

## 2021 May IGS State Show **CANCELED!**

### President's Message

*Pat Moore*

It's been almost a year living with the Covid-19 virus and we are still masked, social distancing and gathering size restricted. Everything was canceled in 2020 and no gourd events to attend; even our 2020 IGS State Show was canceled. I am so looking forward to this year and some gourd events. Hopefully the gourd growing season will be here before we know it. We could all use some GOURD enjoyment in our lives.

The 2021 officers have taken over their duties and we had our first on-line board meeting. The IGS officers voted on January 23, 2021. The May 2021 IGS State Gourd Show has officially been **CANCELED**, due to the concerns about the uncertainty of the Covid-19 virus by May 2021. Hopefully by May 2022 this virus will be history and the show can go on. We are all saddened, again this year, that we will not be having a show and will miss seeing all our GOURD friends.

Please keep IGS in mind for future, virus-free, events. The Membership Meeting on October 16, 2021 and the 2022 State Gourd Show, "Down on the Farm" on May 6-7, 2022 are still on-going at this time. Please keep checking the IGS and AGS websites for updates on future shows and events.

**Stay safe and healthy and Have a GOURD Day!**

### Patch Schedules Mar / Apr 2021

#### 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*

Meetings on hold until pandemic is over.

#### 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*

No immediate plans to restart.

#### 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, 2-4 p.m. ET (Jan-Apr)*

3-3-21: Apple Gourd Cookie Jars

4-7-21: Egg Gourd projects

#### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

3-17-21: Apple Gourd Cookie Jars

4-21-21: Egg Gourd projects

#### Gourd Crafters Patch

Not starting back up yet.

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

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## PATCH NEWS

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### **Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Roberson, contact)**

Linda's Gourd Patch has not resumed monthly meetings yet this year, and as of now, we have not made any definite plans to do so. We are hopeful that Covid will be over soon, or at the very least the vaccine will keep it under control so that we can get back to gourding together instead of virtually. In the meantime we have been working on projects separately.

Belinda Arthur has been working on birdhouses, Lynn Meyer is very artistic with the many gourds she has painted and Peggy Robertson and her bushel gourd is a work in progress, just to mention a few. I think we will have quite a few competition entries at our next show (whenever that may be).

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

Both gourd patches are meeting 2-4:00 p.m. ET through April, 2021, in order to have daylight driving hours. Both meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, and welcome new participants. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced. At all sessions participants are encouraged to BYOP - Bring Your Own Projects. Plans were delayed when we were unable to meet, so the groups worked on snowflakes in February instead of doing so in January. Apple gourd cookie jars will be completed on March 3 and 17 as well as BYOP and thunder drums, while April 7 and 21 will feature egg gourd projects and BYOP. We are ready to add spring themes to our gourd projects in April and on May 5 and 19. At the May meetings we shall display the projects we had planned to enter in the IGS May state show; some of these will be entries for 2022 and others may just encourage members to create a similar piece. Patch members look forward to the day when members who are currently distancing will again be able to participate.

### **West Central Gourd Patch (Shirley Gates, contacts)**

The patch is not meeting. No activities are planned.

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

The Central Indiana Patch is inactive until more of us get vaccinated. We might try meeting outside at the Garfield Park Arts Center in the spring.



Knotted gourds from the 2004 State Gourd Show. Now's the time to think about your crop for this summer to be ready to enter competition in 2022. Knots are only one of several manipulation techniques where you can enter gourds (see page 7).



## Ways & Means

**NEW ITEMS:** We have just received some end-of-stock Aurelia Conway books on gourds. We are selling them at a super discount price, all prices below include shipping/handling/postage.

