



## President's Message

Hello everyone

This will be the last Tendril before our State Show which is the first weekend of May, 2015. The next Tendril after this will have award details and pictures from the State Show. We still have room for vendors at our State Show so please get your application in to Pat Moore or Tom Benedict as soon as possible so they can get the layout worked up. We are also looking for volunteers. We are always appreciative of anyone who would like to be a helper at the show, especially with set up and tear down. Last year we had a very good response and I would like to personally thank all of you for your consideration. Please contact our Show Chairperson Pat Moore to schedule a time when you can help.

Now is also the time to start thinking about spring planting. I have had my best luck with starting seeds inside in small pots or Styrofoam cups about two weeks before I want to set them out. In northern Indiana I try to get my plants set out by mid May. Check for your local average last frost date to see when would be best for your area. Once you set your gourd plants out, give them some protection from the sun and wind until they look like they are doing well. I use gallon milk jugs with the bottom cut off to make little green houses for each of the plants. Leave the cap off and push a stick thru from the top down into the ground to hold the jug in place. If you wait until about mid May you can plant your seeds direct into the garden. I would rec-

ommend that you soak your seeds overnight before planting them and make sure you keep the soil moist until the seed is sprouted and pops up thru the soil. The milk jug greenhouses also work well to help seeds germinate when you plant seeds direct into the ground. It keeps the ground from drying out before the seed can sprout. You can water through the top of the jug as needed. Remove the jugs after the plants have a few true leaves. Fertilize your gourd plants every couple weeks and water as needed but don't overwater. Gourds that set on after the end of July usually don't have enough time to mature unless they are the smaller gourds or ornamentals. The Giant gourds are very hard to grow to maturity in northern states so if you have your heart set on growing them, start your plants inside by mid April, set them out in a protected area as soon as possible, and be prepared for a frost.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me or go to our website and check out our many tutorials.

Good gourding to all of you.

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# PATCH NEWS

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## Lakeshore Gourders Patch (Alice Pawlowski)

Well we are into a new year & starting on some new projects for the winter. Jan. meeting we prepared a bowl with texture paint & relief carved a design into the bowl. During Feb. meeting we then topped our bowl off with coiling of our choice. Some of us brought some gourd work we've been working on & shared with the group. Next month we are going to try to create a tea kettle using multiple gourds, should be a fun project & always interesting to see how we each create differently. Some members are keeping busy this winter by working on their pieces for the state show in May. Yeah think spring!

## Sugar Creek Gourd Patch & Thorn Tree Gourd Patch (Karen Niemeyer)

Both the Sugar Creek and Thorn Tree gourd patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library in Boone County. Visitors are invited to any of the meetings: 6-8:00 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, and 2-4:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays. At the February 18 and 25 meetings Annette Knox will teach how to paint (with acrylics) small gourds to look like Indiana quail. Members have completed a variety of decoupage gourd projects and are now making plans for individual exhibits for the IGS state gourd show in May and the Indiana State Fair in August. Visitors are invited to both the library and to patch meetings, and questions may be directed to Karen Niemeyer at 765-436-7348. On March 28 patch members will operate an IGS booth at the Monroe County Master Gardeners' Fair in Bloomington. In May a class "Rosemaling on Gourds" is planned; Jan Boettcher will teach this Norwegian folk art. Patch members will demonstrate techniques and display gourds at Karen's Thorntown home on June 27-28 when her yard is on Lebanon's Shalom House Garden Tour, a fund-raiser for the shelter. Karen plans to feature growing and dried gourds in her flower beds as usual but will add a painted tree on the side of her garden shed with a variety of gourd bird houses displayed among the branches.

## Central Indiana Patch Diane Werblo)

On Jan. 13 the Central Indiana Patch started off with a hearty chicken vegetable soup and "sludge cake." One of the ladies brought some yummy chocolates. The GPAC dance class practiced in the next room, so we enjoyed their music and shared our food. Then the members dotted egg gourds with Tulip craft paint while Diane Werblo manned the hair-dryer and answered questions. The ladies each painted two gourds while Mac densely dotted one. We met again Feb. 10, at the Garfield Park Arts Center. Mary Jane Frank, Mary Johnson, Ann Stankiewicz, her friend Kathy Stuart, new member Dale Waller, Mac McCrary, and I enjoyed potato and peat-smoked pork soup, fruit, and a nut mix with chocolate. Members brought their Dremel drills and tiny jigsaws. Mac demonstrated his tools and a few of his tricks. Everyone had a chance to try out each tool. In March we will look at different ways to treat and start seeds, including ways to warm the soil.

## Gourd Crafters Patch (Lois Wright)

Eleven people were in attendance and four of them were newcomers who responded to the newspaper announcement. Two ladies and two men were the new attendees. One of the ladies asked many questions and was so happy to learn. The new people received a gourd and information regarding the IGS. Becky Whitted did a demonstration for the group. After that, we helped the ones who needed some help with their gourd projects. We shared about the Gourd Show May 1 & 2 and how fun it was to go. Coffee and cookies were served, and everyone seem happy and excited to attend the next meeting on March 15, 2015. The time of the meeting is at 2pm, and the location is at the Goodrich Park in Winchester, Indiana at the cabin. Becky Whitted will do another demonstration and Lois Wright plans to have some gourd seeds started to show how to start seeds.

