

President's Message

Pat Moore

Hello,

Welcome to Spring! Planning a state gourd show starts in July the prior year. It takes many months of hard work, lots of volunteers, planning, money and much more to pull a show together And **we did it!** The 2022 State Gourd Show, "Down on the Farm" is finally here. It's just around the corner on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 2022 (no show on Sunday). Due to increased costs, all the show books are online only. Go to the IGS Website: www.indianagourdsociety.org and see and/or print the Competition and Information Show Books and the Workshop Flyer. There is still time to become a Vendor, enter into the competitions and sign up for workshops at the 2022 State Gourd Show, "Down on the Farm." Hope to see you at the show!

On a garden note **It's Gourd Growing Season!** Spring has arrived, it's time to be starting seeds and plant growing should be underway. Indiana's last frost date is May 10, so after this date the weather should be safe to set out plants. Just hope the rain comes when the plants need it and doesn't drown them out.

Don't forget about last season's gourd crop. Most should be dry by now and ready to be cleaned. You can be crafting on last year's gourds, while you watch this year's gourd crop grow. We wish you a great growing season and a bountiful crop.

See you at the State Gourd Show and Have a GOURD Day!

Patch Schedules May / Jun 2022

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
5-21-22: Birdhouses
6-18-22: Gourd Jewelry

Central Indiana Patch

Meets third Saturdays at Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy, 1-3 p.m. ET

5-21-22: Discussion on State Show
6-18-22: Prep for our gourd show in Greenwood in July

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

5-4-22: Meet at storage shed in Lebanon at 3:45pm ET: load truck for show
6-1-22: Bird feeders/birdhouses

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

5-18-22: Spring-themed gourds
6-15-22: Bird feeders/birdhouses

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.

PASSING OF MEMBER: Richard Ryan

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long-time gourd friend Richard (Turtle) Ryan (Sep, 2021).

PASSING OF MEMBER: Bill Freihofer

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long-time gourd friend and former IGS director Bill Freihofer (Apr, 2022).

PATCH NEWS

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

Both meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., and welcome new participants. Wind chimes from the April sessions will continue into May as shells, bamboo, and gourds are being transformed into chimes. Denise Bechtold coaches on the proper way to drill shells and avoid cracking them. Members have been studying the competition book for the May 6-7 IGS state show and will plan to help work the show as well as provide entries. On May 4 there will not be a crafting session, but members will meet at the storage unit (Secure Storage, 1601 Indianapolis Avenue, Lebanon) at 3:45 p.m. ET to load the truck with items to be transported to Rochester for May 5 setup. On May 18 from 2-4 p.m. ET participants will work on spring-themed gourds as well as their own projects and will display their entries and discuss results from the state show. Bird feeders and bird houses will be the focus of the June 1 (6-8 p.m.ET) and June 15 (2-4 p.m. ET) meetings. The Indiana State Fair entries for July-August will be topics for June. It is recommended that you call Karen at 765-436-7348 to let her know you will attend so that enough supplies will be on hand.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

Linda's Patch met in March at the home of Phyllis Kingen, where we made Ornamental Treasure Boxes for Easter. There were 10 present at the meeting including a couple of old members from the past.

Besides making the Treasure Boxes, we also worked on our schedule for future projects, so that we could line up the proper gourd for each project. In April we worked on a project of our choice for either Mother's Day, Race Day or Down on the Farm at the State Show. In May, since Father's Day will be coming up, we decided to work on a Bird-house (to give as a gift), then in June we plan to make gourd jewelry, perhaps a necklace or earrings.

We always welcome new faces at our meetings, but please call either Peggy Robertson at 317-440-8174 or Rosemary Hill at 317-753-9459 for location and date of meeting. Our normal meeting time is from 2 p.m. ET to 4 p.m. ET on the third Saturday of the month, but the location varies.

