



President's Message

President's Column
July 15, 2013

GOURD UPDATES NATIONAL & STATE

The Indiana Gourd Society audit committee met on July 13 and found the IGS books in order and appropriate procedures in place. Many thanks to treasurer Phil Moorhead and to the committee for completing the work in a timely fashion (before the July 15 deadline)!

On July 13 the board met for more than two hours in Thorntown and accomplished all necessary business. Board members remained and the meeting was reconvened as needed to make decisions that facilitated the state show committee's four-hour meeting, also on July 13. The show committee will next meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, at Thorntown Public Library. Every effort will be made to complete the 2014 show book so that it will be available by

the end of 2013. Workshop instructors are currently submitting proposed class offerings to Delaina DeHaven, workshop chair, and have an August 15 deadline. All members are invited to attend board meetings and show planning meetings.

There was extensive discussion on "The Tendril," its content, timeliness, format, and quality. A committee of four (Phil Moorhead, Jesse Glessner, editors Susan Gray and Danna Bishop) was appointed to make recommendations at an October 26 board meeting. The considerations include providing a brief issue every two months with a more detailed issue twice a year. Helen Parker's thoughtful comments on the newsletter and its relevance prompted the discussion. All members and recipients are invited to share their opinions and preferences by sending them to IGS president Karen Niemeyer

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(president@indianagourdsociety.org or mail to 1217 Wesley Court, Thorntown, IN 46071) for forwarding to the committee.

There are more than 300 members in IGS and half of them prefer to receive a print copy of the newsletter, while the other half have agreed to emailed issues.

It was agreed that the president's column could be brief.

Seed harvest will be February 1, 2014, and seed packaging March 15, 2014, at the Thorntown Public Library.

There are two active Gourd Patches at this time: Lakeshore Gourders (north) and Sugar Creek Gourd Patch (Thorntown, central). A Lafayette-based patch is being re-activated by Verona Clark, and a new patch for the Indianapolis area was approved and will be activated by Diane Werblo.

The IGS president was one of approximately 20 members of the American Gourd Society Board to take part by telephone in a 78-minute board meeting on July 15. Once received, the notes from the meeting will be released to the IGS web site. The Jim Story Award for manipulated, molded, green-cleaned gourds was a major topic of discussion.

The Jim Story Award Committee will be recommending rules for the AGS competition that will

probably reflect a \$300 first place, \$150 second place, and \$50 third place awards rather than the present \$500 first place award. There were many complimentary comments on Jim and his influence on gourd education; more states will be ordering the video marketed by IGS. Although 11 states had Jim Story manipulated gourd competitions, only two entries were forwarded to the AGS competition. As a result, it was agreed that improved communication is necessary so that states and individuals will be alerted to participate. An AGS competitor must have won a state show, but could have won in some state other than his or her home state and must also be an individual member of AGS. The AGS competition is a three-year process—grow the gourd in 2012, win a state show in 2013, enter into AGS competition by December 31, 2013, and receive results of competition in 2014.

NEEDED BY SEPTEMBER 21—Suggestions for a state show 2014 theme! Two suggestions so far: "It's a Gourd, Gourd World" OR "The Magic of Gourds" and have a magician entertain at the Saturday evening meal and throughout the day.

See you at the State Fair in the Ball State Horticulture Building (August 2-18) and at the IGS Fall Festival and membership meeting October 26 in Crown Point, Lake Co. Fairgrounds. Until then, happy gourdng! The 2013 State Fair theme is "Year of Popcorn."



Prodigy Gourders

By Susan Gray



Hunter and Colton Hood have gourding in their blood and are the prodigy grandsons of IGS Member Jim Ballard. Hunter, age 12, and Colton, age 9, learned the love of gourds from their grandfather Jim and spend time working with him in the raising and showing of gourds. They know the history of gourds and were quick to say that James Story was a family friend. Both young men help their grandfather with gourd crafts that include the use of wood burners and paint. Hunter said he was not in competition this year due to a surgery, but looks forward to competing again in the Indiana show next year. They also love traveling with their grandfather around the country to various shows and have plans to attend the Kentucky and Pennsylvania gourd shows.

By Jesse Glessner

The photo on the right is from the IGS State Show competition in the children's class to show work of other budding gourd prodigies. The photo represents some of the efforts of 28 students from the South-side Elementary School in Hartford City, Indiana, all first time gourd artists.



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State Show Winner for 2013



**Best Visual Display Award
Sherry Benedict**



**Indiana Gourd Society
2013 Fiscal Year End Treasurer's Report**

	FYE 2013 Budget	Income	Expense	FYE 2014 Budget
Membership	500	3450.00	-538.47	500
StateShow	16200	16129.75	-15290.28	16500
StateFair	500	0.00	0.00	200
Spr Mtg	500	218.00	-325.00	600
Fall Mtg	500	309.00	-476.00	600
Tendrill	1800	30.00	-918.42	2000
Ways&Means	500	1611.68	-34.60	500
Seeds	2700	2355.00	-991.74	3000
Publicity/notShow	200	0.00	-473.08	500
Education	1500	0.00	-455.91	1500
Patch	800	0.00	0.00	800
Operations	3000	261.00	-2672.39	3000
Plants	0	0.00	0.00	0
Photography	50	0.00	0.00	50
PureSeed	50	0.00	0.00	50
LucasOil-IndyShow	600	0.00	0.00	0
GeneralShows	600	0.00	-175.00	800
Archives	50	0.00	0.00	50

Note: Items over budget were approved by board vote.



Do you recognize these two gourd nuts?



Do you recognize who is helping the girl spin?

