



President's Message

Pat Moore

Hello. Well it has been nine months of surviving the Covid-19 Corona Virus and all the social distancing, lockdowns and mask wearing that go with it. I hope you are still doing well in these trying times. Perhaps the coming cold weather will slow it down.

Our last gourd event of the year was the membership meeting in October. We were hoping to be virus free by then, but that did not happen, masks were still required. The IGS Membership Meeting is held on the third Saturday in October. The new Board of Directors was elected by the membership. This Board did meet and elected the Officers for 2021-2022. The new Board of Directors and Officers are listed in the minutes.

All our show plans are moving right along for the 2021 State Show. The 2021 Competition Show Book will be on-line by the end of 2020 and mailed out shortly thereafter. A few minor changes were made to the "Jim Story Award" section. Keep checking the IGS website for the updated 2021 Information Show Book and the Workshop Flyer. We are looking for workshop classes, ideas and teachers for 2021. Please contact me, Sandra Townsend, or Diane Werblo for applications before the end of 2020. The Workshop Flyer will be mailed out sometime in March of 2021. So, you still have plenty of time to sign-up for classes and work on your entries to get ready for "Down on the Farm" on May 7-8, 2021.

I hope we will be getting back to normal soon. Stay safe and healthy!

Happy Holidays
And
Have a GOURD Day!

Patch Schedules Nov / Dec 2020

Lakeshore Gourders

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

Not starting back up yet

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

Meets third Thursdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. ET at the Hendricks Co fairgrounds in Danville

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

11-14-20: NEW DATE this time only

December: No meeting

Central Indiana Patch

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

Regular meetings suspended.

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

11-14-20: coiling challenge and paper quilling on gourds

12-2-20: Christmas pickle gourds plus finish gourd Christmas presents

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

11-18-20: coiling challenge and paper quilling on gourds

12-16-20: Christmas pickle gourds plus finish gourd Christmas presents

Gourd Crafters Patch

Not starting back up yet.

**Please contact patch leaders for
dates/times as we slowly come
back to a new normal.**

PATCH NEWS

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

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch met at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, Oct. 7, to splatter paint on gourds. The Thorn Tree Gourd Patch worked on the same project on Oct. 21. Members and visitors will continue to work on individual projects as well as on drum necklaces and sand-flocking of bowls. The November 4 (6-8 p.m. ET) and 18 (2-4 p.m. ET) meetings will include paper coiling on gourds, while December 2 (6-8 p.m. ET) and 16 (2-4 p.m. ET) will offer Christmas pickle gourds, taught by Denise Bechtold and Ardie Bowles, as well as making Christmas ornaments from spinner gourds. The Christmas pickle is a lesser-known Christmas tradition for some Americans. A decoration in the shape of a pickle is hidden on a Christmas tree, with the finder receiving either a reward or good fortune for the following year. Call Karen Niemeyer at the library with questions. (765-436-7348). May the holidays be gourd-geous!!

Lakeshore Gourders (Ida Kennedy/Peggy Miller, contacts)

Due to the risk of Covid and the health conditions of our members we do not have any immediate plans to get together. Hopefully things will settle down in the next couple months.
Everyone be safe.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Roberson, contact)

Linda's Gourd Patch normally meets the third Saturday of the month from 2-4 p.m. ET in Greenfield at Faith Lutheran Church, but our October meeting was cancelled so that anyone who wanted to attend the IGS membership meeting in Thorntown could do so. Our November meeting will be held on November 14 instead of the third Saturday because of Thanksgiving. There will be no December meeting. In November we will be making Turkeys from Tennessee Spinners and deciding next year's meeting schedule.

The September meeting was held outside at the home of Peggy Roberson. Besides showing off and finishing up our gourd puppets that we started in August we took a tour of Peggy's Gourd Patches. Contact Peggy Roberson at 317-326-3854 or danpeg.roberston@gmail.com if you are interested in our patch.

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY

MEETINGS

October 17, 2020

IGS BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2020

The IGS board was called to order at 12:45 p.m. Phil moved and Peggy seconded that the following officers be elected for 2021-2022; motion carried. The officers will be:

First vice president	Helen Thomas
Second vice president	RoJene Gillentine
Treasurer	Phil Moorhead
Membership Chair	Pat Moore

It was noted that the next meeting will be planned for March 2021 with details to be determined.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 12:50 p.m. on a motion by Phil Moorhead and a second by Karen Niemeyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Niemeyer, Secretary

An Answer to Karen's Mouse Chewing Article in the last *Tendrill*

Pat Moore

Sorry you lost so many gourds to mice chewing on them. I've never thought about not using mouse chewed gourd. I usually cut them into shards or bowls or something or just worked around the mouse hole. I never thought about gourds transmitting diseases from mice. In the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) (2017, July 5) article *Rodents: Directly transmitted by rodents* (<https://www.cdc.gov/rodents/diseases/direct.html>) the CDC notes that rats and possibly mice transmit bacteria diseases. The disease occurs worldwide; *Streptobacillus moniliformis* in North America and Europe; *Spirillum moniliformis* in Asia and Africa. The disease spreads by bite or scratch wound from an infected rodent, or contact with a dead rodent, or eating or drinking food or water that is contaminated by rat feces. So, I guess it is possible as they usually eat the seeds and poop in the gourds too.

