a Gourd Patch Group in your area? Just think, your own small Patch Group right in your neighborhood. Talk about crafting, growing, manipulating (tying knots, etc.) or anything else you want to show and tell and talk about. Think of the Gourd fun and fellowship you could have!

It has been made easy. We are encouraging individuals to sprout Gourd groups everywhere, regardless of present lines or present larger patches!

There are very few guidelines. Contact the Society President and advise him/her of your intentions and if you need any kind of support. Request for financial support will be decided by the President and two appointed Directors.

All Patches operate under the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. mission statement and guidelines.

Doesn't that sound easy and fun? What a great support to the Society as these little patches can sprout up all over the state! Just think how the Gourd word will spread. Organize your Gourd Patch group today and start your Gourd Glow growing!! [Click here for new patch request form](#) - Send completed form to: Karen Niemeyer, Indiana Gourd Society, Inc., 1217 Wesley Ct., Thorntown, IN 46071.



Current Patches

Location	Patch name	County area	City	Contact	Phone	Meetings
A	Lakeshore Gourders	LaPorte	Walkerton	Loretta Pressel	574 586 2502	Call for information
B	Gourd Crafters	Randolph	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317 370 1418	Once/month, Winchester Goodrich Park, Winchester, IN
C				Inactive		
D	Story Gourd Patch	Madison	Pendleton	Inactive		Pendleton Area
E	Patch 4	Tippecanoe	West Lafayette	Verona Clark	765 242 1967	
F	Patch 10	Hancock	Greenfield	Jim Ballard	317 468 5717	Quarterly meetings
G				Inactive		
H	Sugar Creek	Boone	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765 436 7518 765 436 7348	1st & 3rd Wed's, 6-8pm, Thorntown Library
H	Thorntree	Boone	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765 436 7518 765 436 7348	2nd & 4th Wed's, 2-4pm, Thorntown Library
I	Central Indiana	Marion	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317 783 1428	4th Tuesdays, 6-8pm, Garfield

Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. - 2016 Gourd Seed Order Form

Please go to www.indianagourdsociety.org - click on "Seed Sales" to link to more detailed descriptions and pictures

Instructions: 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: (Not used)		38: (Not used)
	03: Martin House, SMALL (9"W x 12" H)		21: Dipper, SHORT Handle (12 - 18" long)		39: Bottle, Indonesian
	04: Martin House, TALL (6 seeds/pack) (14" - 16" H)		22: Dipper, APACHE (flat bottom) (12 - 18" long)		40: Bottle, NIGERIAN - Mini (limited quantity)
	05: Kettle, Mix		23: Dipper, LONG Handle (24 - 30" long)		41: Basketball
	06: Kettle, African Wine (6 seeds/pack) (16" W x 24" H)		24: Dipper, EXTRA LONG HANDLE (30 +" long)		43: Long Gourd (6 seeds/pack) (limited quantity)
	07: Bird House, Hardshell Mix		25: Luffa, LONG		44: Snake
	08: Bushel, (10 – 12" H)		26: Jewelry, sub-mini mix (limited quantity)		45: Swan/Goose Gourd
	09: Bushel, 100 lbs PLUS (6 seeds/pack) (18" W x 14" H)		27: Bottle, MINI-CHINESE (3 - 4" H)		46: Warty, African (8 - 9" H)
	11: Canteen (8" W x 4" H)		29: Bottle, SMALL CHINESE (snowmen) (4 - 7" H)		47: Penguin
	12: Canteen, Corsican (10" W x 5" H)		30: Bottle, Mini mix (snowmen) Taper top (3 - 5" H)		48: Luffa, BALL
	13: Tobacco Box (taper top) (8" W x 6" H)		31: Peruvian Pear, Mini (6 seeds/pack) (3 - 4" H) (limited quantity)		50: Hard shell Warty (5 - 6" H)
	14: Canteen, Copper Canyon (Pear shape) (6"W x 8" H)		32: Banana		51: Orange Gourd (3" round)
	15: Maranka		33: Spoon		52: Autumn Wings, mixed (limited quantity)
	16: Cannon Ball		34: Spinner		53: Tall Vase (14 - 16" H)
	17: Bat Gourd (30 - 36" long)		35: Crown of Thorns		
	18: Bottle, Mexican Water		36: Nest Egg		

Note: Sizes and shapes listed are approximate. Each package consists of 12 seeds unless noted. All cost \$3.00 / package. Seed batches are randomly checked annually for germination rates.

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Phone or E-mail if we have questions: _____

Total Packages: _____

Price per pack: x \$3.00

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Postage/handling, including IGS members (through :Dec 31, 2016):

1-4 packs = \$ 2.00

11-20 packs = \$4.00

5-10 packs = \$ 3.00

21 packs and up = \$5.00

Please list alternate choices here in case any of the above are out of stock. _____

Please make check payable to "**Indiana Gourd Society**" or "**IGS**" and mail to **Ida Kennedy, 5615 S. 425 W., LaPorte, IN 46350.**

If you have questions, please contact us at seeds@indianagourdsociety.org

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Jan — Jun

Feb. 12-14: Arizona Gourd Society & Wuertz Farm/s Annual Gourd Festival, Casa Grande, AZ

Feb 26-28: Florida Gourd Society Festival, Azan Shrine Center, Melbourne, FL

Feb 27-28: Idaho Artistry in Wood Show, Wyndham Garden Boise Airport Hotel, Boise, ID

Apr 9: Wisconsin Gourd Society's Festival, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, WI

Apr 9-10: Missouri's Show Me Gourd Society's Festival, Remington's Entertainment Center, Springfield, MO

Apr 22-24: California—Baskets and Gourds, Containers of our Culture VI, Visalia, CA

May 6-7: Indiana Gourd Society State Show, Boone Co. Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN

May 13-15: Kentucky Gourd Art Show, Spencer County Elementary School and Spencer Co Extension Office, Taylorsville, KY
(kygourdsociety.org)

Jun 16-18: Pennsylvania Gourd Society's Gourd Gathering, Lebanon Expo Center, Lebanon, PA (www.pagourdsociety.org)

* * IGS Events 2016 * *

Indiana Gourd Society State Show

Friday, May 6 (9 a.m.-6 p.m. EDT)

Saturday, May 7 (9 a.m.-6 p.m. EDT)

Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN 46052

**NOTE: There will be no show on
Sunday, May 8th.
This is Mother's Day!**

Admission charged. Open to public.

Gourd competition (adult and children), IGS gourd store, gourds, seeds, demos, workshops, vendors, kids' booth, gourd art raffle.

Gourd auction Saturday.

Gourd gurus available to answer questions

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e-mail: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Gourd craft at the Gourd
Crafter's last meeting



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Attention All GOURD GROWERS!

I have a challenge for all gourd growers for 2016: Hand train some gourds! You can use rope or panty hose or in a mold, where ever your imagination will take you.

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