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

The IGS Central Indiana Patch met on Saturday, 4/16. Attendees were Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, Diane Werblo and a new member, Jill Thompson. In May we will discuss the State Show and have a (TBA) project. In June we will collect the art/craft gourds for the show at the Greenwood Southside Art League in July

Ways & Means

NEW ITEMS: We have now have 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 <i>Gourds: From Vine to Design</i> book:	\$15	
Aurelia Conway books:		Please send e-mail or phone in case we need to contact you
<i>Gourd Purses, Decorative Painting #9728</i>	\$13.50	
<i>How to Paint a Gourd #9606</i>	\$13.50	

**** INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY ****
28th STATE GOURD SHOW - 2022



COMPETITION

FRIDAY, MAY 6
10:00 AM to 7:30 PM ET
SATURDAY, MAY 7
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM ET

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

www.indianagourdsociety.org

The Show Book is on the web. Because of a tremendous increase in printing/postage costs we are not sending printed copies out. The cost of printing/postage for the Competition Book and the Workshop Flier is over \$12.00 per household. You can view the competition book on the web, or contact the *Tendrill* Editor for a photocopy.

INDIANA STATE FAIR INFO

Diane Werblo

As soon as our great IGS State Show is over, it will be time to think about the Indiana State Fair. It runs July 29 through August 21. It is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. On 4/14/22 the ISF officials announced the Fair's theme will be "Fun at the Speed of Summer" in order to celebrate Indiana's Automotive Excellence. *This is a change from what was posted last month.*

HOW TO ENTER OPEN CLASSES IN AG-HORT 2022

We'd love to have you compete with us this year! **EVERYONE is eligible.** You don't have to have won anything at your county fair or anywhere else. Last year, \$40 let you enter any open class in this building; there are many opportunities. You get six complimentary tickets. Ticket prices range from \$10 (pre-fair) to \$13 (gate). (Do the math; you get paid for entering) In addition, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places in *all* competitions get monetary awards. Plus, \$20 gets a parking tag good for the entire fair! (this is based on 2021 prices and info.)

The Exhibitors Corner portal will open for entries May 17. (It used to open mid-March!) For more info go to: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/agriculturehorticulture-entry-information> Or contact the Entry Department at entry@indianastatefair.com or call the office at (317) 927-7515. There had been some talk that we would be in the Indiana Arts Building. But as far as we know now, we again will be in the Ag-Hort Building in approximately the same area as last year.

We love our volunteers! How many of you first found us at the State Fair? It's our best outreach. Come join us.

Indiana State Fair

July 29—August 21, 2022

State Fairgrounds
1202 E 38th St
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Are your dues up-to-date?

Check with Pat Moore at membership@indianagourdsociety.org.
If you haven't joined yet; please consider it!

ROAD TRIPS

2022—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

May 6-7: Indiana Gourd Society State Show, Fulton Co Historical Museum, Rochester, IN, indianagourdsociety.org

Jun 1-5: North Carolina Cherokee Gourd Gathering, Cherokee Indian Fair Grounds, Cherokee, NC www.gourdgathering.org

Jun 16-18: Pennsylvania Gourd Festival, Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA, pagourdsociety.org [also AGS membership meeting]

Sep 9-11: Nevada Silver State Art Festival, Carson City, NV, www.nevadagourdsociety.org

Sep 22-25: Idaho Gourd Festival, idahogourdsociety.org/festival

Sep 30: Texas Lone Star Gourd Festival, Gillespie Co Fairgrounds, Fredricksburg, TX, www.texasgourdsociety.org

Oct 7-9: Ohio Gourd Show and Festival, Delaware Co Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH, 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.

HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting (Thorntown)
2022:	May 6/7	October 15, 10 a.m. ET
2023:	TBA	October 21, 10 a.m. ET

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 * *

IGS State Gourd Show

May 6-7, 2022
Fulton County Historical Society,
Rochester, IN
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Indiana State Fair

July 29—August 21, 2022
State Fairgrounds
1202 E 38th St
Indianapolis, IN 46205
[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

IGS Membership Meeting

October 15, 2022, 10 a.m. ET
Thorntown Public Library
124 N Market St
Thorntown, IN 46071
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

The Judge's Class was so successful in April that we've decided to hold another one later in the summer. You do not have to be wanting to become a judge to join us! If you are an artist or crafter and want to learn what judges look at, this is the class for you. The only requirement is that you must be an AGS member, because this is a class sponsored by AGS. If interested, please contact Phil Moorhead at treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org or 765-674-8088—based on those wishing to attend we will determine a date/time for the class.

