

## President's Message

I am Pat Moore, the new 2020 President of Indian Gourd Society. I would like to tell you a little about myself. I live in Bloomington, IN. I have been growing gourds since the mid 70's. I found IGS at the Indiana State Fair in 2004 and have been hooked on the arts and crafting of GOURDS ever since. So far, I have not found any of my old crafting techniques that I have not been able to incorporate into my gourd world. I am a 16-year veteran as a gourd exhibitor in competitions in three Gourd Societies. I attend three different State Shows each year and the Gourd Gathering at Cherokee, NC.

I have been the IGS Membership Secretary since 2008 and am an AGS Certified Judge. I was the past IGS State Gourd Show Chair from 2013 to 2017. I am still involved with the IGS State Gourd Show, I wear many different hats to help keep the show going. I do not sell my gourd arts and crafts, but often my gourd things are on display for your enjoyment. I end all my gourd correspondence with "HAVE A GOURD DAY!" I am—and hope you are. too.

The IGS State Gourd Show is May 1-2, 2020. Go to [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org) to see the three show books: Competition, Information and Workshops. There is still time to sign up for the gourd competitions and workshops. I hope to see you ALL there! Stop by and meet me, I'd love to put a face with the many names I know.

**Have A Gourd Day**

## Patch Schedules Mar / Apr 2020

### Lakeshore Gourders

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

**3-17-20:** Loretta Pressel: Easter crafts

**4-21-20:** Ron Pressel: Necklaces

### West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

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

**3-19-20:** Program to be announced

**4-16-20:** Program to be announced

### Linda's Gourd Patch

*Meets third Saturdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 200 W McKenzie Rd, Greenfield at 2-4 p.m. ET  
For more info, contact Peggy Robertson 317-326-3854*

**3-21-20:** Yarn bowls

**4-18-20:** Luminaries

### Central Indiana Patch

*Meets second Thursdays at Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy, 6-8 p.m. ET*

**3-12-20:** Prepare MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT projects for show

**4-9-20:** Joyce Bennet's "Leather" Gourd

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

**3-4-20:** Painting shamrock gourds, prepping MITI Christmas pickle ornaments and small bowls

**4-1-20:** Dot painting, Easter bunny necklaces

### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

**3-18-20:** Paint shamrock gourds, dot painting, finish MITI prep

**4-15-20:** Woodburn/paint flowers on gourds

*See page 7 for dates in May and beyond*

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## PATCH NEWS

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### Lakeshore Gourders (Ida Kennedy, contact)

Peggy Miller and Ida Kennedy are the new patch Co-leaders for the Lakeshore Gourders as of January 2020. We are located in northern Indiana. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. CT except May and December. We have a short meeting, work on a craft, eat lunch, socialize, and have a great day. All demos subject to change.

Our January 21, 2020 Patch meeting was held at Salem Chapel Methodist Church (SCMC), LaPorte, IN. Those present were Peggy Miller, Ida Kennedy, Ron and Loretta Pressel, and Tom and Sherry Benedict. We had a short business meeting then worked on our craft project for the month: Crow Luminary. We had a fun day!

Our February meeting was Tuesday, the 18th, at SCMC, LaPorte, IN. Ida Kennedy demonstrated working with wire on sea glass to use as embellishment on jewelry shards.

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday, the 17th, at the SCMC, LaPorte, IN. Loretta Pressel is scheduled to demo an Easter craft.

Our April meeting is on Tuesday the 21, at the SCMC, LaPorte, IN. Ron Pressel will do a demo on making a necklace.

If anyone would like to join us for a day of fun, usually once a month, please contact Ida Kennedy for more info. You can reach me at [ikennedy5@msn.com](mailto:ikennedy5@msn.com), or call 219-767-2901.

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

Both patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 North Market, Thorntown, and welcome new participants. It is helpful to call ahead to assure that enough gourds and supplies are on hand; call Karen Niemeyer at 765-436-7348. The Sugar Creek Patch will meet 6-8:00 p.m. ET on March 4 and April 1, while the Thorn Tree patch will meet 2-4:00 p.m. ET on March 18 and April 15. The March 4 activities include painting shamrock gourds and preparing gourds for two Make-It-Take-It sessions for the state show: pickle Christmas ornaments and small paint-swirled bowls. The March 18 session will include dot painting, shamrocks, and finishing the MITI preparations. On April 1 dot painting will be concluding and Easter bunny necklaces will be on the agenda, while on April 15 the group will begin wood burning and painting flowers on gourds. At all sessions participants may work on individual projects or just sit and chat.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The show theme applies ONLY to show competition classes 77 and 78. All other classes are open.

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### **Linda's Patch (Lesa Briones, leader; Peggy Roberson, contact)**

Linda's Gourd Patch met on January 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. ET at Faith Lutheran Church for our monthly meeting. There were eight members present with a potential new member. We also had the pleasure with a visit from RoJene Gillentine, Second Vice-President of the Indiana Gourd Society. We thoroughly enjoyed her visit and also received a few tips for future gourding from her! Thank you RoJene for sharing your knowledge. We brought our completed thunder drums for display and continued to assist anyone not quite finished. We enjoyed a few snacks and had a wonderful meeting.



