



President's Message

Karen Niemeyer

FALL CLEANING

Do you recall when your family used to routinely engage in spring cleaning and fall cleaning? Everything was moved, shaken, polished, scrubbed and beaten into cleanliness and after several days, furniture was back in place and life returned to normal. Two weeks ago we had our Thorntown library's carpet cleaned. On October 7 I had both my home's carpet cleaned and that at the Thorntown Heritage Museum. Although I am convinced that 'normal' is just a setting on the drier, there is order at the library and there will soon be a semblance of that order at home. Aren't you glad that times have changed and we really don't have to fully clean everything all at once? However, since I decided that this year I wanted the closet floors empty so that that carpet could also be cleaned, I am unearthing a few treasures.

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October is Indiana Archives Month, and we are learning about "Preserving Indiana's Hidden Treasures." This makes it an ideal time for you to look at your own archives, closets, files, and other favorite stash spots. If you find you have some Indiana Gourd Society bits and pieces hidden away and are willing to share, this would be an ideal time to lay those items aside and see that they get delivered to IGS. One perfect time might be at the October 21 annual membership meeting. As IGS organizes information, we shall make sure that we not only preserve Indiana's hidden treasures, but we also preserve the Indiana Gourd Society's treasures. If you have letters from Indiana's Jim Story and are willing, please share those with the American Gourd Society for a column "Jim's Letters," or give me copies so that I may forward those for use in The Gourd Magazine.

Meanwhile, enjoy the gourd harvest and the nice days for cleaning last year's crop.

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PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

We are very proud that Melanie Blakley won the 2017 State Fair Champion "Best of Show" ribbon for her wood-burned eagles pictured in the last issue. She deserves the glory! September brought us a full house: Melanie Blakley, Michele Fife, RoJene Gillentine, Jean Long, Sandra and Tim Townsend, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo. We have lately been joined by a young woman, Mercedes Arriaga; from whom we expect great things. CIP is finally working on hats -- cute, elegant, or funky! Mac is making a tiny clown hat! For part of the design, some may use what Sandra taught us last month about dyeing seeds. This project continued in October. In November and December we start Sandra's quilt project made of steam-flattened, painted gourd squares. We are looking at heart designs for February, revisiting Thunder Drums in March, and hoping Michelle Fife will be able to teach us coiling in April. We appreciate all the talented members who share their skills. Many patch members can't make the meeting, but they love reading the monthly letter CIP sends to keep them up-to-date. We welcome visitors and there's always a light dinner. CIP meets on the 4th Tuesday each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ET at the Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy.

Sugar Creek and Thorn Tree Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

At this time both patches that meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, are working on the same schedule. Visitors are welcome at any session but asked to call Karen (765-436-7348) so that adequate supplies may be on hand. On October 4 and 11 patches are cutting out and painting rocking horse Christmas ornaments, continuing to work on 4" gourd quilt squares, finishing the painting of cats and pumpkins on gourds, and cutting and gluing bird feeders in the style of Guy Shutt. On October 18 various gourd snowmen will be created and on October 25, from 2-5 p.m. ET, Delaina Dehaven will visit to teach how to make gourd lamps. These lamps, as taught at the May 2017 state show, are drilled and carved to create filigree and other decorative features on cannonball gourds. A variety of lamp bases/night lights have been acquired by members who will enjoy the \$15.00 class and finish the project at patch meetings. In November and December gourders plan to "Do Your Own Thing" to finish incomplete projects and work on Christmas gifts. On Nov. 1 (6-8 p.m. ET) and Nov. 8 (2-4 p.m. ET) Denise Bechtold will teach how to make a Santa candy dish. As always, participants may just join in the camaraderie and work on their own projects.

Lakeshore Gourders (Loretta Pressel, contact)

The Lakeshore Gourders meet once a month, on the 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. CST. In August we met at Blanche's Barn, near Westville. The group enjoyed Ron Pressel's class on decorating a dipper gourd. Ron is well known for his pyrography skills. The September meeting, at the same location, was led by Ida Kennedy on String Art and Sherry Benedict on Crayon application. We had two guests. At our October 17th meeting Bev Gerner demonstrated Doodling on a gourd. The November 21st meeting will be at the Salem Chapel United Methodist Church on State Road 4 in LaPorte. This is our Christmas fun, food and gift grab bag meeting. We welcome guests and new members at all of our meetings. If you need a hobby, this is it. Have a *gourd* Holiday Season.

Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

At our last meeting Becky gave a class on textured paper for gourds. Lois showed how to peel a luffa gourd. If interested in attending our meetings in the Ridgeville area, please call Lois Wright at 317-370-1418.

CHANGE OF VENUE

IGS State Show

May 4-5, 2018

Setup on May 3, 2018

Fulton County Historical Museum

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Message from the Show Chair

We are getting ready for our 2018 Gourd Art and Craft Show: "Red, White, and Blue Gourds." This year's show will be at the Fulton County Historical Society, Richland Center Memorial Hall, four miles north of Rochester, Indiana, on Rt. 31. I want to give a big THANK YOU to EVERYONE for all your support and help in the past years, and for this year also. We are again looking for people to participate in our next show.

***We need vendors.**

***We need volunteers to man tables and help in other areas.**

***We need everyone to enter their gourds in the competition and/or an exhibit.**

***We need everyone to promote the show by "talking it up."**

***We need items donated for the Auction.**

***We need everyone to come and have a good time: showing, selling, learning more, and talking gourds.**

Once again this year there will be NO SHOW ON SUNDAY. Thursday will be for set-up and competition placement only. Open to the public on Friday (10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. ET) and Saturday (10 a.m. - 4 p.m. ET) with everything going on.

Competition placement will be Thursday (2-8 p.m. ET) and Friday (7-10 a.m. ET). The judge's meeting will be Friday (10 a.m. ET), followed by competition judging until completed. The competition area will be closed during judging.

The Children's Competition Classes had many great entries last year. This year, we are continuing with many fun classes for kids, check them out (Division 7). If you have any suggestions on how we can make our shows more exciting for kids, please let us know.

WARNING: When you get a Show Book, please read it carefully and pay close attention to the competition class rules. Your entry could be marked down by the judges if you do not follow the requirements. Make sure you put your entry in the right class. Also, some classes require a 3 X 5 card to define type, embellishment, etc. so make sure you have one with your entry.

The 2018 show will be the 6th annual vendor's competition for the Joyce Dankowski Memorial Award "Best Vendor Display." We would like to congratulate the 2017 winner, Sue Westhues, for her impressive display last year. Good luck to all our 2018 vendors.

Hope to see you at our IGS 26th State Show "Red , White, and Blue Gourds." We are looking forward to seeing some great Theme Gourds.

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