



President's Message

IN THE GOURD SPIRIT

If you are reading this, you are already interested in or curious about gourds. You may be a member in the Indiana Gourd Society or in more than one gourd group. You know that there is a spirit of sharing of knowledge among gourders that is possibly unequalled in the world of art and the world of crafts. It has been my experience that those who love and enjoy gourds are IN THE GOURD SPIRIT.

I would love to hear from those of you who have had experiences like the one I am about to describe. It would be great fun to give tribute to those who have especially shown the "gourd spirit" to others.

In March at the Indiana Gourd Society annual state show, I was fortunate to have volunteers who covered the art raffle booth for three hours so that I could take a class. I owe a special thanks to show chair Renee Meyers who helped make it happen and to the great volunteers who monitored the raffle tickets, art pieces and money box during my absence.

Under the guidance of Indiana gourd artist Delaina DeHaven I completed a marten house gourd by painting an Indiana privy, fence and floral scene. As with many of our great gourd artists, Delaina made all of us look good with her patient, step-by-step teaching.

I have been a member of a Boone County Home Extension club since 1976 and decided to enter my "privy gourd" in the Boone County cultural arts competition at the May 14 Achievement Day. Voting on the best exhibit is completed by the guests (home ec members) participating. Because of illness I was unable to attend the event and was delighted the next day to learn my gourd had won!

As a result on June 11 an Indiana-painted gourd in the incredible DeHaven style will be at Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN) at the state Home and Family Arts Conference. Who knows how it will fare? Included in the competition will be awesome quilts, crocheted doilies, other forms of handwork, and, at least ONE gourd! I think it is exciting to think that some people will be seeing gourd art for the first time and I am very, very happy to be representing Boone County in the competition. A special thanks to Delaina for teaching at our state show and for helping me achieve gourd success!!

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Gourds: Great for kids' projects!

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Going Green Tips

This is a new area in which we will give “Going Green” tips throughout the year to the next State Show! Tip us off! Send in YOUR “going green” tips, even if not gourd related.

- Save your fireplace ashes & toss them into your garden your gourd plants will love you! Alice Pawlowski
- Go Green by receiving your bills via e-mail, pay on line & help save thousands of trees! Alice Pawlowski
- Take your own canvas bags to the grocery store – fill those up first before going to plastic or paper! Alice Pawlowski
- Use GOURDS for flower pots, instead of plastic or clay. Sherry Benedict
- No More Mosquitoes - Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.
- Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster. You will have less spoilage

PENDLETON AREA MEETING

NEW GOURD PATCH

Saturday June 13th at 2pm @ Emily's house-
Please come for an afternoon of gourd crafting
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SPRING MEMBERSHIP/FESTIVAL MEETING - LAPORTE, COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LAPORTE, IN

May 16, 2009

9:00am - 3:00 pm CST

PRESENT: Rich Rodriguez, Brenda Rodriguez, Pat Moore, Mary Cuff, Marion Ellis, Tom Benedict, Sherry Benedict, Robbie Hiduke, Charlene Abel, Blanch Murrin, Bill Freihofer, Jesse Glessner, Ron Pressel, Loretta Pressel, Alice Pawlowski, Ray Nixon, Debbie Nixon, Fran Bascom, Sid Meyers and Renee Meyers.

In the absence of our President, Karen Niemeyer, Sid Meyers, 1st Vice President opened the meeting at 3:40 CST.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary, Loretta Pressel, read the minutes of the Fall Membership/Festival held on Nov. 8, 2008 at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in Lafayette, IN. It was approved with one correction. Charlene Able is from Jefferson County, not Madison County.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank balance as of the close of business 4-30-09 shows \$8,426.82 in the savings {money market} account and \$26,039.87 in the checking account. This is a total of \$34,466.69. The books balance with the bank statement. Report will be filed for Audit.

MEMBERSHIP: Pat Moore reported 2 new memberships today. 2009 total active memberships are 333, with 36 complimentary memberships for a total of 370.

STATE SHOW: Renee reported that we lost money on the State Show. Friday was a wash, Saturday had no TV coverage and Sunday was a bust because of the cold and snowy weather.

STATE FAIR: Jesse suggests that if you are going to enter get the State Fair premium book and study the rules. July 1 is the deadline for entries. They are fixing the cabinets with lights and backs that lock. Security will be tighter. He will have a sign up sheet posted on line soon.

SPRING MEETING: We appeared to have done well today. Seeds sold 83 packets for \$166.00. Ways and Means sold \$161.50. The Auction took in \$306.00. Education donations were \$28.00. Received from Booth rentals were 225.00. The vendors were satisfied. The Fairgrounds had six activities going on which helped us a great deal with walk-ins.

No reports from Seeds, Ways and Means and Publicity and Pure Seed.

