



President's Message

Hello everyone.

Our 2015 state show is over and we are now in the process of organizing next year's show. On June 7th, we had a meeting at Thorntown Library to go over the show book changes for 2016 and to review the results of this year's show. Those present were Ida Kennedy, Frances Bascom, Phil Moorhead, Pat Moore, Sandra Townsend, Loretta and Ron Pressel, Sherry and Tom Benedict, Dallas and Linda Lunsford, Karen Niemeyer and Diana and Mac McCrary.

We went through the entire show book looking for specific changes or additions, besides the obvious date changes for 2016. A new class was suggested for gourd seed art. All info for awards will be in one area in the book plus a few other changes. Pat Moore will be updating the book and will get it ready for review with the revised changes sometime soon.

It takes a lot of people to put on a good show and we have many committees set up to help spread the responsibilities around. Please consider being part of a committee. See page 7 for a listing of some of the committees necessary to run our show, along with a simplified explanation of what they do:

Please consider being a little more involved in our State Show in 2016. All help is appreciated. I will be working on the Volunteer Committee for 2016 and hope I can get support from everyone. If there is a committee where you feel you could help, please let us know so we can get our schedules

made out and see where our weak points are. Also, if you have any suggestions for making the show better, please let us know and we will definitely give them consideration. We have already received suggestions from several of our members and we appreciate their input. If you don't approve of something, please keep it positive and tell us what changes you would like to see, and why. Hoping to hear from many of you in the future.

In the future Tendrils I will be keeping everyone updated on what is happening in the Society. If you have any questions about the Society at all, please contact me. If you would like to have anything put in the Tendril, please let us know.

We are planning to have another meeting in August at a library in Kokomo, Indiana, to review the book changes and other IGS business. We will post the date and time on our website. Hope some of you will be able to come.

Ida Kennedy
President, IGS

State Fair Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for the IGS booth at the state fair in August. Contact Phil Moorhead (765-674-8088), Pat Moore (765-597-2049), or Jesse Glessner (765-348-0344) if you can help (we have free day-passes!).

PATCH NEWS

Lakeshore Gourders Patch (Alice Pawlowski)

Spring/Summer once again is racing by, gourds are drowning in all the rain—but the best is yet to come. At June's meeting Loretta Pressel taught the group the tin foil bowl project, it was a fun and different technique. In July, Peggy Miller will be teaching how to make/assemble a wind chime gourd. Also in July some of the group will be busy helping at the LaPorte Co. Fair. In August we'll be helping at the Lake Co. Fair. To anyone from our group competing at the fairs: Gourd Luck to you all!

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 taught how to paint small gourds with acrylics to look like Indiana quail. Members completed a variety of decoupage gourd projects and entered both quail and decoupage in the May state show. Members also had individual exhibits in the show and are now making plans for individual and group exhibits for the Indiana State Fair in August. Visitors are invited to both the library and to patch meetings; Sandra Townsend's granddaughters Emma and Keri participated in the June 10 meeting. Carol Brown attended the Cherokee Gourd Gathering in Cherokee, North Carolina, and displayed her alcohol dye class project in June. Patch members demonstrated techniques and displayed gourds at Karen's Thorntown home on June 27-28 when her yard was on Lebanon's Shalom House Garden Tour, a fund-raiser for the shelter. See Karen's gourd tree photos in this newsletter, as well as Carolyn Rushton's 2014 and 2015 gourd-themed barn quilts that Karen acquired proudly displays. Visitors welcome—with or without gloves for weeding! Questions may be directed to Karen Niemeyer at 765-436-7348.

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo)

Donna Franklin (with her mom), Jean Long, Mary Johnson, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, Sandra and Tim Townsend, and Diane Werblo started off with Funky Cornbread full of sun-dried tomatoes, cheese, peppers, onions, garlic, spinach, and corn, served with hot dogs and either cheese sauce or *maple syrup*! We had marinated vegetable salad. The sweet endings were Sandra's watermelon mixed with blueberries or chocolate candy. The vanilla-lemon water was a big hit.

The patch will enter the Indiana State Fair as a group, so we chose which classes each would enter. Donna will have the most entries! Ann already entered on her own, as any patch member is welcome to do. (IGS may be asking for any unused tickets so that people can man the booth without paying to work! The word is ISF may be getting stingy about tickets for volunteers.) There will not be a meeting in Aug. We need volunteers to man the IGS booth at the state fair.

