



## President's Message

*Pat Moore*

Our next event is the annual IGS Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Thorntown Library, Thorntown, IN, starting at 10am ET. Some topics for discussion will include: The outcome of 2023 State Gourd Show. Will there be a 2024 State Show? If yes, where, when and how many days. Also, how did the Indiana State Fair booth go this past August, and will IGS continue having a booth in future years?

We will also have an election for five IGS Officers for the 2024-25 term. The offices up for election: President, Secretary, Director #1, Director #3 and Director #5. Anyone interested in becoming a director or officer, please contact any officer or director listed on the back of the *Tendril*, and convey your desire. Remember, the membership votes for directors, then the directors vote for President and Secretary. New officers and directors will begin their duties effective January 1, 2024. Please check the website for updates about the meeting.

It has been HOT here in Indiana, the Gourd Growing Season is moving right along. We have vines and gourds growing everywhere. Indiana's first frost date is October 10, so don't get in any hurry to harvest the gourds. Please visit [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org) for Educational Articles on the website. There are many good free articles on growing, harvesting, drying gourds and much more. The "Gourd Maturity Test 101" is also on there. Do this test this fall and know what gourds will dry or rot.

**Have a GOURD Day!**

## NEW PATCH FORMING!

We have received word of a new patch forming in Linden, IN (between Lafayette and Crawfordsville, in central western Indiana). The first meeting is scheduled for September 12, at 4pm ET at the Linden Library, 102 S. Main St. Contact Tyler DeBusk ([tylerdebusk@gmail.com](mailto:tylerdebusk@gmail.com)—765-365-6908).

## 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*

9-17-23: Musical Instruments

10-15-23: Green cleaning

### Central Indiana Patch

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

9-12-23: CHANGE OF VENUE, SEE P.2

10-10-23: Field trip—TBD

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

9-6-23: Quilt blocks plus decoupage

9-20-23: Quilt blocks plus decoupage

10-4-23: Necklaces (Bill Freihofer style)

10-18-23: Necklaces (Bill Freihofer style)

### Gourd Crafters Patch

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

TBD: Contact Lois Wright for details

### New Gourd Patch

*Meets second Tuesdays at*

*Linden Public Library, 4-6 p.m. ET*

9-12-23: Organizational meeting

10-10-23: TBD

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

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# PATCH NEWS

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

**LIVING THE GOURD LIFE** - The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets on the first and third Wednesdays, from 2-4 pm ET, in the Thorntown Public Library meeting room. Visitors are welcome and a call to Karen Niemeyer in advance will assure that supplies are on hand (765-436-7348). Boone County fair open show entries were discussed at the August session, with all entries receiving a blue ribbon except for a Christmas ornament that took champion. The patch is celebrating their 17 entries in the Indiana State Fair, where Jim Bennett took Best of Show -- congratulations are expressed to Jim plus he received the \$50 prize that the IGS gives to the Best of Show entrant. The group took eight first-place blue ribbons, two second-place, four third-place, and had three exhibits that did not place. There is a question about the judge's comment that one entry (in the fair theme category) was not in Pacer colors, but we found no mention in the Ag-Hort rules that colors were preferred; did we miss something?

The Patch plans to meet on Sept. 6 and 20 and Oct. 4 and 18. As always, participants may work on their own projects. We shall also have gourds and supplies available for decoupage projects. There will be 4" gourd squares on hand for painting fall leaves and snow flakes to be added to the library's gourd block quilt. Job's Tears seeds and needles will allow us to begin working on necklaces in the Bill Freihofer style.

## Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

Linda's Patch will meet in September and October the 3rd Sunday of the month, from 1-3 pm ET at 1224W 600 N, Greenfield, IN. In July we worked on wind chimes and some of us simply finished projects from our June meeting (see photos, page 3). We had 11 attendees at the meeting including a couple of potential new members. In August we made angels from a banana gourd, in September we are going to start on a musical instrument, and in October we are planning on teaching newer members how to green clean a gourd. Somewhere in there we are going to the home of Carl Abner to see his trellis of manipulated gourds, and tips on how to manipulate them.

## Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

CHANGE OF VENUE SEPTEMBER ONLY: 18959 Whitcomb Place, Noblesville, IN 46060. RSVP to Michelle Fife 317-447-0500 or Diane Werblo at [igs.dpwerblo@yahoo.com](mailto:igs.dpwerblo@yahoo.com). Jim and Joyce Bennet will present "Wood Burning 101" from 1-3 pm ET.

In July due to the illness of Mac and Diane, Michelle Fife shared her growing knowledge of pyrography with Jean Long. In August, despite a few people planning to come, Mac and Diane were the only ones who were there. Our most loyal members have put in lots of volunteer hours at the State Fair. In September we will meet at Michelle Fife's sister's house in Noblesville so that Jim and Joyce Bennett can do a presentation on pyrography. In October we will have a field trip, weathering permitting, at place to be decided. Mac and Diane will be hosting another Great Gourd Giveaway in their backyard sometime this fall.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers at the state fair booth! Penny Boyce, Mark Brown, Marion Ellis, Michelle Fife, RoJene Gillentine, Margie Kempson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, and Dale Winger.  
*Diane Werblo, ISF booth chairperson*

### 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           | Open            |              |

# Indiana State Fair Gourd Winners



Fair Theme:  
Basketball  
Artist: Michelle  
Fife



Grand Champion  
Artist: Jim Bennett

## Membership Meeting

Don't forget the membership meeting October 21, 2023 at the Thorntown Library. Remember, the membership votes for directors, who then vote for officers. This year we have three director positions up for vote. If you would like to be on the ballot for one of these positions, please contact any officer or director (listed on back page). This is an excellent opportunity to understand how the society operates.

## Going Out of Business Sale

Helen Thomas (Sandlady) has announced she is going out of business and will be selling gourds from all her barns and her arts and crafts work at a sale Sep 1-4, 2023 10am ET—5pm ET at the farm at 10295 N 700 W, Tangier, IN. It is located about 10 miles north of Rockville off SR 41. contact her at 765-498-5428, or text at 765-505-2120, or visit her website at [www.sandlady.com](http://www.sandlady.com)



Photos of the July Linda's Patch members working on finishing projects from the June meeting.

Upper left: Desiree Sitton

Upper right: Gretchen Sitton



# 2023 State Fair Awards

## Ribbons

Bennett, Jim BEST OF SHOW

| Artist                               | Number of Ribbons |     |     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|
|                                      | 1st               | 2nd | 3rd |
| Central Indiana Patch (Indianapolis) | 1                 | 5   | 3   |
| Fife, Michelle (Indianapolis)        | 4                 | 7   | 3   |
| Gillentine, RoJene (Indianapolis)    | 1                 | 1   | 5   |
| Harcourt, Donna (Fillmore)           | 3                 | 2   | 0   |
| Mosbaugh, Annette (Crawfordsville)   | 1                 | 11  | 3   |
| Mosbaugh, Gary (Crawfordsville)      | 10                | 2   | 1   |
| Podell, Rick (Walkerton)             | 3                 | 1   | 3   |
| Stankiewicz, Ann (Marion Co)         | 1                 | 0   | 2   |
| Sugar Creek Patch (Thorntown)        | 8                 | 2   | 4   |
| Tellman, Connie (Indianapolis)       | 1                 | 0   | 0   |
| Wedgeworth, Brock (Fortville)        | 0                 | 1   | 0   |

## Winners By Category

- 1 (Identical size, color, marking - 3 Crown of Thorns):  
Annette Mosbaugh
- 2 (Identical size, color, marking 5 Spoons): Gary Mosbaugh
- 3 (Different size, color, marking 5 Spoons): Rick Podell
- 4 (Assorted varieties of 10 Ornamentals, no Warties):  
Gary Mosbaugh
- 5 (Assorted size, shape, color 10 Warties): Gary Mosbaugh
- 6 (Different varieties of 5 Hard-shells): Rick Podell
- 7 (25 assorted Ornamentals and/or Hard-shells): Rick Podell
- 8: no entries
- 9 (Different varieties Bottle Type, 3 9-inch or more height):  
Gary Mosbaugh
- 10 (Same variety Bottle Type, 3 under 5-inch in height):  
Gary Mosbaugh
- 11 (3 different varieties Basket Type, 20 inch or more  
circumference): Gary Mosbaugh