From a traveling member: I did not think to look for the artist's name, but this is a picture I took of a painting that hangs in the Oklahoma State Capitol Building. I was told that sometimes water had a natural oil slick on it which people would collect and then drink as a remedy for arthritis. [No further information could be found on this picture. ed.]

Mary Gayle Van Ingen, Oregon

Caroline, is this a gourd hat?



Lakeshore Gourders - Patch Happenings

Update from Alice Pawlowski

It's a busy season for our patch as most of us are active with some sort of gourd activity. For our June meeting Peggy Miller taught us how to make bouncy bugs using ornamental gourds & elastic cords. Now most of us made cute bugs like a ladybug or bumble bee, but not Ron Pressel. He had these two little odd shaped gourds that before long he assembled into a brown ant. Our patch enjoys these little projects where we can create a gourd project in one meeting. With all the chatting, laugh-



ing & carrying on we do, it's a wonder we get our projects done. We opted out of holding a meeting for the month of July as many had other gourd obli-

gations to tend to. Ida and the Pressels will be busy at the LaPorte County fair. Sherry, Kathy, Robbie, Blanche and Alice are busy with craft shows.

The planting season this year seems to be a real challenge. Some of our members have lost their whole crop while others are struggling to keep them going. I tried to grow two plants for the IGS seed bank, but they didn't make it rain. I guess this is a good summer for us!

Patch News

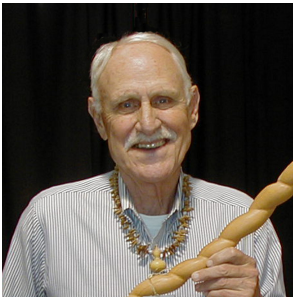
NEW GOURD PATCH FORMING!

There is a new patch forming in the Marion County (Indianapolis) area. If you are interested please contact Diane Werblo at vendorchair@indianagourdsociety.org or call her at 317-783-1428. This is a great opportunity to join a group of gourders in the central Indiana area.

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2013-Indiana State Fair

August 2 - 18, 2013

Dried gourds and gourd art competition.

For additional info: contact, Pat Moore 765-597-2049, or

Phil Moorhead 765-674-8088

2013-IGS Fall Festival & Membership Meeting with The Duneland Woodcarvers

October 26, 2013 - 9am-3pm CST-

Lake Co Fairgrounds, Crown Point, In

Free admission, Open to public, Vendors, IGS Gourd store,

Seeds, Demos, Kids booth, Gourd Auction,

Gourd Gurus available to answer questions.

Membership meeting following Show at 3pm.

Contact: Ida Kennedy, e-mail: ikennedy5@msn.com

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2014 - IGS STATE GOURD SHOW

May 3, (9am to 6pm).....May 4, (9am to 3pm) EST

Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, In

Admission Charged, Open to Public,

Adult & Children's Gourd Competition,

IGS Gourd Store, Gourds, Seeds, Demos, Workshops, Vendors,

Kid's Booth, Gourd Art Raffle, Gourd Auction Saturday and Sunday.

Gourd Gurus available to answer questions.

Contact: Pat Moore, e-mail: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

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GENERAL EVENTS

February/March - Seed harvest/packing days

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INDIANA EVENTS

2013—Indiana State Fair - Indiana Gourd Society Presence - Volunteer Demos & Talking to People.

August 2—18, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN

Dried Gourds and Gourd Art Competition (OPEN)

Demonstrations in Painting, Colored Pencils, Wood Burning, Tools. IGS “How To” Literature and “Coming Events” literature available along with Seed Order forms. For additional info contact Phil Moorhead, 765-674-8088 or Pat Moore, 765-597-2049.

2013—IGS Fall Festival (w/Membership Meeting following festival)

October 26, 2013 - 9am-3pm (CST)- Lake Co Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St, Crown Point, IN

Free admission, open to public

Vendors, IGS Gourd store, Gourd Seeds, Demonstrations, Membership meeting at 3pm—Mid-morning snacks and lunch available—For additional info: Ida Kennedy, 219-767-2901 or e-mail: ikenney5@msn.com

[An IGS Sponsored Event]

2014—Autumn Art Fair

Nov 23 (10am-5pm) and Nov 24 (11am-4pm)

Crafts of all kinds

2014—Porter County Master Gardeners Show

Jan 25, 2014, 8am-4pm (CST)

Valparaiso Exposition Center

2014—IGS State Gourd Show

"Theme: TBD"

May 3-4, 2014, Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN
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Road Trips

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September

Sept 7-8 North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC (ncgourdsociety.org)

Sept 12-15 ILGS Illinois Gourd Show Festival -- Chicago Botanic Gardens (illinoisgourdsociety.org)

Sept 13-15 Michigan Gourd Society Fest -- Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids (michiangourdsociety.org)

Sept 13-15 Michigan Festival of Gourds -- Eastern Michigan fairgrounds, Imlay City (michiganfestivalofgourds.com)

Sept 19-22 Florida Gourd Society Retreat -- (flgourdsoc.org)

Sept 20-22 4th Mississippi Gourd Festival -- Raleigh (mississippigourdsociety.org)

Sept 27-29 Ohio Gourd Show - (ohiogourdsociety.com)

Sept 28-29 Georgia Gourd Society Gourdfest -- Griffin (mississippigourdsociety.org)

October

Oct 18-20 Texas Gourd Society Lone Star State Festival—Fredricksburg (texasgourdsociety.org)

Oct 18-20 Alabama Gourd Festival—Cullman (alabamagourdsociety.org)

Oct 26 Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival—Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point (indianagourdsociety.org)

November

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