An answer to the question: Why mice like chewing on some type gourds over others? **If I were a mouse:** I would say it's due to the actual hardness of the hard-outer shell, not the thickness of the total shell. Especially if I have several different types of gourds to chew on, I would start with the softest hard-outer shells first and chew my way to the hardest ones over the winter.

I have not grown or worked with banana gourds, so I cannot say how hard their shells are. But as a mouse, why waste my time on a gourd that skinny when there are bigger, softer gourds to chew on.

The few canteens I have worked with did not impress me much one way or another as to the shell's hardness. So, as a mouse, they must be harder than you would think, or I just did not get to them yet.

Apple Gourds on the other hand, have VERY HARD outer shells and the seeds are usually in an awfully hard glob/ball. I have made a few Apple Gourd Wren Birdhouses that I hand chipped carved, gouged or power carved on only because of the shells hardness, not to mention how long it took to bust up the small bowling ball inside. As a mouse, I would probably break a tooth.

So, here is something you might try next time. I have stored a lot of different type birdhouse gourds in my barn in open wire cages. I use an awl to put a very small started hole in the shell of each gourd where I want the bird's entry hole to be (this starter hole is easy to patch if not needed later). If the mice find these gourds, they usually chew the hole where I started it. The mice would be chewing a hole anyway, I just gave them a place to start, where I wanted a hole. This did not always work but did more times than not.

Hope I have helped answer your questions and made you smile.

Have a Gourd Day!

PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
Lakeshore Gourders	Plymouth	Ida Kennedy	ikennedy5@msn.com
		Peggy Miller	
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Peggy Robertson	317-326-3854
		Rosemary Hill	317-753-6459
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

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY
SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2020

The show committee for the Indiana Gourd Society met at 12:50 p.m. at the Thorntown Public Library. Present were Sandra Townsend, Phil Moorhead, Pat Moore, Karen Niemeyer, Peggy Robertson, RoJene Gillentine, Rosemary Hill, Shirley Gates and Connie Dickinson.

The state show will be May 7-8, 2021, at the Fulton County Historical in Rochester. It may be that an outside show should be considered and even no competition due to what the unknown COVID-19 Virus situation will be in May 2021.

It was agreed to keep the AGS Jim Story classes, even if IGS has no competition. For 2021 IGS will not follow Jane Story's request with her \$2500 estate gift because the current IGS and AGS rules conflict with her requirements. We shall make AGS changes as needed for 2021 but may take time later to adjust to Jane's stipulations. Thus, IGS will pay for the Jim Story awards in 2021, not Jane. In 2022 IGS may judge for ribbons, judge the Jim Story Award for AGS, then judge per Jane's rules for \$\$ awards.

At this time we need to change the 3 classes on page 9 of the show book to be what AGS wants. Jane will no longer pay for the floral design awards (p. 9). We could eliminate it from page 9 and use only the competition classes on page 12. However, Pat and Phil will work on AGS's wording to make appropriate changes in IGS rules.

We can put the show book for the 2021 show up on the web as soon as possible, and the print copy could be mailed at a later date. We shall list changes and send a flier to folks instead of printing for \$800.00 and mailing for \$400.00.

Discussion concluded at 2:30 and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Niemeyer, Secretary

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY
MEETINGS
October 17, 2020
IGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Pat Moore called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. A quorum of six was present: Pat, Phil Moorhead, RoJene Gillentine, Shirley Gates, Karen Niemeyer, and Sandra Townsend, as well as patch representatives Rosemary Hill, Peggy Robertson, and Connie Dickinson.

Phil presented the 2020 budget and sub-accounts, noting that although IGS budgeted \$23,600, there was a loss of \$5114.25. Available funds total \$17,597, so the proposed 2021 budget is \$17,597.00. Although we cannot budget above available funds, there can be up to 10% of unassigned funds (a total of \$797.00) to allow some flexibility. We can project income, but we cannot budget against it. Karen moved the 2021 budget be approved as proposed; Shirley seconded; motion carried.

Since IGS is losing \$2000-5000 per year, there was discussion on where there could be cuts; one possibility is Tendrill printing of \$700 and this will require a membership vote.

