

President's Message

Ida Kennedy

Hello Everyone,

Fall is here already which is hard to believe. This is the first year in a long time that a lot of my gourd plants are already dried up. This has been an unusual year for gardening. I'm not sure how my gourd seeds will turn out this year. It has been a short season for me. I hope the rest of you had a good gourd crop this year.

It is also time to start thinking about our 2017 State Show in May. It may seem early but there is a lot of planning that goes into a show. We need feedback from all our members so we can continue to put on a fun and exciting show. We are taking applications from teachers and want to give them some ideas of what people want. Are there any techniques that you would like to learn? It is hard to try to read people's minds and come up with classes that are fun and something different that people want to learn. Give us some ideas and we will try our best to make it happen.

We will be needing a lot of volunteers to help at our next show so keep us in mind and save the first Friday and Saturday next May to join us and have a fun time. We appreciate any and all the help we can get including advertising. If anyone is willing to hand out fliers for us between now and next May we would appreciate it very much. Please let us know and we will send you some.

New ideas are always appreciated. Please contact us if you have any suggestions or concerns about our society. We welcome your input.

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Sherry Benedict's winning entry in competition at the Ice House

General Membership Meeting

There is a general membership meeting with voting for board members 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.

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There are four board positions renewal the end of this year. I will not be renewing my position as President or any officer next term. The board will then vote for president, and both vice-presidents. Please give us your thoughts on who you would like to have fill these positions or if you would like to be a part of our Board yourself.

Thank you for your consideration. Enjoy the break in the weather.

PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In September Mac McCrary taught Cathy Burton, Donna Franklin, RoJene Gillentine, Jean Long, Mary Johnson, Suzy Kish, Ann Stankiewicz, Sandra and Tim Townsend, and Diane Werblo to spray paint through lace/netting. We produced some interesting gourds! Tim's looked like a small striped watermelon. RoJene had copper and blue lace with interesting fades. We'd also like to thank Carol and Jerry Thomas for *bringing us* 3 bags of gourds to use as we wish. (It was especially nice that most of the were cleaned already!) In October we made Halloween and Mexican Day of the Dead decorations. I exhibited the double-sided gourd I bought at the IGS auction as an example.

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

Both of these gourd patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library. For the months of October and November are meeting together and only twice a month at 6-8:00 p.m., on the first and third Wednesdays. They will be deciding whether or not to resume meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays. On October 5 Annette Knox taught acrylic painting of a skeleton on negative space over a pumpkin; these were painted on Lump in Neck gourds (see page 6). In September the group painted ghost over pumpkin on large bottle gourds; this class was also taught by Annette and twelve members completed their projects. Karen Niemeyer has loaned hers, along with 23 other painted gourds from her personal collection to a local art teacher. He sent photos of his second and third grade students' paintings of a bird house gourd in his classroom (see below), and the Thorntown patches have given him 302 gourds of the 530 he would like in order to let each of his students in grades K-6 paint on a gourd. Gourds were given with the stipulation that he enter at least 50 completed ones in the IGS May state show. On November 2 Denise Bechtold will teach the groups how to make a drum necklace. New participants are always welcome, but a reservation is recommended to assure that adequate supplies are on hand. Call Karen at the library: 765 436 7348

Lakeshore Gourders (Alice Pawlowski, contact)

With the seasons changing and fall approaching, some of us are busy with gourd gardens turning to harvest time along with art and craft shows. In August, the group worked with clay again. With Sherry Benedict at the helm, everyone made an 'Ole Man Tree Birdhouse.' Ron Pressel finished his gourd to enter into the Ohio Gourd Society State Show. In September we tried making Thunder Drums in a class taught by Kathy Voyles. We were surprised at how many different thunder density sounds could be achieved just by different cutting techniques on the gourd.

A Big Congratulations to our own Sherry Benedict who won "Best of Show" in the competition at the Ice House.

**Gourds painted by
local art students
in grades 2 and 3.**



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 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

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IGS State Gourd Show Teachers Needed!

The Indiana Gourd Society is looking for teachers for the 2017 state gourd show. If you have a project or technique that you think others may be interested in learning, then think about being an instructor. Mail in your photo and proposal to Delaina DeHaven, 6254S 350W, Rossville, IN, 46065 (directorDDH <at> indiana-gourdsociety.org) by the first of November. Feel free to call or email me with any questions you may have. You can find the needed form on the IGS website under state show.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SEED PRODUCTION

Across the country there are very few gourd seed producers available anymore. Indiana Gourd Society is one of the few left. At this time I am doing most of the work to keep the Pure Seed Project going. I cannot continue doing the majority of the work involved by myself. If I cannot find at least two other individuals who want to get involved and learn to do this and are willing to work with me on a regular basis then I am afraid we will have to discontinue this service as a Society.

What is involved:

- Growing individual type gourds in isolation or hand pollinating each type
- Removing and curing the seeds
- Testing seeds on a regular basis (1 X year)
- Packaging seeds for resale
- Selling seeds from home and other sources
- Tracking sales of seeds

If anyone would like to be involved with the process, please contact me as soon as possible. This could be a profitable business for someone who is willing to put their time into it.

