



## President's Message

Ida Kennedy

Hello Indiana Gourd Society Members

Summer is well on its way. I hope your gourds are doing well and you are having fun with them.

We have some elections coming soon; I hope you will participate. This is your opportunity to have some input in how the Society is run. Your choices can be anonymous. You can email me or any officer with your nominations or send me a letter. It takes a lot of time and work to keep a Society going. Please help us to select the right leaders and keep us on the right path. We also need more volunteers throughout the year at all our events.

Please use the form on page 3 to give us your selections for Officers and Show Chairs for 2017-2018.

We look forward to having new faces and different opinions for moving our Society forward. Please join us if you can. We would appreciate a response as soon as possible.

Have a great summer.

## General Membership Meeting

There is a general membership meeting scheduled for December 10, 2016 at the Thorntown Public Library, Thorntown, Indiana at 9am.

*If you plan to attend, please contact Ida Kennedy (see back page) so we know how many people to expect.*



2016 Indiana State Fair Gourd Grand Champion  
Pat Moore

See more on page 4

**Don't forget to join us for the IGS Membership meeting December 10, 2016 at the Thorntown Public Library in Thorntown, IN**

Did you miss the Puckett Award winner and the Roll of Honor Inductees in the last issue? So did we! See the winners on pages 4 and 7.

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# PATCH NEWS

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## Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In June artist Sue Westhues taught a class on Thunder Drums to RoJene Gillentine and her mom Ruthann, Suzy Kish, Donna Franklin, Ann Stankiewicz, Kathy Stuart, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo. She brought some partially finished gourds and we had more so that each person finished with a drum and a half by the end of the class. Sue recommended non-toxic *Crafter's Pick* "The Ultimate Glue" and Elmer's wood stabilizer for the drums. RoJene, Ruthanne, Suzy, Mac, and I had some work to finish at the July meeting. Jean Long and newbie Christine Sorrell took instructions and some pieces to do a Thunder Drum. We need more drumhead material! Mac and I brought wooden beads and fancy edging to finish the second drums. (Using a thunder drum, we are successfully training our "scaredy-cat" dog to not be afraid of thunderstorms!)

CIP is proud of the new people volunteering at ISF. At least 10 members have items in the Ind. State Fair! Although the Ag-Hort Bldg where we are located at the fair is VERY cool, we suggest that anyone *coming* to the ISF consider investing in cooling towels from sporting goods and personal fans from hardware to help allay the heat.

New member Jean Long wrote an article for the *Urban Times*, a paper for Indy neighborhoods, entitled "Group Honors the Gourd" which was published in July.

At our meeting in August at the Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy; Donna Franklin shared a technique with special iridescent paint.

## 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 with participants working on individual projects and on Gourd-geous Indiana projects to help celebrate Indiana's bicentennial. Visitors are welcome at 2-4:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and 6-8:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. Some supplies and gourds are kept on hand for first-timers who would like to try their hands at the craft. Carol Brown entered gourds in the Hendricks County fair and came home with two champion and two reserve champion ribbons. Several members entered the July Boone County Fair Open Show and 13 entries won 13 blue ribbons proving that members are improving their skills weekly. Members have been taking turns teaching classes, which has allowed members to complete some unique projects, compete, and bring home the ribbons and prize money, as well as educate others on the uniqueness of gourds. For the first time this year there was a special gourds class in the hobbies division, great progress from no gourds or only one entry. The groups are assembling their 19 state fair entries and making plans to help woman the IGS state fair booth to answer questions and coach visitors in the use of color pencils and pens on gourd shards and spinners. Five members (Sally Mohringer, Ardie Bowles, Beth Morris, Denise Bechtold, and Karen Niemeyer) attended Sandlady Helen Thomas' July gourd fest, where they demonstrated gourd decorating techniques and washed 250 spinners to help get ready for the Indiana State Fair. At Homewood Health Campus, where librarian Karen Niemeyer presents a monthly program, residents requested 25 spinners so they could make necklaces. Thorntown resident Ray Jones has been welcomed in July as a new gourder; he is both growing and learning to craft gourds. Upcoming sessions include Do Your Own Thing on September 7, 21 and October 12. Annette Knox taught ghost pumpkin painting on August 17 (6-8 p.m.) and will teach skeleton with pumpkin on October 4 and 19 (6-8 p.m.). October and November will also include making gourd drum necklaces, multi-part decorated crosses, and gourd seed flowers.

## Lakeshore Gourders (Alice Pawlowski, contact)

Wow, what a hot, dry spring/summer, the gourd plants are loving this weather. With the busy summers brings County fairs, crafts shows, vacations & holidays, we take it a bit easy & enjoy some of our other interests a bit. At our June patch meeting, Ron Pressel was kind enough to supply all of us with cannonball gourds pre-traced with a quilt pattern so we could brush up on our wood burning skills. It's amazing what you forget if you don't continually practice. We took the month of July off to indulge in family time and resumed in August. Our project for August was picked by one of our newest patch members; she chose to learn how to work with clay on gourds. So our clay expert Sherry Benedict taught us clay techniques at our August meeting.



