



Gourd Competitions Are Back!

See the state fair competition results on page 4.

President's Message

Pat Moore

Hello! It's been over a year and a half of surviving the Covid-19 Virus and things, events are going on.

The Indiana State Fair was up and running this year, but with some changes. This year's Fair ran from July 30th – Sunday, August 22nd, with the Fair being closed weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays. At this year's IGS booth, we had volunteers to talk gourds with and do demos for visitors at the fair. It was nice to be talking gourds with others again.

The IGS membership meeting is on October 16, 2021 at the Thorntown Library from 10am to 4pm ET. Among other topics we will be discussing the 2022 State Gourd Show, "Down on the Farm" on May 6-7, 2022. Please keep checking the IGS and AGS websites for updates on these future shows and events.

It is getting near the end of gourd growing season, you should have vines and gourds growing everywhere. Indiana's "first frost date" is October 10, so don't get in a hurry to harvest those gourds. By mid-November the vines should be dying nicely and the gourds in the drying or rotting mode. To do a quick test, see the education article on the website "Gourd Maturity Test 101" (or reprinted here on page 7). This will help you determine if your gourds will most likely dry or rot.

IGS wishes you a bountiful crop—stay safe, stay healthy and

Have a GOURD Day!

Patch Schedules Sep / Oct 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

Meetings currently on hold.

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

9-1-21: Discuss state fair results

10-6-21: Snowmen/Snowwomen

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

9-15-21: Discuss state fair results

10-20-21: Snowmen/Snowwomen

Gourd Crafters Patch

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

Contact Lois Wright for details.

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)

Both patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, and welcome new participants. Masks ARE NOW REQUIRED based on state COVID rulings. Social distancing is practiced. At all sessions participants are encouraged to BYOP: Bring Your Own Projects. In August, participants worked on “Down on the Farm” gourds with the intent of creating a gallery for the May 2022 IGS state show. Gourds exhibited at the July Boone County Open Show were displayed; Karen even displayed her gourd lamp begun a few years before when Delaina DeHaven taught a class for the groups. It won a blue ribbon, but the judge asked, “Why are not all the holes the same size?” Duh...because Karen was experimenting with drill bits.

It was truly a team effort to get 19 projects entered into the August Indiana State Fair and we thank Denise Bechtold for hauling in and picking up our entries. We’ll plan to display these entries and discuss the results at our Sept. 1 (6-8 p.m.) and Sept. 15 (2-4:00 p.m.) meetings. Since a January display of gourd snowmen is planned for the library display case, snowmen will be displayed and planned for the September 1 and 15 and the October 6 and 20 meetings. Karen will demonstrate the hot shoe for transferring carbon-based patterns to gourds and it may be used during the sessions. We shall need to decide when we plan to make additional 4” gourd quilt squares and whether or not to begin another gourd quilt.

As always there will be spinner gourds to clean to be ready for future shows (or crafting at patch meetings) and Karen will have dried, cleaned gourds and supplies on hand for first-timers. Questions may be directed to Karen Niemeyer at the library (kniemeyer@thorntownpl.org) (765-436-7348).

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In spite of the fact that we haven't met since 3/12/2020, some members of the patch came through with competition pieces. Penny Boyce, RoJene Gillentine, Mary Johnson, Margie Kempson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, and Diane Werblo participated. There will be a special meeting to claim gourds from the stash at Diane’s in September (Date/time TBD). We are planning to restart meetings in the fall at Garfield Park Arts Center, depending on the Delta variant.

Kentucky Gourd Society Calling It Quits

We have received word that the Kentucky Gourd Society notified the American Gourd Society that it was disbanding.

New York and Pennsylvania Gourd Societies Merging

We have received word that the New York and Pennsylvania Gourd Societies notified the American Gourd Society that they were merging.

PATCH CONTACTS

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Patch 4	West Lafayette	Verona Clark	765-242-1967
Story Gourd Patch	Pendleton	Inactive	
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Thorn Tree	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
West Central Indiana	Avon	Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

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

Grand Champion Gourd at State Fair

Jim Bennett—Indianapolis



2021 Indiana State Fair Results

FRESH

1. Identical . . . Crown of Thorns
 1. Riley Podell
 2. Gary Mosbaugh
 3. Annette Mosbaugh
2. Identical . . . Spoons
 1. Annette Mosbaugh
 2. Gary Mosbaugh
3. Different . . . Spoons
 1. Gary Mosbaugh
 2. Annette Mosbaugh
4. Assorted Ornamentals
 1. Gary Mosbaugh
 2. Annette Mosbaugh
5. Assorted Warties
 1. Riley Podell
 2. Annette Mosbaugh
 3. Gary Mosbaugh
6. Different Varieties of Hard-shells
No entries
7. Assorted Ornamentals and/or Hard-shells
 1. Gary Mosbaugh
 2. Annette Mosbaugh

