



President's Message

GOURD SEASONS!

Karen Niemeyer

'Tis the season, one of many, for gourds. I am having great fun admiring the wild birds at my two gourd feeders, both crafted by Guy Shutt. There are also one to three squirrels who enjoy the two-level feeders, sometimes sitting on the top ring and snacking on sunflower seeds, sometimes sitting inside the marten house base, tail flying out, nose at the opposite side as they enjoy the corn/seed mix that is there. After dark an opossum comes out from under the deck and cleans up any leftovers that made it to the ground. I give him fair warning before I let out the dachshunds and he scoots to safety while the dogs try to figure out where Mr. 'Possum went. At least, I HOPE it is not a female that will bless me with a crop of little ones.

Who knows where the next gourd opportunity will surface? Early December has been time to have my furnace/AC unit serviced, and I sent a few small gourds home with the technician for his 5- and 14-year-old children. This week when he arrived to install a part, he showed me a picture of what the children had painted over the weekend and I gave him the sack I had prepared: gourd show flier, bird house instructions, and larger gourds for children and for him; he was an art major in San Francisco and decided he could not make a living in art, changing to HVAC. Hopefully, we'll see this Danville, Indiana, family at our shows and events. He wants to try his hand at some Percy Medina-type work and looked at my many Peruvian cut/burned gourds.

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Jan / Feb 2019 Patch Schedules

Lakeshore Gourders

Meets third Tuesdays, 10 a.m. CST at the Salem Chapel United Methodist Church, 2802 E. State Rd. 4, LaPorte IN 46574 unless noted

1-15-19:

2-18-19:

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

Meets third Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. EST at the Hendricks Co fairgrounds in Danville

1-17-19: Angel, taught by Carol Brown, bring a friend!

Central Indiana Patch

*Meets fourth Tuesdays at Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy, 6:00-8:00 p.m. EST
[NOTE TIME CHANGE]*

1-22-19: Finishing quilt squares

2-26-19: Assembling quilt squares / mini-project

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

Meets first Wednesdays at Thorntown Public Library, 6-8 p.m. EST

1-2-19: Angels (pre-register, \$15 charge)

2-6-19: Quilted gourds, squares and whole gourds

3-6-19: Pine needle weaving

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

Meets third Wednesdays at Thorntown Public Library, 2-4 p.m. EST

1-16-19: Snowflakes

2-20-19: Quilted gourds, squares and whole gourds

3-20-19: Pine needle weaving

See page 7 for more dates

BOARD MEETING: Jan 12, 2019, 10-4 p.m. EST, Thorntown library (snow date Jan 19)

PATCH NEWS

Lakeshore Gourders (Sherry Benedict, contact)

Lakeshore Gourders meet on Nov. 13, 2018 at the Salem Chapel United Methodist Church, 2802 E. State Rd. 4, LaPorte, IN. 46574, for our monthly meeting. There were 14 members present, we were all making Gourd Turkeys for Thanksgiving (see photo, right). We also played a holiday sock game, rules applied and not always accepted!! Fun game, try it..

We had a very special guest visit us for a short time, Donn Kelter arrived with 2 totes of gourds for everyone, plus a signed book he wrote, *From Vine to Design*. The lucky winner of his book was Ida Kennedy. Many of us did not know Donn before, he also worked with Jim Story to make the Jim Story video. Our next meeting will be January 15, 2019, 10:00 a.m. CST at the Salem Chapel United Methodist Church, 2802 E. State Rd. 4, LaPorte, IN. 46574 (No December meeting).

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.



Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

Our regulars Melanie Blakley, Michelle Fife, RoJene Gilentine, Danny Hall, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, Sandra and Tim Townsend, and Diane Werblo brought or finished or nearly finished rainsticks and thunder drums or other projects in November. As we suspected, the bigger thunder gourds have deeper tones and the longer and fatter the rainstick, the louder and longer it "rains." The drums from Melanie and Michelle were beautifully decorated in shades of red. Sandra Townsend brought us 4-inch gourd squares to work on for January. "Be there or be square." This quilt project may extend into February. Weather permitting, CIP meets 1/22, 2/26 and 3/26 from 6-8pm EST at the Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy.

