



## President's Message

*Pat Moore*

Our last Gourd Event for 2022 was our yearly membership meeting, held in October. The membership elected the Board of Directors and the Board will elect the Officers for 2023. Our show plans for 2023 are moving right along—but things are changing for the 2023 State Show. IGS will hold a one day show at the Hendricks Co Fairground, in Danville Indiana on April 8, 2023 (Easter Weekend). Some of the competition classes were deleted or combined and we are having only two skill levels in 2023. We will still be having the Jim Story Competition, workshops, vendors and demos at our show.

The 2023 Competition, Information, and Workshop Show Books will be on-line only. So keep checking the IGS website for updated 2023 Information. The applications for Workshop Classes/Teachers and Vendor Forms for 2023 are on line now (also available here on pages 3/4). The Workshop Flyer will be on line before March of 2023. So, you still have plenty of time to work on your entries for April 2023.

The IGS Zoom Meetings have been postponed for the holiday season and will resume in January 2023, on the last Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. ET.

It is gourd harvest season and time for gourd drying to begin. Do the "Gourd Maturity Test 101" on your gourds at harvest and know what gourds are likely to dry or to rot. See the Education Articles Section on the IGS Website to find the test information ([www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)) and reproduced here on page 7.

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

## Patch Schedules

### 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*  
11-19-22: Fall project TBD  
12-17-22: Fall project TBD

### Central Indiana Patch

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

11-8-22: No meeting, election day  
12-13-22: Decoupage holiday decorations (Mary Johnson)

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

11-2-22: Make fall decorations/Christmas ornaments  
11-16-22: Make fall decorations/Christmas ornaments  
12-7-22: Make fall decorations/Christmas ornaments  
12-21-22: Make fall decorations/Christmas ornaments

### 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 Ardith Bowles

We received word of the passing on October 21 of Ardith Bowles, a long-time IGS member. At her family's request the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch delivered to a flower shop several gourds to be used in the casket floral piece.

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# PATCH NEWS

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## Sugar Creek Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The patch will meet at Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, from 2-4:00 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 2 and 16 and Dec. 7 and 21 to make fall decorations and Christmas ornaments. Some participants may be finishing their weaving of pine needles on gourd bowls. There is no cost to participate, but Karen Niemeyer needs to know if you will attend and will need supplies. Call her at the library at 765-436-7348.

## Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

Our patch had a great show at the Greenwood Southside Art League (SALI) in July; several of us sold gourds. SALI members and guests enjoyed how different and fun it was. We may be asked back in a year or two. Our members also did well at the Indiana State Fair. Most impressively, Michelle Fife won Best of Show for her Mountain Dulcimer built on three huge canteen gourds shown in Ag-Hort, and Diane Werblo won Best of Show in the Decorative Crop & Vegetable Arts Division Embellished Seed and Plant (in the Indiana Arts Building) for a grapevine wreath covered in little gourds, gourd bits, and seeds.

Since there's no November meeting due to Election Day, we will have two get-togethers in Oct. First, due to the generosity of members and friends, Mac McCrary and Diane Werblo hosted The Great Gourd Giveaway in their backyard on our old regular Saturday meeting date, 10-15-22. If it rains, we will meet in the garage, 820 Cameron St., Indy. Second, weather permitting, we will meet at Seth Kent's Pumpkin and Gourd Farm Festival at 1595 E. State Road 18, Brookston, IN 47923 from 1-3 p.m. ET on Thursday, 10-27-22. Beginning in December, CIP will meet second Tuesdays at GPAC in Indy, 1-3 p.m. Saturdays were not working out. Also, since many of you don't drive after dark, we are moving to the afternoons. We will do decoupaged holiday decorations with Mary Johnson. Bring a pre-painted gourd and thin holiday napkins! It doesn't have to be Christmas.

## Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

The Gourd Crafters met Oct 8, Saturday, at 2 pm at Becky Whitted's house. Becky showed us how to make a Thunder Drum. Everyone enjoyed the good food, drinks, and company. Plus, they came away with a pretty cool Thunder drum. People present were: Linda Allred, Roxanne Flesher, Martha Howell, Jesse Glessner, Becky Whitted, and Lois Wright.



Photos of Michelle Fife's library display (see article on page 6)

## Vendor Regulations - 2023

**Contact:** Diane Werblo, Phone: (317) 783-1428 Email: [vendor@indianagourdociety.org](mailto:vendor@indianagourdociety.org)  
**Selection:** Inside and outside spaces available.  
**Set-Up:** Saturday, April 8, 2023 morning before 8 AM ET  
**Vendor packets available that morning.**  
**ID Badges:** Up to two (2) preprinted Name badges per booth space rented. Tags may be picked up Saturday morning. These badges must be worn during the show hours as your Show Pass into the Shows Venue Area. Additional badges may be purchased for \$5.00.

## Vendor Policy - IGS State Show - 2023

The Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. will not create a policy that will eliminate any vendor from demonstrating or selling any Brand Name merchandise or determine any price structure for merchandise sold, thereby eliminating competition between vendors. This has been the position of the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. in the past and shall continue to be in the future.

