



President's Message

Pat Moore

Hello,

It's been about a year and a half of surviving the Covid-19 Virus. All the social distancing, slowdowns, mask wearing and vaccines have helped. Indiana is getting back to normal and events are starting to happen. The Indiana State Fair (ISF) will be up and running this year, but with some changes. This year's State Fair will take place Friday, July 30 through Sunday, August 22, with the **Fair being closed weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays**. IGS will need volunteers to help work our booth during the ISF and members to donation spinner gourds, other small gourds and shards to pass out during the Fair.

For more information about the Indiana State Fair, Gourd Competitions and deadlines, volunteering to work or donating gourds, please contact Diane Werblo, IGS State Fair Chair Person, contact her at: igs.dpwerblo@yahoo.com or 317-783-1428.

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. Please keep checking the IGS and AGS websites for updates on future shows and events.

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Patch Schedules Jul / Aug 2021

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

Plan to restart in June at Peggy Robertson's home, contact Peggy Robertson for details.

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

7-7-21: Commemorative gourds/crayon melters.

8-4-21: "Down on the Farm" theme for state show.

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

7-21-21: Commemorative gourds/crayon melters.

8-18-21: "Down on the Farm" theme for state show.

Gourd Crafters Patch

Ridgeville Lion's Club building, 2-4 p.m. ET

September, date TBD: \$20 Thunderdrum workshop, Contact Lois Wright for details.

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

Wisconsin Gourd Society Calling It Quits

We have received word that the Wisconsin Gourd Society notified the American Gourd Society that it was disbanding effective April 15, 2021.

Lakeshore Gourders

We have received word that the Lakeshore Gourders have asked to be listed as "inactive" because of the age and health of current members. If you would like to step up and help keep it going, let our President know.

PATCH NEWS

Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

The Gourd Crafters met May 22, 2021, Rob and Joyce West, Nancy Donahoe, Jesse Glessner, Becky Whitted and Lois Wright attended. We met at the old Lion's Club Building south of Ridgeville on St Rd 28 next to the ball park. Becky did a demo on woodburning and brought material to practice on. It was decided to have our next meeting sometime in September. Becky will have a workshop in making a thunderdrum. There will be limited space and a \$20 cost for this class. The material for this project will be provided. For more info call Lois Wright 317-370-1418.

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

Both patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, and welcome new participants. At all sessions participants are encouraged to BYOP: Bring Your Own Projects or they may work on a theme identified for the meeting. On July 7 from 6-8:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) and July 21 from 2- 4:00 p.m. ET, the groups will work on commemorative gourds and experiment with crayon melters for egg and other small gourds. On August 4 from 6-8:00 p.m. ET and on August 18 from 2-4:00 p.m. ET will be a time to plan and work on "Down on the Farm" themes with the intent to have projects for the May 2022 IGS state show. Gourds and some supplies will be available for those who don't have their own stash. Anyone who is not feeling creative in July may clean spinner gourds so that some will be available for the Indiana State Fair and other shows. Questions may be directed to Karen Niemeyer at the library (kniemeyer@thorntownpl.org) (765-436-7348).

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Roberson, contact)

Linda's Patch has not met since last year, but we plan to start back up in June. As always new participants are welcome, but please check the contact list and give us a call to make sure nothing has changed. We will be bringing with us to the meeting any projects we have been working on to share. As of now, we meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00. We will meet at the home of Peggy Robertson and will discuss future projects, set dates and location of future meetings and discuss what gourds we are growing in our gardens this year among other topics.

2003 Flood at Jim Story's Patch



Remember the floods of 2003? Here is Jim Story's gourd patch. Notice from the height of the sign how far his patch was under water. He had an excellent crop that year.

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.

Caps and visors:	\$14	Send check payable to IGS to Phil Moorhead PO Box 822 Marion, IN 46952
Jim Story DVD:	\$23	
Jim Story Gourds: From Vine to Design book:	\$15	
Aurelia Conway books:		
<i>Gourd Purses, Decorative Painting #9728</i>	\$13.50	Please send e-mail or phone in case we need to contact you
<i>How to Paint a Gourd #9606</i>	\$13.50	

[Ed. Note: This was received too late for the last issue]

Gourd Crafters

The Gourd Crafters met April 17, 2021 at the Lions Club Building in Ridgeville. Phil Moorhead came bearing gifts and talked about our organization and answered questions. In return we gave him a blue-bird house.

