

As voted upon in the fall by the Board of Directors:

## 2021 MAY IGS GOURD SHOW—CANCELLED

### President's Message

*Pat Moore*

It's been over a year now of surviving the Covid-19 Virus. All the social distancing, slow-downs, mask wearing and vaccines have helped and hopefully this virus will soon be behind us. Planning a state show usually starts in July the prior year. It takes many months of hard work, lots of volunteers, planning and the expenses of printing show books, flyers, advertising and much more to pull a show together. Due to the concerns of what Covid-19 virus would be like by May 2021, the 2021 IGS State Gourd Show was **CANCELED**. We will miss seeing all our GOURD friends. The Membership Meeting on October 16, 2021 and the 2022 State Gourd Show, "Down on the Farm" on May 6-7, 2022 are still on-going at this time. Please keep checking the IGS and AGS websites for updates on future shows and events.

On to a happier note ... **It's Gourd Growing Season!** Spring has arrived and so has the Gourd Season ... seed ordering, seed starting and growing should be underway. Indiana's last frost date is May 10th, so the weather should be safe to set out plants after that date and let the growing begin! But don't forget about last season's gourd crop, most should be dry by now. Let the cleaning and crafting begin, while you watch this year's gourd crop grow. We wish you a great growing season and a bountiful crop.

Stay safe and healthy and Have a GOURD Day!

### Patch Schedules May / Jun 2021

#### Lakeshore Gourders

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

Not starting back up yet

#### West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

*Meets third Thursdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. ET at the Hendricks Co fairgrounds in Danville*

Meetings on hold until pandemic is over.

#### Linda's Gourd Patch

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

*For more info, contact Peggy Robertson 317-326-3854*

No immediate plans to restart.

#### Central Indiana Patch

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

Regular meetings suspended.

#### Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

5-5-21: Display projects you've been working on.

6-2-21: Work on commemorative gourds.

#### Thorn Tree Gourd Patch

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

5-19-21: Display projects you've been working on.

6-16-21: Work on commemorative gourds.

#### Gourd Crafters Patch

*Ridgeville Lion's Club building, 2-4 p.m. ET*

**Please contact patch leaders for dates/times as we slowly come back to a new normal.**

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

Both patches meet at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, and welcome new participants. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced. At all sessions participants are encouraged to BYOP: Bring Your Own Projects. On May 5 from 6-8:00 p.m. Eastern Time and May 19 from 2-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, members will display the projects they had planned to exhibit in the May 7-8 IGS state show. Some will be working on finishing those same projects that were suspended when the show for 2021 was cancelled; others may be inspired to try a similar project or work on spring themes. In May both groups will work on ideas for commemorative small gourds based on a 1984 article in a Boone County Magazine. Still available are five 6" apple gourds for those who want to make a cookie jar or just paint an apple. The DVD "Pyrography Workshop with Sue Walters" is being loaned to members who did not get to watch it at a March meeting. The June 2 and 16 sessions will see members working on their commemorative gourds and planning the July-Sept meetings as well as BYOP.

