



## President's Message

*Pat Moore*

Hello,

Our last Gourd Events for 2023 was our yearly membership meeting, held October 21. Some of the IGS Board of Directors terms are up at the end of 2023. The membership elected three Board of Directors for the 2024-25 terms, these Directors are: #1 Pat Moore, #3 Mac McCrary, and #5 Diane Werblo. Their terms begin on 1/01/2024. The Board of Directors elects the President and Secretary. These office were not voted on at this meeting. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** IGS is looking for Members that will step-up and help run the society. We need a secretary and a president for 2024-25 terms. *Don't count on the old 'gourd' to do it again.* I have enjoyed two terms as IGS President, but I am standing down this time around. Think about stepping-up and taking over my job! Or, become a board member and learn the *ropes/vines* of the society, groom to be president one day. Email me if you are interested or want more details about these jobs.

The show plans for 2024 were discussed, the consensus was to have a two day show with one day set-up, but not on a holiday weekend. The Hendricks Co Fairground, in Danville Indiana was the venue of choice. Now we are working to find possible dates besides East-er weekend, or possibly in the fall.

It's gourd harvest season and time for gourd drying to begin. Do the "Gourd Maturity Test 101" on your gourds at harvest and know which 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)

Happy Holidays! Stay safe and.....  
Have a GOURD Day!

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

## Patch Schedules

### West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

*Meets third Thursdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m.  
ET at the Hendricks Co fairgrounds in  
Danville*

Looking for a new patch leader.

### Linda's Gourd Patch

*Meets third Sundays at 2-4 p.m. ET  
at home of Peggy Robertson,  
1224 W 300 N, Greenfield*

*For more info,*

*contact Peggy Robertson 317-326-3854*

11-19-23: No meeting

12-17-23: No meeting

1-21-24: TBD

### Central Indiana Patch

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

11-14-23: Begin Christmas Items

12-12-23: Finish Christmas Items

### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

11-1-23: Christmas ornaments

11-15-23: Christmas ornaments

12-6-23: Christmas ornaments

12-20-23: Christmas ornaments

1-3-24: Snowflakes

1-17-24: Snowflakes

### Gourd Crafters Patch

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

Looking for a new patch leader

### Not Your Mother's Gourd Patch

Contact Tyler DeBusk (see page 2)

11-14-23: TBD

12-12-23: TBD

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# PATCH NEWS

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

GOURD CRAFTING IN THORNTOWN. The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets on the first and third Wednesdays, from 2-4 p.m ET, in the Thorntown Public Library meeting room, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown. Visitors are welcome and a call to Karen Niemeyer in advance will assure that supplies are on hand: 765-436-7348. In Nov-Jan participants may work on their own projects but gourds and supplies will be available for decoupage projects as well. The plan is to craft seven additional 4" gourd squares for the gourd quilt, and these may include fall leaves and snow flakes in order to increase the variety from flowers and butterflies. Job's Tears and needles will be on hand to allow participants to work on necklaces. Christmas ornaments are on the schedule for both November and December, and various sizes of gourds will be available. Snowflake patterns will be on hand for January 3 and 17 projects as we start a new gourd 2024 season and work on projects that involve various painting techniques as displayed by Sandra Townsend.

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

Linda's Patch typically does not meet the months of November and December because of our hectic schedules in preparation for the Holiday Season. We plan on resuming our regular meeting in January, the 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. ET, at 1224 W 600 N, Greenfield, IN. You can get in touch with me, Peggy Robertson at: 317-440-8174 or Rosemary Hill at: 317-753-9459.

## Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

Our September plans changed when our speakers' family needed them. Several members ultimately decided to go to the Ohio Gourd Society State Show on October 7. Eight of us had a wonderful time and will go again next year. Days later at the October meeting, we received ISF ribbons and cash awards. Then Penny Boyce did a puzzle gourd demo for Jean Long, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo. She used a Microlux saw to cut wavy patterns in a small gourd. Paint and black lines enhanced the puzzles. Mac and Diane will be hosting another Great Gourd Giveaway in their backyard on Saturday, November 4, and Sunday, November 5.. Non-CIP members, please call 317-783-1428 for details; CIP members watch for an e-mail. In November and December we will work on Christmas items; we have gourd tops suitable for bells or Christmas trees or let your fancy take flight!



Central Indiana Patch members at the Ohio Gourd Show. Clockwise from "6pm" are Jim Bennett, Mac McCrary, Diane Werblo, Michelle Fife, Penny Boyce, Jeff Bennett, Melanie Blakley, Mary Johnson.

We're looking for a venue to host the IGS State Show in 2024. The Danville location from last year is not available. Do you know of someplace *reasonably priced* that could host us for a setup on Thursday with show on Friday/Saturday. We believe we need 20,000-30,000 square feet of space with good lighting. Please contact Phil Moorhead 765-674-8088.