# 23RD ANNUAL INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY STATE SHOW – 2015 “GOURDS, THE UNIVERSAL CANVAS”

## Admission charged:

\$5.00 per day per Adult,

\$3.00 per day per Seniors 60 & older

Kids age 14 & under, free

Bring a can of food for Food Bank and get \$1.00 off admission fee.

Volunteers, pre-registered, working at least 4 hours a Day receive a free Day Pass.

## Location:

Boone County Fairgrounds (In the Witham Health Services Pavilion)

1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, Indiana 46052

Phone: 765-482-0750

## Workshop Hours:

Friday, May 1, 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, May 3, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Friday: Workshops and Entry Placement Only! No other public access!

Saturday: Fellowship Dinner at 6:30 PM on the grounds. Reservations required.

## Doors Open to Public:

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, May 3, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

## For More Information Contact:

Pat Moore

Phone - (765) 597-2049

Email: [showchair@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:showchair@indianagourdsociety.org)

Visit: [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)

Click-- State Show

Then click—Show book, Workshops, or Forms

2/9/15/pm



## This is the last issue of the Tendril before the IGS State Show!

### HELP NEEDED!!

The 2015 State Show is coming together very well at this time, but **I need Your HELP.**

I need a **Demo Chair** and a **Volunteer Chair** for the 2015 show. Last year Alice Pawlowski did a GREAT job as Chair for both positions. She is unable to be the Demo or Volunteer Chairs for 2015. Alice will send you any info she has to help you take over either of these positions.

The **Demo Chair** will need to contact and ask vendors and members to do a free demo of something (30 minutes or longer) at our show on one or both days. Then when the demo info is received, set up a schedule of times and post them at the show.

The **Volunteer Chair** will need to co-ordinate the volunteers as to times and where needed at the show. IGS had lots of volunteers last year due to the offerings of a free day pass and selling in the member's sales booth. I expect this to happen again this year.

**VENDORS:** Space is still available inside and outside at the show for 2015. Signup before the spaces are gone and you miss out on a GREAT show.

**WORKSHOPS:** All workshop are still open to students. Send in your request form now and be sure to get in the workshops you want. Walk-ins, at the show, will be available if a workshop is not full.

IGS is putting this show on.....but we need **YOU to HELP**.....contact me if you have questions or want to fill one of these positions.

Pat Moore, 2015 State Show Chair

showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

**There will be a membership meeting at the IGS State Gourd Show on Saturday evening *after* the fellowship meal. You do not need to buy a meal ticket to attend the meeting after the meal.!**

## Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. - 2015 Gourd Seed Order Form

Please go to [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org) - click on "Seed Sales" to link to more detailed descriptions and pictures

**Instructions: To ensure accuracy, please fill out this form and send it with payment to the address below.**

Qty	Item	Qty	Item	Qty	Item
	01: Apple, SHORT		19: Bottle, CHINESE (8-10" h)		37: Kettle, SMALL (6" W x 9" H)
	02: Apple, TALL		20: (Not used)		38: (Not used)
	03: Martin House, SMALL (9" W x 12" H)		21: Dipper, SHORT Handle (12 - 18" long)		39: Bottle, Indonesian
	04: Martin House, GIANT (6 seeds/pack) (14" W x 16" H)		22: Dipper, APACHE (flat bottom) (12 - 18" long)		40: Bottle, NIGERIAN - Mini (limited quantity)
	05: Kettle, Mix		23: Dipper, LONG Handle (24 - 30" long)		41: Basketball
	06: Kettle, African Wine (6 seeds/pack) (16" W x 24" H)		24: Dipper, EXTRA LONG HANDLE (30 +" long)		42: <del>Duck Gourd</del> (OUT OF STOCK)
	07: Bird House, Hardshell Mix		25: Luffa, LONG		43: Long Gourd (6 seeds/pack) (limited quantity)
	08: Bushel, SMALL		26: Jewelry, sub-mini mix		44: Snake
	09: Bushel, 100 lbs PLUS (6 seeds/pack) (18" W x 14" H)		27: <del>Bottle, MINI CHINESE (3" H)</del> (OUT OF STOCK)		45: Swan/Goose Gourd
	10: Bushel, GIANT (12" W x 11" H)		28: Kettle, Mini (3 - 4" H) (OUT OF STOCK)		46: Warty, African (8 - 9" H)
	11: Canteen (8" W x 4" H)		29: Bottle, SMALL CHINESE (snowmen) (4 - 6" H) (limited quantity)		47: Penguin
	12: Canteen, Corsican (10" W x 5" H)		30: Bottle, Mini mix (snowmen) (2 - 4" H) (limited quantity)		48: Luffa, BALL
	13: Tobacco Box (taper top) (8" W x 6" H)		31: Peruvian Pear, Mini (6 seeds/pack) (3 - 4" H) (limited quantity)		49: Zucca (6 seeds/pack) ( <del>18" tall</del> ) OUT OF STOCK
	14: Canteen, Copper Canyon (Pear shape) (6" W x 8" H)		32: Banana		50: Sennari, mini (3 - 4" H) (OUT OF STOCK)
	15: Maranka		33: Spoon		51: Buffalo Gourd (ball shape) (limited quantity)
	16: Cannon Ball		34: Spinner		52: Autumn Wings, mixed (limited quantity)
	17: Bat Gourd (30 - 36" long)		35: Crown of Thorns		53: Tall Vase (14 - 16" H)
	18: Bottle, Mexican Water		36: Nest Egg		

**Note: Sizes and shapes listed are approximate**  
 Each package contains 12 seeds unless noted. All cost \$3.00 / package. All seed batches are checked annually for germination rates.

