

President's Message

Pat Moore

The 2023 State Gourd Show, "On the Road Again" was Saturday April 8, 2023. It was good to see many gourd friends, face to face. I think everyone there had a great time. The show venue at Danville, IN was very nice and large enough for IGS to grow into. Our show was on Easter weekend; the vendor count was down, the competition quality was great, but the entries count was down – but for a one day show the turn out was good.

The Indiana State Fair will take place from Friday, July 28 – Sunday, August 20 this year. Some things will be a little different again year. IGS will need volunteers to work our booth during the ISF. For more information about the Indiana State Fair, please contact Diane Werblo (317-783-1428, or igs.dpwerblo@yahoo.com).

The next IGS gourd event is the Membership Meeting on October 21, 2023. Mark your calendars now. Please keep checking the IGS and AGS websites for updates on future shows and events.

It's Gourd Growing and Cleaning Season! Spring has finally arrived! Seed starting and growing should be underway. Indiana's last frost date is May 10, it should be safe to plants after that date. So**Grow. ...GOURDS....Grow.....** But don't forget about gourds from last year, they should be dry by now and ready to clean and store, or let the crafting begin. I wish you a great growing season and a great crop.

Stay safe and healthy and Have a GOURD Day!

IGS/AGS Judges' Course

August 19, 2023, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. ET

Thorntown Library

Thorntown, IN

Registration Required, see p. 3 for details

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

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 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

5-21-23: Wind chimes

6-25-23: Flowers and butterflies from gourds

Central Indiana Patch

Meets second Tuesdays at Garfield

Park Arts Center in Indy, 1-3 p.m. ET

5-9-23: Marbleizing (weather permitting)

6-13-23: Begin prep for State Fair

7-11-23: Collect the patch's State Fair entries

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

Meets first and third Wednesdays at

Thorntown Public Library, 2-4 p.m.

ET

5-3-23: Make rain sticks

5-17-23: Make rain sticks

6-7-23: Jim Bennett teaching pine cone use

6-21-23: Jim Bennett teaching pine cone use

Gourd Crafters Patch

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

TBD: Contact Lois Wright for details

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

PATCH NEWS

Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

Sunday March 26 the Gourd Crafters met at 3 p.m. in Ridgeville. RoJene Gillentine of IGS taught us how to marbleize gourds. See photos below for our techniques.

Sugar Creek Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The patch met in April to begin crafting rain sticks and finish gourd lamps at Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown. Wednesday May 3 and 17 and June 7 and 21 from 2-4:00 p.m. the plan is to finish projects and also to make bird house roofs using pine cone pieces. Jim Bennett has been asked to coach the group on pine cone use. Karen may be contacted at the library at 765-436-7348 so that supplies and gourds will be on hand. All members were represented at the April 8 state gourd show with Denise Bechtold winning a "Best Of" award for her gourd planter. Denise and Sally Mohringer were high bidders on several silent auction gourds. The plan at this time is to complete projects, get entries ready for the Boone County open show in July, and to consider possible state fair entries.



Gourd Crafters starting in the back row, from left to right: Roxanne Flesher, Susan StClair, Robert West, Lois Wright, Sandy Uhrick. Second row: Becky Whitted, Marilyn Flowers, Martha Howell (kneeling) Joyce West (sitting). Missing: Phil Moorhead, RoJene Gillentine.

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

CIP meets second Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. ET at the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46203. On April 11th, Michelle Fife, Mary Johnson, Mac McCrary, Sandra Townsend, and Diane Werblo first did a bit of bragging about our ribbons and discussed the show. We would like the State Show to continue at Danville, but not on a holiday weekend. Our group said late Sept./early Oct. would work for them. We liked being able to drive into the building to unload. The food was great, but we missed Melinda's pies. Our members had a great time, but we have some suggestions for improvements. Then, we decided to set up the Indiana Gourd Patch on Facebook; it's up and running. Friend us, please. Focus on posting gourd info only. Finally, we did a Show and Tell on "bird" gourds. One was bought from Rosey Bolte in Brown County and one was from Sue Westhues from the Bloomington area. Next month we may do marbleizing again. Otherwise, TBD.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

The next meeting for Linda's Patch will be May 21st from 2-4 p.m. ET at: 1224 W 600 N, Greenfield, IN. We plan to work on wind chimes. On Sunday, June 25th, we plan on making flowers and butterflies, but as always, if you would rather work on finishing a previous project, please feel free to do so. Some of our chapter members attended the Indiana Gourd Show, entering some of their gourd art pieces. We even brought home some ribbons! The new venue for the show was great! The space was great! Can't wait for next year!!

Marbleizing at Gourd Crafters Patch Meeting



SILENT AUCTION WINNERS

There were 20 items donated for the silent auction held at the state show, resulting in \$251 in income for IGS. We appreciate the donors and also thank the lucky winners: Sally Mohringer, Denise Bechtold, Marylou Riley, Lydia Brannin, Tim Townsend, Laura Kearby, Fran Bascom, Kim White, Carla Alexander, and Russ Hill.