## Attention: Indiana Gourd Society Members

Please take an active part in our Society and volunteer or participate in selecting a 2017 Show Chair and Co-Chair. We will also need to fill some Officer and Director positions starting January 2017. We value your opinion so please let us know what you think about the Indiana Gourd Society and how we can grow and make things better. There is always room for improvement in any society. We need our members to be more active. We appreciate all your past support.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for Director (2017-2018)

I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ for 2017 IGS Show Chair

I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ for 2017 Co-Chair

I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ for IGS President (2017-2018)

I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ for 1st Vice President (2017-2018)

I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ for 2nd Vice President (2017-2018)

All current office holders are listed in the Tendril. It is time to share some of the responsibility for running the Indiana Gourd Society. The Board of Directors will be selecting the new officers from nominations made. Please help them to fill these positions.

Thank you for your consideration

Ida Kennedy, President, Indiana Gourd Society

Suggestions or comments below:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Please mail to: Ida Kennedy, 5615 S 425 W, LaPorte, Indiana 46350

or send me an email: [ikennedy5@msn.com](mailto:ikennedy5@msn.com)

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## Puckett Award Winners

<b>2004</b>	<b>2011</b>
Ron Bair	Jesse Glessner
<b>2005</b>	Helen Parker
Dick Harshman	<b>2012</b>
<b>2006</b>	Emily Wallace
Jim Story	Guy Shutt
Steve Stairs	<b>2013</b>
<b>2007</b>	Fran Bascom
Renee Myers	<b>2015</b>
<b>2008</b>	Pat Moore
Phil Moorhead	<b>2016</b>
<b>2009</b>	Ida Kennedy
Sid Myers	
<b>2010</b>	
Steve Sullivan	

This award winner is selected by the prior year winner, the show chair and the president.

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for the IGS Member-  
ship meeting December  
10, 2016 at the Thorn-  
town Public Library in  
Thorntown, IN**

Close-up of Pat Moore's State Fair Winning Gourd



**Crackling/Blistering Texture**

This gourd was created using:

*Powertex Ivory Hardener*

*Powertex Blister Medium*

Layers were applied to the gourd, then a heat gun used to create the crackle effect. Some colored stains and pastes were also used.

### PATCH CONTACTS

Lakeshore Gourders	LaPorte	Alice Pawlowski	219-942-2529
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
Story Gourd Patch	Pendleton	Inactive	
Patch 4	West Lafayette	Verona Clark	765-242-1967
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Jim Ballard	317-468-5717
Sugar Creek	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
Thorntree	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428



## Gourd-geous Indiana: a Gourd Challenge

Deadline: September 20, 2016 8:00 p.m.

Mail or deliver entries to Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, IN 46071 to the attention of Karen Niemeyer.

Any medium may be used in the 3 categories of competition. Youth may compete against adults or indicate a preference to compete only with other youth age 14 and younger. There is no limit to number of entries allowed in each category:

Indiana Bicentennial – may include logo, seal

Patriotic – Red, White, Blue

Miscellaneous, e.g. Indiana scenes, birds, peony, bison on gourd

To commemorate the bicentennial, projects must meet at least one of the goals or characteristics: culturally inclusive, creating a legacy for the future, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults.

Entries will be returned to the artists after January 15, 2017, and may be exhibited in the May Indiana State Gourd show, in local county fairs, and at the 2017 Indiana State Fair.

Any artist may compete in this challenge and does not have to be a member of the Indiana Gourd Society.



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### INDIANA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

*Celebrate history – Ignite the future*

July 11, 2016

Karen Niemeyer  
124 N. Market St.  
Thorntown, IN 46071

Dear Karen,

Congratulations! At its meeting on July 8, the Indiana Bicentennial Commission endorsed your proposal titled "Gourd-geous Indiana: A Gourd Challenge" as a Bicentennial Legacy Project.

Your project met the standards set by the Commission for accessibility to the public and achievability. I know this project will make an impact, and be a great contribution to Indiana's legacy.

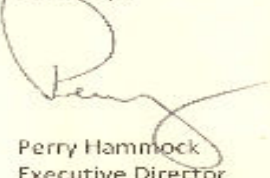
As an endorsed Indiana Bicentennial Commission Legacy Project, your activity will be listed on the Indiana Bicentennial website. You may use the Indiana Bicentennial Commission logo, in accordance with the Bicentennial Logo Guidelines sent to you via email, on project-related promotional materials.

The Commission and its partners appreciate the work that your group is undertaking to celebrate Indiana's proud history and the collaboration you are forging to ignite our state's future for the next 100 years.

Our shared goal is to make Indiana's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday an event in which Hoosiers in all 92 counties will take great pride. Help us share the word and encourage others to submit their projects for approval.

