



President's Message

Pat Moore

The new Board of Directors and Officers took over their IGS duties on January 1, 2024. IGS still has no President elected. I have served two terms as president, that's 4 years, been Membership Secretary for 15 years and on the Board of Directors for as many years. I am also actively involved with several other organizations at this time. At my age it is time to start slowing down my involvements.

IGS NEEDS YOUR HELP!! The IGS has 11 Officers and Board Member positions, filled by 8 people, and the Advisory Board members are many of these same 8 people. The *Tendril* Editor, Web Master, State Show Chairs, Indiana State Fair Chairs and other committees are held by many of the same 8 people. IGS has about 140 members and the same 8 people do it all!

IGS NEEDS YOUR HELP!! IGS Members, step-up and help run and be a part of our society! There is more to belonging to an organization than just paying your dues. These same 8 people are getting older every year, we need some new people to join the same 8 people to keep IGS going.

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Board Meeting Apr 20, 2024—10am ET Thorntown Public Library

Because of weather the Jan 13 board meeting was postponed. It is now scheduled as a face-to-face meeting on April 20, 2024 at the Thorntown Public Library. We'll be discussing the future of the IGS show, how to get more people involved, and continuing to search for a new IGS president.

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

3-17-24: Bird feeders

4-21-24: Flowers from various parts of gourds

Central Indiana Patch

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

3-12-24: "Spring" Flowers and Butterflies, Part 1

4-9-24: "Spring" Flowers and Butterflies, Part 2

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

3-6-24: Pyrography (woodburning)

3-20-24: Pyrography (woodburning)

4-3-24: Writing on gourds

4-17-24: Writing on gourds

5-1-24: Making placemats with old greeting cards

5-15-24: Making placemats with old greeting cards

6-5-24: Melted crayon art on gourd

6-19-24: Melted crayon art on gourd

Gourd Crafters Patch

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

Looking for a new patch leader

**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)

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets in the Thorntown Public Library meeting room from 2-4 pm on the first and third Wednesdays. All sessions encourage working on individual projects but on March 6 and 20 participants want to learn/work on pyrography (woodburning). On April 3 and 17 they will begin writing their favorite sayings/messages on large gourds using pyrography, paint, and markers. On May 1 and 15 will be a first-ever non-gourd activity--making place mats using old greeting cards. On June 5 and 19 melted crayon art on gourds will be the feature. Then on July 3 and 17 we'll do Zentangle. Some supplies are furnished, but it is helpful if Karen Niemeyer knows how many want to participate; just call Karen at the library: 765-436-7348.

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

CIP meets on second Tuesdays from 1-3 pm upstairs at the Garfield Park Arts Center in the SW corner. Best laid plans of mice and men often do go astray: in January instead of working on Valentine gourds, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo pawed through a huge box of costume jewelry a friend gave us after looking at the AGS FB page. He said, "I thought you could decorate gourds with these." We all found something! We discussed tools to use to puncture gourd shells. Mac mentioned push pins, but the little ones aren't sturdy enough. Jean said she had a series of small awls to make holes; Diane teased her about being, "holier than thou." We realized the fat bangle bracelets could make good gourd stands. Jean sanded filler on a large round gourd. Diane only sorted jewelry, pulling out pieces with red stones. As always, Mac kept us entertained with bad jokes. The other "usual suspects" had doctor, dentist, and family obligations. We hope to see them again soon.

In February, since we met on Fat Tuesday, we first put on Mardi Gras beads and shared King Cake. Then Mary Johnson, Jean Long, RoJene Gillentine, Mac McCrary, new member Laura Taube, and Diane Werblo shared seeds, germination info, and growing tips. Some pawed through the jewelry box, Laura painted a gourd, and RoJene showed us a silver and white ornament she's working on. This spring we will be working on making delicate flowers and butterflies. We hope to have some classes or demo's in the spring and early summer.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

Linda's Patch met in January to finalize our 2024 project list. In February Carl Abner spoke to us on starting your own gourd plants from seed, and when to start them to maximize the growing season. In March we will make bird feeders. In April we will make flowers from various parts of gourds. In May it will be jewelry made from gourd shards, June will be drums from a gourd of your choosing and in July RoJene Gillentine will be doing a demonstration on Marbleizing. In August Lynn Meier will be demonstrating the art of Doodling. September and October, we sat aside to make Holiday Ornaments. Anyone interested in joining in on one or all of the above is welcome, as always. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm ET at 1224 W 600 N, Greenfield, IN. Please call Peggy Robertson at 317-440-8174 or Rosemary Hill at 317-753-9459, just to verify that we haven't changed time or location for some reason. Connie Dickinson and Rosemary Hill, both members of Linda's Patch, were able to fly to the Arizona Gourd Show in February. I feel confident that they will have stories, fresh ideas, and photos from that trip as it is quite a large show.

PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana Gourd Crafters	Indianapolis Ridgeville	Diane Werblo Needs a leader	317-783-1428
Lakeshore Gourders	Valparaiso	Inactive	
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Peggy Robertson Rosemary Hill	317-326-3854 317-753-9459
Not Your Mother's Gourd Patch	Oxford	Needs a leader	
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	

AGS Certified Judge Program Announcements and Reminders

- **Upcoming Judge Training session (2-part) April 16 & 18 6:30 to 9:30 pm Eastern by Zoom**
 - * New and Refresher participants may sign up
 - * Current AGS membership (renew or join if not yet an AGS member)
 - * Course is free; personalized name badge is \$20 upon completion of requirements
 - * Contact americangourdsociety@gmail.com to get more details and/or enroll
 - **Apprentice and Certified Judges requirements**
 - * Be a judge or clerk in gourd show competition at least once every 2 years
 - * Participate in a continuing education session: refresher or practice session at least once every 3 years
 - * Notify AGS when you have judged and/or done a continuing education session to maintain certification (Judges Activity form is on website)
 - **Stay up to date**
 - * Check out the resources on the website: americangourdsociety.org/judging
 - * Read the Judging column in *The Gourd Magazine*
- Questions? Ask us.* email at americangourdsociety@gmail.com

From the Education Archive

One Way To Start Seeds

By Acy Puckett

- 1) Take a half gallon paper milk carton and poke some small drain holes in the bottom of it (DO NOT CUT OFF THE TOP OF THE CARTON), then fill it with 3" to 4" of potting soil.
- 2) After soaking your seeds in water overnight, take 2 or 3 of them and plant them no more than ½" deep or as deep as they are long in each of your cartons.
- 3) Keep the potting soil moist (NOT WET) and in a warm place until the seeds sprout and grow till they have 4-6 or more leaves on them.
- 4) After danger of frost has passed transfer the gourd plants carton and all to your garden. Dig a hole large enough to hold your carton and deep enough to have the potting soil inside the carton at the same level as the soil outside the carton.
- 5) Carefully cut off the bottom of the carton (DO NOT CUT OFF TOO HIGH UP THE SIDE OF THE CARTON) and place carton and gourd plant in the hole. Move soil in around carton.
- 6) By planting carton and gourd plant together, you place a protective barrier around the plant to protect it from wind, hot sun, and insects.
- 7) For each carton you plant take a 1 gallon plastic carton and cut just the bottom off of it. These can be used to place over the top of your gourd plants in case of late frost, and they will work as a mini greenhouse also.
- 8) After your gourd plants have become well established, you can cut off the carton at ground level and discard it.

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IGS NEEDS YOUR HELP!! The same 8 people are discussing the show plans for 2024. Last year's venue is not available and no new location or dates have been found at this time. It is possible that IGS will NOT have a show in 2024, even if a location and dates are found. It takes more than the same 8 people to pull a show together and to work. We need more than the same 8 people to volunteer.

IGS NEEDS YOUR HELP!! Please join the same 8 people and become an officer, the Board of Directors is a good place to start. Take my place there and become one of the same 9 people.

Be safe and have a Gourd Day!

As you are probably aware by now, we cannot have an IGS gourd show in the spring because of a lack of volunteers. We as a board do not want the Indiana Gourd Society to go the way of New York, Illinois, and a couple of other states where the chapters had to disband for lack of support.

This is your society, please contribute your time!

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

2024—courtesy of AGS (www.americangourdsociety.org)

- Apr 6-7: Idaho Artistry in Wood and Gourds Art Show, JUMP, Boise, ID idahoartistinwood.org
- Apr 19-20: North Texas Gourd Festival, Lake Granbury Conf Center, Granbury, TX www.texasgourdsociety.org
- Apr 26-27: South Carolina Ghost Creek Gourd Farm, Laurens, SC www.southcarolinagourd.sixsite.com/scgourdsociety
- Jun 13-15: Pennsylvania Gourd Festival, Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA www.pagourdsociety.org
- Jun 29-30: Missouri Gourd Society Art Festival, Lebanon, MO www.showmegourdsociety.org
- Sep 6-8: Silver State Art Festival, Carson City, NV nevadagourdsociety.org
- Sep 7-8: North Carolina 82nd Arts and Crafts Festival, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC www.ncgourdsociety.org
- Sep 20-21: Idaho Gourd Festival at Franz Witte Garden Center, Nampa, ID in conjunction with the AGS Annual Membership Meeting. idahogourdsociety.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 * *

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 and Tuesdays)

State Fairgrounds

1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

IGS Membership Meeting

October 19, 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

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

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1 year @ \$15.00

3 year @ \$40.00

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ID#
Patch

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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