Becky Whitted showed our new attendees something they could make with items they already have around the house. She made a luminary, cutting the hole in the bottom with an Exacto knife, using an ice pick to punch holes, and suggested food coloring such as Kool Aid, or stains for coloring. A purchased puck light provided a light to shine through.

We had a nice group attending: Lynn Wells, Vickie Kendrick, Susan St. Clair, Reece Welch, Lavine Smith, Rob and Joyce West, Art Thornburg, Jean Purvis, Martha Howell, Becky Whitted, Roxanne Flesher, Lois Wright, Amber McClain (who brought her daughters who are budding artists: Hana, Violet, Alivia, and Stella [see photo]).



Young Gourd Crafters: daughters of Amber McClain
(Hana, Violet, Alivia, and Stella)

Did You Know?

The 2002 IGS Gourd Show took 408 volunteers to put it on. There were 241 exhibitors showing 1,206 exhibits. There were 2,743 paid attendees. It took 32 judges and 16 clerks. There were 62 vendor booths. We offered 34 workshops. We needed 297 tables.

PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
Lakeshore Gourders	Valpariso	Inactive	
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Peggy Robertson	317-326-3854
		Rosemary Hill	317-753-9459
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

Do These Work?

We've heard that herbs can be used as bug repellants. Some people believe squash bugs actually run away from lemon balm. If it doesn't you could always make a delicious tea from it. Remember, lemon balm will spread, so confine it. We've also heard that radishes and marigolds will repel squash bugs, cucumber beetles and squash vine borers. Have you had experience with any of these? Let us know at editor@indianagourdsociety.org

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The Gourd Gathering at Cherokee, NC was reschedulable this year to July 23 thru August 1, 2021. Registration is open to signup for some great classes this year. For more info, go to www.gourdgathering.org

The Ohio Gourd Society's State Show is on for Friday, October 1 to Sunday, October 3, 2021. This is the only other "close-to-home" gourd show in our area, so don't miss it. www.ohiogourdsociety.com

It's Gourd Growing Season and HOT weather is here! You should have gourd vines growing and going everywhere by now. Some gourds could be having blooms and baby gourds in July, others will have female blooms later into August. Don't forget to hand pollinate your gourds this year to insure you have a great crop. Don't depend on the pesky bugs to do it for you!

I wish you a great growing season, a bountiful crop, stay safe, stay healthy and

Have a GOURD Day!

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.

Impromptu Gourd Trellis

Phil Moorhead

How are your gourds doing? Growing everywhere? Want to rein them in? Try making a trellis. Instead of making a permanent trellis using 4x4 posts dug into the ground, try this.

Parts list:

- tall metal fence post (2)
- 2 or 3-inch diameter plastic pipe (PVC works) (2)
- 10-foot section of fence, with large mesh, preferably 6" square openings

Build:

- Space the posts just under 10-feet apart and pound them into the ground about 12-inches.
- Hang the plastic pipe from the posts at some convenient height so the fence can then hang from the pipe. (I use wire or 1/4" rope)
- Finally, put another pipe at the bottom of the fence to keep the fence from flapping.

Hang the vine:

- Place the vines on the fence and wrap the tendrils to hold the vine in place or use tomato tie-wraps.
- I remove leaves on the vine from the ground up about 2-3 feet to prevent critters and rot.
- Check the vines daily or every other day and retrain them on the fence.
- One advantage: the female flowers are easier to spot if you are hand pollinating.

Obviously this works for smaller gourds, not the bushel basket sized gourds!