<b>Caps and visors:</b>	<b>\$14</b>
<b>Jim Story DVD:</b>	<b>\$23</b>
<b>Jim Story <i>Gourds: From Vine to Design</i> book:</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Aurelia Conway books:</b>	
<i>Gourd Purses, Decorative Painting</i> #9728	<b>\$13.50</b>
<i>How to Paint a Gourd</i> #9606	<b>\$13.50</b>

**Send check payable to IGS to  
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Gourds don't always have to sit upright. Unknown artist from the 2006 IGS State Gourd Show

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Yes, there are thousands of glass beads glued to this gourd to make the pattern. Unknown artist from the 2006 IGS State Gourd Show



## Judge's Course

With the resurgence of the COVID-19 virus we think it in our best interests to again postpone the AGS judge's course, perhaps until mid-summer. If you missed applying for the course and would like to join the next one, please contact Phil Moorhead 765-674-8088 or [treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org)).

# White Tail Deer

Have you observed White Tail deer raising their tails? It is believed to be a warning to other deer. We've heard that some gourders have put white flags (resembling deer tails) around their garden and gourds believing it helps keep these deer away. Have you done this? Does it work?

## PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana  
Gourd Crafters  
Lakeshore Gourders

## Linda's Patch

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Story Gourd Patch  
Sugar Creek  
Thorn Tree  
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# INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY

*[These minutes are to be considered a draft until the Board is able to meet and approve them]*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

January 19-23, 2021

President Pat Moore called the online meeting to order on January 19 and stated that it would be open until 9:00 p.m. on January 23 at which time she would consider discussion concluded and would tally the votes in order to be able to report. Eight of twelve board members voted. The eight participating were: Sandra Townsend, Karen Niemeyer, Phil Moorhead, Pat Moore, Helen Thomas, Shirley Gates, Diane Werblo, Peggy Robertson.

On Wed, January 20, 2021 at 8:24 PM Sandra Townsend <[sjptownsend@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjptownsend@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid 19 Pandemic, I Sandra Townsend, make a motion that we cancel our 2021 Indiana State Gourd Show Scheduled for Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8, 2021.

On Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 9:14 a.m. Karen Niemeyer responded:

I, Karen Niemeyer, second the motion to cancel the IGS 2021 show.

There was extensive discussion. The motion was approved unanimously with all eight voting members voting to approve the cancellation of the May 2021 state show.

At the conclusion of the discussion a poll was taken and six recommended there NOT be a state show rescheduled for later in 2021 while two recommended that a later 2021 state show be planned.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m. on January 23, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Niemeyer, secretary



Recognize Honey Bear Miller and his motorized wheelchair/scooter leading the hat parade at the 2005 IGS State Show?

## ROAD TRIPS

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

Apr 10-11: Missouri Show Me Gourd Society Fine Art Festival, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, MO, [www.showmegourdsociety.org](http://www.showmegourdsociety.org)—**CANCELED**  
Apr 24-26: California Baskets and Gourds Show, Visalia, CA, [www.californiagourdsociety.com](http://www.californiagourdsociety.com)—**CANCELED**  
May 7-8: Indiana Gourd Society State Show, Richland Center, Rochester, IN, [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)—**CANCELED**  
Jun 5-6: California Folsom Gourd Artists Festival, Rancho Cordova, CA, [www.californiagourdsociety.com](http://www.californiagourdsociety.com)  
Jun 17-19: Pennsylvania Gourd Fest, Lebanon Expo Center, Lebanon, PA, [www.pagourdsociety.org](http://www.pagourdsociety.org)  
Sep 3-5: California Amador Gourd & Fine Art Festival, Amador Flower Farm, Plymouth, CA, [www.amadorgourdartists.com](http://www.amadorgourdartists.com)  
Oct 1-3: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH, [www.ohiogourdsociety.com](http://www.ohiogourdsociety.com)

**If you plan to go to any of these events, please check the AGS website at [www.americangourdsociety.org](http://www.americangourdsociety.org) or that state website to determine if the event is still taking place.**

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

## Judge Class

**POSTPONED**  
**To mid summer 2021**

## IGS State Gourd Show **CANCELED**

May 7-8, 2021  
Fulton County Historical Society,  
Rochester, IN  
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

## 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

## HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting
2021:		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.

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## And Away They Grow

Bill Taylor

[Ed. Note: This poem was first published in the October, 1999 issue of the *Tendrill*]

In the gourder's field the green vines grow  
Refusing to stay with-in the row.  
They all engage in frantic race  
To be the first to fill a space.