EDUCATION: Charlene is working on up dating the information sheets and booklet.

TENDRIL: Jesse needs the news articles now.

PATCH #1 The Patch will be meeting one of the first two Sundays, in June, in Pioneerland at the School House. Dick Reel, from the Log Cabin Committee, wants to present a proposal to them.

PENDLETON PATCH: Bill Freihofer said he attended their meeting and that it went very well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alice showed the new design for the 2009 State Show Book, "Going Green with Gourds."

NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers for 2009/2010. Judges were Sherry Benedict, Tom Benedict and Bill Freihofer. Phil Moorhead had previously been approved by the Board to run again as Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Phil was approved by vote to be Treasurer. There were three openings for Director. There were four candidates. Delaina DeHaven, Emily Wallace, Carolyn Rushton and Ida Kennedy. There were no nominations from the floor. Those with the most votes were, Delaina DeHaven, Emily Wallace and Ida Kennedy. Renee made a motion that the ballots be destroyed. Rich 2nd. Motioned approved.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Sid appointed the Audit committee. Rich Rodriguez will be the chairperson. Committee members are Jesse Glessner, Phil Moorhead and Delaina DeHaven.

BUDGET: Sid presented the 2009/2010 budget to the membership. The IGS Board had approved the budget earlier in the day. The budget was passed out to the members present and will be appended to these minutes. The budget is for \$34,923.00. It was unanimously approved.

Bill made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Rich 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Pressel, Secretary

HELP! We need feedback on Workshops for the 2010 State Show!

We had 39 different Workshops at the State Show in 2009. If you participated in one of these we would like you to take the time to send some feedback about how you perceived this course from the brochure description and whether you were satisfied with the course or not.

Our 2010 State Show is rapidly approaching and we would also like feedback as to what Workshop you would like to see incorporated into the classes - new ideas, new techniques, something we have had in a workshop? Which of the workshops listed below would you be interested in at the 2010 show? See 2009 WORKSHOPS BELOW as examples of what is taught

If you are at a proficient level in a craft have you considered teaching a workshop? The act of teaching can be as rewarding as actually completing a project.

Registrations are due by July 15, 2009. Workshop Registration forms will be on our Web Site.

Information or Feedback contact Ida Kennedy at ikennedy5@msn.com or phone 219-767-2901.

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At the fall membership meeting we introduced Petri dishes. This is a quick and easy way to germinate your seeds. NO mess!

Don't forget we have the Jim Story tapes and DVD's. Teachers, ask me for a deal on the "Gourd Patch Coloring Books."

JGS Fall Festival 2009

November 7, 2009

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION

Our Fall Festival will, once again, be held at the Home-Economics Committee Building at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds at Lafayette on Saturday, November 7, 2009. ADMISSION IS FREE! QUICK! Put us on your calendar!

We will have an auction of donated items, a variety of vendors, demonstrations, exhibits, a chat table, hourly drawings for free memberships in and to the Indiana Gourd Society, food and beverages and plenty of Gourdos and Gourdettes for sharing, swapping stories, information and Gourd Help.

Please urge all of your friends and neighbors to join with us as we celebrate the close of another (we hope) great gourd growing season and anticipate an even better 2010.

Please contact me if you will volunteer to demonstrate, exhibit, be a vendor or assist in set-up and tear-down. My e-mail address is as shown below.

wfreihofer@yahoo.com.

Come to our auction. They are both fun and competitive! One of our prior donated auction pieces is pictured at the right. You might actually have a winning bid!

And, remember that the semi-annual meeting of the members of Indiana Gourd Society will be held at 3:00 o'clock P.M. as the Festival closes.

Hope all grows well with you and yours.

Bill Freihofer, Festival Chair



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Other Happenings At The State Show 2009 (April)



Carolyn Ruston (left) receiving an award from the President of IGS, Karen Niemeyer.



Carolyn's "Gourd Song" being sung by Volunteers.



We had several free demonstrations



We had a large variety of amazing workshops!



Our Kids Korner was very busy!



And, we had "All American" vendors throughout!

Other Happenings At The State Show 2009 (April)



Many inside vendors with great displays.



Outside vendors with their large varieties of gourds just waiting for an artist to do their selections!



Lots of questions answered by members and vendors.



We had a broad spectrum of gourd art in competition.



A local High School entered items for the raffle.



And, of course, all the competition items had to be judged! This was a great job from all volunteers!!

Message from your 2010 Show Chair

Ideas? Suggestions? Input on next years show? E-mail me your thoughts about the show. (For example, we had one that stated.”Friday is too long - hours have been changed, *except for competition entries”).

Please send Jesse or myself your “going green tips”, we would like to print some of those helpful tips on the back cover page & many in the Tendril through the year.

