

President's Message

Pat Moore

Well it's Indiana State Fair time. The State Fair will be from Friday, July 28 to Sunday, August 20. It is closed 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, gourd competitions, deadlines, volunteering to work, or donating gourds, please contact Diane Werblo, IGS State Fair Chair Person, at: igs.dpwerblo@yahoo.com or 317-783-1428.

The Ohio Gourd Society's State Show is Friday, October 6 to Sunday, October 8, 2023. This is the only other "close-to-home" gourd show in our area, so don't miss it (www.ohiogourdsociety.com).

The IGS Membership Meeting is on October 21, 2023 at the Thorntown Library from 10am ET to 4pm ET. Please mark your calendars now and keep checking the IGS web for updates.

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Passing of Shirley Gates

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Shirley Gates of Indianapolis on June 18, 2023. She was the patch leader for the West Central Indiana Patch.

Passing of Peg Sullivan

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Margaret (Peg) Sullivan of Logansport on April 29, 2023. She was very active in IGS and held several elected positions.

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*

Central Indiana Patch

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

7-11-23: Collect State Fair entries plus pyrography
8-8-23: Congratulate Fair winners plus pyrography

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

7-5-23: Decoupage

7-19-23: Decoupage

8-2-23: Decoupage plus quilt blocks

8-16-23: Decoupage plus quilt blocks

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

Sugar Creek Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

Trish White has sent a box of Donn and Beverly Kelper's gourds to our patch, and Karen plans to share with artists who come to the June 7 and 21 meetings from 2-4:00 at the Thorntown Public Library. Two are decorated and signed with DN and OLS (1-13-01) and we are wondering who the artists might be. State Fair plans will be discussed so that our entry form will be in by the July 1 deadline. The July 5 and 19 sessions will feature decoupage but on the 19th most will be helping at the Boone County Fair Open Show. On August 2 and 16 the patch will finish decoupage projects and work on 4" quilt blocks will fall leaves and snowflake designs. 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.

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 May 9 our plans changed due to a forecast of rain. We met at Mac and Diane's so that we could spray paint in the garage and host a Great Gourd Giveaway. (Thanks to the generosity of people like Shirley Gates.) Attendees were prospective member Mark Brown, Penny Boyce, Michelle Fife, RoJene Gillentine, Mary Johnson, and Jean Long, as well as Mac and Diane. Many had great fun dip-marbleizing gourds. Several selected gourds from the stash. (We hope to see them crafted at the State Fair.) In June we began to prep for ISF by choosing categories and claiming dates to volunteer at the booth. Michelle Fife is setting up a multi-month pyrography project starting in July and continuing into August.

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]

President's Message

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It's Gourd Growing Season. The 90°F ... HOT ... weather came in June this year for many of us here in Indiana. With a little extra watering, you should have gourd vines growing everywhere by now and some vines could be having blooms and baby gourd. 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.

Have a GOURD Day!

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
West Central Indiana	Avon	Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

Financial Results from IGS State Show

(thru 6-1-23)

All bills are believed to be in

Sub-Acct	Description	\$	\$
101	Postage	56.34	
104	Printing	58.06	
105	Copying	45.68	
108	Food	334.00	
110	Badges, Etc.	79.99	
112	Judges	125.00	
117	General Supplies	11.03	
141	Adv: Newspaper	108.60	
151	Rental: Venue	200.00	
156	Rental: Tent, Tables, Chairs	305.00	
199	Misc. Expense	3.99	
	TOTAL EXPENSE	1327.61	
504	Vendor Fee	163.00	
506	Gate	377.00	
508	Silent Auction	251.00	
514	MITI	15.00	
518	Postage In	30.50	
	TOTAL INCOME	836.50	
	SHOW P/(L)	(491.11)	
Workshops			
109	Instructors Fee	25.00	
513	Income	50.00	
	WORKSHOPS P/(L)	25.00	

Sub-acct 108 is surcharge for not making guarantee income for food vendor.

New Judges' 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

The volunteer signup sheet for the IGS booth at the State Fair is available on the web. Please take the time to volunteer!

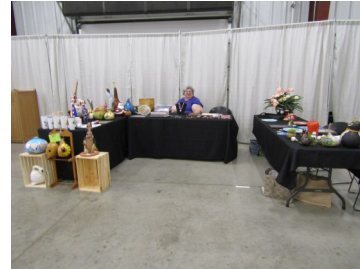
REMINDER: ENTER OPEN CLASSES IN AG-HORT INDIANA STATE FAIR 2023

Have you signed up yet? EVERYONE is eligible! You don't have to have enter county fair first. Our section in Ag/Hort is now "The Mercantile" due to the booths that were in Expo Hall. \$40 lets you enter any of over 300 open classes in Ag-Hort; some of the display may be in the Indiana Arts Building. 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, the top 3 places all get monetary awards. A parking tag good for the entire fair is only \$20. (PSST! The concerts are FREE!)

TO ENTER: Either go to <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair> 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. You can also enter crafted gourds in some classes in the Indiana Arts Building. They have a separate entry fee and EARLIER entry placement dates.

If you volunteer 3-4 hours at the booth for any 7 days, you can get a tag that allows you to park in the employee lot and ride the shuttle free. Contact Diane Werblo, 317-783-1428, or IGS.dpwerblo@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Photos from the IGS Show



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

Aurelia Conway books:

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

Send check payable to IGS to
 Phil Moorhead
 PO Box 822
 Marion, IN 46952

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

ROAD TRIPS

2023—courtesy of AGS (www.americangourdsociety.org)

- 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, Nampa, 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
- Oct 20-21: Alabama Gourd Show, Sparkman Civic Center, Hartselle, AL www.alabamagourdsociety.org
- Oct 27-29: Georgia Gourd Society, Kiwanis Fairgrounds, Griffin, GA (includes AGS membership meeting), www.georgiagourdsociety.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.

* * 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

DATE: _____

NEW RENEW

1 year @ \$15.00

3 year @ \$40.00

ID#
Patch

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ (Free gift with New or 3yr Membership)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ COUNTY _____

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

Cash	
CK #	
Date	

THE TENDRIL
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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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