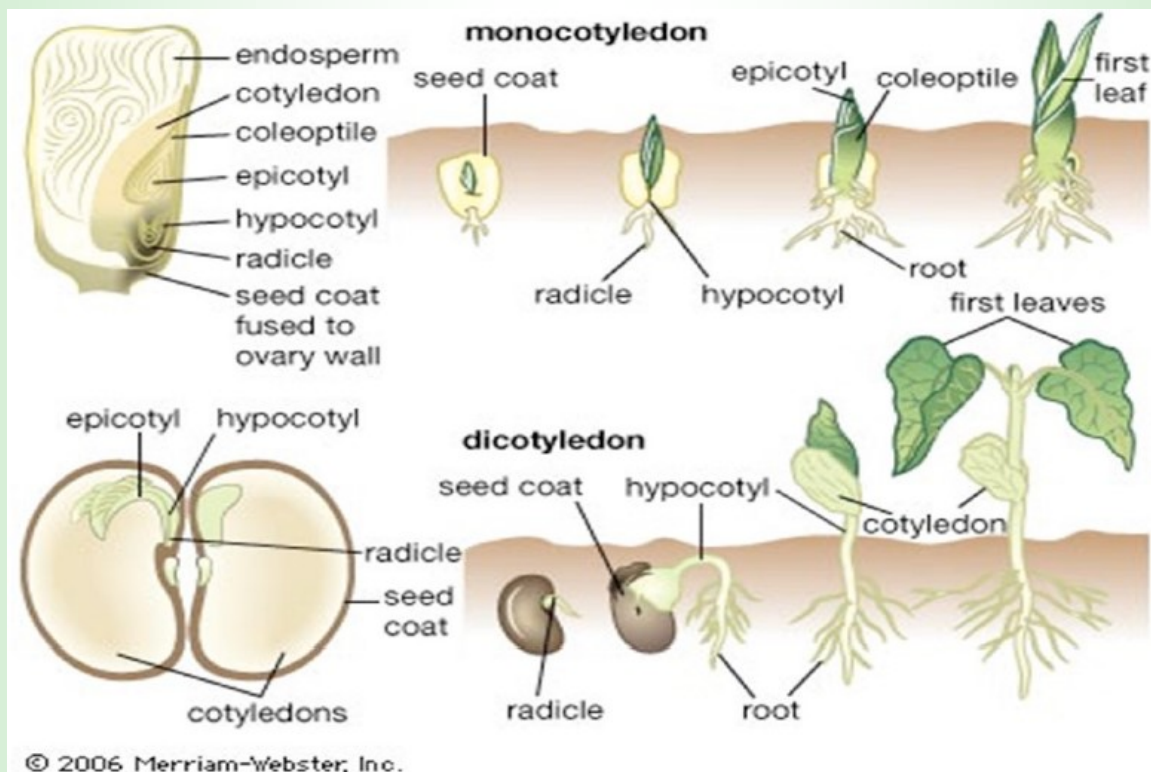
### **Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Roberson, contact)**

Linda's Patch does not yet have plans to resume, but as the weather gets better for outside activities we will consider getting together face to face again, as we are fans of gourding outside. Most of us have had our covid shots now and will feel safer doing so.

### **Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)**

We have started to have meetings again. Our first meeting was April 17 at the Lion's Club building in Ridgeville. More info in the next issue of the newsletter. If you would like to join us, please contact me (see contact list on page 3).

### **Do you know the Proper Names for Seed Parts?**



## Ways & Means

**NEW ITEMS:** We have just received some end-of-stock Aurelia Conway books on gourds. We are selling them at a super discount price, all prices below include shipping/handling/postage.

<b>Caps and visors:</b>	<b>\$14</b>	<b>Send check payable to IGS to Phil Moorhead PO Box 822 Marion, IN 46952</b>
<b>Jim Story DVD:</b>	<b>\$23</b>	
<b>Jim Story Gourds: From Vine to Design book:</b>	<b>\$15</b>	
<b>Aurelia Conway books:</b>		
<i>Gourd Purses, Decorative Painting #9728</i>	<b>\$13.50</b>	<b>Please send e-mail or phone in case we need to contact you</b>
<i>How to Paint a Gourd #9606</i>	<b>\$13.50</b>	

### Gourd War

Bill Taylor

Reprinted from *The Tendril*—October, 2004

I will give anything a whirl  
To get rid of this roguish squirrel  
Who chewed a hole in my shed door  
Then chewed the gourds spread on the floor

Among his other foul misdeeds  
He chewed my plastic bags of seeds  
What really stiffens up my spine  
He's chewing green gourds off the vine

Peaceful person though I am  
My yard is now like Vietnam  
Total war has been declared  
And no quarter will be spared

I'll see that rascal rue the day  
He picked on my gourd patch to play  
His little bag of sneaky tricks  
For nothing more than squirrely kicks

How do I know that He is a He?  
He flashed his rusty rear at me  
For a moment there I thought he thunk  
I'd think he was some kind of skunk

When I asked friends what I could do  
Some suggested "Squirrel Stew"  
To which my spouse reacts "NO WAY"  
The thought of death caused her dismay

So I contrived to catch the clown  
I guess I'll Haul him "out of town"

### PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
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		Peggy Miller	219-464-1527
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Peggy Robertson	317-326-3854
		Rosemary Hill	317-753-9459
Patch 4	West Lafayette	Verona Clark	765-242-1967
Story Gourd Patch	Pendleton	Inactive	
Sugar Creek	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
Thorn Tree	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
West Central Indiana	Avon	Shirley Gates	317-306-6383



# Seed Harvest Day—2012



For the 2010 State Gourd Show Fred Rogers, Niles, MI was our official bagpiper with his pipes made partly of gourd.

