

President's Message

Loretta Pressel

It appears that Fall is on its way. My favorite time of the year is Spring. I love to see the leaves appear on the trees, the smell of freshly turned soil and the appearance of seedlings and sprouts as they push their way through the soil. Fall comes in second. The turning of the leaves, the harvesting of the crops, the smell of the air and the big moons. All is well. A good gourd crop is a blessing. Sometimes, though, we have to settle with what Mother Nature gives us. This year we have half a crop. No, problem, we have enough in our basement and out buildings to last for years.

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Sandra Townsend—2019 Puckett Award Winner

Sep / Oct 2019 Patch Schedules

Lakeshore Gourders

Meets third Tuesdays, 10 a.m. CT at the 791 Dodge Trail (on Hwy 6), Westville unless noted

- 9-17-19: Rex Edwards on making a Slanter
- 10-15-19: Ida Kennedy on Halloween decorations

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

Meets third Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. EST at the Hendricks Co fairgrounds in Danville

- 9-19-19: Bring unfinished projects
- 10-17-19: To be announced

Linda's Gourd Patch

Meets third Saturdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 200 W McKenzie Rd, Greenfield at 2-4 p.m. EST

- 9-21-19: Gourd Masks
- 10-19-19: Musical Instruments

Central Indiana Patch

Meets second Thursdays at Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy, 6-8 p.m. EST

- 9-12-19: Jackson Pollack splatters/drips
- 10-10-19: Entire patch project or possible trip to Brown Co.

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

Meets first Wednesdays at Thorntown Public Library, 6-8 p.m. EST

- 9-4-19: Warty pumpkins
- 10-2-19: Woodburning and adding color

Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

Meets third Wednesdays at Thorntown Public Library, 2-4 p.m. EST

- 9-18-19: Warty pumpkins
- 10-16-19: Woodburning and adding color

See page 7 for dates in September and beyond

PATCH NEWS

Lakeshore Gourders (Sherry Benedict, contact)

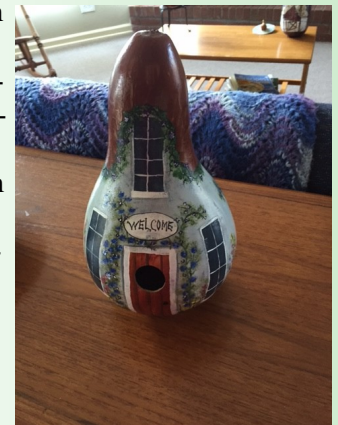
The Lakeshore Gourders meet at Westville, IN. for the monthly meeting on July 16th. A short business meeting was held and then a Little Black Sheep project was taught by Sherry Benedict (see photo, right). Nine members were present and Blanche Murrin served Taco salad for lunch along with sides brought by other members. After lunch we worked some on our sheep and then dismissed.

Several of our members won awards at different County Fairs, Congratulations to all.



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

Members of the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meet at the Thorntown Public Library from 6-8 p.m. ET on the first Wednesday of most months while those from the Thorn Tree Gourd Patch meet from 2-4 p.m. ET on the third Wednesday. Visitors are invited to participate. August and September plans include wood burning and adding color by various techniques. Several members had entries in the Open Show of the Boone County Fair and won blue ribbons and prize money. The groups sent 15 entries to the Indiana State Fair and were delighted with their placings that included Best of Show for their wall hanging of 4" quilt squares. That same piece won Sweepstakes in Hobbies at the Boone County Fair. A librarian has given Karen a birdhouse gourd she received from Texas (see photo, right) and it is inspiring the painting of a similar scene. In addition, they are trying to find the artist from 2004—the signature is a lower case "m" inside a circle. At the patch meetings there are no refreshments provided, but participants are welcome to bring food and beverages to the sessions and should call Karen at 765 436 7348 to assure adequate supplies will be on hand.



Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In July attendees *attempting* to weave stars were Penny Boyce, RoJene Gillentine, Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo. "It was harder than I thought" said Werblo. "You need a gourd with just the right two-way curvature, the right yarn, and a lot of patience! I didn't realize how lucky I was the first two times I did it. I wasn't ready to teach others yet!" Our brave crew struggled through, made some changes, and many succeeded!

Most of our regulars participated in and/or volunteered at the Ind. State Fair. Special thanks to Ann and Michelle for shards and fun items to share at ISF. August 27 we will return your ISF entries. Our "best laid plans" keep going awry, but we may do rubber stamps on gourds and color in the outlines. In the fall we are finally going to paint gourds a la Jackson Pollack - weather permitting!

We will meet on the second Thursday each month from 6-8 p.m. ET starting in September at the Garfield Park Arts Center in the far SW corner on third floor. A light dinner is provided. We will meet again on 9/12, 10/10, and 11/14.

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch (Shirley Gates, contact)

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch was well represented this year at the Hendricks Co Fair. Since the county has a separate class for gourds we have a fresh spark in the craft. Let's keep it going!! After a summer break we will resume in September with new ideas and plans.