While we mere humans hypothesize  
That there must be some kind of prize  
For the quick which over rides The Show,  
Like which one gets win, place or show.

There is a tendrill wrestling match  
To see which one controls the patch.  
Then does the loser say: "Aw heck!  
I thought I had it by a neck!?"

To us I guess the real pursuit  
Is which one first produces fruit  
To which we can award a prize  
Like an extra dose of fertilize.

## The Warmth of Gourd Friends

Honey Bear Miller

[Ed. Note: This reflection was first published in the March, 2000 issue of the *Tendrill*]

As I sit here in the house this morning, the bone-chilling winds are howling around the corners outside. I enjoy the warmth of the wood burner close by as I watch the cheerful, dancing flames slowly eating on the seasoned oak logs.

It makes me think of choice things that give me warmth. Friends that I meet at various gourd events immediately come to mind. The meeting of such close friends might be compared to a bouquet of the most beautiful flowers. Each is complete in itself, but when joined together the effect becomes an exquisite union full of beauty and good cheer ... the kind of cheer that warms the very soul.

Am I the only one who feels this way? Do you have all of the right kind of friends that you would like? Here are a few tips toward the fulfillment of such a lofty goal:

1. Smile at people ... only takes 14 muscles but to frown requires 72 muscles.
2. Speak to people ... there are few things nicer than a cheerful word of greeting.
3. Be considerate of others, their feelings and their opinions.
4. Be friendly and helpful. Remember: to have a friend you must be one.
5. Call people by their names ... remember, it is said that the sweetest music to one's ears is the sound of his own name.
6. Have and show genuine pleasure in meeting and knowing people.
7. Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism. Remember, praise lifts and builds, whereas criticism lowers and destroys.
8. Be on the lookout for ways to help others.

I have treasured thoughts and memories of my friends that I tuck away on tiny islands in a quiet part of my mind. It is here that I can always go for the special warmth that I have stored from being with my many GOURD FRIENDS.

WHY DON'T YOU COME TO THE GOURD MEETINGS AND SHOWS? You will soon understand what I mean.

We have received several boxes of two of Aurelia Conway's gourd books: *Gourd Purses, Decorative Painting* and *How to Paint a Gourd*. We are selling these in Ways & Means, see that section for details. While she wrote these several years ago the content is relevant and useful.

### Tendrill Banner

Did you know the current Tendrill banner at the top of page 1 each issue was the result of a contest at the IGS Fall Meeting in 1995? The entry from Carolyn Rushton of Rushville won and we've used it ever since. Thanks Carolyn! She even signed it—can you find her initials in the banner?



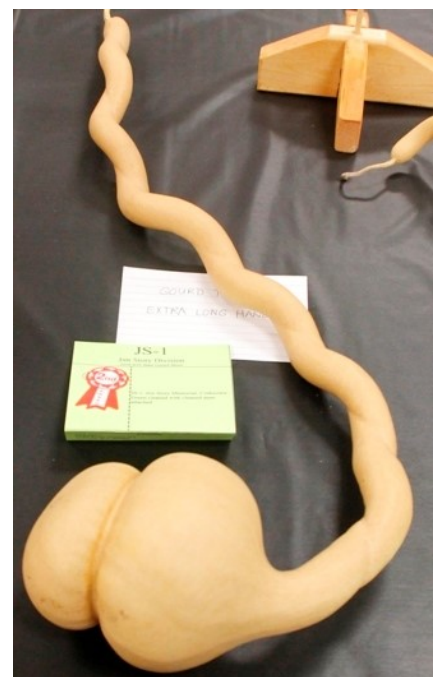


Have a pesky bird you'd like to give a heart attack? Embellish a gourd with clay like Randy Norris did for the 2004 IGS State Show.



Have you seen the watermelon carvings on cruise ships at the mid-night buffet? Did you know you can do a similar carving on gourds? This is by Gary Devine (Canada) from the 2004 IGS State Gourd Show.

Manipulated/contoured gourds. Unknown growers from the 2016 IGS State Gourd Show.



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#### **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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