

President's Message

Ida Kennedy

Hello Everyone,

Final plans are in process for our 2016 State Show on May 6th and 7th at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana. This year should be an exciting and fun-filled event for all ages. Bring your family and friends and spend some time with us. Our theme *Fairies In the Gourd Patch* should stir up some fanciful and unique gourd art ideas. This year we have expanded the children's competition to include 13 categories plus a group gallery art display (max size 48", must preregister by Apr 15). categories plus a "Group-Gallery Art Display" (max size 48"-Must pre-register by April 15). The 13 classes for age 18 and under are: Decorated Birdhouse, Bowl or Basket, Small Whole Gourd, Any Holiday Item- except Ornament, Jewelry or Hair Ties, Toy, Animal- Realistic or Fantasy, Doll or Figure- Realistic or Fantasy, Hat, Mask, Clay on Gourd, Wood burning on a gourd, and "I made it My Way". Please check out our show book for details. Get your entries in as soon as possible.

Any child up to the age of 18 can compete in the children's division. They can also compete in the adult division if they choose. **Any child who has an entry in any of our gourd competitions this year will be eligible for a \$20 cash drawing.** Five names will be drawn on Friday afternoon and will be announced on Friday evening at our dinner. The winners need not be present to win. All children who enter a competition will also receive a complimentary package of gourd seeds of our choice. We had a great turnout last year in the children's section. I hope we will see more this year.

We are also offering some fun and unique classes for adults. If you are new at gourds, take one of our beginner classes and get hooked on gourds or learn a new technique.

This is a great opportunity to take "Mom" somewhere special for an early Mother's Day treat. We hope you will consider spending some fun time with us at our show.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms.

Interested in Learning a Gourd Crafting/Painting Technique?

Workshops at our IGS State Gourd Show in Lebanon still have open seats for workshops on May 5, 6, and 7. See the workshops flier or check out the website at

www.IndianaGourdSociety.org

to see what classes are offered and download a signup sheet.

TO-DO LIST

Before Apr 15:

- ⇒ Send in meal registration
- ⇒ Send in competition registration
- ⇒ Send in volunteer registration
- ⇒ Send in workshop registration

May 5 (Thursday)

- ⇒ 7:00am (or as soon as I wake up!) Help set up show
- ⇒ Take that workshop I've signed up for
- ⇒ Take gourd exhibits to the show and place in competition before 9pm

May 6 (Friday)

- ⇒ Take that workshop I've signed up for
- ⇒ Check the awards I've won
- ⇒ Be sure to enter in the raffle
- ⇒ 6:30pm—Fellowship meal

May 7 (Saturday)

- ⇒ Take that workshop I've signed up for
- ⇒ 1:00pm—Bid in the auction (I need some new gourds and supplies)
- ⇒ 4:30pm—Watch to see if I've won a raffle item
- ⇒ 6:00pm—Help tear-down the show

PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

On March 22 some of us decorated egg gourds for Easter and some started their "New Fairyville" houses for the state show and for the state fair. April 26 we will start seeds and learn about frost blanket greenhouses. We will meet May 24 and June 28 at the Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy. We encourage all members to post gourd photos and info on the IGS FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Indiana-Gourd-Society-501527396526520/?fref=ts>.

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch & Thorn Tree Gourd Patch (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

Soak, scrub, scrub, soak, scrub—the patches are still cleaning spinner gourds so that there will be a good quantity for both the state show and the Indiana State Fair booth. Adding a fabric softener sheet does seem to make it easier to remove the gourd skin.

The patches are experimenting with adding brown paper to the inside of thin bowls that are to be decoupaged. Although members have tried various mediums, they plan to use ModPodge products for the class they are teaching at the state show in May. There are also many bowls to cut and clean in order to be ready for a large class. Individual projects are being finalized as competition entries and we are eager for the return of our winter travelers and those who have not been well.

Both patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., on Wednesdays and some supplies and gourds are always on hand for visitors and first-timers who wish to participate. Individual projects are encouraged, but on April 13 and 20 decoupage will be offered and supplies available. The first and third Wednesday times for the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch are 6-8:00 p.m., and the south door to the meeting rooms is unlocked, as are the library's primary east and west doors. The second and fourth Wednesday Thorn Tree Gourd Patch meets from 2-4:00 p.m. Questions may be directed to Karen at the library: 765 436 7348.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Jim Ballard, contact)

Our patch met at Phyllis Kingen's house in Greenfield IN on Sat 3-19-2016. Joye Orr give a demo on wood burning, every one brought a burner and burnt their gourd, We also celebrated the birthday of Patty Counciller, one of our members. Our next patch gathering is Saturday, May 21, the topic will be a discussion of the Linda's Gourd Patch booth at the Hancock County 4 H fairgrounds June 17 - 24.