Please visit the Indiana Bicentennial Commission website, [www.indiana2016.org](http://www.indiana2016.org), to view other endorsed Bicentennial Legacy Projects, news and events and to explore your county and share your own *Hoosier Insights*.

Sincerely,

  
Perry Hammock  
Executive Director



## ROAD TRIPS

2016—courtesy of AGS

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

### Sep — Nov

- Sep 10-11: 75th Annual Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
- Sep 16-17: 7th Annual Mississippi Gourd Festival, Smith County Ag Complex, Raleigh, MS
- Sep 17-18: Michigan Gourd Society's Annual Herb & Gourd Show, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, MI
- Sep 24-25: Canadian Gourd Society Show, Artinsanity, Buckhorn, Ontario
- Sep 24-25: Georgia Gourd Society's 2016 Fest at the Kiwanis Building on the fairgrounds, Griffin, GA
- Sep 24-25: Hawaii Gourd Society's 2016 festival, Ipu Lani Farm, Captain Cook, HI
- Oct 7-9: Ohio Gourd Society, 54th OHIO GOURD SHOW, Delaware Co Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH
- Oct 15-16: Alabama Gourd Society 18th annual Gourd Show "Gourds from the Heart," Cullman, AL
- Oct 22-23: Idaho Gourd Festival, Wyndham Garden Boise Hotel, Boise, ID
- Oct 29-30: Virginia Harvest Festival of Gourds and Heritage Arts, Clarke County Fairgrounds, Berryville, VA
- Nov 18-20: California Yucca Valley Gourd Festival, [www.yuccavalleygourdfestival.org](http://www.yuccavalleygourdfestival.org)

## \* \* IGS Events 2016 \* \*

### IGS Membership Meeting

December 10, 2016, 10am ET.

Thorntown Public Library, Thorntown, IN

## \* \* IGS Events 2017 \* \*

### Indiana Gourd Society State Show

Friday, May 5 (10 a.m.-7 p.m. EDT)

Saturday, May 6 (9 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT)

Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN 46052

**NOTE: There will be no show on  
Sunday, May 7th.**

Admission charged. Open to public.

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

Gourd gurus available to answer questions  
Until Show Chair is named, please contact: Phil Moorhead, treasurer

e-mail: [treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org)

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

### Show Chair Needed!

If you are interested in being show chair for 2017, please contact Ida Kennedy

## Workshops at our Indiana Gourd Society State Show

What workshops would you like to see at the show? Any comments or complaints about the workshops? Do you want to teach a class? Should we even offer workshops? Let your voice be heard! Please contact Ida Kennedy ([IKENNEDY5@msn.com](mailto:IKENNEDY5@msn.com)) or any board member with your comments/concerns. To grow the society AND our great show, we need your input.

## Roll of Honor Inductees

### 1999

Dorothy Crowder  
Owen Crowder  
Dr. Charles Heiser  
Honey Bear Miller  
Jane Story  
Jim Story  
Hazel Thompson  
Richard Thompson

### 2000

Rosemary Dougherty  
Nancy Norris  
Helen Parker  
Lee Parker

### 2001

Ron Bair  
Dallas Lunsford

### 2002

Valene Alexander  
Barbara Puckett

### 2003

Acy Puckett  
Jane Snider  
John Sturgeon

### 2004

<none>

### 2005

Bob Dillard  
Dick Harshman  
Bill Taylor

### 2006

<none>

### 2007

Debby Grunden  
Joe Lee  
Renee Meyers  
Helen Thomas

### 2008

Jim Ballard  
Phil Moorhead  
Guy Shutt  
Steve Sullivan

### 2009

Jesse Glessner  
Sid Meyers

### 2010

Loretta Pressel  
Ron Pressel  
Peg Sullivan

### 2011

William Freihofer

### 2012

Ruth Moorhead  
Karen Niemeyer  
Carolyn Rushton

### 2013

Ed Minarik  
Phil Hart  
Fran Bascom  
Emily Dillard  
Emily Wallace

### 2014

Linda Harlow (post-humous)  
Ida Kennedy  
Pat Moore

### 2015

Tom Benedict  
Sherry Benedict  
Delaina DeHaven  
Alic Pawlowski

### 2016

Mac McCrary  
Diane Werblo  
Phylis Kingen

## INSTRUCTION ON NOMINATING

You can write a letter or send an e-mail to the IGS Secretary (see back page). Indicate why you believe your nominee should be added to the Roll of Honor. Please site specific activities this individual was involved with. You may nominate more than one person.

Please send your nomination by Feb 1 of each ear for consideration at the IGS State Gourd Show for that year.

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### SEED SALES

We will not be shipping sides again until early next year, it is too late to plant this year!

THE TENDRIL

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<b><i>Sep/Oct</i></b>	<b><i>Aug 1</i></b>
<b><i>Nov/Dec</i></b>	<b><i>Oct 1</i></b>

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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