We checked placement of our "Fairville" houses for the ISF "My Way" category. Jean cleverly came up with the "Daisy Inn" and the "Pumpkin Patch Restaurant." Sandra is making gourd seed flowers, fish, and birds. Tim has an outside staircase to the second floor. Mac is planning one of those little buildings with the half moon on the door and the vent on top! It just keeps getting cuter!

In support of the IGS/CIP - GPAC partnership, on July 14 (at 2 pm before our regular meeting), we are helping with GPAC's "My Art" for Tweens and Teens. Using paint, pens, or decoupage, the kids will each make a gourd that represents themselves.

Make Your Plans Now!
2016 Indiana Gourd Society
State Gourd Show (Friday & Saturday only)
Boone County Fairgrounds

May 4, Wed IGS setup 10am to 6pm.

May 5, Thurs IGS setup, classes from noon to 6pm.

May 6, Fri Show open to public 9am to 6pm.
 Classes 9am to 6pm.
 Dinner at 6:30pm.

May 7, Sat Show open to public 9am to 6pm.
 Classes 9am to 6pm.
 Teardown starts at 6pm.

May 8, Sun NO SHOW—it is Mother's Day.

**Note from AGS
 about a scam**

I was contacted about a week ago by a man in Hungary about sending finished gourds for him to sell. My intuition sensed something wrong with this picture since I have seen photos my cousin took of gourds in Budapest. He said I would have to work through his "contact" who would pick them up from me and get them to his door. Then he asked if I ship to Hungary. Something was fishy, so I declined.

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Karen Niemeyer home on Lebanon's Shalom House Garden Tour

Karen Niemeyer's Birdhouse "Tree"



Carolyn Rushton's Barn Quilt displayed at Karen Niemeyer residence"



From the Archives

Cucurbit Insect Management (author unknown)

Purdue Dept of Entomology "Bulletin E-30, Vegetable Insects" is a good source of information if you have insect problems in your gourds. Single copies can be obtained from your local extension office.

The striped cucumber overwinters in Indiana and is the first concern, we generally face each spring with seedlings. The spotted beetle is the Western Corn Rootworm pest noted in June to August. Both of these beetles transmit Bacterial Wilt. This is the case of the sudden, severe, and permanent wilt of a single plant runner or the entire plant. Squash bugs are brownish-black, about 5/8" long. We see them largely on the gourd fruit later in the season in large numbers. These bugs love butternut squash and will move from squash to gourds easily.

Sevin is recommended for beetle control. Ambush/Pounce or Asana is suggested for squash bug control. There is no cure known for Bacterial Wilt. Control of the insects is needed to control the wilt. Pounce 3.2 or Ambush 2E are recommended by our Kentucky friends for insect control.

A Note from AGS

A couple of years ago I suggested to Terry Noxel that a series of "I Remember Jim Story" articles would help inform new AGS members as to who Jim was and of the valuable contributions he made to the development and growth of the AGS.

Since then we have managed to have something about Jim in every issue of The Gourd Magazine, but in order to keep the "I Remember" series going, we need more articles.

How about it? Could you submit an article? Did you know Jim and have some fond memories of him and how he may have had an influence on your gourdng experiences?

If you know any "old timers" who could do the same, please send me their names and contact information if you have it.

I would like to have at least a two year backlog [of articles] so I know we can keep the series going, at least for that long.

Articles should be submitted to Terry Noxell, noxelts@aol.com and algourds@aol.com — I would appreciate a copy so I could follow up with her and make sure none are overlooked. A full or half page article would be great but two or three paragraphs would suffice. Anything you remember about Jim that could share with others to help keep his memory alive.

Thanks for your help.

Glenn Burkhalter

Ron Pressel belatedly receiving his "Best of" Award for the 2015 State Gourd Show

We've removed the seed order form from this issue. It will be back next year. If you need seeds in the meantime, please contact Ida Kennedy (ikennedy5@msn.com)



