



## President's Message

*Loretta Pressel*

The Indiana Gourd Society State Show on May 3 & 4 was a great show. I want to thank our co-show chairs, Sandra Townsend and Ida Kennedy. Also, thanks to all the others who helped, sometimes in numerous positions, to make a successful show. Sherry and Tom Benedict were our featured artists and their display attracted many visitors. The staff at the Fulton County Historical Society Museum are such a joy to work with. We, again, plan for our 2020 State Show to be held at this same location, the first week-end of May.

Can I say that "spring has sprung?" My husband and I live in northern Indiana. The weather has been so wet and cold. We finally got our gourds planted the fourth week of May. We planted twelve different varieties. We cage our gourds and it's a good thing we did. The next day we had tornado warnings and high winds. Anything, not caged, was flattened. We didn't need to plant any Apple gourds, this year. My gourd of the moment for this year is Apache Dipper. I love them. I'm also keen on the African Warty. We are trying two new ornamentals, Gizmo and Hoargarth. Where do they get these names? This what makes "gourding" fun.

I am looking forward to visiting your Gourd Patches this summer. I have one visit scheduled for Linda's Patch on June 20, 2019. Hope to get some more scheduled soon. Any one interested in starting a Patch please contact me.

## Jul / Aug 2019 Patch Schedules

### Lakeshore Gourders

*Meets third Tuesdays, 10 a.m. CT at the 791 Dodge Trail (on Hwy 6), Westville unless noted*

**7-16-19:** *To be announced*

**8-20-19:** *To be announced*

### West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

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

**Jul/Aug:** No meeting

### Linda's Gourd Patch

*Meets third Saturdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 200 W McKenzie Rd, Greenfield at 2-4 p.m. EST*

**7-20-19:** Faux Finishing with Loretta Pressel

**8-17-19:** Turning gourds into rocks

### Central Indiana Patch

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

**7-23-19:** Jackson Pollack splatters/drips

**8-27-19:** Hats and/or flowers

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

**7-3-19:** Warty pumpkins

**8-7-19:** Woodburning and adding color

### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

**7-17-19:** Warty pumpkins

**8-21-19:** Woodburning and adding color

*See page 7 for dates in September and beyond*

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# PATCH NEWS

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## **Lakeshore Gourders (Sherry Benedict, contact)**

Lakeshore Gourders participated in the State Show in May and several of our members won awards, Ron Pressel, Loretta Pressel, Ida Kennedy, Tom Benedict, Sherry Benedict, Marion Ellis, anyone that I missed sorry (let me know and I will correct next time).

Our Monthly meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month. In June, July, August, Sept and Oct they will be held at the Barn in Westville ,In. 791 Dodge Trail, Westville IN 46391. It is on HWY 6, a white fence is along the road. (Blanche's # 219-477-8591). This months project is leaf shadowing and in July it will be Little Black Sheep.

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

Both Patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown. Call Karen at the library (765-436-7348) to learn what supplies and/or equipment should be assembled for sessions. The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets on the first Wednesday from 6-8:00 p.m. ET while the Thorn Tree Gourd Patch meets on the third Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. ET In July both groups will work on warty pumpkin creatures and plan their Boone County Fair open show entries; they will also plan the October-December crafts and will complete state fair entries. In August the patches will work with pyrography and then add color. September meetings will feature burning leaves on gourds and adding color. Participants are always invited to work on individual art instead of a group project.

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

About nine of us competed in the State Show. RoJene Gillentine won the most blue ribbons! I'm proud to note that many volunteers came from CIP. May's meeting was rescheduled to June 4, causing us to lose a few people. Our decoupage session went well. Special thanks to Mary Johnson and Ann Stankiewicz for sharing supplies. RoJene G., Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo participated. Jean Long stopped by. We changed June 25 meeting from flowers to a woven ornament. Weather-permitting, July will be Jackson Pollack-style splatters/drips on large gourds. Future possibilities are flowers (w. hats?) and rubber stamps with or without heated embossing powders. We have discussed a weekend trip to Sandlady's Gourd Farm.

## **West Central Indiana Gourd Patch (Shirley Gates, contact)**

We worked on incomplete projects for the county and State fairs. Also we enjoyed talking about new paints and products for making our gourd crafting easier. We included in our discussion some tips or ideas about starting the gourd seeds. Sandra showed some pieces to get started into jewelry making. We will not meet again after the June meeting due to summer commitments

## **Linda's Patch (Jim Ballard, contact)**

Linda's Gourd Patch met on April 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Greenfield, IN for our monthly meeting. There were eight members present. We continued to collaborate on our hat project for the IGS State show. The hat project was a lengthy project and very challenging. We also made black and white gourd nametag necklaces for the State show. Most of us brought in a snack to share while discussing the IGS State show rules and regulations for the upcoming competition.

We had a wonderful time at the IGS State Show! We learned a lot and enjoyed the fellowship. We made a lot of new GOURD friends. Thanks to all who put their hard work and dedication into IGS State show.

Our May meeting was postponed so most of our members could attend the Kentucky Gourd show. In our June meeting, we worked on Dot Art.



