



## President's Message

Hello, everyone.

Hope your summer has been going well. Your gourds should be growing quickly by now and be good size. It seems like it takes forever for them to set on blossoms but once they do and are pollinated, you can watch them grow daily. It always amazes me how fast they grow. If anyone has any questions about how your gourds are doing now, you can call me or email me any time. I always enjoy hearing from gourd growers.

This is the time of year when our society is taking a break from preparing for our state show and its members are involved in entering fairs, festivals and other activities that we all enjoy doing. Hope many of you are doing fun things with gourds either growing or crafting. I would like to hear from gourd growers how their crops did this year. This has been an unusual summer weather wise and maybe you have some tips for others on how to cope with mother nature.

Let us know about your gourd growing experiences or crafting ideas. We would like to share your ideas in future Tendril articles.

Have fun and don't forget to be safe when working with gourds. Always wear a mask when dust is involved and be careful when using sharp tools that can easily slip off a gourd.

Ida Kennedy

## Membership Meeting

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY

MINUTES

May 2, 2015

At the conclusion of the annual fellowship dinner during the Indiana Gourd Show at the Boone County Fairgrounds (Lebanon, IN), President Ida Kennedy called to order a brief membership meeting. There were 44 persons present at the dinner.

After discussion regarding the proposed by-laws changes that are designed to be in compliance with Indiana Code and also to simplify the IGS by-laws, Pat Moore moved the by-laws be adopted and Fran Bascom seconded; motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus and informal discussion resumed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Niemeyer, Secretary Pro-Tem

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# PATCH NEWS

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## **Lakeshore Gourders Patch (Alice Pawlowski)**

Wow! Was that a quick spring/summer! Hopefully all enjoyed it as time flew by. In June, Loretta Pressel led the group, teaching creating tin foil art on gourds and created beautiful designs. In July, the meeting was rescheduled due to county fairs in our area. Peggy lead the group as we all created a wind chime, everyone was hearing bells ring in their ears that day. In August, Blanche taught us how to make a tin can flower gourd. I'd like to thank my fellow patch members for all the support and understanding they've given me this summer in my absence, as I dealt with the passing of my mother. I'm truly blessed to have such a great group of Gourd friends.

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

Both patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., on Wednesdays, working on our individual projects. Visitors are welcome at 2-4:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and 6-8:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some supplies and gourds are kept on hand for first-timers who would like to try their hands at the craft. Carol Brown entered three gourds in the Hendricks County fair and came home with three first place blue ribbons. Several members entered the July Boone County Fair Open Show and Denise Bechtold was the Champion and also the Sweepstakes winner with her horsehair/peacock bowl and aquatic themed gourds. The patch members offer their thanks to teachers at the IGS state show as those classes allowed members to complete some unique projects and bring home the ribbons and prize money as well as educate others on the uniqueness of gourds. In previous years there have been one or two gourd entries, but this year there were fourteen. In honor of the increase, the arts, crafts, & hobbies department will create a special class for gourds at the 2016 show. The groups are assembling their sixteen state fair entries and making plans to help staff the IGS state fair booth to answer questions and coach visitors in use of color pencils and pens on gourd shards.

## **Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo)**

Despite registration problems caused by the state fair office providing us last years' forms, several in our group competed: Jean Long, Donna Franklin, Mary Johnson, Mac McCrary, Ann Stankiewicz, Kathy Stuart, Sandra Townsend, and Diane Werblo. Fairyville and all of our items were either on display (at least part of the time) or in competition..

After helping kids decorate gourds for Garfield Park Arts Center's Art Camp Project, Mac and Diane also cleaned and donated gourds for "Paint-a-Palooza" the next week. This supports our partnership with the park.

There are two changes from our routine: We did not meet in August due to the state fair, and the GPAC will be closed 9/8 for an extended Labor Day holiday so we will meet Sept 15th instead. The year's remaining scheduled meetings are at GPAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month: 10/13, 11/10, 12/12.

WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR: Barring illness or accident, Mac McCrary is going to teach the long-awaited "Weaving on Gourds Class" at the Sept. 15 meeting at GPAC. He will have all the supplies. We are expecting guests from other patches, so we really need RSVP's. I'm simplifying food. We will have sandwiches/wraps, salads, and dessert. Please bring your own drink.