IGS needs everyone to help promote our show from library displays, to talks at garden clubs, classes, shows.... This is the easiest & most inexpensive way for us to spread our joy of gourds. Those starting new patches this is a great way for all to display their gourd talent.

The cover page is being worked on by Jesse and myself. Soon it will be posted on the web.

Alice Pawlowski, Show Chair

PLEASE! Update your eMail address today!

We’ve found that several people whom we know have Internet access and either have not given us an eMail address or have not updated it recently.

When The Tendril is up on the Web Site Phil Moorhead eMails those members from our Members List who have eMail addresses. These usually give a direct link in to The Tendril.

We try to keep our records up to date, so if you haven’t been receiving those messages then we don’t have your address. If you have changed addresses recently we would also recommend contacting Membership Services.

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Our second experience was of bolting two 2 x 4s together a few inches from the ends, making an "X" with long legs. We straddled two of them over the ends of an old clothes line pole in our yard around which we made a large raised bed.

We screwed in "L" hooks about 12" apart down the length of the 2 x 4s, laid bamboo poles in the "L" hooks, then laid additional poles across the ends of the first poles at right angles (the side poles support the end poles and make a square,) then lashed them together with twist ties.

Cost was the cost of the four 2 x 4s, a few "L" hooks, two bolts, washers, and the bamboo poles, some of which were obtained for free from a bamboo grower's compost pile. The bamboo doesn't weather particularly well, so we bring these poles indoors. We sometimes fold down the 2 x 4s and bring them in also.

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How to tap into the gourd spirit of others? In addition to reading The Tendril regularly and participating in IGS events, consider joining the American Gourd Society. My membership had lapsed and I am enjoying the benefits of my reinstated membership, some of which are listed below by AGS president Bob James. First and foremost, however, the AGS has a BLOCKBUSTER magazine with great color photography and tips for all ages and a wide variety of techniques. Says Bob:

- 1 - you have joined with the national group of the best folks in the world, gourd lovers
- 2 - the AGS has supported and published results of health information on gourd working
- 3 - the AGS represents you to the world, having worked with China, France, and Canada societies
- 4 - the AGS represents you nationally, supporting movies, newspaper articles, TV shows, and more national activities in the works
- 5 - the AGS provides web space to your chapter if they need it
- 6 - the AGS website is a wealth of information on working with gourds
- 7 - the AGS will provide information to anyone who wants to form new chapters; this is available nowhere else
- 8 - you have access to experts about gourd problems across the nation who are ready to help you
- 9 - communication between chapters significantly improves the quality of your chapter activities and shows
- 10 - the AGS board developed standard judging rules that significantly improve the transparency of gourd competitions
- 11 - the AGS sponsors the Jim Story award for national recognition of excellence in growing gourds
- 12 - the AGS is producing a pamphlet to be made available to everyone to help get the word out
- 13 - AGS book sales gives you access to many books on gourd growing and gourdcraft

Bob believes the AGS is not a service you purchase. People do not join to "get" the benefits. They join a club, where everyone helps each other. "That is our strength and why the American Gourd Society will be here for a long time. We are united by a love of the gourd and a desire to spread the word."

If you can participate in nothing else, you can enjoy The

Gourd Magazine by AGS. For example, this quarterly always features a Kids Korner that has recently has a painted penguin project and a Native American pear gourd project.

A Gourd Decorating Contest is featured by theme. Past ones have been "Decorative Painting", "Clay Embellishments", "Cutwork and Fretwork," and, next, "Patriotic Gourds." The July 15 deadline for the fall issue will feature "Beadwork Embellishment" and the winter issue (due October 15) will be "Winter's Beauty" (anything that portrays the feel of winter). To enter the competition, you merely mail a quality photo and the prize is a free year's membership to AGS and multiple copies of the issue that features the winning photo.

In every issue is "In The Garden", written by Karen Hundt-Brown, President of the Michigan Gourd Society, with helpful tips and good photos. There are also articles about big and interesting gourd happenings all over the country, and colorful photos of winning gourds in festival competitions. Recent issues have included an article on making gourd masks at an elementary school with photos of final products. Chess Anyone? There was a wonderful photo article on a unique gourd chess set and wood chess board/storage box.

There are always articles on growing and harvesting gourds by the past president of the Alabama Gourd Society Glenn Burkhalter. In addition to articles on Growing Healing Gourds In Idaho, on green cleaning a gourd, gourd pests and gourd toys there are instructions on making a "Peyote and Netted Gourd", "The Beaded Gourd for Novice and Above", "Embossing Gourds Tutorial", and artist Robert Rivera. There are great ads and full page colorful ads for upcoming festivals across the country as well as gourd supply vendors.

