



President's Message

Pat Moore

The 2022 State Gourd Show, "Down on the Farm" was on May 6-7, 2022. It was very nice to see so many gourd friends face to face again; the last time we could get together was the 2019 State Show. The show setup was very nice again this time. The vendor count and competition entries were down a little from past years, but the quality of the booths and art work seemed greatly improved. I'd say the show was much better than expected since it's been two years between shows, and we still ALL had a great time.

IGS is having Zoom Meetings on the last Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. ET. These meetings are for the IGS Board, Officers, Advisory members and any IGS member wishing to join in. (Contact me or Phil Moorhead to sign you up and join in.) Starting in June, IGS will be discussing the 2022 State Show; as we should have a tally of all things pertinent to the show. In future zoom meetings, decisions will be held as to: where, when, who, why, why not and if there will be a State Show in 2023 and beyond. Sometime in the future, an official IGS Board meeting will be called, some discussion held and a vote taken as to the status of future State Shows.

The State Fair will be from Friday, July 29th – Sunday, August 21st, with the Fair being closed weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays. IGS will need volunteers to help work our booth and members to donate spinner gourds, other small gourds and shards to pass out during the Fair. For more information about the Indiana State Fair, please contact Diane Werblo, IGS State Fair Chair Person (igs.dpwerblo@yahoo.com).

The IGS Membership Meeting is on October 15, 2022 at the Thorntown Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. Please mark your calendars now and keep checking the IGS web for updates.

It's Gourd Growing Season and HOT weather is here! You should have gourd vines growing and going everywhere by now. Some vines could be having blooms and baby gourds by now. Don't forget to hand pollinate your gourds to increase your yield, don't depend on the pesky bugs to do it for you!

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

Have a GOURD Day!

Patch Schedules Jul / Aug 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 home of Peggy
Robertson, 1224 W 300 N, Greenfield at 2-4
p.m. ET*

For more info, contact Peggy Robertson 317-326-3854
7-16-22: TBD
8-20-22: TBD

Central Indiana Patch

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

7-16-22: Choosing items for State Fair entries
8-20-22: No meeting (Volunteer at fair instead!)

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

7-6-22: Dragonflies and butterflies
8-3-22: Dragonflies and butterflies

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

7-20-22: Dragonflies and butterflies
8-17-22: Dragonflies and butterflies

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 meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., and welcome new participants. Dragonflies and butterflies are the themes for the July 6 and 20 and August 3 and 17 gourd patch sessions. Both are now meeting from 2 -4 p.m. ET and no further evening sessions are planned. Making decisions regarding entries for the Indiana State Fair for July/August will be a topic for July 6 in order to meet the July 17 entry deadline. 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. You may always work on your own projects. We did have two new participants in June. We are now watching for long- and short-handled dippers because we have an idea inspired by Emily Dillard's long-handled dipper Christmas-themed gourd that is part of Karen's collection.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

Linda's Patch met in May on the fourth Saturday of the month instead of the third Saturday, because several of us went to the Kentucky Gourd Festival. We went to the festival mainly because not very many of the seeds that we planted germinated, and they had quite a few nice plants at the festival. They also had a nice show of gourd art by middle schoolers and high schoolers. Very good imaginations and clever ideas.

We held our meeting at the home of Peggy Robertson, 1224 W 600 N, Greenfield, IN 46140, and until further notice we will be meeting at this location. Although, call either me at 317-440-8174 or Rosemary Hill at 317-753-9459 if you plan to attend, just to make sure that the location or date hasn't changed. As always, we welcome new participants. We are happy to say that we had a couple of old members return and a couple new faces at our May meeting.

The weather was great as we worked on our bird houses and enjoyed each other's company. In June we will be working on a necklace and or earrings.



Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

The IGS Central Indiana Patch met on Saturday, 5/21. Attendees were Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, and Diane Werblo. We discussed the State Gourd Show and showed a few of the winning gourds. Our project was "Smush Painting." Similar to the Adult Finger Painting Project we've done in the past, we put small pre-spray-painted gourds inside plastic bags, dripped in 2-3 compatible colors of quick-drying oil paint from Sharpie Paint Pens, and "smushed" the bag up around the gourd. Peeling off the bag revealed the art that we and Mother Nature made together. While we were laughing and smushing, three middle-school girls came in to see what we were doing and two joined in the fun. On May 22 Mac and Diane went to former IGS member Emily Wallace's home near Pendleton to get the last of the gourds she is giving away. They are available to any patch members who need them; call to set up a day/time. At the June 18th meeting, we will collect gourds for our patch's show at the Greenwood Southside Art League, 299 E Broadway St., Greenwood, IN 46143, throughout July. We will also discuss patch entries for ISF.