[reprinted from Jan, 2003 Tendril]

A Rose Is

Bill Taylor

*This year among my gourds I grew — A Rose.
No mortal poet can compose
A proper tribute to — A Rose.
Mere words can not truly explain
How earth and air and sun and rain
Can form into a perfect cane.
Or how the dew on a summer morn
Can add a sparkle to a thorn
Or how a shoot stuck into mud
Can grow to be a blooming bud.
And every rose admirer knows
A Rose
Is why we humans have a nose.*

ROAD TRIPS

2021—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Jun 26-27: Amador Gourd & Fine Arts Festival,
Plymouth, CA, www.AmadorGourdArtists.com
Jul 28-Aug1: North Carolina Gourd Gathering at
Cherokee, Cherokee, NC, www.gourdgathering.org
Aug 12-14: Pennsylvania Gourd Fest, Lebanon Expo
Center, Lebanon, PA, www.pagourdsociety.org
Sep 10-12: Nevada Silver State Art Festival, Carson
City, NV, www.nevadagourdsociety.org
Sep 30-Oct 3: Lone Star Gourd Festival, Gillespie Co
Fairgrounds, Fredericksburg, TX,
www.texasgourdsociety.com
Oct 1-3: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co Fairgrounds,
Delaware, OH, www.ohiogourdsociety.com
Oct 15-16: Alabama Gourd Show, Hartselle, AL,
www.alabamagourdsociety.org
Oct 21-24: Idaho Gourd Festival, Boise, ID,
www.idahogourdsociety.org

**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.**

Hospital Visits

We have received word that two of our members have recently returned from being in the hospital. Denise Bechtold is recovering from surgery and was recently seen at a Thorntown Art Center open house, albeit sitting in a chair with her foot up! Diane Werblo recently returned home and is recovering from surgery.

**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.

* * IGS Events * *

Indiana State Fair

July 30—August 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]

Judge Class

**We'll try to have this in either Sep-
tember or October, 2021**

IGS State Gourd Show

May 6-7, 2022

Fulton County Historical Society,

Rochester, IN

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting
2021:		October 16
2022:	May 6/7	October 15

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: _____
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47832
Visit the IGS Web site at: www.indianagourdsociety.org

Indiana State Fair 2021

July 30—Aug 22 (except Mondays and Tuesdays, closed)

Exhibit Check-in July 29 / Pick-up Aug 23/24

Summary:

1. Premium checks are mailed in October
2. General admission, adults: \$13 per day (children 5 & under, with adult, free)
3. General Parking on Fairgrounds: \$10 per day when available
4. Exhibitor Tickets: \$10 when purchased online on Exhibitor's Corner account
5. All exhibitors entering the Fairgrounds on or after Friday, July 30 are required to have tickets or an exhibitor pass
6. Pass Outs: Any exhibitor leaving the Fairgrounds that wishes to return on the same day must obtain a hand stamp to reenter.
7. No Pass Outs after 8pm

Entering Exhibits:

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions
2. Online Entry—To enter the Indiana State Fair, go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com>
3. Each exhibitor must pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered into the Indiana State Fair until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entries will not be accepted over the phone
4. An Unloading/Load Out permit, and 6 admission tickets will be included with the department fee. Purchasing of Parking Passes are optional and are sold separately through Exhibitor's Corner.

Entry Deadlines and Fees

1. Enter between May 17, 2021 and July 17, 2021: Department Fee: \$40
2. Enter between July 18, 2021 and July 28, 2021: Department Fee: \$60 plus per item Entry Fee of \$0.50 per class entered
3. No entries will be accepted after July 28, 2021
4. Exhibits may not be shown in more than one class
5. Exhibits entered as an individual exhibit will not be permitted to form part of the collection exhibit
6. Conversely, no part of any collection exhibit shall be shown as an individual exhibit
7. Confirmation of Entry: A confirmation email will be sent to the email address used to sign in for the account once entries have been paid in full
8. Exhibit Packets [NEW for 2021] Exhibitors will have the option to have their exhibitor packet sent to them electronically via email at no charge or have the packet mailed to them. Packets will include department information, admission tickets, unloading/load out permits, and any additional items that were purchased during time of registration
9. Electronic Packets (E-Packets) will be sent automatically as soon as the order has been submitted. If an exhibitor chose to have a copy of their packet mailed to them, the Indiana State Fair Entry Department will mail out the packet if the entry is made prior to July 17. Entering on July 17 or after, packets will only be mailed if there is sufficient return mail time based on the department's arrival times. If a packet cannot be sent out, payment will have to be made to get into the fair, then packets can be picked up in the Entry Office. Refunds will not be given for gate admission and/or parking fees. Packet information will be available to all exhibitors by logging into their Exhibitor's Corner account. Admission tickets, unloading/load out permits, and parking passes will be scanned when coming through a gate

More information at: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair>

See the entry classes schedule on the next page.