### Location and Booth Space:

IGS Board of Directors

- Dry Gourd Vendors (with deaned gourds) will be allowed inside, if space is available.
- Outside Space, approximately 16' x 24'.
- Inside Space, approximately 10' x 10'.
- Booth locations, assigned by the committee according to show layout.

**Specific requests will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed.**

- Demonstrations in the booth are limited to the confines of the booth. Demonstrations must be completed during show hours, must not produce a "make-it-take-it" item, or charge a fee.
- Manning the booth is the responsibility of the person applying for the booth space. Vendor is responsible for staffing booth during show hours. As a courtesy to neighboring vendors, no booth is to be left unattended during show hours.
- We recommend table tops be covered, skirting not required.

**Permits, Merchandise and Sales:** Each vendor is responsible for all Federal/Indiana taxes (forms at Dept. of Revenue, Indianapolis, Ind.)

- Merchandise must be at least seventy-five percent (75%) gourd and/or gourd-related. Any other merchandise and/or vendors will be by IGS invitation only.
- NO SALE of plastic items, artificial flowers or fractal burned gourds is permitted.
- Committee reserves the right to reject and/or restrict vendor due to space constraints, condition and/or quality of sale merchandise, sale of inappropriate items for this show or sub-standard booth appearance.
- All imported sale gourds must be clearly marked, "Imported from \_\_\_\_" (specify country).
- Sales begin after your booth has been set up and continues throughout show hours.

**Teardown:** Vendors may teardown after 5:00 PM on Saturday. Merchandise sell-out does NOT constitute a reason to dismantle your booth or remove merchandise prior to the designated teardown time.

**Security:** Reasonable security will be provided for all show participants by the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. and Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds & Conference Center. (See security disclaimer on page 6.)

**Refunds:** No refunds issued on cancellations received after April 1, 2023. (FIRM)

**\*\*\* ALL Vendors are asked to donate one (1) or more items to IGS for the Silent Auction and enter three (3) gourds or more into competition.**

## Vendor Application Form

### Indiana Gourd Society, Inc., 2023 Show

**Mail completed form and check to:** This form is available at: [www.indianagourdociety.org](http://www.indianagourdociety.org)  
IGS Registration E-mail: [vendor@indianagourdociety.org](mailto:vendor@indianagourdociety.org)  
P.O. Box 822 Phone: Diane Werblo: (317) 783-1428  
Marion, Indiana, 46952 **DEADLINE: Received - April 1, 2023**  
**Non-Compliance:** Failure to comply with regulations may prohibit any vendor from future participation in other Indiana Shows. Show committee decision is final.  
Give a detailed description of what you are selling at the Indiana Gourd Show: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:	
Business name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-Mail:	
Phone/Cell No.	& Best time to call:
IGS Member:	Circle: YES NO

Describe any free demonstrations you are willing to do. Specify— Demo area or your booth.

Vendors will receive two (2) name tags per booth space rented. Additional tags may be purchased for \$5.00 each — list names below. Tags serve as your weekend SHOW PASS when worn. To be picked up on Thursday or a door fee will be charged on Friday and Saturday.

Names:

**\*\*\*Spaces available on a first-come, first-paid bases, as space is limited inside.\*\*\***

#	Inside booth space (10' X 10') @ \$25 each.	\$
#	Outside booth space (16' X 24') @ \$25 each.	\$
#	Tables (6' X 30") @ \$5 each. (you may bring your own). We recommend you cover table tops.	\$
#	Chairs - @ \$2 each. (you may bring your own).	\$
#	Electricity @ \$5.00/vendor. Demonstrators given electrical preference. No extension cords or surge suppressors provided.	\$
#	Additional name tags @ \$5.00 each (write names on separate sheet).	\$
TOTAL	Make check payable to: Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. (IGS) and mail with application.	\$

# Workshop Instructor Application For April, 2023

THE INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY PRESENTS  
A ONE-DAY GOURD SHOW

We're Moving!



Location / Date / Time / Length

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023**

WORKSHOPS: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

HENDRICKS CO FAIRGROUNDS & CONFERENCE CTR

1900 E MAIN ST

DANVILLE, IN. 46122

**IGS is asking for Workshop Classes to be:**

- A simple technique on gourd.
- Students should end with a completed technique/gourd.
- Class completed in 3 hours or less.
- Class cost of \$30 or less (IGS will add \$5 to the price you ask.)

Please send your class info and pictures to:

Phil Moorhead: (PO Box 822, Marion, IN 46952) or  
(workshops@indianagourdsociety.org)

The workshop info will be released in March, 2023.

[www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)

Show Date

**2023**

**Saturday of Easter**

**Weekend**

**April 8, 2023**

Location

Hendricks Co Fairgrounds & Conference Ctr  
1900 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122

Deadline to return Instructor Applications

**Feb. 14, 2023** postmark date, for your  
application and photos of your proposed  
workshops to be submitted.

To be considered by the Workshop Committee, applications and photos of proposed projects must be completed, returned and in our hands by Feb. 14, 2023 Send to IGS Workshops, Phil Moorhead, PO Box 822, Marion, IN 46952, or scan and e-mailed to (workshops@indianagourdsociety.org) We prefer digital photos 300dpi or better. Please send a separate application for each workshop.