Sugar Creek and Thorn Tree Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

Readers who are interested in gourds may want to join gourd crafts persons at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., from 6-8 p.m. EST on the first Wednesday of each month or the third Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. EST. Call Karen Niemeyer 765-436-7348 for details and items needed for the sessions. The groups have decided that a different patch member will lead the sessions each month. In December Sandra Townsend facilitated the painting of gourd snowmen. In January snowmen may be continued or Karen Niemeyer will lead in painting snowflakes. Weather may force some cancellations and topics may also change. Planning for topics to be presented at the March, April, and May meetings will take place at the January and February meetings. If you have a topic you would like to learn at one of these meetings, please let Karen know.

Our plans so far:

January 2, 6-8 p.m. EST: Angels (Carol Brown), cost is \$15. Call library for reservation

January 16, 2-4 p.m. EST: snowflakes

February 6, 6-8 p.m. EST: Quilted gourds: squares and whole gourds (Sandra Townsend and Karen Niemeyer)

February 20, 2-4 p.m. EST: Quilted gourds: squares and whole gourds (Sandra Townsend and Karen Niemeyer)

March 6, 6-8 p.m. EST: Pine needle weaving on rims of gourd bowls. Bring cut bowl.

March 20, 2-4 p.m. EST: Pine needle weaving on rims of gourd bowls. Bring cut bowl.

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch (Shirley Gates, contact)

The West Central Gourd Patch will meet January 17 2019, 1-4 p.m. EST at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville, IN.

Note from 2019 IGS State Show Co-Chairs

Hello everyone. This is just to keep everyone updated on the progress of the 2019 Indiana Gourd Society State Show, the first Friday and Saturday of May, 2019, at the Fulton County Museum, by Rochester, Indiana, again. Plans seem to be progressing well. We have decided to have some “Make It Take It” activities at the show for the benefit of those who might want to learn to make a quick craft out of gourds. This will be open to adults and children, but all children under 10 must have an adult with them. We will have “Make It Take It” kits available for a minimal cost. There will be free activities going on for all children, such as spinner or shard necklaces, which they can decorate at no cost.

This year we will also be offering 2-3 hour long workshops. We are trying to keep the cost under \$35.00, of which \$5.00 will be for our Society. We still have a few openings for instructors. If you are interested in teaching any simple workshops, please send us a picture of your workshop and the workshop instructor form. We would like to have our selections made by Jan 1, 2019. We still have a couple of **free** vendor spaces available. Let us know asap if you are interested. We have pretty much filled our vacant spaces. We will be having many demonstrations, like we did last year. Everyone did a great job and it was a lot of fun.

We are in need of all the volunteers we can get, so please consider giving some of your free time helping at the show. We would really appreciate it.

Workshops will be posted in the next *Tendrill*, which will be coming out in March, 2019. If you have any suggestions on making the show better, please feel free to contact us.

Sandra Townsend and Ida Kennedy, Co-Chairs



Honey Bear Miller's
Christmas Critter.
“Gourdough Joe”

It is made from
Devil's Claws.

He has three eyes.



PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
Lakeshore Gourders	Plymouth	Sherry Benedict	574-936-4805
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Jim Ballard	317-468-5717
Patch 4	West Lafayette	Verona Clark	765-242-1967
Story Gourd Patch	Pendleton	Inactive	
Sugar Creek	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
Thorn Tree	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
West Central Indiana	Avon	Carol Brown	317-742-5184 or
		Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

THE INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY PRESENTS



MAY 3-4, 2019

FRIDAY, MAY 3

10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 4

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

FULTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

37 E - 375 N

ROCHESTER, IN. 46975

www.indianagourdsociety.org

IGS STATE GOURD SHOW
2019

VENDOR APPLICATION
2019

2019 VENDORS WILL RECEIVE:

1 FREE BOOTH SPACE
(10' x 10') OR (16' x 24')
INSIDE OUTSIDE

1 FREE SKIRTED TABLE
2 FREE CHAIRS

VENDORS MAY PURCHASE
ADDITIONAL BOOTH SPACES
AND SKIRTED TABLES FOR A
NOMINAL FEE.
SEE APPLICATION FOR \$\$\$

Vendor Regulations - 2019

Contact: Diane Werblo, Phone: (317) 783-1428 Email: vendor@indianagourdsociety.org

Selection: Inside and outside spaces available.

Set-Up: Thursday, May 2nd- Setup may begin Thursday noon until 8:00 PM.

Friday, May 3rd - Setup starting at 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM.