## Indiana Gourd Society By-Laws

1. The name of the corporation shall be "Indiana Gourd Society, Inc." The corporation will be referred to as IGS throughout the bylaws.
2. The legal address will be the address of the treasurer.
3. The purpose of the corporation shall be:
  - a) Presentation of an annual gourd show in Indiana by members of the society where teaching classes, demonstrations, and lectures are given on gourd horticulture and craft/artwork. Gourds and gourd art are exhibited. All aspects of the show are performed by members. Proceeds from this show represent approximately 80% of the income of the corporation and the preparations for the show, which goes on all year, represents 50% of our time. The show is in progress over an extended weekend and is open to the public;
  - b) Seed saving and/or exchange, especially old varieties, which are in danger of disappearing, and newly developed varieties. These are available to members throughout the year. Seed sales represent approximately 10% of our income;
  - c) Exhibition of fresh, preserved, and crafted gourds in county/state fair horticulture exhibits. Exhibition at the Indiana State Fair, annually for the entire run of the fair. This is one of the main avenues of presenting gourd knowledge, horticulture and art to the public;
  - d) Educational programs for members. Subjects discussed are better gourd production techniques, disease and insect control methods, preservation techniques, and crafting/artwork on gourds. These are presented to members by means of several newsletters annually, educational pamphlets, brochures, lectures, and demonstrations at several gourd meetings throughout the year. Dues from memberships represent approximately 10% of income for the corporation;
  - e) Continue to function as the ETA Chapter of American Gourd Society, Inc.;
  - f) Development of true-to-type seeds via growth of varieties in isolation;
  - g) Presentation of demonstrations to garden clubs and master gardener groups;
  - h) Other charitable and exempt purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of Internal Revenue Code, as amended;
  - i) To cooperate with other gourd societies in advancing our purposes and enhancing the dissemination of information relative to gourd culture, history, development, pure seeds, nourishment, growth, crafting, and usages of gourds generally.
4. The mission statement of the corporation shall be (a) to promote educational efforts which advance an appreciation for the gourd's role and significance in past and present cultures, (b) to promote gourd cultivation, (c) to promote gourd crafting and artistry.
5. Membership in IGS shall be open to everyone willing to support the activities of the society and pay the membership dues fee. There are no initiation fees. Each adult in good standing shall have the privilege of full membership. A family membership includes all related members of a family living at one dwelling.
6. The corporation board of directors shall be elected by the membership present at the fall membership meeting. The date and location of this meeting will be determined by the board of directors. The president will cause the publication of this meeting in the IGS newsletter and website at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The membership shall elect FIVE (5) officers in odd-numbered years and SIX (6) officers in even-numbered years. If there are not sufficient members willing to serve on the board to cause a vote to fill the vacancies, the president will declare the proposed slate as elected. If there are not sufficient members willing to fill all vacancies, the president will declare those positions vacant until the following year. Officers must be members of the society. No member of the board of directors will be paid, except documented expenses in support of the society.
7. New officers elected at the fall meeting will be installed as officers on January 1 of the following year. A membership quorum shall consist of the members present at the meeting. The board of directors will elect a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and membership secretary. The president and treasurer are the only officers who may bind the IGS to a contract.

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8. The president may appoint committees, with approval of the board of directors, charged with specific tasks.
9. The president, with the assistance of the treasurer, will present a proposed budget to the board of directors. The fiscal year of the IGS will be July 1 to June 30.
10. These by-laws cancel and revoke the present constitution and standing rules. These by-laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of board of directors.
11. In the event of dissolution of the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc., all debts shall be paid, then any remaining assets will be forwarded to the American Gourd Society, Inc. No refunds or monies will be returned to IGS members.
12. Any item not covered in the corporate by-laws will be governed by the then current Indiana Nonprofit Corporation Act.

Tin-foil Art on Gourds—created by patch members with the class taught by Loretta Pressel at the June Lakeshore Gourders Patch Meeting



## ROAD TRIPS

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([www.americangourdsociety.org](http://www.americangourdsociety.org))