PATCH CONTACTS

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|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Lakeshore Gourders | LaPorte | Loretta Pressel | 574-586-2502 |
| Gourd Crafters | Ridgeville | Lois Wright | 317-370-1418 |
| Story Gourd Patch | Pendleton | Inactive | |
| Patch 4 | West Lafayette | Verona Clark | 765-242-1967 |
| Linda's Patch | Greenfield | Jim Ballard | 317-468-5717 |
| Sugar Creek | Thorntown | Karen Niemeyer | 765-436-7518 |
| Thorntree | Thorntown | Karen Niemeyer | 765-436-7518 |
| Central Indiana | Indianapolis | Diane Werblo | 317-783-1428 |

Last Message From The Show Chair

Hello to ALL,

There are a few more changes in the Gourd Wind.

This year . . .

we changed the show dates to have no show on Mother's Day Sunday.

we changed the show book, added a workshop flyer and saved some money.

we added another building to the show for workshops. No more smells or gourd dust in the vendor area.

we added 1 new adult competition class: Class 60 - "Seed Art"

we added 6 new children's competition class for a total of 13 classes for kids.

the competition entry and judging times are different. Competition placement will be on Thursday, 4-9 PM and Friday, 7-8 AM, with Judging at 8:30AM.

the Art Raffle is ongoing during the show until 4:00PM on Saturday, followed by the drawing.

the Gourd Auction will only be on Saturday at 1:00PM.

is our 4th year at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana.

is my 4th and final year as Show Chair for the Indiana Gourd Society's State Show.

we need a new Show Chair for the 2017 IGS State Gourd Show.

we need a Show Theme for 2017, by mid-July. Got any ideas?

join us at the 2016 IGS State Show, **"Fairies In The Gourd Patch"**

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

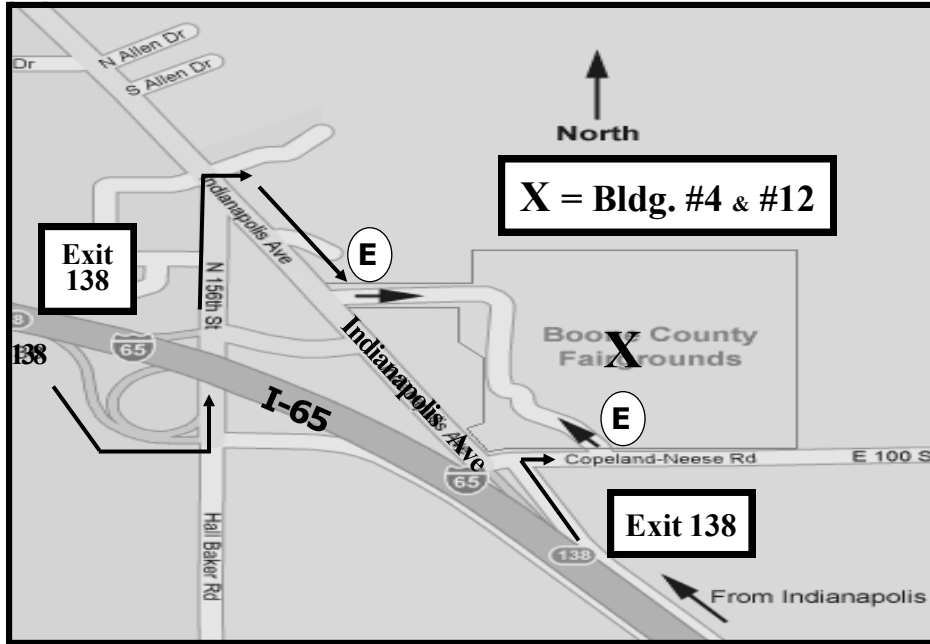
I hope to see you there!

Pat Moore, 2016 Show Chair

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| INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC. <input type="checkbox"/> NEW <input type="checkbox"/> RENEW ID# _____ | |
| Membership Application | DATE: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year @ \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 year @ \$40.00 | Patch # _____ |
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| Visit the IGS Web site at: www.indianagourdsociety.org | |

Lebanon Road Construction!

There is a great deal of road work on I65 and Indianapolis Avenue in the Lebanon area. Be prepared to take alternate routes to the show.



If traveling through Lebanon from west, north, or east, carefully follow Indianapolis Avenue. Observe any traffic cones. Traffic decreases to two lanes (one going north, one going south). Stay on Indianapolis Avenue until you can turn east into the fairgrounds or follow any detours as marked.