Linda's Patch (Lesa Briones, contact)

Linda's Gourd Patch met in July with a visit from the President of the Indiana Gourd Society, Loretta Pressel. She and her husband taught a wonderful class on faux finishes. We all really enjoyed it! We did not meet in August due to all the fair activities. We are excited about our September class on how to create a Gourd Mask.

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Thorn Tree	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
West Central Indiana	Avon	Carol Brown	317-742-5184 or
		Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

Indiana Gourd Society, Inc.
Meeting of Directors and Officers
June 22, 2019

President Loretta Pressel called the meeting to order at 2:28 p.m. in the Kokomo Public Library. Present were Loretta and Ron Pressel, Pat Moore, Phil Moorhead, Fran Bascom, Sandra Townsend, Karen Niemeyer, Diane Werblo, Mac McCrary, Ida Kennedy, and Sherry and Tom Benedict.

Congratulations were offered to Ida and Pat for articles in the recent AGS magazine.

The minutes of the March 16, 2019, meeting were approved by consensus.

The treasurer's report remains on Phil's desk and will be e-mailed. He provided a summary of 2006-2019 budgets and made recommendations for 2020. The budget will be e-mailed for a board vote so that it may be presented at the October 19 membership meeting. We continue to budget \$100 per patch but not all patches use the allocation.

Pat reported that there are 134 active households as members and 185 total memberships. She suggested that patches encourage participants to become members.

Diane and Sandra will be 2020 state show co-chairs, and Pat distributed a list of other show positions. Diane will ask whether or not two of her patch members will chair the Make-It-Take-It area.

The Indiana State Fair (Aug 2-18) was discussed, and Diane provided a worker schedule form. Spinner gourds, shards, pens/pencils, and coloring sheets were discussed. Karen will revise, per Mac's suggestion, and make copies of a gourd coloring bookmark. The question was raised whether or not we spend too much time with children and might need to focus more attention on their parents and adults. We should also provide them the IGS business card.

On Sept. 14 there will be a 10:00 a.m. meeting of the show committee to finalize items of concern. Ida made arrangements for the meeting to again be held at Kokomo Public Library, 1755 East Center Road, Kokomo.

The October 19 membership meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Thorntown Public Library, and Karen will be sure Rochester knows IGS will NOT be meeting there on October 19. The board will meet at 10:00 a.m. and may have to meet again after the membership meeting to complete necessary business. Karen is also to re-confirm that the state show will be at the Fulton County Historical Society site in Rochester on May 1-2, 2020, with setup on April 30.

Ron was identified as part of an audit committee and Phil will propose July dates for that work. Ron resigned from the audit committee as of June 29, 2019. Tom's name was mentioned as a possible member.

Karen agreed to serve as nominations chair and have a slate ready for the September 14 meeting. Tom's and Loretta's terms will expire Dec. 31, 2019.

The formation of an advisory council was discussed. The board may have such a council to assist and to vote on issues in order to provide advice to the board. Phil advised that the board does NOT need members' permission to form a council nor to determine who will be on it and how they may be removed. Phil moved that IGS start with full voting rights an advisory council consisting of the 6 IGS officers and 5 Directors; Diane seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Although there are eleven positions, a quorum would be five because two directors are also officers and are not allowed to vote twice.

For now, it was agreed to retain the Lebanon storage facility. It costs \$115/month for the climate- controlled space.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen K. Niemeyer, secretary

IGS Budgets for FYE 2020

Membership	500	Education	500
State Show	11300	Patch	600
State Fair	100	Operations	4000
Fall Mtg	600	Workshops	1500
Tendril	1200	Member Booth	200
W&M	500	Unassigned	2400
Publicity	200	TOTAL	23600

Judge's Class Forming

Are you interested in how judges judge? I am putting together an AGS judge's class to be held at the Thorntown Library March, 21 2020 at 10 a.m ET. Current judges should consider refreshing at this meeting. It is an 8-hour course. You must be an AGS member in good standing. The cost of the course is \$20 for the study material and name badge. Please contact me if you are interested, students must be pre-registered so we get the proper materials. Phil Moorhead, 765-674-8088

Partial List of Winners

2019 Indiana State Fair

20: Undecorated Functional Wren House:	Mac McCrary
21: Macramé, Crocheting or Weaving:	Mac McCrary
22: Cutting, Carving or Drilling:	Thorntown Gourds-J.B.
23: Wood Burning:	Thorntown Gourds-J.B.
24: Jewelry:	Mary Johnson
25: Decoupage:	Ann Stankiewics
26: Bead Work embellishments:	Penny Boyce
27: Holiday Theme:	Heritage Meadow Farms
28: Decorated Birdhouse:	Shirley Gates
29: Painted:	Diane Montgomery
30: Colored Pencil, Pen, and Ink:	Mary Johnson
31: Multiple Techniques:	Diane Montgomery
32: Dyed or Stained:	Thorntown Gourds-J.B.
33: Basket with Handle or a Bowl, any technique:	Michelle Fife
34: Animal or Creature, realistic or fantasy:	Jean Long
35: Kids Competition:	Margie Kempson
36: My Way, any technique not listed above:	Thorntown Gourds—entire group {BEST OF SHOW}