Phil reported that our corporation insurance through Scottsdale is being dropped because the underwriter is not writing for non-profits. Phil contacted three other companies and two refused to quote. One sent a questionnaire for follow-up with questions such as, do we sponsor a parade, and do we require vendors and groups to provide proof of liability insurance. It may be necessary to provide board background checks. New IGS insurance SHOULD cover patch events, even though the venues of patch meetings will have coverage. If there are children's events, only people with current background checks may serve as workers. Pat will check with the American Legion regarding their insurance provider.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Niemeyer, secretary

ROAD TRIPS

2020/2021—courtesy of AGS
(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Nov 7-8: ~~North Carolina Gourd Show~~ **CANCELED**
Nov 14-15: ~~Virginia Gourd Show~~ **CANCELED**
Feb 12-14: Arizona Gourd Society Gourd Art
Competition at Wuert Farm, Casa Grande, AZ,
www.arizonagourdsociety.org
Feb 26-28: Florida Gourd Show, Melbourne, FL,
www.flgourdsoc.org
Apr 10-11: Missouri Show Me Gourd Society Fine Art
Festival, Ozark Embire Fairgrounds, Springfield,
MO, www.showmegourdsociety.org
Apr 24-26: California Baskets and Gourds Show, Visalia,
CA, www.californiagourdsociety.com
May 7-8: Indiana Gourd Society State Show, Richland
Center, Rochester, IN, www.indianagourdsociety.org
Jun 5-6: California Folsom Gourd Artists Festival,
Rancho Cordova, CA,
www.californiagourdsociety.com
Jun 17-19: Pennsylvania Gourd Fest, Lebanon Expo
Center, Lebanon, PA, www.pagourdsociety.org
Sep 3-5: California Amador Gourd & Fine Art Festival,
Amador Flower Farm, Plymouth, CA,
www.amadorgorudartists.com
Oct 1-3: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co Fairgrounds,
Delaware, OH, www.ohiogourdsociety.com

If you plan to go to any of these events, please check the AGS website at www.americangourdsociety.org or that state website to determine if the event is still taking place.

**** IGS Events ****

Judge Class

POSTPONED
To early 2021

IGS State Gourd Show

May 7-8, 2021
Fulton County Historical Society,
Rochester, IN

Indiana State Fair

August 6-22, 2021
State Fairgrounds
1202 E 38th St
Indianapolis, IN 46205
[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

IGS Membership Meeting

October 16, 2021, 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
2021:	May 7/8	October 16
2022:	May 6/7	October 15

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, Bloomington, IN 47832
Visit the IGS Web site at: www.indianagourdsociety.org

THE INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY PRESENTS

“DOWN ON THE FARM”



FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021
WORKSHOPS: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021
WORKSHOPS: 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

FULTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
37 E - 375 N
ROCHESTER, IN. 46975

IGS is asking for Workshop Classes to be:

A simple technique or gourd.
Students should end with a completed technique/gourd.
Class completed in 3 hours or less.
Submit several 1-, 2-, 3-hour classes for Friday, it's a long day.
Class cost of \$30 or less (IGS will add \$5 to the price you ask.)
Please send your class info and pictures to:
Pat Moore: (691 W. Veach Rd, Bloomington, IN. 47832) or
(patmoore1946x@gmail.com) or
(workshops@indianagourdociety.org)
The workshop info will be released in March, 2021.
Thank You and Have a Gourd Day,

www.indianagourdociety.org

Workshop Instructor Application For: May - 2021

<p>Location Fulton County Historical Society, Inc. 37 E - 375 N, Rochester, Indiana - 46975 (On West Side of U.S. 31, Look For A Round Barn)</p> <p>Deadline to return Instructor Applications Jan 31, 2021 postmark date, for your application and photos of your proposed workshops to be submitted.</p>	<p>Show Date 2021 First Weekend in May May 7 & 8, 2021</p>
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To be considered by the Workshop Committee, applications and photos of proposed projects must be completed, returned and postmarked by Jan. 31, 2021. Send to IGS Workshops, Pat Moore, 691 W Veach Rd, Bloomington, IN 47832, or scan and e-mail to (workshops@indianagourdociety.org) We prefer digital photos 300dpi or better. Please send a separate application for each workshop.
Note: Please, DO NOT submit any 2-day classes. Maximum length is 3 hrs.

Name of Instructor: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

**Title of Workshop: _____

Workshop Description: _____

List of materials/supplies students need to have (you supply gourds): _____

Special requirements: (electricity, water, vent, etc.): _____

**Class size: (Minimum #) One (1) to (Maximum #) _____

IGS request your fee be \$30 or less for a technique and/or completed gourd.