### Sep / Oct

- Sep 12-13: Illinois Gourd Show, Chicago Botanic Garden.  
[www.illinoisgourdsociety.org](http://www.illinoisgourdsociety.org)
- Sep 12-13: North Carolina Gourd Society Festival, Raleigh, NC  
[www.ncgourdsociety.org](http://www.ncgourdsociety.org)
- Sep 12-13: Canadian gourd Society Show, Buckhorn, ON  
[www.canadiangourdsociety.org](http://www.canadiangourdsociety.org)
- Sep 16-20: Florida Gourd Society 2015 Retreat, Paisley, FL [www.flgourdsoc.org](http://www.flgourdsoc.org)
- Sep 18-19: Mississippi Gourd Festival, Raleigh, MS [www.mississippigourdsociety.org](http://www.mississippigourdsociety.org)
- Sep 19-20: Michigan Gourd Society Show, Grand Rapids, MI  
[www.michiganagourdsociety.org](http://www.michiganagourdsociety.org)
- Sep 19-20: San Diego County Gourd Artists, Valley Center, CA  
[www.californiagourdsociety.com/Events.html](http://www.californiagourdsociety.com/Events.html)
- Sep 24-27: Washington State NW Gourd Art, Ellensburg, WA [www.wagourdsociety.org](http://www.wagourdsociety.org)
- Sep 25-27: Davis Ranch Gourd Festival, Sloughouse, CA  
[www.californiagourdsociety.com/Events.html](http://www.californiagourdsociety.com/Events.html)
- Sep 26-27: Georgia Gourd Society Fest, Griffin, GA [www.georgiagourdsociety.com](http://www.georgiagourdsociety.com)

## \* \* IGS Events 2016 \* \*

### 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.  
Gourd competition (adult and children), IGS gourd store, gourds, seeds, demos, workshops, vendors, kids' booth, gourd art raffle, gourd auction Saturday.

Gourd gurus available to answer questions  
Contact: Pat Moore,  
e-mail: [showchair@indianagourdsociety.org](mailto:showchair@indianagourdsociety.org)

Want to help decide what will be in the Indiana Gourd Society State Show next year? Join us August 29th at 10:30am EDT to review and edit the show book and discuss the timeline of the state show.

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220 N. Union St  
Kokomo, IN 46901

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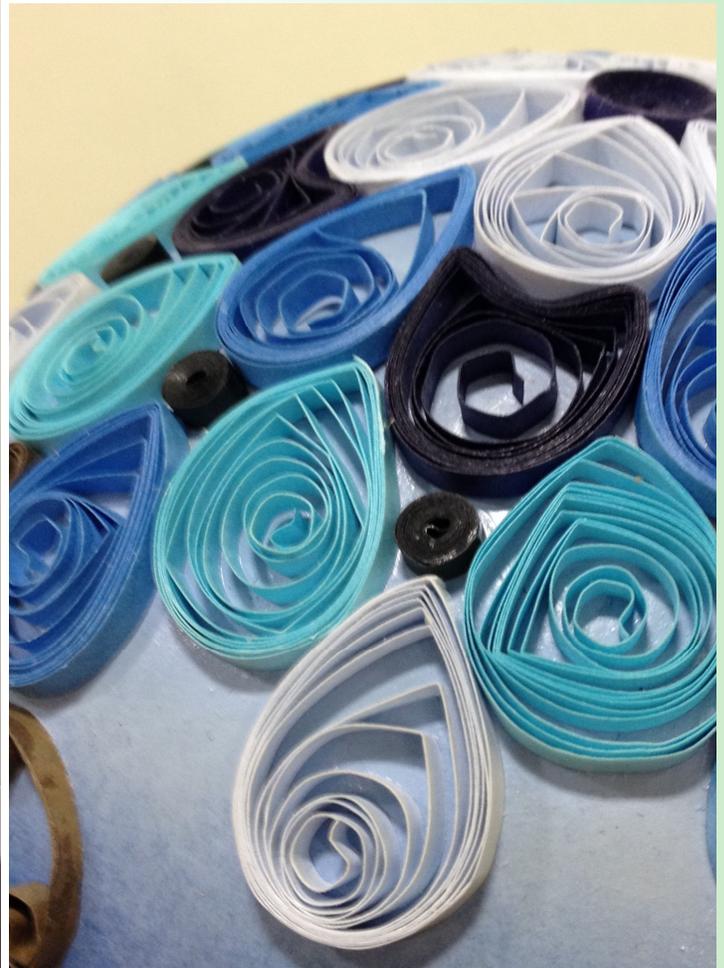
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Did you see us at the Indiana State Fair? Our booth radically changed this year. We were on the south side of the divider with the exhibits on the north side. If you had worked a 4-hour shift in the booth meeting and greeting people, or demonstrating some gourd technique we gave a free day-pass for that day. Consider working next year!

(below, left) Pat Moore—the 2015 Indiana State Fair Gourd Exhibit Grand Prize Winner

(right) Her winning entry

(below, right) A close-up of the gourd showing cut paper (Quilling) glued to gourd surface. Want more information? See Pat at our Indiana Gourd Society State Gourd Show in May, 2016.



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