ROAD TRIPS

2015—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Jul / Aug / Sep

- Jul 29-Aug 2: Texas Gourd Show, New Braunsfel Civic/Convention Center, www.texasgourdsociety.org
- Aug 15: New York State gourd Society MultiArtisan Series #2, Binghamton, NY www.americangourdsociety.org/NewYork
- Sep 12-13: Illinois Gourd Show, Chicago Botanic Garden. www.illinoisgourdsociety.org
- Sep 12-13: North Carolina Gourd Society Festival, Raleigh, NC www.ncgourdsociety.org
- Sep 12-13: Canadian gourd Society Show, Buckhorn, ON www.canadiangourdsociety.org
- Sep 16-20: Florida Gourd Society 2015 Retreat, Paisley, FL www.flgourdsoc.org
- Sep 18-19: Mississippi Gourd Festival, Raleigh, MS www.mississippigourdsociety.org
- Sep 19-20: Michigan Gourd Society Show, Grand Rapids, MI www.michigangourdsociety.org
- Sep 19-20: San Diego County Gourd Artists, Valley Center, CA www.californiagourdsociety.com/Events.html
- Sep 24-27: Washington State NW Gourd Art, Ellensburg, WA www.wagourdsociety.org
- Sep 25-27: Davis Ranch Gourd Festival, Sloughhouse, CA www.californiagourdsociety.com/Events.html
- Sep 26-27: Georgia Gourd Society Fest, Griffin, GA www.georgiagourdsociety.com

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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

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Indiana Gourd Society State Show

Friday, May 6 (9 a.m.-6 p.m. EDT)

Saturday, May 7 (9 a.m.-6 p.m. EDT)

Boone Co Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN 46052

NOTE: This is a date change!

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.
Gourd gurus available to answer questions
Contact: Pat Moore,
e-mail: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Indiana State Fair Entry Information

<http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/contests/2555.html>.

Phone (317) 927-7515

Fax: (317) 927-7514

Email: entry@indianastatefair.com

Committees Needed to Run our State Gourd Show

Show Chairperson-Oversees and coordinates all show committees and communicates progress. Participates in committees as needed.

Assistant or Co-Chair-Works with show chair as a helper and in a learning capacity.

Show Layout-Work up floor plan layout ahead of time to be available for set up of show. On set up day mark off areas as per floor plan.

Set Up and Tear Down-Help pick up items from storage unit. Cover table tops and sides in vendor area. Set up extra chairs and tables where needed throughout facility. Set up gourd trellis and misc. decorations and display areas for auction, raffle, classes, and class sample tables. Set up competition area. Cover all table tops and sides. Put out dividers and special exhibit display stands. Set up ways and means area and seed area. After the show help pack up the ways and means area and all other IGS areas. Remove and repack all table top covers and skirts. Take down trellis and other show signage, etc. Repack all items and take back to storage unit.

Advertising Committee-Contact various news media, libraries, etc. to promote the show.

Signage Committee- Get direction signs made up. Put out direction signs for the show on set-up day and pick up signs after the show. Try to get handouts and tri-folds made up as soon as possible so they can be distributed by all members.

Vendor Committee-Contact vendors and help set up vendor layout. At the show, collect items from vendors for our auction.

Auction Committee-Organize tables and chairs in the auction area, record bids and winners, help auctioneer watch for bidders.

Raffle Committee-Lay out raffle area. Collect raffle items. Set out items and boxes to correspond. Help with drawing on last day of show. Record winners.

Class Committee-Contact prior teachers and look for new ideas for classes. Request pictures and info on classes submitted. Have a meeting to pick classes from all submitted. Classes will be scheduled and photos and information will be put in the show book. Students need to be checked off as they come to class.

Class Selection Committee-Help to select classes to offer. Classes are picked from photos without knowing who submitted them.

Seed Committee-Sell seeds at the show. Educate people about growing gourds. Try to find people to help grow, harvest, test, and help package pure seeds.

Ways and Means Committee-Sell misc. donated items to help supplement show income.

Volunteer Committee-Find people to help relieve others at the show so everyone can enjoy the show. We will need people to be at the door to collect admittance and pass out handouts and to help wherever needed all weekend. We also need volunteers during the year for all our committees either to chair or in an advisory position to prepare for the next show.

Demo Committee-Organize demos. Encourage all vendors to demo at their booth. Set up separate demo area and try to get people to do a demo for about 30 min. at least. Make schedule to display times of demos.

Kids Booth-Educate kids about gourds. Make it a fun event so they will want to come back.

Chat area- Show how to use spinners as a top. Educate people about gourds.

Competition Set Up Committee-After all table tops and sides are covered and exhibit stands put up, divide and mark off all competition areas and put out signage for all.

Judging Committee (Judges & Clerks)-Read show book thoroughly. Follow guidelines in book for judging.

Banquet Committee-Find vendor for the meal and help organize entertainment.

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