Indiana Gourd Show Competition Winners

Jim Story Award: Helen Thomas
Best of Amateur: Peggy Robertson
Best of Professional: Michelle Fife
Best of Div 2 (Dried): Rosemary Hill
Best of Div 3 (Botanicals): Denise Bechtold
Best of Div 4 (Floral Design): Michelle Fife
Best of Div 5 (Arts & Crafts): Jim Bennett
Best of Div 6 (Gallery): Peggy Robertson
Honey Bear & Mary Miller Memorial
(most entries): RoJene Gillentine
Most Blue Ribbons: RoJene Gillentine
Vendor Award: Helen Thomas
Chairperson's Award: Jim Bennett

New Judge's Class

Again this year we have planned a judge's class to certify judges to AGS standards. See www.americangourdsociety.org for details. The cost is \$20 for the one-day course. This is the first step in becoming certified to judge AGS gourd shows. We have the class scheduled for the Thorntown Library on August 19 from 9 a.m. ET to 3 p.m. ET. We'll be covering both the infrastructure of judging and how to judge gourds. If you are a current judge you can also attend for free. This course is one way to maintain your judge status. AGS judges must participate as a clerk or judge at one or more AGS-endorsed gourd competitions in the 2-year period following the training session. They must also participate in one or more continuing education events in the two years following their training session.

YOU MUST BE PREREGISTERED
Please contact me for details—Phil
Moorhead—765-674-8088

HOW TO ENTER OPEN CLASSES IN AG-HORT AT THE IND. STATE FAIR 2023

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.

The Fair Board is rebranding the Ag/Hort Building as "The Mercantile" since it will have a lot of the booths that used to be in Expo Hall. Like last year, \$40 lets you enter any open class in Ag-Hort; there are over 300 opportunities. You get six free tickets. Ticket prices ranged from \$10 (pre-fair) to \$14 (gate). Do the math; you get paid for entering. In addition, first, second, and third places in all competitions get monetary awards. Plus, \$20 gets a parking tag good for the entire fair! All the concerts are FREE! This is preliminary info; changes may happen.

TO ENTER:

Either go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/> or call the entry department at 317-927-7515 and ask for the Ag-Hort info. The book is online now. In the past a printed copy was available from the entry dept. The entry deadline is July 1.

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/agriculturehorticulture-entry-information>

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.

Jim Story material:

DVD: \$23.00
 Book, *Gourds: From Vine to Design*: \$15.00

Send check payable to IGS to

Phil Moorhead
 PO Box 822
 Marion, IN 46952

Aurelia Conway books:

Gourd Purses, Decorative Painting #9728 \$13.50
How to Paint a Gourd #9606 \$13.50

Please send e-mail or phone in case we need to contact you

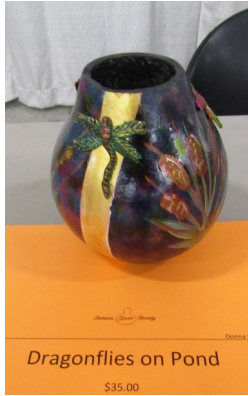


Helen Thomas (Sandlady) with her Jim Story Award winning manipulated gourd

PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
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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
West Central Indiana	Avon	Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

Examples of Gourd Art YOU could have learned how to make
—had you been at the show



Dragonflies on Pond
\$35.00



Daisy Cottage

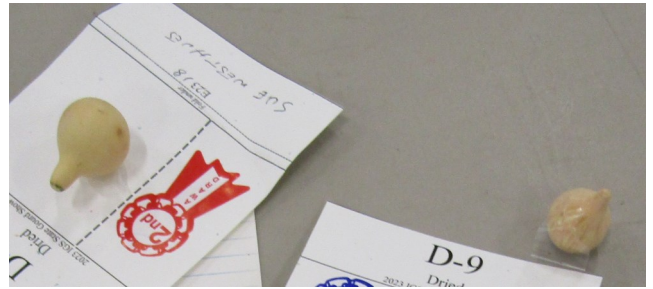


Mandala Art Made Fun
\$10.00



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\$10.00

Photos from the 2023 Indiana Gourd Show at Danville, IN



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A silent auction piece you could have owned had you been there



Pat Moore, president; Phil Moorhead, treasurer; Diane Werblo, show co-chair



Sandra Townsend, show co-chair; Tim Townsend, volunteer

Demonstrations throughout the day

ROAD TRIPS

2023—courtesy of AGS (www.americangourdsociety.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
- Jun 15-18: Gourd Blossom Retreat, Lamp Litter Inn, Visalia, CA www.californiagourdsociety.com
- Sep 8-10: Silver State Art Festival, Carson City, NV
www.nevadagourdsociety.org
- Sep 9-11: Iowa Gourd Art & Gourd Horticulture Show, Clay Co Fair, Spencer, IA
www.claycountyfair.com/floriculture
- Sep 22-23: Idaho Gourd Festival at Franz Witte Garden Center, Nanpa, ID idahogourdsociety.org/festival
- Sep 29-Oct 1: PA Fall Retreat, Cherry Ridge Campground and Lodging, Honesdale, PA www.pagourdsociety.org
- Oct 6-8: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH www.ohiogourdsociety.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 * *

Indiana State Fair

Jul 28 to Aug 20, 2023

Theme: Basketball

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]

IGS State Gourd Show

Date/Time TBD

Location TBD

Admission Fee \$5 adult, \$3 seniors, under 18 free

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Remember to inform IGS if you have a postal address, e-mail or phone change. We would like to keep our records current!

HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting (Thorntown)
2023:	April 8, 2023	October 21, 10 a.m. ET
2024:	TBD	TBD

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.

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

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.

Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I will allow IGS to share my information (name/address/e-mail) with the American Gourd Society (AGS). Yes or No
You will receive an ELECTRONIC TENDRIL. (Paper copy by separate written request only.)

Make your CHECK payable to the **INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.**

MAIL TO: **INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.**, 691 W Veach Rd, Bloomingdale, IN 47832

NEW RENEW

1 year @ \$15.00

3 year @ \$40.00

(Free gift with New or 3yr Membership)

ID#
Patch

Cash	
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Date	

THE TENDRIL
P.O. BOX 822
MARION, IN 46952

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All submissions welcome!

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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