Yes, it really did sound like a bagpipe!

The Indiana State Fair is planning to hold Ag-Hort competitions. The book is available now; gourd info is on p. 16 and a few other places. For more info go to <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/agriculturehorticulture-entry-information>

## ROAD TRIPS

**2021—courtesy of AGS**

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

May 6-9: California Folsom Gourd Artists Festival,  
Rancho Cordova, CA,  
www.californiagourdsociety.com

May 7-8: Indiana Gourd Society State Show, Richland  
Center, Rochester, IN,  
www.indianagourdsociety.org—**CANCELED**

Jun 26-27: California Amador Gourd & Fine Arts  
Festival, Plymouth, CA,  
www.AmadorGourdArtists.com

Jul 28-Aug1: North Carolina Gourd Gathering at  
Cherokee, Cherokee, NC, www.gourdgathering.org

Aug 12-14: Pennsylvania Gourd Fest, Lebanon Expo  
Center, Lebanon, PA, www.pagourdsociety.org

Sep 10-12: Nevada Silver State Art Festival, Carson  
City, NV, www.nevadagourdsociety.org

Oct 1-3: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co Fairgrounds,  
Delaware, OH, www.ohiogourdsociety.com

**If you plan to go to any of these events, please  
check the AGS website at  
www.americangourdsociety.org or that state  
website to determine if the event is still taking  
place.**

## Tendrill Banner

Last issue we asked if you could find Carolyn Rush-  
ton's initials in the color Tendrill banner. Did you  
find it? Look in the lower right just below the larg-  
est gourd.



**\*\* IGS Events \*\***

## Judge Class

**POSTPONED  
To mid summer 2021**

## IGS State Gourd Show CANCELED

May 7-8, 2021

Fulton County Historical Society,  
Rochester, IN

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

## Indiana State Fair

August 6-22, 2021

State Fairgrounds

1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

## IGS Membership Meeting

October 16, 2021, 10 am ET

Thorntown Public Library

124 N Market St

Thorntown, IN 46071

## HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting
2021:		October 16
2022:	May 6/7	October 15

**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. There-  
fore, gifts to IGS are not deductible  
for income tax purposes.

Address Change: Fill out form and mail to indicated address below.

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC. ☐ NEW ☐ RENEW ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Application DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 1 year @ \$15.00 ☐ 3 year @ \$40.00 Patch # \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT (Free gift with New or 3yr Membership)  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make your CHECK payable to the INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.  
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47832  
Visit the IGS Web site at: [www.indianagourdsociety.org](http://www.indianagourdsociety.org)

## A Gourd by any Other Name

Helen Parker

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A bottle or a jug;  
A kettle or Canteen;  
Is it round and fat?  
Or short and flat?  
A birdhouse! Could be just that.  
We'll have to wait and see.

A dipper will make a sipper if it  
Hangs from a tree.  
But if it creeps an crooked mile,  
Pushing ball along the ground,  
Is it still a dipper?  
Or just deformed and doomed?  
Could be.  
But beauty is as beauty sees.  
A creative lady adds a bloom,  
Drapes a vine.  
Viola! Ugliness becomes divine.

Did you ever eat a snake?!  
Lagenaria longissima is edible!  
I find that hard to take.  
Let it grow and curl around  
All summer on the ground.  
Or hang it high and keep it straight  
So that you can make....  
A baton to wave around.

A monkey or a swan?  
A dolphin with a spine?  
A maranka with low ridges  
Makes a grower pine.

A pear will make a bell.  
An apple or an orange?  
When you scrape them down the shell,  
It's really hard to tell.  
An egg could fool a chicken  
Or help to darn a sock.  
Have you cleaned very many?  
It's like scraping on a rock!

A crown of thorns is hard to clean.  
A finger gourd? Sounds obscene.  
Ten Commandments? Here is one.  
Sell it green!

A gourd by any other name  
No matter what its shape or use  
Will always be the same.  
Cucurbita pepo ovifera or  
Lagenaria siceraria

## Tater People

Author Unknown

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Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called ***Speck Taters***.

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called ***Comment Taters***.

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called ***Dick Taters***.

Some people are always looking to cause problems. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called ***Aggie Taters***.