DRIED

8. Assortment of Cleaned Ornamentals and/or Small Hard-shells in an Undecorated Gourd Bowl
No entries
9. Different Varieties Bottle Type, 9 inches or more in height
 1. Annette Mosbaugh
 2. RoJene Gillentine
 3. Gary Mosbaugh
10. Same Variety Bottle Type, under 5 inches in height
 1. Gary Mosbaugh
 2. Annette Mosbaugh
11. Different Varieties Basket Type, 20 inches or more in circumference
 1. Annette Mosbaugh
 2. Gary Mosbaugh
12. Same Variety Basket Type, under 20 inches in circumference
 1. Gary Mosbaugh
 2. Annette Mosbaugh
13. Dipper, Siphon or Trough Type
 1. Annette Mosbaugh
 2. Gary Mosbaugh
14. Longest Straight Long Handled Dipper, Snake or Baton
 1. Annette Mosbaugh
 2. Gary Mosbaugh
15. Longest Long Gourd
No entries
16. Largest in Circumference
 1. Gary Mosbaugh
 2. Annette Mosbaugh
17. Cleaned, Ready for use Luffa Cylindrical or Luffa Operculata
No entries
18. Longest Luffa Cylindrical
No entries
19. Molded, Tied or Hand-trained Gourd
 1. Ardith Bowles

ART

20. Undecorated Functional Wren House
 1. Ann Stankiewicz
 2. Annette Knox
 3. Diane Werblo
21. Macramé, Crocheting or Weaving
 1. Denise Bechtold
 2. Mac McCrary
22. Cutting, Carving or Drilling
 1. Jim Bennett
 2. Penny Boyce
23. Wood Burning
 1. RoJene Gillentine
 2. Heritage Meadow Farms
24. Jewelry
 1. Annette Knox
 2. Diane Werblo
25. Decoupage
 1. Mary Johnson
 2. RoJene Gillentine
26. Bead Work Embellishments
 1. RoJene Gillentine
 2. Ann Stankiewicz
27. Holiday Theme
 1. Heritage Meadow Farms
 2. Joyce Bennett
 3. Jean Long
28. Decorated Birdhouse
 1. Jim Bennett ***BEST IN SHOW***
 2. Mac McCrary
29. Painted
 1. Shirley Gates
 2. Ann Stankiewicz
 3. Diane Werblo
 4. Annette Knox
30. Colored Pencil, Pen, & Ink
 1. Ann Stankiewicz
 2. Heritage Meadow Farms
 3. RoJene Gillentine
 4. Diane Werblo
31. Multiple Techniques
 1. Heritage Meadow Farms
 2. Penny Boyce
 3. Ann Stankiewicz
 4. RoJene Gillentine
32. Dyed or Stained
 1. Joyce Bennett
 2. Penny Boyce
33. Basket with Handle or a Bowl, any technique
 1. Joyce Bennett
 2. Diane Werblo
34. Animal or Creature, realistic or fantasy
 1. Heritage Meadow Farms
 2. Annette Knox
 3. Jean Long
35. Kids Competition
 1. Margie Kempson
36. My Way, any technique not listed above
 1. Heritage Meadow Farms
 2. Denise Bechtold
 3. Jean Long
37. State Fair Theme "Hoosier Spirit"
 1. Annette Knox

ROAD TRIPS

2021—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Sep 10-12: Nevada Silver State Art Festival, Carson City, NV, www.nevadagourdsociety.org

Sep 24-26: Georgia GourdFest "Gourds On The Go" Kiwanis Fairgrounds, Griffin, GA, www.georgiagourdsociety.com

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

Nov 6-7: 79th North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC, www.ncgourdsociety.org

Nov 13-14: Virginia Gourd Show, Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA, www.vlgs.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.

* * IGS Events * *

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 September or October, 2021

IGS State Gourd Show

May 6-7, 2022

Fulton County Historical Society,
Rochester, IN

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Indiana State Fair

July 30—August 22, 2022

State Fairgrounds
1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

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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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: _____
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 DO YOU WANT ELECTRONIC TENDRIL? CIRCLE YES or NO
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2021 State Fair Photos



Want More Photos?

Go to the website at www.indianagourdsociety.org
then click on Photo Gallery
then click on 2021 State Fair
No need to log in.

Gourd Maturity Test 101

By Pat Moore

When harvesting your gourd crop in the fall, do this simple test to tell if a gourd is mature and will dry or rot over the winter. This test is good for both Hardshell and Ornamental Gourds.

Test:

Using your thumbnail somewhere near the bottom of gourd, try to push straight into the gourd. Now look at what happened.

Results:

- 1) If your nail **CAN** puncture the skin and meat of the gourd:
 - a) It is **not** mature and most likely will rot eventually.
 - b) But, you can probably use it for holiday decorations until it starts to rot.
- 2) If your nail **CAN NOT** puncture into the gourd shell or only scratches the skin:
 - a) It is **mature** and mostly will dry over the winter.
 - b) Use the gourd for holiday decoration, and then let it dry outside, over winter. When dry you can clean and craft it.

FYI:

1. If your thumbnail has punctured/scratched the skin, only....no big deal, it may become a blemish, or not.
2. If your nail went into the meat of the gourd....the gourd is not mature. Poking it will not have caused any problems, it was not mature anyway, and most likely will not survive.
3. Depending where you live, and how soon killing cold weather gets here, your nearly mature gourds might make it.
4. Do this test at end of growing season or mid-November.
5. Your thumbnail mark is like a bug bit to the gourd. One bite is not going to hurt/kill the gourd.
6. If the gourd is still growing, it is not mature.
7. By October, most gourds are as mature as they are going to be. A dry, brown stem is a good indicator that the gourd is mature. Best bet now is to wait and see what happens. Hope for a late freeze. When harvested, put on a pallet or something to hold the gourds off the ground outside, and see what happens to them.

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