Volunteer at the State Fair!

Volunteer a minimum of four hours one day and get a free pass to the fair! Go on the website at www.indianagourdsociety.org and download the signup schedule. Fill in when you can work and send to: Diane Werblo, IGS State Fair Chair Person, contact her at: igs.dpwerblo@yahoo.com or 317-783-1428.

Gourd Division

Gourd Division Terms & Conditions:

1. Please read the Indiana State Fair, Agriculture and Horticulture Department and Gourd Division Terms and Conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
2. Gourds must predominate in all entries.
3. No plastic embellishments used, except for beads or flower stems.
4. Entry Tags must be attached to entries
5. An exhibitor is limited to one (1) entry per class.
6. Ornamental gourds are usually small and colorful with yellow blossoms
7. Hard-shell gourds vary in size, shape and shades of green with white blossoms

Awards/Premiums

1. All Classes are awarded 1st-3rd Place Ribbons
2. Premiums for each Class are \$8-6-5

Category: Fresh Gourds

- | Class # | Class Description |
|--|---|
| 1. | Identical Size, Color, Marking and Finger Shape Crown of Thorns (3) |
| 2. | Identical Size, Color and Marking Spoons (5) |
| 3. | Different Size, Color and Marking Spoons (5) |
| 4. | Assorted Varieties of Ornamentals, No Warties (10) |
| 5. | Assorted Size, Shape, Color Warties (10) |
| 6. | Different Varieties of Hard-shells (5) |
| 7. | Assorted Ornamentals and/or Hard-shells (25) |
| * No finish on any entry in this category | |
| * Stems must remain on gourds except on egg and spinner gourds | |

Category: Dried Gourds

- | Class # | Class Description |
|---------|--|
| 8. | Assortment of Cleaned Ornamentals and/or Small Hardshells in an Undecorated Gourd Bowl |
| 9. | Different Varieties Bottle Type, 9 inches or more in height (3) |

10. Same Variety Bottle Type, under 5 inches in height (3)
11. Different Variety Basket Type, 20 inches or more in circumference (3)
12. Same Variety Basket Type, under 20 inches in circumference (3)
13. Dipper, Siphon or Trough Type (3)
14. Longest Straight Long Handled Dipper, Snake or Baton (1) No Long Gourds
15. Longest Long Gourd (1)
16. Largest in Circumference (1)
17. Cleaned, Ready for use Luffa Cylindrical or Luffa Operculata (3)
18. Longest Luffa Cylindrical (1)
19. Molded, Tied or Hand-trained Gourd (1)
- * No finish on any entry in this category, excluding Class #9. Class #9 may have a clear finish
- * Stems if attached, must be cleaned
- * Gourds must be cleaned, and skin removed
- * Bottle Type Gourds, large and small: Birdhouse, Chinese, Swan/Goose, Indonesian, Mexican Water, and Nigerian.
- * Basket Type Gourds, large and small: Basketball, Bushel, Cannon Ball, Canteen types, Kettle types, Martin House, and Tobacco Box.

Category: Crafted Gourds

- | Class # | Class Description |
|--|---|
| 20. | Undecorated Functional Wren House |
| 21. | Embellished with Macramé, Crocheting or Weaving |
| 22. | Cutting, Carving or Drilling |
| 23. | Wood Burning |
| 24. | Jewelry |
| 25. | Decoupage |
| 26. | Bead Work Embellishments |
| 27. | Holiday Theme |
| 28. | Decorated Birdhouse |
| 29. | Painted |
| 30. | Colored Pencil or Ink Pen |
| 31. | Multiple Techniques |
| 32. | Dyed or Stained |
| 33. | Basket with Handle or a Bowl, any technique |
| 34. | Animal or Creature, realistic or fantasy |
| 35. | Kids Competition, anything goes |
| 36. | My Way, any other gourd or technique not listed above |
| 37. | 2021 Indiana State Fair Theme – Hoosier Spirit |
| * Crafted Gourds may be whole, cut or cut open. | |
| * Crafted gourds may be made from one gourd, multiple gourds and/or gourd pieces | |

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