



## President's Message

*Loretta Pressel*

My goodness. Didn't Mother Nature give us a reminder that we are not in control. Now that she has got it out of her system maybe she can give us good growing season for our gourds. The last five or six years have not been very good for growing gourds, at least in our area. Last year, we did fairly well but most gourders said they didn't have much luck.

We received the sad news that one of our IGS members, Harold {Red} Hochstetler from Bremen, passed on January 26. Red always enjoyed helping out at the State Show. He was 89, so he had slowed down the past few years. We extend our sympathy to his family.

The Indiana State Show time is almost near. The dates are May 3 and 4, 2019. We again will be at the Fulton County Historical Society Museum near Rochester, IN. Please, pencil in on your calendars these dates. Our attendance was good last year but this year we want to make it **great!** There is so much to do for all family members. We encourage you to bring your children.

Maybe you would like to enter some crafted gourds or dry gourds. Gourd growers have their own division. They enter some really **BIG** gourds. Exhibits are due May 2, 2 p.m. EST. – 8 p.m. EST and May 3, 7 a.m. EST.- 10 p.m. EST. Judging is at approximately 10 a.m. EST.

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## Mar / Apr 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*

No topic info

### West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

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

No topic info

### Central Indiana Patch

*Meets fourth Tuesdays at Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy, 6-8 p.m. EST*

**3-26-19:** Easter decorations

**4-23-19:** Zentangle / Zendoodle

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

**3-6-19:** Cut and drill gourd bowls

**4-3-19:** Begin assembling gourd square quilt

### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

**3-20-19:** Weave pine needle rims on bowls

**4-17-19:** Finish gourd block quilt, finish projects, assemble b&w gallery for state show

*See page 7 for dates in May and beyond*

## IGS Membership Meeting

October 19, 2019

Thorntown Library  
Thorntown, IN

## The IGS Is No Longer Selling Seeds

(lack of volunteers)

## Plan to visit the IGS State Gourd Show

May 3-4, 2019—Rochester, IN

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## PATCH NEWS

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### Lakeshore Gourders (Sherry Benedict, contact)

The Lakeshore Gourders meet on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Salem Chapel United Methodist Church, 2802 E. State Rd. 4, LaPorte, In 46574 for our monthly meeting.

There were 13 members present, we had a lesson on painting a Snowman on a Gourd given by Sherry Benedict, this was a long project, next month everyone is supposed to bring it back finished☺. Thank you to Ron and Loretta Pressel for furnishing some already base painted gourds.

Kathy Voyles brought Tomato Bisque soup for lunch, everyone else supplied sides. A lot of talking and fun during lunch hour.

Next month Ron Pressel will give a demo on Pine needle weaving on a Gourd Rim.

Next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10:00 a.m. CST  
Salem Chapel United Methodist Church(use back door)

2802 E. State Rd. 4

LaPorte, IN. 46574

Sherry Benedict ,Patch Leader

[stbenedict@embarqmail.com](mailto:stbenedict@embarqmail.com)

Keep on Gourd'n



credit to Jamie 2014 for  
the pattern

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

Both patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown. In February, both groups worked on 4" quilt squares and on crazy quilt gourds. They also completed a snowflake/deer scene begun on January 16. What better source of inspiration than the Christmas box lid from Donaldson's Finer Chocolates of Lebanon!

On March 6 from 6-8 p.m. EST the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch will prepare gourd bowls for both patches and on March 20 from 2-4 p.m. Monta Taylor will teach pine needle weaving on the rims of the bowls. On April 3 the Sugar Creek Patch will meet from 6-8 p.m. EST and on April 17 from 2-4 p.m. EST the Thorn Tree Patch will meet, both working to complete unfinished projects, to assemble a gourd block quilt, and to prepare a black and white gallery for display at the May IGS state show.

There will be no May 1 meeting as members prepare to assist with setup and operation of the show. On May 15 from 2-4 p.m. EST crafters will display and discuss the state show and their entries and make plans for June - August sessions. Visitors are always welcome. Call Karen at the library (765-436-7348) to learn what supplies and/or equipment should be assembled for sessions.

### Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In February, our core members finished the quilt squares for our group gallery entry into the IGS State Show. We then worked on snowman kits from Sandra Townsend. In March we are doing Easter decorations -- eggs, bunnies, chicks. In April, each person is to bring a white-painted gourd and black Sharpies - fat and fine lines - for a "Black and White" Zentangle/Zendoodle or calligraphy project for the State Show. CIP meets 3/26 and 4/23 from 6-8 p.m. EST at the Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy.

## Want to start a patch?

## It is easy to do!

**Contact Karen Niemeyer for details. A patch is a a group of friends getting together to discuss or demonstrate gourd, gourd techniques, or other ideas about gourds.**

## 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. Plans seem to be progressing well.

We are always in need of and thankful for all the volunteers we can get, so please consider giving some of your free time helping at the show. We really appreciate it, and it allows everyone to take part in classes or just enjoy the show.

This year we will be offering shorter ( 2-3 hour) workshops at less cost (\$35.00 and under-\$5.00 of this goes to IGS) for those that want to basically learn a technique. Workshops for our May show are being posted in this Tendril issue. Our colored workshop flyer will be online and mailed out by mid March.

For those who can't take a class, we will be offering some "Make It Take It" activities for anyone who might want to make a quick craft out of gourds. We will have "Make It Take It" kits available for a minimal fee. You can either put them together at the show with some assistance, or take them home to do later. This will be open to adults and children, but all children under 10 must have an adult with them. There will be ongoing free activities for all children, such as spinners, or shard necklaces, which they can decorate at no cost. We will be having many demos again this year. Everyone did a great job last year and it was a lot of fun. If there is a specific demo you would like to see, please let us know and we can try to fit it in.

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### 2019 State Show Workshops—A full color flyer will be sent out when these are finalized

				May 3	May 4	
Teacher	Class Title	Description	Price	Friday	Saturday	Len
Sheryl Scott	"Gourd Bowl with Pine Needle Rim"	Learn basic rim weaving with pine needles on a gourd bowl.	\$35	AM		3 hr.
Sheryl Scott	"Apple Gourd Centerpiece"	Apple gourd with embellishments added.	\$35	PM		3 hr.
Sheryl Scott	"Paint a Birdhouse"	Learn basic painting on a bird-house gourd.	\$35		AM	3 hr.
Sheryl Scott	"Pumpkin Gourd Centerpiece"	Cheese gourd with embellishments added.	\$35		PM	3 hr.
Michelle Fife	"Pine Needle Coiling on a Gourd Bowl"	Learn basic pine needle coiling on an ink dyed gourd bowl.	\$35	PM	PM	3 hr.
Miriam Fankhauser	"Dreamcatcher Gourd"	learn to make 3 dreamcatchers on one gourd.	\$25	AM		3 hr.
Pat Moore	"Mandala Dot Art"	Learn basics "Mandala Art " Do a circle design with layers of paint dots.	\$25	PM	AM	3 hr.
Diane Werblo	"Going Dotty"	Decorate a small dyed gourd with an abstract design of ink dots.	\$25	?	?	3 hr.
Diane Werblo	"Rock On"	Make a small gourd look like a rock.	\$25	?	?	3 hr.
Mac McCrary	"Weaving on Gourd Pin"	Learn needle weaving on a prepared gourd piece.	\$25	?	?	3 hr.

### PATCH CONTACTS

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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](http://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](mailto: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 Spaces:

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- 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: This form is available at: [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)

IGS Registration

E-mail: [vendor@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:vendor@indianagourdsociety.org)

Phone: Diane Werblo: (317) 783-1428

P.O. Box 822

Marion, Indiana, 46952

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

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

Apr 13: Midwest Gourd Fest, Madison, WI—  
[www.happypages.com/wisconsinagourdsociety](http://www.happypages.com/wisconsinagourdsociety)

Apr 26-27: South Carolina Ghost Creek Gourd fest, Laurens, SC—  
[www.southcarolinagourd.wixsite.com/scgourdsociety](http://www.southcarolinagourd.wixsite.com/scgourdsociety)

May 3-4: Indiana Gourd Society, Fulton Co Historical Society, Rochester, IN  
[www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)

May 18-19: Kentucky Gourd Society Fall Show, Spencer Co Extension Office, Taylorsville, KY—[www.kygourdsociety.org](http://www.kygourdsociety.org)