Vendor packets available all day Thursday.

ID Badges: Up to two (2) preprinted Name badges per booth space rented. Tags may be picked up on Thursday. These badges must be worn during the show hours as your Show Pass into the Shows Venue Area. Additional badges may be purchased for \$5.00.

Vendor Policy - IGS State Show - 2019

The Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. will not create a policy that will eliminate any vendor from demonstrating or selling any Brand Name merchandise or determine any price structure for merchandise sold, thereby eliminating competition between vendors. This has been the position of the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. in the past and shall continue to be in the future.

Location and Booth Space:

- Dry Gourd Vendors (with cleaned gourds) will be allowed inside, if space is available.
- Outside Space, approximately 16' x 24'.
- Inside Space, approximately 10' x 10'.
- Booth locations, assigned by the committee according to show layout.

Specific requests will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed.

- Demonstrations in the booth are limited to the confines of the booth. Demonstrations must be completed during show hours, must not produce a "make it-take it" item, or charge a fee.

- Manning the booth is the responsibility of the person applying for the booth space.

Vendor is responsible for staffing booth during show hours. As a courtesy to neighboring vendors, no booth is to be left unattended during show hours.

- Tables inside must be skirted to the floor on all audience sides.

Permits, Merchandise and Sales: Each vendor is responsible for all Federal/Indiana taxes (forms at Dept. of Revenue, Indianapolis, Ind.)

- Merchandise must be at least seventy-five percent (75%) gourd and/or gourd-related.

Any other merchandise and/or vendors will be by IGS invitation only.

- NO SALE of plastic items, artificial flowers or fractal burned gourds is permitted.
- Committee reserves the right to reject and/or restrict vendor due to space constraints, condition and/or quality of sale merchandise, sale of inappropriate items for this show or sub-standard booth appearance.

- All imported sale gourds must be clearly marked, "Imported from ____" (specify country).
- Sales begin after your booth has been set up and continues throughout show hours.

Teardown: Vendors may teardown after 4:00 PM on Saturday. Merchandise sell-out does NOT constitute a reason to dismantle your booth or remove merchandise prior to the designated teardown time.

Security: Reasonable security will be provided for all show participants by the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. and Fulton Co. Historical Society. (See security disclaimer on page 6.)

Refunds: No refunds issued on cancellations received after April 15th. (FIRM)

*** ALL Vendors are asked to donate one (1) or more items to IGS for the Silent Auction and enter three (3) gourds or more into competition.

Vendor Application Form Indiana Gourd Society, Inc., 2019 Show

Mail completed form and check to:

IGS Registration

P.O. Box 822

Marion, Indiana, 46952

This form is available at: www.indianagourdsociety.org

E-mail: vendor@indianagourdsociety.org

Phone: Diane Werblo: (317) 783-1428

DEADLINE: postmarked - April 15

Non-Compliance: Failure to comply with regulations may prohibit any vendor from future participation in other Indiana Shows. Show committee decision is final.

The 7th annual "Joyce Dankowski - Best Visual Display Award" will be given to a participating Vendor with the best visual display or booth.

Give a detailed description of what you are selling at the Indiana Gourd Show:

Name:	
Business name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-Mail:	
Phone/Cell No.	& Best time to call:
IGS Member:	Circle: YES NO

Describe any free demonstrations you are willing to do. Specify - Demo area or your booth.

Vendors will receive two (2) name tags per booth space rented. Additional tags may be purchased for \$5.00 each - list names below. Tags serve as your weekend SHOW PASS when worn. To be picked up on Thursday or a door fee will be charged on Friday and Saturday.

Names:

Spaces available on a first-come, first-paid bases, as space is limited inside.

#	Inside booth space (10' X 10') 1 space Free, additional spaces @ \$25 each.	\$
#	Outside booth space (16' X 24') 1 space Free, additional spaces @ \$25 each.	\$
#	Skirted Tables (8' X 30") 1 Free, additional skirted tables @ \$10 each. (you may bring your own). Vendor-supplied tables must be skirted to the floor by the Vendor.	\$
#	Chairs - 2 Free. More chairs free on request. (you may bring your own).	Free
#	Electricity @ \$5.00/vendor. Demonstrators given electrical preference. No extension cords or surge suppressors provided.	\$
#	Additional name tags @ \$5.00 each (write names on separate sheet).	\$
TOTAL	Make check payable to: Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. (IGS) and mail with application.	\$