## Winners By Category (continued)

- 12 (3 same variety Basket Type, under 20 inch in cir-  
cumference): Gary Mosbaugh
- 13 (3 Dipper, siphon or Trough Type): Gary Mosbaugh
- 14 (Longest Straight Long Handled Dipper, Snake or  
Baton): Gary Mosbaugh
- 15 (Longest Long Gourd): Connie Tellman
- 16 (Largest in circumference): Gary Mosbaugh
- 17: no entries
- 18: no entries
- 19: no entries
- 20 (Undecorated functional Wren House)  
Ann Stankiewicz
- 21 (Embellished with Macrame, Crocheting or  
Weaving): Sugar Creek Gourd Patch
- 22 (Cutting, Carving or Drilling): Sugar Creek Gourd  
Patch
- 23 (Woodburning): RoJene Gillentine
- 24 (Jewelry): Donna Harcourt
- 25 (Decoupage): Sugar Creek Gourd Patch
- 26 (Bead Work Embellishments): Sugar Creek Gourd  
Patch
- 27 (Holiday Theme): Sugar Creek Gourd Patch
- 28 (Decorated Birdhouse): Michelle Fife
- 29 (Painted): Donna Harcourt
- 30 (Colored Pencil, Pen, Ink): Sugar Creek Gourd  
Patch
- 31 (Multiple Techniques): Sugar Creek Gourd Patch
- 32 (Dyed or Stained): Michelle Fife
- 33 (Basket with Handle or a Bowl, any technique):  
Sugar Creek Gourd Patch
- 34 (Animal or Creature, realistic or fantasy):  
Donna Harcourt
- 35 (Kids, anything goes): Michelle Fife
- 36 (My way, any technique not listed above): Central  
Indiana Patch
- 37 (2023 Indiana State Fair Theme): Michelle Fife

## 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](http://www.americangourdsociety.org))

- Sep 8-10: Silver State Art Festival, Carson City, NV  
[www.nevadagourdsociety.org](http://www.nevadagourdsociety.org)
- Sep 9-11: Iowa Gourd Art & Gourd Horticulture Show, Clay Co Fair, Spencer, IA  
[www.claycountyfair.com/floriculture](http://www.claycountyfair.com/floriculture)
- Sep 22-23: Idaho Gourd Festival at Franz Witte Garden Center, Nampa, ID [idahogourdsociety.org/festival](http://idahogourdsociety.org/festival)
- Sep 29-Oct 1: PA Fall Retreat, Cherry Ridge Campground and Lodging, Honesdale, PA [www.pagourdsociety.org](http://www.pagourdsociety.org)
- Oct 6-8: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH [www.ohiogourdsociety.org](http://www.ohiogourdsociety.org)
- Oct 20-21: Alabama Gourd Show, Sparkman Civic Center, Hartselle, AL [www.alabamagourdsociety.org](http://www.alabamagourdsociety.org)
- Oct 27-29: Georgia Gourd Society, Kiwanis Fairgrounds, Griffin, GA (includes AGS membership meeting), [www.georgiagourdsociety.com](http://www.georgiagourdsociety.com)

**If you plan to go to any of these events, please check the AGS website at [www.americangourdsociety.org](http://www.americangourdsociety.org) or that state website to determine if the event is still taking place.**

## \* \* IGS Events \* \*

### 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

**[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]**

### Indiana State Fair

TBD, 2024

State Fairgrounds  
1202 E 38th St  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

**[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]**

**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: |            | October 21, 10 a.m. ET         |
| 2024: | TBD        | TBD                            |

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Membership Application

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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|       |
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| ID#   |
| Patch |

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CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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I will allow IGS to share my information (name/address/e-mail) with the American Gourd Society (AGS). Yes or No  
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MAIL TO: **INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.**, 691 W Veach Rd, Bloomingdale, IN 47832

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| Cash |  |
| CK # |  |
| Date |  |

**THE TENDRIL**  
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***Nov/Dec     Oct 1***

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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