## \* \* IGS Events 2019 \* \*

### Show Committee Meeting

March 16, 2019, 10-4 p.m. EST  
Thorntown Library, Thorntown, IN

### Indiana Gourd Society State Gourd Show

May 3-4, 2019  
(May 2, 2019 setup day)  
Fulton County Historical Society  
37 E. 375 N  
Rochester, IN 46975  
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

### IGS Membership Meeting

October 19, 2019  
Thorntown Library  
37 E. 375 N  
Thorntown, IN  
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## HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting
2019:	May 3-4	October 10
2020:	May 1-2	October 17
2021:	May 7/8	October 16

## Ways & Means

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

(President's Report, from page 1)

One of our goals this year is to encourage the inactive patches to reinvent themselves. As President, I want to visit every patch and show our appreciation for what they do. I want to visit/talk with every inactive patch. I want to find out how the IGS can advise and help them to reach their potential.

One other item to mention. The IGS is no longer selling gourd seeds. There will be a vendor selling gourd seeds at the show.

There is nothing more wonderful than planting a seed and watching it grow. Till next time.

Loretta Pressel, IGS President

**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. ☐ NEW ☐ RENEW ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Application DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 1 year @ \$15.00 ☐ 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 TENDRIL? CIRCLE YES or NO  
Make your CHECK payable to the INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.  
MAIL TO: INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC., 691 W Veach Rd, Bloomingdale, IN 47832  
Visit the IGS Web site at: [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)

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If you have any gourd hats, masks, or jewelry that you made, or a favorite one you acquired, please bring them with you to show off at our Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday am 8:30 to 10:00 EST. We will judge our favorite ones and award a small prize in each of these categories. Anything goes on these. We do not have a parade scheduled this year.

**The following Vendors are tentatively scheduled for our show:**

**Crafted Gourds:**

- “Lady of the Forest” - Sherry Benedict,
- Pat Buedel,
- Miriam Fankhauser,
- Michelle Fife,
- “Front Porch Gourds” - Sheryl Scott,
- Sue Westhues,
- Anna Poma,
- -“Jim Story” - Jim Ballard

**Dry Gourds:**

- “Kents Curcubits” - Seth Kent,
- “Sand Lady” - Helen Thomas,
- “Front Porch Gourds”-Tim Scott

**Gourd Plants:**

- Whites Family Services of Wabash, IN – Tim Main Dale Winger

**Seeds:**

- “Ida’s Gourd Seeds & Creations” - Ida Kennedy

**Tools & Supplies:**

- Barbara Moore (Tools),
- Front Porch Gourds— Sheryl Scott

Hope to see many of you at our Show. Spring is coming fast so think GOURDS and get busy crafting for the gourd competition. Don’t forget to get your competition entry forms in as early as possible.

Sandra Townsend and Ida Kennedy, Co-Chairs

**Want to make a difference in  
the Indiana Gourd Society?**

**VOLUNTEER!**

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**5-28-19:**

**6-25-19:**

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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**5-1-19:** No meeting

### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

**5-15-19** Review state show, plan June-August, work on individual projects

## W&M NEWS

Our State Show will be here sooner than you think. We have hats, visors and Honey Bear’s dry gourds for sale. I would like to reintroduce our White Elephant Table. Now is the time to go through your stuff that you have no use for any more. Gourd related items are nice, but you can bring any small items such as: books, knick knacks, dried florals, bulbs, puzzles and etc. Bring them anytime during the show. Loretta Pressel, chairperson

### AGS Judges Class Cancelled—replaced by current judges refresher

Because of a lack of interest, the AGS certified judges class scheduled for Saturday March 16, 2019, is canceled. There is a show committee meeting that day and we’ll have a refresher for current judges. If you are interested in how judging works, you can still attend at the Thorntown Library. 10 a.m. EST.

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#### **CHECK EXPIRATION DATE ABOVE YOUR ADDRESS!** **THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE**

#### **Issue: Articles Due:**

<i>Jan/Feb</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>
<i>Mar/Apr</i>	<i>Feb 1</i>
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<i>Jul/Aug</i>	<i>Jun 1</i>
<i>Sep/Oct</i>	<i>Aug 1</i>
<i>Nov/Dec</i>	<i>Oct 1</i>

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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