### PATCH CONTACTS

|                                |                |                 |              |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Central Indiana Gourd Crafters | Indianapolis   | Diane Werblo    | 317-783-1428 |
| Lakeshore Gourders             | Ridgeville     | Needs a leader  | 317-370-1418 |
| Linda's Patch                  | Valparaiso     | Inactive        |              |
|                                | Greenfield     | Peggy Robertson | 317-326-3854 |
|                                |                | Rosemary Hill   | 317-753-9459 |
| Not Your Mother's Gourd Patch  | Oxford         | Tyler DeBusk    | 765-365-6902 |
| Patch 4                        | West Lafayette | Inactive        |              |
| Story Gourd Patch              | Pendleton      | Inactive        |              |
| Sugar Creek                    | Thorntown      | Karen Niemeyer  | 765-436-7518 |
| West Central Indiana           | Avon           | Needs a leader  |              |



Pumpkin and Ghost  
by Peggy Robertson



Scarecrow by Gretchen Sitton



Wind Chime by  
Peggy Robertson

### Special Report on the Ohio Gourd Show Visit by Central Indiana Patch Members



Thanks to the urging of Michelle Fife, several of us caravanned to the Ohio Gourd Show on 10/7. She and Mac McCrary drove Jim Bennett, his son Jeff, former member Melanie Blakley, Penny Boyce, Mary Johnson, and Diane Werblo.

Entering the show area, we could hear xylophone music from the dried gourds area beyond the first building. Little gourds were stuck on the end of the drumsticks which struck wooden plates mounted over PVC sound-pipes. The most amazing thing was a family dressed in Halloween costumes covered with gourds. One little girl's hat and long skirt were covered in dozens of gourds, whole and halved, in shades of white, tan, green, orange, and black; her sweater was hidden by a necklace of large gourd pieces and spinners. The young boy wore a suit of gourd armor pieces laced together in overlapping scales; his head was totally obscured by a shaggy-haired jack-o-lantern gourd.

Laced gourd pieces formed the other girl's hat, her huge multi-fall-colored shard necklace covered her black sweater, her skirt looked similar to the fluff inside gourds, and her belt had vertical plaques with dangling spinners. The mom also wore a shaggy-haired jack-o-lantern gourd head, her black-gloved fingers were extended with skinny gourd necks, her black clothes were covered in gourd pieces, epaulettes, and a bulbous breastplate (see photo).

Their classes are different from IGS. For example, they have classes for penguins, insects, name badges, oil lamps, and wall-hanging pockets. Also, all adults compete against each other; kids do have their own competition.

## 2024 Board Members



Director 1  
Pat Moore



Director 2  
Phil Moorhead

Director 3  
Mac McCrary

Director 5  
Diane Werblo



Director 4  
Sandra Townsend



### Welcome Our Newest Patch!

At the Board Meeting October 21, 2023 the board voted to accept the application of “Not Your Mother’s Gourd Patch” as a part of the Indiana Gourd Society. WELCOME!!

The patch leader is Tyler DeBusk from Oxford, IN (west-central). His phone number is 765-365-6902. Please call him for details on patch meeting days/times and location.

## 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))

- Nov 4-5: North Carolina Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival,  
Raleigh, NC [www.ncgourdsociety.org](http://www.ncgourdsociety.org)  
Nov 11-12: Virginia Museum of the Shenandoah,  
Winchester, VA [www.vlgs.org/virginia-gourd-show](http://www.vlgs.org/virginia-gourd-show)  
2024  
Feb 2-4: Arizona Gourd Society Gourd Art Competition,  
Casa Grande, AZ [www.arizonagourdsociety.org](http://www.arizonagourdsociety.org)  
Feb 23-25: Florida Gourd Society Gourd Festival, 1591 W  
Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, FL [www.flgourdsoc.org](http://www.flgourdsoc.org)  
Jun 13-15: Pennsylvania Gourd Festival, Lebanon Valley  
Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA [www.pagourdsociety.org](http://www.pagourdsociety.org)  
Jun 29-30: Missouri Gourd Society Art Festival, Lebanon,  
MO [www.showmegourdsociety.org](http://www.showmegourdsociety.org)

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 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

(Closed Mondays)

State Fairgrounds

1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

### IGS Membership Meeting

TBD, 2024

Thorntown Public Library

124 N Market St

Thorntown, IN 46071

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

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) |
|-------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 2024: | TBD        | October 19, 2024               |
| 2025: | TBD        | October 18, 2025               |
| 2026: | TBD        | October 17, 2026               |

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### INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.

Membership Application

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

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3 year @ \$40.00

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| ID#   |
| Patch |

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

### 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.)

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**P.O. BOX 822**  
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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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