INDIANA STATE FAIR INFO

Diane Werblo

It's time to think about the Indiana State Fair (ISF), July 29 - August 21. It is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The Fair's theme is "Fun at the Speed of Summer" celebrating Indiana's Automotive Excellence. Can you get a gourd car made before Wednesday, July 27, when entries are due?

HOW TO ENTER OPEN CLASSES IN AG-HORT 2022

Are you competing this year? You are eligible! Everyone is. You can enter any open class in Ag-Hort for \$40. You can enter items which you had in our State Show in May. ISF sends you six complimentary tickets; the pre-fair price is \$10 and the gate price is \$14. (Do the math; you get paid for entering.) In addition, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places in all competitions get monetary awards. Also, daily parking is \$10, but exhibitors can get a \$20 parking tag good for the entire fair!

The Exhibitors Corner portal opened for entries May 17. Go to: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/agriculturehorticulture-entry-information> for more information. You can also contact the State Fair office at entry@indianastatefair.com or call the office at (317) 927-7515. **ONE BIG CHANGE:** Entrants go to the Indiana Arts Building (IAB) to check in and get the tags. I don't think you need to carry your gourds into IAB. As far as we know now, we will be in the Ag-Hort Building in approximately the same area as last year. Exhibit release is Monday, 8/22, from Ag-Hort. Remaining exhibits may be picked up from IAB on Tuesday.

State Fair Gourd Division

[The following is excerpted by Diane Werblo from p. 15 - 17 of the 2022 Open Entry Agriculture & Horticulture Book provided by the Indiana State Fair.]

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. [We also accept buttons.]
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

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Images from our first State Gourd Show after the Pandemic



ROAD TRIPS

2022—courtesy of AGS
(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Aug 20: Northern CA Virtual Competition,
www.AmadorGourdArtists.com
Sep 10-12: Nevada Silver State Art Festival, Carson
City, NV, www.nevadagourdsociety.org
Sep 22-25: Idaho Gourd Festival, idahogourdsociety.org/festival
Sep 30-Oct 2: 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
Oct 14-15: Alabama Gourd Show, Sparkman Civic
Center, Hartselle, AL
www.alabamagourdsociety.org
Oct 21-23: GourdFest "Gourds on the Go" Kiwanis
Fairgrounds, Griffin, GA
www.georgiagourdsociety.com
Nov 5-6: North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival,
State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
www.ncgourdsociety.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.**

HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting (Thorntown)
2022:		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. There-
fore, gifts to IGS are not deductible
for income tax purposes.

* * IGS Events * *

Indiana State Fair

July 29—August 21, 2022

State Fairgrounds

1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]
[For 2022 pre-fair tickets: \$10; after 7-29: \$14]

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]

IGS State Gourd Show

2023

TBD

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Volunteer at the State Fair!

We love our volunteers! How many of you first found us
at the State Fair? It's our very best outreach. Come join
us if you can. Volunteering a minimum of four hours in
one day gets you a free fair ticket which otherwise would
cost \$14. If you volunteer five days or more, you'll even
get a free parking pass. We'll post the volunteer schedule
on <http://www.indianagourdsociety.org> soon. Let me
know when you can work. Send your days/times to Di-
ane Werblo, IGS State Fair Chair Person, at
igs.dpwerblo@yahoo.com or 317-783-1428.

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Winners at the 2022 Indiana State Gourd Show

Best of:

Div-1 (Jim Story)	JS-1	Pat Moore
Div-2 (Dried)	D-9	Jim Bloom
Div-3 (Botanicals)	A-20	Sandy Uhrick
Div-4 (Floral Design)	I-28	Shirley Gates
Div-5 (Arts/Crafts)	I-76	Jim Bloom
Div-6 (Gallery)	A-79A	Jim Bloom

Novice	N-59	Leo Hilton
Intermediate	I-76	Jim Bloom
Advanced	A-74	Sandy Uhrick
Master	M-58	Michelle Fife

Jim Story Award	JS-1	Pat Moore
Jane Story Green Clean		No entries
Vendor Booth		Sue Westhues
Chairman's Award	I-79A	Jim Bloom
Honey Bear/Mary Miller Award (most entries)		Ida Kennedy (28)
Most pre-registered entries winning blue ribbons		Sandy Uhrick (17)

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
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

PATCH CONTACTS

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

State Fair Gourd Division

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. 2022 Indiana State Fair Theme – Automobiles
 - * Crafted Gourds may be whole, cut or cut open.
 - * Crafted gourds may be made from one gourd, multiple gourds and/or gourd pieces.

Also check:

- p. 11 Artistic Crop Arts classes 1, 2, & 3; Scarecrow classes 6 & 7; and Decorative Vegetable Art class 11.
- p. 14 Largest Vegetable class 8.
- p. 15 Longest Gourd class 1.
- p. 17 Backyard, Vegetables class 27. [Entry date is Sunday, Aug. 14.]

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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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