Name of Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Title of Workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Description: \_\_\_\_\_

List of materials/supplies students need to have (you supply gourds): \_\_\_\_\_

Special requirements: (electricity, water, vent, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Class size: (Minimum #) One (1) to (Maximum #) \_\_\_\_\_

IGS request your fee be \$30 or less for a technique and/or completed gourd.

Workshop charge (your fee): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (IGS will add \$5.00 to your class fee) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Select one answer from each line:

⇒ Will participant leave with finished technique or gourd? O Yes O No

⇒ Project Level: O Beginner O Intermediate O Advanced O All Levels

⇒ Time required for workshop: O 1-hour O 2-hours O 3-hours

⇒ Day/time preferred for workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

O Any time Saturday or O Saturday - AM or O Saturday PM

Times that will NOT work: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Instructors, if you submit a class and it is selected, IGS considers you committed to teach that class.**

## ROAD TRIPS

**2022—courtesy of AGS**

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Nov 5-6: 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

### 2023

Feb 3-5: Arizona Gourd Society Gourd Art Competition.  
Www.arizonagourdsociety.org

Feb 23-26: Florida Gourd Society Festival, Azan  
Shriners Center, Melbourne, FL  
www.flgourdsoc.org

Apr 15-16: Show Me Gourd Society Fine Art Festival,  
Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, MO  
showmegourdsociety.org

Jun 7-11: North Carolina Gourd Gathering, Smoky  
Mountain Event Center, Waynesville, NC

Jun 15-17: Pennsylvania Gourd Society Festival,  
Lebanon Valley Expo Center, Lebanon, PA  
www.pagourdsociety.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)
2023:	April 8, 2023	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 \* \*

### IGS State Gourd Show

April 8, 2023

Hendricks Co Conference Center & Fairgrounds  
Danville, IN 46122

Admission Fee to the show  
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

### Indiana State Fair

TBD, 2023

State Fairgrounds

1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

### IGS Membership Meeting

October 21, 2023, 10 a.m. ET

Thorntown Public Library

124 N Market St

Thorntown, IN 46071

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

## Need a funny about gourds?

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/opinion/america-s-gourd-addiction-why-president-biden-must-mandate-a-one-gourd-per-household-rule/ar-AA12L81I?ocid=msedgdhp&pc=U531&cvid=c4c6325d050243e0b939e62912109885>

Address Change: Fill out form and mail to indicated address below.

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEW	ID# _____
Membership Application		DATE: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year @ \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 <u>TENDRIL</u> ? 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: <a href="http://www.indianagourdsociety.org">www.indianagourdsociety.org</a>				

## Gourd Display at Public Library

Michelle Fife

The trees are turning and fall is really here. Pumpkins, ghosts and skeletons decorate the porches here in Irvington, on Indianapolis' eastside. I still have a gigantic tote full of my Indiana Gourd Show entries and those that I entered at the Indiana State Fair. They are staring at me every time I drive into my garage. My husband asks me again, "What are you going to do with those gourds?" This time I began to think that surely there must be somewhere I can display them. I remembered that my local public library has some wonderful display cabinets in the entry way. I inquired at the reference desk and to my surprise, no one has requested the use of them for October. I signed up! So often people only think of gourds as potential birdhouses. I typed a little information about each piece which I displayed to explain what the viewer was seeing and techniques that I used. I included a card in each cabinet as well about who to contact for more information about the IGS and a contact person for joining a patch. I know that at the end of the month I will recollect them and bring them home but for now, all the library patrons can enjoy them. I hope there will be some interest generated in gourds and there might be some "seeds" planted for acquiring new members. Perhaps there are other places that would be delighted to see your beautiful creations too. I have received lots of positive feedback and I know you will too! See photos on page 2.

### Membership Meeting Results

We received the draft minutes of the meeting too late to be included in this edition of the newsletter. Some highlights were: Board members Phil Moorhead and Sandra Townsend were reelected to the board for 2023-2025. The new board will meet in early January 2023 to elect officers. The members voted to hold a one-day IGS Gourd Show at Danville, IN on April 8, 2023 (Saturday of Easter weekend).

## Ways & Means

**We 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.**

<b>Caps and visors:</b>	<b>\$14</b>	<b>Send check payable to IGS to Phil Moorhead PO Box 822 Marion, IN 46952</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 #9728</i>	<b>\$13.50</b>	<b>Please send e-mail or phone in case we need to contact you</b>
<i>How to Paint a Gourd #9606</i>	<b>\$13.50</b>	

### 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	Inactive	
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

## 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.

## THE TENDRIL

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### **CHECK EXPIRATION DATE ABOVE YOUR ADDRESS!** **THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE**

All submissions welcome!

#### **Issue: Articles Due:**

***Jan/Feb Dec 1***

***Mar/Apr Feb 1***

***May/Jun Apr 1***

***Jul/Aug Jun 1***

***Sep/Oct Aug 1***

***Nov/Dec Oct 1***

#### **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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