ROAD TRIPS

2019—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Feb 8-10: Arizona Gourd Society & Wuertz Farm
Gourd Festival, Casa Grande, AZ

www.wuertzfarm.com/gourd-festival.html

Apr 6-7: Missouri Show Me Gourd Society Fine Art
Festival, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield,
MO—www.showmegourdsociety.org

May 3-4: Indiana Gourd Society, Fulton Co
Historical Society, Rochester, IN
www.indianagourdsociety.org

May 18-19: Kentucky Gourd Society Fall Show,
Spencer Co Extension Office, Taylorsville,
KY—www.kygourdsociety.org

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Board Meeting

January 12, 2019, 10-4 p.m. EST
(Snow date: January 19, 2018)
Thorntown Library, Thorntown, IN

Indiana Gourd Society State Gourd Show

May 3-4, 2019
Fulton County Historical Society
37 E. 375 N
Rochester, IN 46975
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

AGS Judges Class

Become a certified AGS judge and help the Society. The class is one day long, there is a fee (\$15). We're tentatively planning the class for Saturday March 16, 2019, 9-6 p.m. EST at Thorntown Library. More information in the next *Tendril*. We also recommend current judges take this course as a refresher; many of the judging guidelines have changed. If you are interested, please contact Phil Moorhead (see last page for info).

Ways & Means

Caps and visors: \$12.00 each
Jim Story DVD: \$20.00 each

(President's Report, from page 1)

I'll be mailing him some of our handouts and contact information for the West Central Indiana Gourd Patch.

The Indiana Gourd Society still seeks a 2nd vice president, whose responsibility will be contacting patches and coordinating any efforts to meet their needs. Volunteer needed: This is a new job description that will be adjusted as appropriate to support and encourage patches. The duties will be altered as IGS works through the upcoming year.

This is my final column as president of the IGS, and I am delighted to turn the duties over to Loretta Pressel, who is organized, enthusiastic, and very, very knowledgeable about gourd growing and crafting. **Welcome aboard, Loretta!!**

Remember to inform IGS if you have a postal address, e-mail or phone change. We would like to keep our records current!

The IGS was formed and exists pursuant to the Indiana Not-for-Profit corporation statute Sect. 501 (c) (5). The corporation has never attained Sect. 501 (c) (3) status of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, gifts to IGS are not deductible for income tax purposes.

Address Change: Fill out form and mail to indicated address below.

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEW	ID# _____
Membership Application		DATE: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year @ \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 year @ \$40.00	Patch # _____		
PLEASE PRINT (Free gift with New or 3yr Membership)				
NAME: _____				
ADDRESS: _____				
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____				
PHONE _____ COUNTY _____				
EMAIL _____				
DO YOU WANT ELECTRONIC <i>TENDRIL</i> ? CIRCLE YES or NO				
Make your CHECK payable to the INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.				
MAIL TO: INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC., 691 W Veach Rd, Bloomington, IN 47832				
Visit the IGS Web site at: www.indianagourdsociety.org				

Introducing Our New President

I would like to introduce myself. I am Loretta Pressel, your newly-elected President for the Indiana Gourd Society. First, I would like to thank Karen Niemeyer for her years of service to the IGS. She is one of those "jack of all trades" kind of person. It will be hard to follow in her footsteps.

I have been involved in the IGS since 2003. My husband, Ron, and I grow and craft hard shell gourds. I am looking forward to this year with much anticipation.

We have a good set of officers and directors. For our State Show, co-chairs and committees are working hard on giving us a quality show this May 3 and 4. Our patches are doing well and growing. I plan on visiting each patch this coming year. I would like to see more patches developing. That, probably, will be my main goal for the year. I trust you had a great holiday season.

Till next time, Miss Loretta.

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Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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3-20-19: Complete projects and DYOT

Your show committee is hard at work planning a terrific event. But we can't do it without your participation -- that means your ideas, competitive pieces, demonstrations, volunteer spirit, and social media presence.

Come play with us in May.

Put us on your calendar now!

Welcome to our new (and returning) members of the Board of Directors and Officers!

Want to make a difference in the Indiana Gourd Society?

VOLUNTEER!

And, a big THANK YOU to the retiring members of the Board of Directors and Officers, without your help we could not be the society we are today.

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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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