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Roll of Honor Nominations

Nominations for the Indiana Gourd Society Roll of Honor are due to secretary Karen Niemeyer by February 15, 2017. Anyone can nominate a member who has exemplified themselves with extraordinary service and volunteerism to the society. Nominations should include the person's name, your name, and reasons why you think this person deserves recognition. Mail paperwork to Karen Niemeyer, 124 N. Market St, Thorntown, IN 46071 or kniemeyer <at> thorn-town.lib.in.us.

Gourd Crafters Patch restarting

Lois Wright is in the process of restarting the Gourd Crafters patch in Ridgeville/Union City. If you would like to learn more, or join the patch, please contact Lois at the phone number below.

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 Dust Blower, Homemade

Pat Moore

Please Wear a dust mask when working on gourds.....as in cleaning, carving, cutting, burning, etc. Keeping your good gourd health is up to you.

To help you wear a dusk mask and keep it on, I am giving you instruction for my homemade **Gourd dust blower**. This blower should cost less than \$15 to make, depending on the pump size, air output and brand. Walmart type stores and pet shops sell the items needed. Listed below is what you will need and how to made it. See pictures.

Needs:

1. A small aquarium pump. (Diaphragm type, not underwater type, about 15gal size)
2. At least 3 feet of flexible (thin walled) tubing to fit pump outlet.
3. Paperclips, small or large. (or wire about the same gauge)
4. Rubber bands.

Paperclips:

1. Bend and straighten one end of paperclip.... leave the small end bent in the curve.
2. Put the straight end inside the tubing, leave the curved ends short end on outside of tubing
3. You may need to squeeze the curve closed some to keep it from falling out.

Rubber Bands:

1. Place the tubing end, with wire in it, down one side of the tool.
2. Use several rubber bands to attach tubing to the tool.

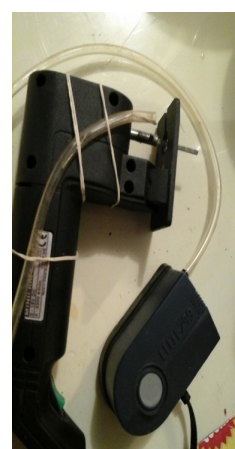
How it works:

1. Bend the wired tubing to follow the shape of tool.
2. Shape/adjust it to blow air towards where dust is created and the dust will blow away.

Hints:

1. Make several paperclip wires, one for each tool, then just switch wires. Save time, over bending and breakage.
2. If you do heavy carving, you may want a stronger pump. A 20gal or higher pump will work, but the \$\$\$ goes up.

Have a Gourd Day, blow the dust away and wear a dust mask.



ROAD TRIPS

2016—courtesy of AGS
(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Nov — Dec

Nov 18-20: California Yucca Valley Gourd Festival, www.yuccavalleygourdfestival.org

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IGS Membership Meeting

December 10, 2016, 10am ET.

Thorntown Public Library, Thorntown, IN

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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)

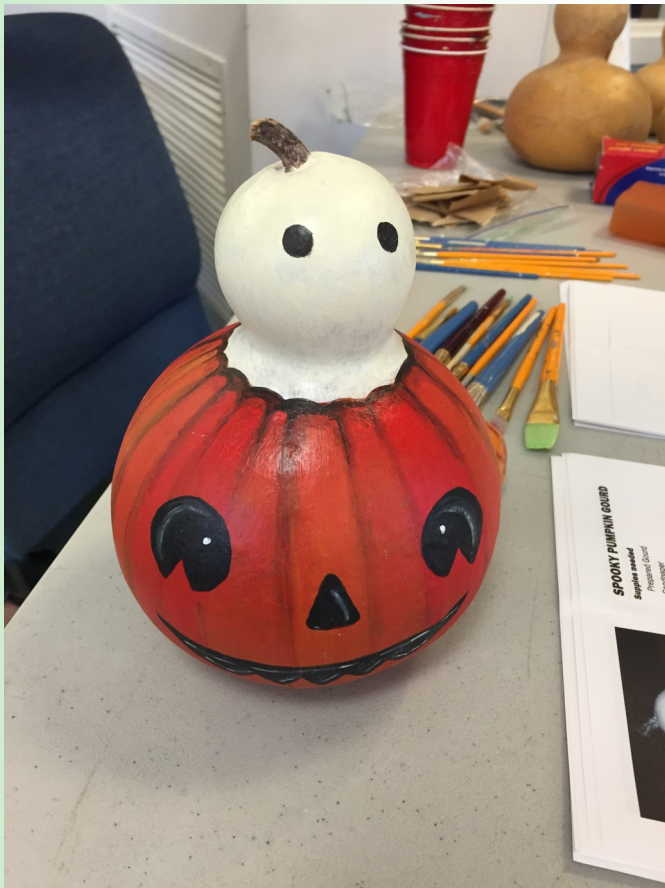
Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN 46052

**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
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]



Ghost over Pumpkin
Painted by Thorntown Gourd Patches
October, 2016

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) or any board member with your comments/concerns. To grow the society AND our great show, we need your input.

Join Us!

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Plan now to attend the State Gourd Show. We need your support. Come as a volunteer before the show to help set it up. Come as a volunteer during the show to help in the various booths. Come as a volunteer and stay a couple of hours after the show to help us tear it down and put the material away. Take a workshop class. Enter gourds in competition. Just come and enjoy the fellowship!

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This is your society! Help us by becoming active in the society!

SEED SALES

We expect to have a new seed sales sheet ready for the Jan/Feb 2017 Tendril! Start planning NOW for which new varieties of gourds you want to plant in your gourd patch!

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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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