Our February meeting consisted of learning a new technique in doodling. This is a drawing technique that can be applied to almost any gourd project. We are very excited to be adding this to our gourding skills.

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

In January the usual crew worked on our "Modes of Transportation." Due to the frigid temperatures, February's meeting was cancelled. The March activity will be preparing our MITI "Dorset Button Gourd Necklace/Pin" for the state show. April 9 is Joyce Bennett demoing her "leather" technique. We meet 3/12 and 4/9 before the State Show. I'm very proud that many of our active CIP members are involved in putting on the show. Volunteering gives us more fellowship than just competing. We hope to meet you at the show!

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

The West Central Indiana Gourd Patch met in January. We talked about and had demonstrations on how to put together cast off cut pieces to form flowers, mushrooms, and other plants. It was noted that nothing is thrown away. The membranes and seeds of different varieties were shown. Afterwards we each put together different flowers from seeds. We used as much natural materials as we could.

Guest Rojene Gillentine joined us. She brought brownies to share. A little chocolate brings out the giggles in all of us.

#### **PATCH CONTACTS**

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
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		Peggy Miller	
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		Peggy Robertson	317-326-3854
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	Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

# Fliers for the Gourd Show

Available on the web for download

IGS needs your help in advertising our state gourd show. Please go to the web page at [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org) and download any of these fliers, print them and distribute, or take the file to a local printer, and distribute. The more we get the word out to the public the more interest will be generated. More visitors means more income for the society. Select either black & white or full color versions of each.

Two fliers printed side-by-side. Cut apart to distribute. Best used for smaller bulletin boards.



Four fliers per page. Cut apart to distribute. Best used for handouts for people to put on refrigerators, etc..



One flier per page. Best used for larger bulletin boards, lay on tables, etc.



## ROAD TRIPS

2020—courtesy of AGS

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

- Mar 21: Indiana Gourd Society AGS Judges' Training, Thorntown, IN—  
[www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)
- Mar 27-28: Alabama Gourd Madness, Clanton, AL—[www.alabamagourdsociety.org](http://www.alabamagourdsociety.org)
- Apr 4-5: Missouri Gourd Society Fine Art Festival, Springfield, MO—  
[www.showmegourdsociety.com](http://www.showmegourdsociety.com)
- Apr 11: Midwest Gourd Fest, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison WI—**CANCELLED**—  
[www.wisconsinagourdsociety.com](http://www.wisconsinagourdsociety.com)
- May 1-2: Indiana Gourd Society State Show, Rochester, IN—[www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)
- May 27-31: Cherokee Gourd Gathering, Cherokee, NC—[www.gourdgathering.org](http://www.gourdgathering.org)
- Jun 4-7: California Vision of Gourds Festival, MACC Gallery, Ranch Cordova, CA
- Jun 18-20: Pennsylvania Gourd Gathering, Lebanon Expo Center and Fairgrounds—  
[www.pagourdsociety.org/pa-gourd-gathering.html](http://www.pagourdsociety.org/pa-gourd-gathering.html)
- Oct 22-25: Idaho (hosting AGS Annual Membership Meeting), Potomac Manor, Boise, ID
- Nov 7-8: North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC—  
[www.ncgourdsociety.org](http://www.ncgourdsociety.org)

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

### Judge Class

March 21, 2020, 10 A.M. ET  
Thorntown Public Library  
124 N Market St  
Thorntown, IN 46071  
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

### IGS State Gourd Show

May 1-2, 2020  
Fulton County Historical Society  
37 E. 375 N  
Rochester, IN 46975  
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

### Indiana State Fair

August 7-23, 2020  
State Fairgrounds  
1202 E 38th St  
Indianapolis, IN 46205  
[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

### IGS Membership Meeting

October 17, 2020, 10 am ET  
Thorntown Public Library  
124 N Market St  
Thorntown, IN 46071  
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