**SHIP TO:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or E-mail if we have questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Packages: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Price per pack:   x \$3.00    
 Plus Postage: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL ORDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postage/handling, including IGS members (through :Dec 31, 2015):**

1-4 packs = \$ 2.00	11-20 packs = \$4.00
5-10 packs = \$ 3.00	21 packs and up = \$5.00

Please list alternate choices here in case any of the above are out of stock. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "Indiana Gourd Society" or "IGS" and mail to **Ida Kennedy, 5615 S. 425 W., LaPorte, IN 46350.**  
 If you have questions, please contact us at [seeds@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:seeds@indianagourdsociety.org)

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## ROAD TRIPS

2015—courtesy of AGS  
(www.americangourdsociety.org)

### Mar / Apr / May

- Apr 11: Wisconsin Gourd Festival, Madison, WI  
www.wisconsiningsociety.org
- Apr 10-12: Missouri Show Me Gourd Society Gourd Art Festival, Springfield, MO  
www.showmegourdsociety.com/festival
- Apr 18: Ghost Creek/South Carolina Gourd fest, Laurens, SC  
www.scgourdsociety.com
- May 1-3: Indiana Gourd Society Annual Gourd Show, Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN  
www.indianagourdsociety.org
- May 15-17: Louisiana Gourd Show, Pollock, LA  
www.louisianagourdsociety.org
- May 16-17: Kentucky Gourd Show, Taylorsville, KY  
www.kygourdsociety.org

## \* \* IGS Events 2015 \* \*

### Indiana Gourd Society State Show

May 2 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and May 3 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) EST  
Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN 46052

Admission charged. Open to public.

Adult and 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

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

### Indiana State Fair

Aug 7-23, 2015

Dried gourds and gourd art competition

For additional info: Pat Moore 765 597 2049 or Phil Moorhead 765 674 8088

### IGS Fall Festival

Details later!

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.  NEW  RENEW ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Application DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 year @ \$15.00  3 year @ \$40.00 Patch # \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT (Free gift with New or 3yr Membership)  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU WANT ELECTRONIC *TENDRIL*? CIRCLE YES or NO  
Make your CHECK payable to the INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.  
MAIL TO: INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC., 691 W Veach Rd, Bloomington, IN 47832  
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# Message from the Show Chair

Hello to All,

I am honored to again be the Show Chair for the Indiana Gourd Society's State Show in 2015. Our show will again be at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana, for the third year. Our 2015 State Show Book is online for all to see and use.

I would like to highlight a few things about this year's show:

This year will be the 3rd annual vendor's competition for the Joyce Dankowski Memorial Award "Best Vendor Display". We would like to congratulate **Delaina DeHaven, "Gourd Haven"**, the 2014 winner, for her lovely display last year.

IGS has added a new division in the adult competition categories. Division 1 is now the "Memorial Division", honoring our deceased members that helped our society by educating the public with their unique talents. In Division 1 you may enter only one (1) entry per person per class. In all other divisions, two (2) entries are permitted.

The Jim Story Manipulated Gourd Classes are now in Division 1. After judging the corkscrew, knotted and grown in a mold classes; all of these entries will be judged together for competition at AGS level.

This year two (2) new classes have been added: Class 22- "My Way" -any botanical design not already listed and Class 59- Gourd Pull - a gourd attached to a pull for a light/fan/etc.

**Warning:** Please pay close attention to the competition classes that state, **Required: a 3"X5" card with.....** this card is required in all of Division 2, and some in Divisions 6, 7, 8 and 10. Your entry could be marked down by the judges, if the required card is not with your entry. These cards are also for public education purposes.

**Awards:** The awards given out at the show will be announced and awarded at the Saturday night dinner this year. Some awards will be placed on the competition gourds on Friday night after judging is over, but will be officially announced at the dinner. Other awards, certificates and cash prizes will be awarded at the dinner. So come to the dinner and see these awards presented to the winners. These awards will also be re-announced on Sunday afternoon.

**Members Sales Booth 2015:** Again this year IGS will have as a members perk, a members selling booth for your gourd art, 10 or less items. Your **FEE** for this is to volunteer 4 hours at the show where IGS needs you. See the show book for info and registration form, dead line is postmarked-April 30, 2015.

Come to the 2015 IGS State Show and see lots of.....**Gourds, The Universal Canvas!**

I hope to see you there! Pat Moore, 2015 Show Chair

# THE TENDRIL

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