Workshop charge (your fee): \$ _____ (IGS will add \$5.00 to your class fee) \$ _____

Circle the appropriate answers:

Will participant leave with finished technique or gourd? Yes No

Project Level: **Beginner** **Intermediate** **Advanced** **All Levels**

Time required for workshop: **1 hour** **2 hours** **3 hours**

Day/time preferred for workshop: **Any time - (Friday - Saturday)** or **Friday - AM - PM / Saturday - AM - PM**

Days and/or times that will NOT work: _____

Are you willing to repeat a class on a different day/time if we have the need? Yes No

**** Instructors, if you submit a class and it is selected, IGS considers you committed to teach that class.**

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY
MEETINGS
October 17, 2020
IGS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The October 17, 2020, membership meeting of the Indiana Gourd Society was called to order at the Thorntown Public Library at 10:40 a.m. by president Pat Moore. Nine members were present: Pat, Phil Moorhead, RoJene Gillentine, Karen Niemeyer, Sandra Townsend, Peggy Robertson, Rosemary Hill, Connie Dickinson, and Shirley Gates.

Phil explained that IGS is set up so that the membership votes for the board of directors and then the board votes for the officers, who do not have to be board members but have to be members. Because it was felt that transparency was inadequate, IGS had voted to have one member from each patch sit in and vote with the board, but these are not identified to the state; this lets the patches better know what IGS discusses and they can better disseminate information. There are 11 positions, but Phil and Pat hold more than one but may only vote once, thus there are 9 votes and 5 will carry an action.

The minutes of the October 19, 2019, membership meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus. The notes from the January 25, 2020, board discussion were distributed.

Karen asked all members to sign an apple gourd onto which she had burned a Sudoku puzzle; this will be sent to Bill Frehofer, former board member.

Phil presented the treasurer's report: \$10,798.97 in savings, \$8611.89 in checking, a total of \$16,910.86 in spendable funds. In addition, there is \$2500.00 in escrow for Story Awards. The business entity and all other reports have been completed. Karen moved the report be filed for audit; Shirley seconded; motion carried.

Pat provided the membership report: 174 total memberships in 2020, with 126 households. This is down from 2017 (210), 2018 (192), and 2019 (185). There have only been five new members. Pat reviews every six months and deletes from current membership those who have not renewed, but she retains the information in archives. Appreciation was expressed for her efforts.

There was no 2020 state show and thus no report. Phil has refunded all exhibitor payments. However, there were costs for show book printing and mailing as well as for workshop printing.

Although IGS has received \$2500.00 from Jane Story's estate to maintain the Jim Story Awards, there are stipulations we do not meet at this time so her funds will be held for a time.

There was no Indiana State Fair, so our award of \$50.00 was not given.

Archives chair Phil Moorhead continues to receive historic materials and preserves them digitally. Paper copies will be placed in the storage facility.

Ways and Means: Phil mails books or DVD's monthly.

There were no other committee reports.

Under old business a draft of an IGS sympathy card, as prepared by Diane Werblo was reviewed and thanks expressed to Diane for her quality work. Shirley moved that we accept the artwork as prepared by Diane, that we use invitation-size and envelopes, and that the poem be slightly enlarged and centered; Karen seconded; motion carried. Karen moved that the membership chair print and mail the cards in a timely fashion; Phil seconded; motion carried.

An obituary column was discussed. Phil moved and Karen seconded that a memorials column be put on the web with picture, name and date, and that similar information be included in the IGS scrapbook; motion carried. Phil moved and RoJene seconded that, when information is available, an announcement box be included in The Tendril...no picture, just announcement of the passing; motion carried. It was further recommended that if someone knows of a death, that person should notify an IGS officer.

Phil asked whether or not we want to remove the membership requirement to access the IGS web site; consensus was to keep the member i.d. and password for now.

Although the judging class was postponed in 2020, Phil would like to offer it in March or April 2021, just before the May state show. He noted that in Indiana judges and clerks get paid.

After a short break the meeting resumed. Karen moved and Phil seconded that directors be re-elected to serve until Dec. 31, 2022; motion carried. Those elected were:

Director 1	Pat Moore
Director 2	Phil Moorhead
Director 3	Shirley Gates
Director 4	Sandra Townsend
Director 5	Diane Werblo

Pat reminded that the membership meeting is the 3rd Saturday in October and the next will be Oct. 16, 2021. The location will be Thorntown Public Library and each participant will be invited to bring a few gourds for display.

The state show will start the first Friday in May with the 2021 theme "Down on the Farm."

There being no further business, the membership meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Niemeyer, Secretary

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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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Director 3: Shirley Gates, Indianapolis (2021-2022)
Director 4: Sandra Townsend, Sheridan (2021-2022)
Director 5: Diane Werblo, Indianapolis (2021-2022)

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