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

New AGS Certified Judges

Please join me in welcoming the following new AGS Apprentice Judges. They successfully completed the introductory AGS judges course at Thorntown library:

Sandy Stropky
Leo Hilton
Sandra Townsend
Michelle Fife

Also join me in congratulating the following current Certified judges who completed the judge refresher course:

Pat Moore
Frances Bascom
Ida Kennedy
Helen Thomas
Karen Niemeyer

We are planning another judge class in mid to late summer. If you are interested please contact me, see info on the last page.

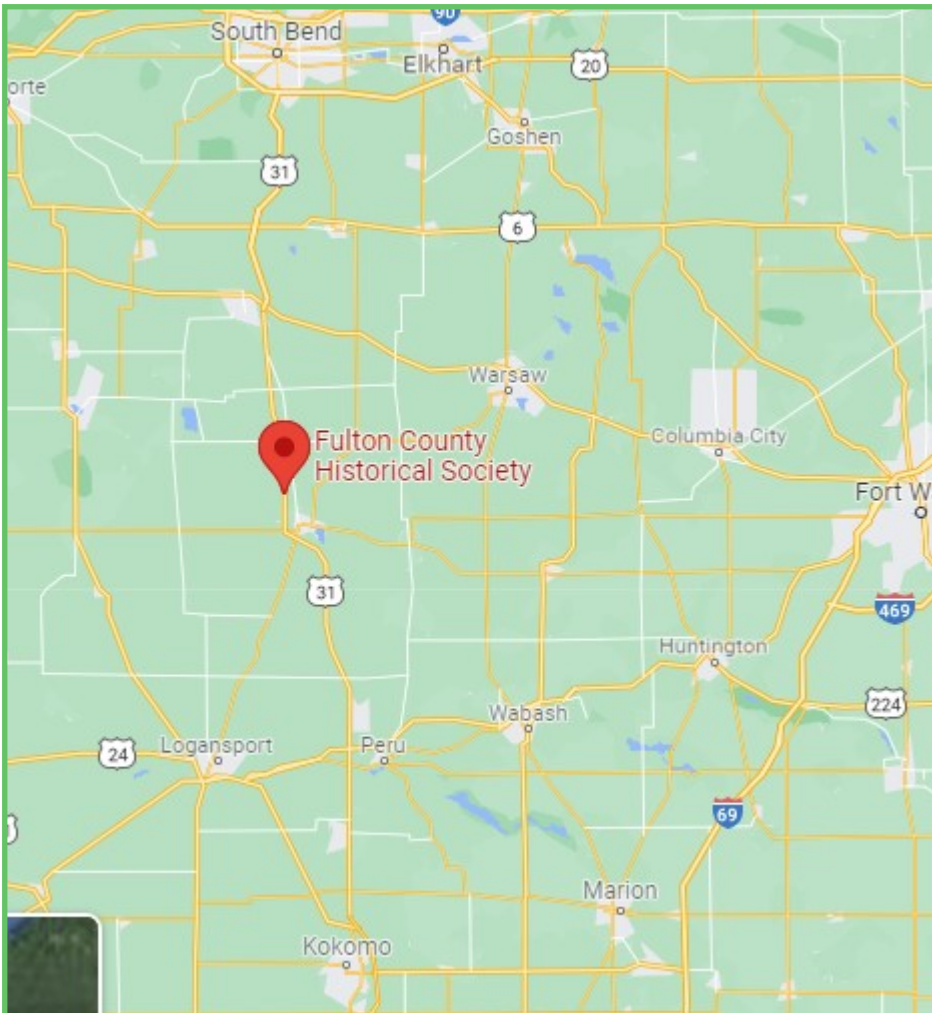
Phil Moorhead
Certified AGS Master Judge/Judge Instructor

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.

PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
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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

See You At The Gourd Show Fulton Co Historical Museum Rochester, IN May 6/7, 2022



Here is a map (courtesy google maps) showing the location of the IGS State Show for 2022. It is at the Fulton County Historical Society approximately four miles north of Rochester, IN on Rt-31.

Distance from South Bend:
41 miles

Distance from Kokomo:
46 miles

Distance from Fort Wayne:
61 miles

Distance from Carmel:
83 miles

Distance from Terre Haute:
177 miles

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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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