



President’s Message

GOURD UPDATES
NATIONAL & STATE
July 15, 2013

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. 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 mailing them to IGS president Karen Niemeyer at 1217 Wesley Court, Thorntown IN 46071 or email at (president@indianagourdsociety.org).

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

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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.

ONE MORE ONCE!

August 22, 2013

Once more the Indiana State Fair has concluded. One more once, as we used to say.

We send a special thanks to Pat Moore, who not only facilitated setup and teardown, but worked multiple shifts. In addition, Pat is making plans for next year's State Fair booth. For example, there will be gourd decorating with colored pencils and markers at all times, even when artists are demonstrating at nearby tables. We will use gourd pieces, cut into shapes children can identify, as well as shards. In addition, we gave away approximately 600 spinners and thus need donations of any spinners that are out there in gourdland! If the spinner did not perform well at the spinning table, it was recycled to the craft/necklace table. A special thanks to Bill Freihofer for dropping in many times to teach spin-

ning. Fran Bascom, Diane Werblo, and MacMcCrary worked multiple shifts to help us keep the booth welcoming and informative. Other helpers, including some new to the State Fair gourd booth, were Phil Moorhead, Jesse Glessner, Carolyn Rushton, Sue and Joe Ferrell, Richard Ryan, Denise Bechtold, Ashley Bucjuewucz, and Karen Niemeyer. Did I miss anyone—hope not—it takes a team to operate the booth, and ALL are appreciated. We need more helpers for next year—August 1-17, 2014. Novices can learn as most of us did—listen to the patter of the more experienced volunteers and mimic it until you have enough experience to tell the gourd story.

Visitors from China told us they eat gourds. Visitors from Hawaii told us about the IPU, a musical instrument. A father of four, after spinning gourds and helping his family craft pendants, exclaimed, "I had no idea gourds could be so much fun!" And THAT, fellow gourders, is why we make the effort to participate in the Indiana State Fair!

I am seeking donations of a few gourd musical instruments and gourds that are interesting enough to be part of a touch-me table. We all love to touch and handle gourds, but small children, especially, are bored with looking at gourds and cabbages and being told to not touch. The craft table is a boon to those who really want to touch the gourds. The Indiana Gourd Society had a touch-me table. We'd like to bring that back for 2014. I pledge to donate a very loud rattle made by Ralph Irish, and I know it will drive booth workers crazy. We shall make guiros again at the Thorntown library and provide one or two of those. Unusually-shaped gourds, as well as those true-to-type, would be useful additions.

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch of Thorntown had 14 entries this year and is making plans to increase its participation in 2014. We are challenging the newly-forming central Indiana patch (Diane, Mac, et al) and the Lakeshore Gourders to submit entries! I'd like to see us enter a scarecrow too! The Patch earned \$70 in premiums, thus repaying the \$30 entry fee. Remember that a Patch may enter as a family, thus making the competition affordable.

NEEDED: Art pieces that may be sold at the November 23-24 Autumn Art Fair at Garfield Park in Indianapolis. These may be given to me at the October 26 fall festival in Crown Point. Any not sold will be returned to the artist. IGS does not keep a percentage of the sale; the artist receives the full amount. The piece does need to have a price assigned, and we need to know how much, if any, the piece could be marked down for the last two hours of the show. We also need folks to staff the booth Saturday and Sunday.

IGS Fall Festival—Lake County Fairgrounds



Driving directions: From I65 exit on US231 toward Crown Point. At Greenwood Ave turn left (west) to Court Street. We will be in the 4-H Building.

Address:

889 S. Court St., Crown Point, IN 46307

2013 Fall Festival and Membership Meeting

Yes, it really is getting to that time of year again for the fall festival. Notice the cooler weather? Join us at Crown Point (near Chicago) for our Fall Festival. We will be with the Duneland Woodcarvers for a combined show this year. If things work out, we will consider more combined shows to help draw attendance to our events!

TENDRIL NOTICE!

Did you miss your 2013 August printed issue of the Tendril?

So did we! Our printer has been having problems the last few issues and this past issue was not able to get it done on time. This issue is a repeat of many of the articles in that issue, so you've not missed anything!

We have gone to another printer this issue, who has "guaranteed" a print turnaround in under seven days.

Be sure to be at the membership meeting at Crown Point — we want to discuss options to

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Contact Phil Moorhead about the Tapes and DVDs at - treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org

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 in gourds 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, laughing, and 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 obligations to tend. Ida and the Pressels



were busy at the LaPorte County fair. Sherry, Kathy, Robbie, Blanche and Alice were busy with craft shows.

The planting season this year seemed to be a real challenge. Some of our members 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 through all this rain. I guess this is a good summer to rest my garden!

The "Lakeshore Gourders" will be hosts at the Taltree Arboritum the weekend of October. 5-6. We will be promoting the IGS, our upcoming fall show in Crown Point, and our patch. We will be having demo's ongoing, a kids patch with Halloween themed painted spinners, a few art vendors, and IGS booth full of info, tools of trade, and us gourdheads.

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 dpwerblo@yahoo.com 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—IGS Fall Festival & Membership
With The Duneland Woodcarvers**

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

Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN

Free admission, Open to the public. Vendors, IGS Gourd store, seeds, demos, kid's booth, gourd auction. Gourd Gurus available to answer questions

Membership meeting follows Show at 3pm.

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

2014—IGS State Gourd Show

May 3 (9am-6pm) and May 4 (9am-3pm), 2014 (EST)

Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN

Admission Charged, open to the 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, email: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

2014—IGS Spring Festival & Membership Mtg

June 14, 2014, 9am-3pm (EST)

Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Lafayette, IN

Free admission, Open to the public. Vendors, IGS Gourd store, seeds, demos, kid's booth, gourd auction. Gourd Gurus available to answer questions

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Contact: Phil Moorhead, e-mail treasurer@indianagourdsociety.org

2014—IGS Fall Festival & Membership

October 25, 2014, 9am-3pm (CST)

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2013—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
OUR LARGEST SHOW! — Gourd competition, gourd vendors, workshops, food available

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October

Oct 18-20 Texas Gourd Society Lone Star State Festival

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Oct 18-20 Alabama Gourd Festival

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Oct 26 Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival

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