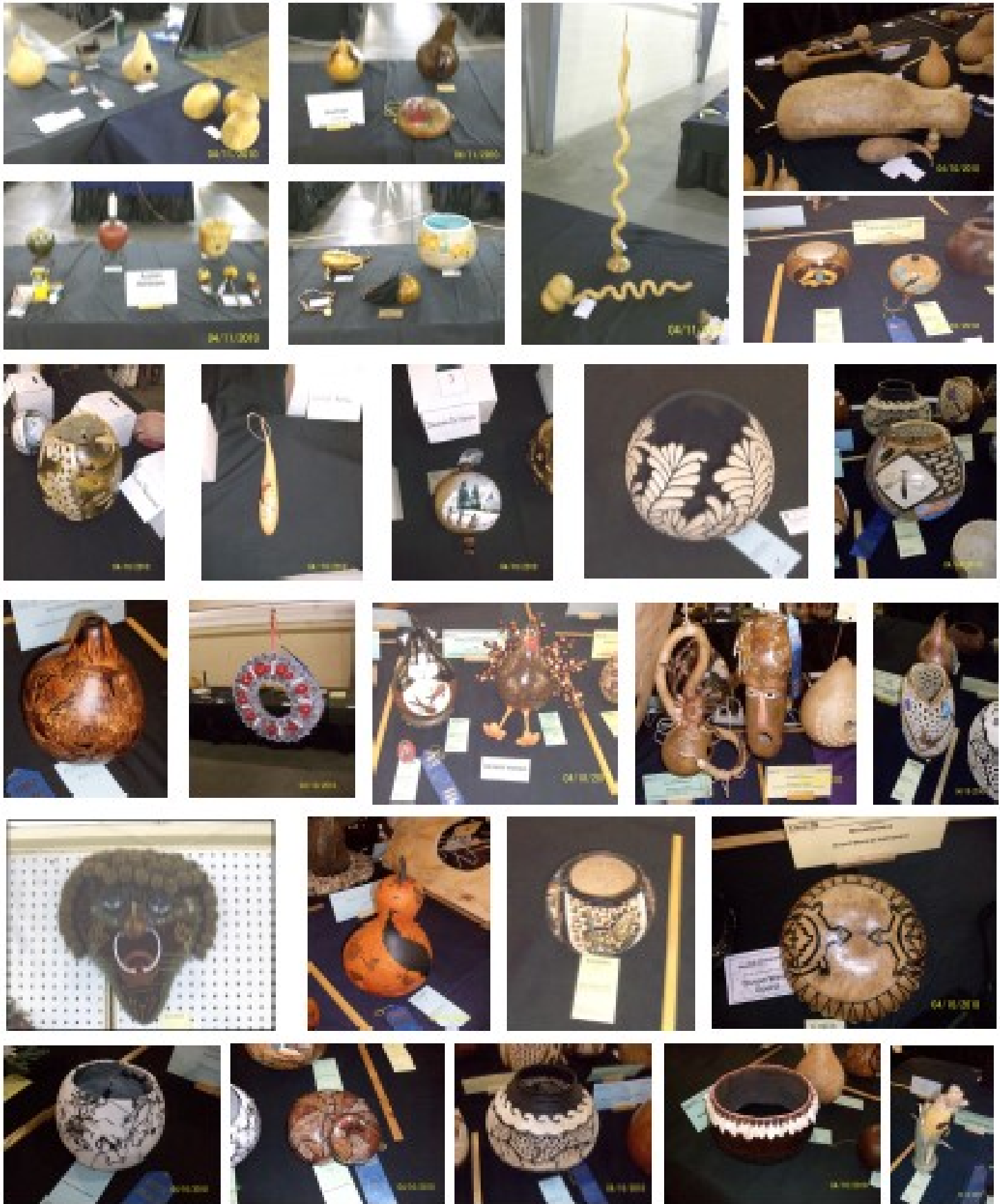
There are those who say they will help, but just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called ***Hezzi Taters***.

Some people put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called ***Emma Taters***.

Then there are those who love others and are always prepared to stop, lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called ***Sweet Taters***.

We have received several boxes of two of Aurelia Conway's gourd books: *Gourd Purses*, *Decorative Painting* and *How to Paint a Gourd*. We are selling these in Ways & Means, see that section for details. While she wrote these several years ago the content is relevant and useful.

**Remember the 2010 State Show? Here are some photos.**





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All submissions welcome!

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#### **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*. We reserve the right to edit for content, style, or to fit printing requirements

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