# Indiana Gourd Society State Show Awards

## Winners

Jim Story Manipulated	Pat Moore
Jim/Jane Story Creative Floral	Pat Moore
Div 1 (Memorial):	Pat Moore
Div 2 (Dried):	Rosemary Hill
Div 3 (Botanicals):	Loretta Pressel
Div 4 (Floral Design):	Loretta Pressel
Div 5 (Arts and Crafts):	Theresa Marsan
Div 6 (Gallery):	Betty Davis
Novice:	Melanie Blakely
Intermediate:	Joyce Bennett
Advanced:	Theresa Marsan
Master:	Betty Davis
Children, C1:	(no entries)
Children, C2:	Cruz Pacheco
Children, C3:	Margie Kempson
Children, C4:	Ella Boise
Most Preregistered Entries:	Loretta Pressel
Most Blue Ribbons:	RoJene Gillentine
Chairperson's Award:	Betty Davis
People's Choice Award:	Theresa Marsan
Vendor Booth Award:	Miriam Fankhauser



Chairperson's Award: Betty Davis



Vendor Booth Award:

## PATCH CONTACTS

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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



Jim Story Manipulated Award: Pat Moore



Jim/Jane Story Creative Floral Award: Pat Moore



Botanical Award: Loretta Pressel



Novice Award: Melanie Blakely



Overview of the Exhibits Area



Did you miss Pat Moore's Hands-on Workshop?



## Judge's Class Forming

**Are you interested in how judges judge? I am putting together an AGS judge's class to be held at the Thorntown Library March, 21 2020 at 10 a.m ET. Current judges should consider refreshing at this meeting. It is an 8-hour course. You must be an AGS member in good standing. The cost of the course is \$20 for the study material and name badge. Please contact me if you are interested, students must be pre-registered so we get the proper materials. Phil Moorhead, 765-674-8088**



Advanced Award: Theresa Marsan



Arts & Crafts Award: Theresa Marsan

## VOLUNTEER AT THE IGS BOOTH AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR!

Want to be in the coolest place at the Indiana State Fair? Really! Our building is downright chilly. Volunteer and have fun! The Ag-Hort building is a great place to be on a hot day. You don't have to know everything; we pair you with experienced people. Tickets are provided (mailed) on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 6 sessions each day; we need a minimum of 2 people per session and 4 on weekends. Please make a 4-6 hour commitment on your day(s).

Volunteers liked the 2-hour slots to see more of the fair, so sign up for 2-3 sessions on your day. Plan for a 1/4-1/2 hour overlap at the shift's start and end. Shuttles take 30-60 minutes for a round-trip of the fair. Feel free to eat at the booth, but please choose easy to eat neat food. We want you to have a good time, too! There are 17 free concerts. We had about two dozen great volunteers last year! Contact Diane Werblo at 317-783-1428 or [igs.dpwerblo.com](http://igs.dpwerblo.com) to sign up and monitor the volunteer chart on the website.

## ROAD TRIPS

2019—courtesy of AGS  
([www.americangourdsociety.org](http://www.americangourdsociety.org))

Jul 31-Aug4: Texas Gourd Society's Lone Star  
Gourd Festival & Art Show, New Braunfels,  
TX—[www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org)  
Sep 14-16: Nevada Silver State Art Festival, Fuji  
Hall, Carson City, NV—  
[www.nevadagourdsociety.org](http://www.nevadagourdsociety.org)  
Oct 4-6: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware County  
Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH—  
[www.ohiogourdsociety.com](http://www.ohiogourdsociety.com)

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

### Indiana State Fair

Aug 2-18, 2019  
Indianapolis Fairgrounds

### IGS Membership Meeting

October 19, 2019  
Thorntown Library  
124 N Market St  
Thorntown, IN  
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE / ENTER AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

Many of you discovered IGS at the State Fair. Isn't it about time you entered something? It's easy. Every Indiana resident is eligible to enter. Gourds need to be less than 3 years old and can't have been at the ISF before. This includes the dried gourds for the non-artists. (We need more of you! The same three people keep winning and I'm one of them. Give me a run for my money.)

This year a \$40 entry fee plus a \$10 processing fee lets you enter any open class in this building; there are a few hundred opportunities. You get 6 complimentary tickets. Ticket are \$13 at the gate. Do the math; it still pays to enter. In addition, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places in all competitions get monetary awards from ISF. (IGS booth volunteers will gratefully use any extra tickets you have.)

### TO ENTER:

Either go to [www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/aghort-building/](http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/aghort-building/) or call the entry department at 317-927-7515 and ask for the Ag-Hort info. The book is always online in March or is now available on paper from the entry dept. The entry deadline is July 1.

## HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting
2019:	May 3-4	October 19
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**

**Send check payable to IGS to Phil Moorhead, PO  
Box 822, Marion, IN 46952**

**Remember to inform IGS if you  
have a postal address, e-mail or  
phone change. We would like to  
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Membership Application		DATE: _____		
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## Featured Artists for 2019

# Sherry Benedict & Tom Benedict



Linda's Gourd Patch members showing off their gourd hats

## 2019 Patch Schedules

July and beyond

### Central Indiana Patch

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

**9-24-19:** *To be announced*

**10-22-19:** *To be announced*

### Lakeshore Gourders

*Meets third Tuesdays, 10 a.m. CT at the 791 Dodge Trail (on Hwy 6), Westville unless noted*

**9-17-19:** *To be announced*

**10-15-19:** *To be announced*

### Linda's Gourd Patch

*Meets third Saturdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 200 W McKenzie Rd, Greenfield at 2-4 p.m. EST*

**9-21-19:** *To be announced*

**10-19-19:** *To be announced*

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

**9-4-19:** Fall leaves pyrography/adding color

**10-2-19:** *To be announced*

### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

**9-18-19:** Fall leaves pyrography/adding color

**10-16-19:** *To be announced*

## IGS Membership Meeting

October 19, 2019

Thorntown Library  
Thorntown, IN

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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*. We reserve the right to edit for content, style, or to fit printing requirements

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