Report from Indiana State Fair Gourd Area Chair

Diane Werblo

Kudos to super volunteers Fran Bascom, Michelle Fife, Mac McCrary, and Pat Moore who all volunteered seven days or more and earned badges for free shuttle rides and parking in the shade. At the time of this writing, other willing workers were Denise Bechtold, Penny Boyce, Jeff Curtiss, Marion Ellis, Shirley Gates, RoJene Gillentine, Mary Johnson, Ida Kennedy, Ric "The Turtle" Ryan, Ann Stankiewicz, and Dale Winger. Special thanks go to Karen Niemeyer for cleaning 500 spinners and helping get items from storage. Thank you Mary, for saving Mac and me on Wednesday! Fran and Pat have already gone beyond the call of duty; all your assistance is appreciated.

ROAD TRIPS

2019—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Sep 7-8: NorCal Gourd Art Competition, Plymouth, CA—www.californiagourdsociety.com

Sep 7-9: Iowa-Loess Hills Gourd Society Gourd Show, Floriculture Building, Spencer IA—gwmmm@iowatelecom.net

Sep 13-15: Nevada Silver State Art Festival, Fuji Hall, Carson City, NV—www.nevadaGourdSociety.org

Sep 14: Florida Gourd Society AGS judges certification training, Maitland, FL—tfergusongourds@aol.com

Sep 20-21: Mississippi Gourd Festival, Raleigh, MS—mississippigourdsociety.org

Sep 21-22: Michigan Gourd Society, Grand Rapids, MI—www.michiganagourdsociety.org

Sep 28-29: Georgia GourdFest, Griffin, GA

Oct 4-6: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH—www.ohiogourdsociety.com

Oct 12-13: Bay Area Gourd Art Competition, San Martin, CA—www.californiagourdsociety.com

Oct 18-19: Alabama Gourd Show, Cullman, AL—www.alabamagourdsociety.org

Oct 26-28: Idaho Gourd Festival, Boise, ID—www.idahogourdsociety.org/2019-festival

Nov 9-10: North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, Raleigh, NC—www.ncgourdsociety.org

Nov 16-17: Virginia Gourd Show, Winchester, VA

*** * IGS Events 2019 * ***

IGS Membership Meeting

October 19, 2019

Thorntown Library

124 N Market St

Thorntown, IN

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]



First Place, Marshall Co 4-H Fair, by Lakeshore Gourder Marion Ellis, Jr.



Linda's Gourd Patch, July meeting with IGS President Loretta Pressel

HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting
2019:	May 3-4	October 19
2020:	May 1-2	October 17
2021:	May 7/8	October 16

Remember to inform IGS if you have a postal address, e-mail or phone change. We would like to keep our records current!

The IGS was formed and exists pursuant to the Indiana Not-for-Profit corporation statute Sect. 501 (c) (5). The corporation has never attained Sect. 501 (c) (3) status of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, gifts to IGS are not deductible for income tax purposes.

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Karen Niemeyer, our Nominations chair, is looking to fill some spots on our Advisory Council. Contact her if you are willing and able, cheerful and committed. We would love to see some new Faces.

My husband and I had the pleasure of visiting Linda's Gourd Patch on July 20th. After a delightful lunch I gave a class on Faux Finishes. I really enjoyed my opportunity to visit and talk to IGS members that I ordinarily would not have contact with. Rosemary Phillips Hill gifted me with a beautifully framed gourd chart. As we were leaving Greenfield for our four-hour drive home, the temperature on our car thermometer read 100 degrees. Wow, that doesn't happen very often.

I have asked our Tendril editor Phil Moorhead, to include, in The Tendril, the minutes of our last Advisory Council meeting. I feel this is needed to keep our members abreast of what is happening with the Indiana Gourd Society. If any member wants to bring something before the council, please contact the President or Secretary to have it put on the agenda for the next meeting. A date to put on your calendar is October 19, 2019. This is our Membership Meeting to be held at Thorntown Public Library at 10:00am EST. There will be an election of new Directors/Officers. Please plan on attending.

Wishing all of you a happy "Gourd" time.

Mac McCrary's friend Scott Clarkson says: :

IGS is an association of retired matadors -- it's the 'Gored' Society."

2019 Patch Schedules

November and beyond

Central Indiana Patch

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11-14-19: Ornaments

12-12-19: No meeting due to "Holly Daze"

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October 19, 2019

10 a.m. ET

Thorntown Library
Thorntown, IN

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