I like knowing I am a part of organizations whose purpose is education and instruction of all things gourds. These include the Indiana Gourd Society and the American Gourd Society. Both keep you up-to-date and for \$15.00 per year for each, you'll enjoy a lot of healthy family entertainment. AGS membership requires a check for \$15 for the annual membership, which includes 4 issues of the magazine, to AGS, PO Box 2186, Kokomo, IN, 46904. For the Indiana Gourd Society, the \$15 membership fee should be mailed to membership secretary Pat Moore, 691 W. Veach Road, Bloomington, IN 47832.

You'll be glad you joined! Happy Gourding!!



'GOING GREEN' THEME THING

Are you up to doing a bit of experimenting with growing your gourds?

On Earth Day I watched the Tube all day without let up. It was an end-to-end commentary on what people are doing to become "green".

One of the most intriguing articles was about using Bio-Char (charcoal) to enrich the soil and increase crop yields, something the Mayans had used long ago in their fields.

I've listed several links below for you to view and do some research on your own. I would at least urge you to watch the video clip on the first link.

An excellent video clip on the results of using Bio-Char
<http://www.kosmix.com/topic?q=terra+preta&searchSubmit>

Agricultural Charcoal - A great site for learning about and researching Bio-Char. This site has many links about Bio-Char and resources.
<http://sites.google.com/site/localresilience/Home/biochar>

Another good general site for your research of Bio-Char
<http://www.biochar.org/joomla/>

Learn how to make your plants grow faster
A short video clip tells it in sound and pictures.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7941852.stm>

This link is a 45 minute video clip on the historical aspects of a civilization that used Bio-Char. This video is downloadable. Hold your cursor about 1 inch to the left of the word "block" and just touch the top of the video panel.
<http://thenewgreeneconomy.com/news-information-a-innovation/food-a-agriculture/151-a-society-that-had-totally-mastered-its-environment>

So, try some Bio-Char on some of your gourds and see if you get the expected results. It might be easier to do this in a container experiment, but would not be absolutely necessary as you can see in the video clips.

Is it possible to be very active during the first year of application? Are your gourds going to be healthier and more productive? Check it out! Try it out! Let us know the results if you do experiment with Bio-Char in your gourd garden or your food garden.

Jesse Glessner

Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdeous World

August 7—23, 2009 2009 Indiana State Fair. Year of Tomatoes. See next Tendril issue for important information concerning your entries into State Fair competition, both from the State Fair and from the Indiana Gourd Society. Extended time period covers three weekends! Volunteers needed to man the booth for the extra week. Dried gourd and gourd art competition
Gourd seeds and IGS Gourd Store, free demonstrations
Volunteers needed to help staff the booth, or do demonstrations. Four hours = free pass. For additional info: contact Jesse Glessner 765 348 0344, Loretta Pressel 574 586 2502, or Phil Moorhead 765 674 8088

September 11, 12, 13, 2009 Fall Illinois GS Festival (Friday thru Sunday)_ at the Chicago Botanic Garden, the 2nd most visited Botanic Garden in the US with 26 gardens and 385 acres. Check it out at Chicago-botanic.org ILGS members will be given first priority as vendors and teachers. ILGS membership is \$10. There will be space for 24 teachers and space for about 50 vendors

September 12, 13, 2009 North Carolina Gourd Society's 68th annual Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Theme "By the Seashore." Historic gourds from around the world, workshops, kids' craft table, vendors of gourds, gourd

craft, craft supplies. Kerr Scott Building, North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, N.C. Adults \$4, ages 12-17 \$2, younger than 12 free, seniors \$3. Information: Festival Chair: Kate Mahony at tolecat@nc.rr.com, (910) 639-4577, www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.htm

September 27 & 28, 2009 – OHIO GOURD SHOW - Show hours: Saturday / Sunday 9 AM to 5 PM "Four Gourds and Seven Years Ago" (A Tribute to 9/11) Pre-show Activities Friday, September 26, 2008 – 9 AM to 5 PM - at the Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio

October 16-18, 2009 - 14th Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg, Texas. Held at the Gillespie Country Fairground in the Pedernales River Valley of the Texas Hill Country. Workshops, Demonstrations, Judged Competition & a Kids Kraft Korner. Visit www.TexasGourdSociety.org for further details and updates. Rebecca Wise, 2009 Show Chair - 817-726-6653 Cell

Nov 7, 2009 IGS Fall Festival Saturday 9:00AM to 3:00PM, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. Free admission, open to the public. Vendors, IGS Gourd Store, Gourd Seeds, Demonstrations, mini craft and dried gourd exhibition, music, kids booth, Auction. Membership meeting 3:00 pm. Mid-morning snacks and lunch.

Bill Freihofer, Festival Chair - wfreihofer@yahoo.com

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All submissions welcome! **ARTI-
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tachment 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.

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