As of April 6, once the construction zone ends, you are at the top of a small hill; below on the left will be Bane-Walker farming equipment. Turn left and follow 100 S. down the hill. At the stop sign at Indianapolis Avenue, turn left or right to approach one of the entrances to the fairgrounds.”

We will have road signs out to help you get to the show.

Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. – 2016-B Gourd Seed Order Form

Please go to 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: Mayo Bule, Warty, limited | | 38: (Not used) |
| | 03: Martin House, SMALL (9"W x 12" H) | | 21: Dipper, SHORT Handle (12 - 18" long) | | 39: Bottle, Indonesian (OUT OF STOCK) |
| | 04: Martin House, TALL (14" - 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) (OUT OF STOCK) | | 24: Dipper, EXTRA LONG HANDLE (30 +" long) | | 43: Long Gourd (limited quantity) |
| | 07: Bird House, Bottle Mix | | 25: Luffa, LONG | | 44: Snake |
| | 08: Bushel, (10 – 12" H) | | 26: Jewelry, sub-mini mix (OUT OF STOCK) | | 45: Swan/Goose Gourd |
| | 09: Bushel, 100 lbs PLUS (6 seeds/pack) (OUT OF STOCK) | | 27: Bottle, MINI-CHINESE (3 - 4" H) | | 46: Warty, African (8 - 9" H) |
| | 11: Canteen (8" W x 4" H) | | 29: Bottle, SMALL CHINESE (taper top) (4 - 7" H) | | 47: Penguin |
| | 12: Canteen, Corsican (10" W x 5" H) | | 30: Bottle, Mini mix Taper top (3 - 5" H) | | 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 (limited quantity) |
| | 14: Canteen, Copper Canyon (Pear shape) (6"W x 8" H) | | 32: Banana | | 50: Hard shell Warty (5 - 6" H) |
| | 15: Maranka | | 33: Spoon | | 51: Orange Gourd (3" round) |
| | 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 consists of 12 seeds unless noted. All cost \$3.00 / package.

Seed batches are randomly 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, 2016):

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

ROAD TRIPS

2016—courtesy of AGS
(www.americangourdsociety.org)

May — Aug

May 6-7: Indiana Gourd Society State Show,
Boone Co. Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN

May 13-15: Kentucky Gourd Art Show, Spencer
County Elementary School and Spencer Co
Extension Office, Taylorsville, KY
(kygourdsociety.org)

Jun 16-18: Pennsylvania Gourd Society's Gourd
Gathering, Lebanon Expo Center, Lebanon,
PA (www.pagourdsociety.org)

Jun 25-26: California Early Bird gourd festival,
Heraldsburg, CA

Jul 15-17: Michigan gourd Society's 3rd Annual
gourd Gathering, Ann Arbor, MI

Jul 21-24: Washington State Gourd Society's
Gourd Art classes, Ellensburg, WA

Aug 19-21: Texas 2016 Lone Star Festival, New
Braunfels, TX

* * 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: There will be no show on
Sunday, May 8th.
This is Mother's Day!**

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

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WAYS & MEANS-----NEEDS YOU

Ways & Means has always had a table at the State Show. This is how IGS generates extra money for the organization. We have downsized our merchandise of logo inventory as they are not a money maker. We need donations. When you are cleaning out your closets or craft room, keep us in mind. Items that sell well are: botanicals, books, magazines, knick-knacks and any old relic laying around the house **"but no husbands, please."** Let's have a bang-up time at the "FAIRIES in the GOURD PATCH" on May 6 & 7, 2016.

"The Wise Old Gourd Lady" Loretta Pressel

Attention All GOURD GROWERS!

**I have a challenge for all gourd growers for 2016:
Hand train some gourds! You can use rope or panty
hose or in a mold, where ever your imagination will
take you.**

**THE INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY NEEDS MORE PEOPLE
TO ENTER THE JIM STORY HAND TRAINED GOURD
CLASS.**

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO

GET INVOLVED.....

**Purchase the Jim Story Video on how to hand train
gourds.**

www.indianagourdsociety.org

Jim Ballard

Are you joining us for the fellowship dinner on Friday evening?

If so, bring a gourd hat or gourd jewelry and enter it in the dinner contests. Winners receive coupons to use at IGS booths at the show.

THE TENDRIL

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MARION, IN 46952

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All submissions welcome!

ARTICLES MUST BE IN MS WORD OR RTF FORMAT.

Send as an attachment to your email or mail your submissions to the above address. Please send us your pictures, stories, tutorials, and anything else gourd-related plus your suggestions for improving or inclusion in The Tendril.

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