## HOLD THESE DATES!

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

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

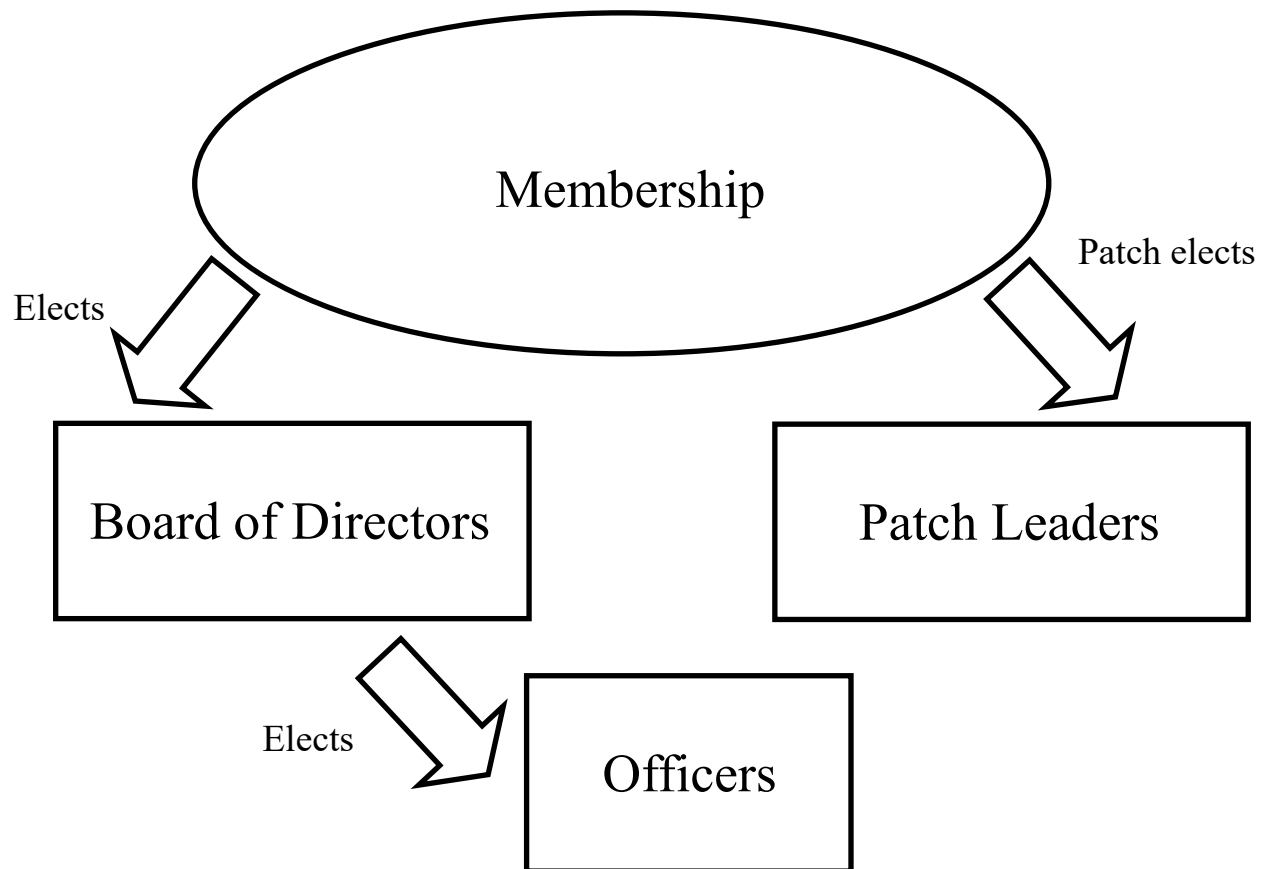
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## Indiana Gourd Society Administration

The board of directors has voted to provide more transparency to the operations of the society by asking a representative (generally the patch leader) of each patch to sit on an advisory board along with the officers. Each patch should send their patch leader or designee to board meetings. These representatives will have full voting rights on matters brought before the board. Reasoning: some patch members have expressed concern that they don't know how the society operates or why certain decisions are made. By having representation, each patch can get first-hand information about the society and have a louder voice in the operations of the society. If a patch leader cannot go to a meeting, they may (before the board meeting) contact the secretary with the name of their representative.



## Future Gourd Show Themes

The show committee is seeking possible themes for future state gourd shows. The goal is to have themes identified two to three years ahead of the show. The theme applies only to a limited number of competition classes. That will give us time to publicize the event and make posters for distribution at the state fair and other events throughout the year. Send your ideas to any officer or board member (see last page for addresses).



## HOW TO ENTER OPEN CLASSES AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR 2020

The IGS State Show is not the only place to show your gourds. The STATE FAIR has a gourd competition each year! Everyone is eligible. You don't have to have won anything at your county fair or anywhere else. There aren't as many classes and they differ from the IGS State Show.

Last year, \$40 let you enter any open class in the Ag-Hort building. There are a few hundred opportunities because you aren't confined to gourds. You get 6 complimentary tickets. Fair ticket prices range from \$8 pre-fair to \$13 at the gate. That's worth \$48-\$78. In addition, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places in all competitions get monetary awards.

### TO ENTER

Go to <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 goes online in mid-March or is available on paper from the entry dept. The entry deadline is July 1.

## AGS Jim Story Award Update

We have just received word that the American Gourd Society has updated their Jim Story manipulated gourds competition. They now accept TWO entries from each state gourd show. That means IGS will be awarding both a first and second place in the Jim Story awards. This notice modifies the 2020 gourd show competition section for the Jim Story award.

## Patch Schedules

May and beyond

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**5-6-20:** Program to be announced

**6-3-20:** Program to be announced

### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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**5-20-20:** Program to be announced

**6-17-20:** Program to be announced

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**6-18-20:** Program to be announced

## Not a Patch Member?

Why not start a patch? Please see the website or contact RoJene Gillentine at [2ndvp@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:2ndvp@indianagourdsociety.org) or any board member for details.

## Ways & Means

**Caps and visors:**

**\$12 + \$2 S/H each**

**Jim Story DVD:**

**\$20 + \$3 S/H each**

**Gourds: From Vine to Design book:**

**\$10 + \$3 S/H each**

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All submissions welcome!

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

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

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