



President's Message

Pat Moore

All our show plans for the 29th IGS State Gourd Show are MOVING right along. We are **"On The Road Again,"** to the Hendricks Co 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, 1900 E Main St., Danville, IN. Our ONE DAY show is April 8, 2023 (Saturday of Easter weekend) from 9 a.m. ET to 5 p.m. ET.

The 2023 Competition and Information Show Books are on-line and the Workshop Flyer should be on-line soon. Some changes were made due to the Show being only one day, April 8. There are only two completion levels this year, Amateur (A) and Professional (P). Some of the competition categories were dropped. So be sure to check out the Competition Show Book.

Also be thinking about an early morning arrival for the Show and Competition Entries, as everything is setup on Saturday morning, starting at 7 a.m. ET. We will need lots of volunteers to hustle and get the Show open to the public by 9 a.m. ET.

The 2023 Vendors Form is on the website. Deadline for Vendor request is April 1, 2023, so there is still time to sign up. Come join us! **"On the Road Again,"** April 8, 2023. Check out the IGS Website for all info needed. www.indianagourdsociety.org

It's also time to be thinking about getting your gourd patch plans made and seeds ordered—gourd gardening time is just a few months away.

Stay Safe and Healthy! And Have a GOURD Day!

Patch Schedules

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 second Sundays at home of Peggy Robertson, 1224 W 300 N, Greenfield at 2-4 p.m. ET

For more info, contact Peggy Robertson 317-326-3854
3-12-23: TBD
4-9-23: TBD

Central Indiana Patch

Meets second Tuesdays at Garfield Park Arts Center in Indy, 1-3 p.m. ET
3-14-23: Work on items for State Show
4-11-23: Show and Tell Gourd Birds, bring what you made or bought

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

Meets first and third Wednesdays at Thorntown Public Library, 2-4 p.m. ET
3-1-23: Make gourd lamps
3-15-23: Make gourd lamps
4-5-23: Make rain sticks
4-19-23: Make rain sticks
5-3-23: Make rain sticks
5-17-23: Make rain sticks

Gourd Crafters Patch

Ridgeville Lion's Club building, 2-4 p.m. ET
3-26-23: 3pm ET, RoJene Gillentine teaching marbling, contact Lois Wright for details and if seats are left.

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

PASSING OF MEMBER:

Robert B. Rhoda

We have just received word of the passing of long-time IGS member Robert B. Rhoda of Chesterton, IN. on June 13, 2022. Robert had been a member of IGS for over 22 years.

PATCH NEWS

Gourd Crafters (Lois Wright, contact)

March 26, Sunday, at 3 pm the Gourd Crafters will meet in Ridgeville. RoJene Gillentine of IGS will be coming from Indianapolis to teach a class, weather-permitting on marbleizing gourds. Class is filling up but if you are interested in coming call Lois Wright at 317-370-1418 for location.

Sugar Creek Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The patch met in February to begin crafting gourd lamps and will continue with that project on March 1 and 15 at Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market St., Thorntown, from 2-4 p.m. ET. On Wednesday, April 5 and 19 and May 3 and 17 the plan is to make rain sticks from 2-4 p.m. ET. The group agreed to create sticks about 3' long. There is usually no cost to participate, but Karen Niemeyer needs to know if you will attend and will need supplies. At every session participants may work on their own projects instead of the announced ones. Karen may be contacted at the library at 765-436-7348.

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

CIP now meets second Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. ET at the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46203. On February 14th, we finished our holiday hearts and other Valentine motifs. Three of us signed up to volunteer at the State Show. In March, CIP will work on finishing items for the State Show. In April, we will have Show and Tell on gourd birds. Some of us have made a few birds; more of us have bought some (especially from Sue Westhues).

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

Linda's Patch members have gotten off to a slow start this year, but we are looking forward to warmer weather and the 2023 growing season. Keep an eye on future Tendril issues for more info on our schedule of gourd projects. Our regular meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month, at 1224 W 600 N, Greenfield, IN. As always, new members are always welcome, but please call me (Peggy Robertson) at 317-440-8174 or Rosemary Hill at 317-753-9459 as time and location is subject to change.

Ways & Means

We have 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.

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

Vendor Regulations - 2023

Contact: Diane Werblo, Phone: (317) 783-1428 Email: vendor@indianagourdociety.org
Selection: Inside and outside spaces available.
Set-Up: Saturday, April 8, 2023 morning before 8 AM ET
Vendor packets available that morning.
ID Badges: Up to two (2) preprinted Name badges per booth space rented. Tags may be picked up Saturday morning. These badges must be worn during the show hours as your Show Pass into the Shows Venue Area. Additional badges may be purchased for \$5.00.

Vendor Policy - IGS State Show - 2023

The Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. will not create a policy that will eliminate any vendor from demonstrating or selling any Brand Name merchandise or determine any price structure for merchandise sold, thereby eliminating competition between vendors. This has been the position of the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. in the past and shall continue to be in the future.

Location and Booth Space:

IGS Board of Directors

- Dry Gourd Vendors (with deaned gourds) will be allowed inside, if space is available.
- Outside Space, approximately 16' x 24'.
- Inside Space, approximately 10' x 10'.
- Booth locations, assigned by the committee according to show layout.

Specific requests will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed.

- Demonstrations in the booth are limited to the confines of the booth. Demonstrations must be completed during show hours, must not produce a "make-it-take-it" item, or charge a fee.
- Manning the booth is the responsibility of the person applying for the booth space. Vendor is responsible for staffing booth during show hours. As a courtesy to neighboring vendors, no booth is to be left unattended during show hours.
- We recommend table tops be covered, skirting not required.

Permits, Merchandise and Sales: Each vendor is responsible for all Federal/Indiana taxes (forms at Dept. of Revenue, Indianapolis, Ind.)

- Merchandise must be at least seventy-five percent (75%) gourd and/or gourd-related. Any other merchandise and/or vendors will be by IGS invitation only.
- NO SALE of plastic items, artificial flowers or fractal burned gourds is permitted.
- Committee reserves the right to reject and/or restrict vendor due to space constraints, condition and/or quality of sale merchandise, sale of inappropriate items for this show or sub-standard booth appearance.
- All imported sale gourds must be clearly marked, "Imported from ____" (specify country).
- Sales begin after your booth has been set up and continues throughout show hours.

Teardown: Vendors may teardown after 5:00 PM on Saturday. Merchandise sell-out does NOT constitute a reason to dismantle your booth or remove merchandise prior to the designated teardown time.

Security: Reasonable security will be provided for all show participants by the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. and Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds & Conference Center. (See security disclaimer on page 6.)

Refunds: No refunds issued on cancellations received after April 1, 2023. (FIRM)

*** ALL Vendors are asked to donate one (1) or more items to IGS for the Silent Auction and enter three (3) gourds or more into competition.

Vendor Application Form Indiana Gourd Society, Inc., 2023 Show

Mail completed form and check to: This form is available at: www.indianagourdociety.org
IGS Registration E-mail: vendor@indianagourdociety.org
P.O. Box 822 Phone: Diane Werblo: (317) 783-1428
Marion, Indiana, 46952 DEADLINE: Received - April 1, 2023

Non-Compliance: Failure to comply with regulations may prohibit any vendor from future participation in other Indiana Shows. Show committee decision is final.

Give a detailed description of what you are selling at the Indiana Gourd Show: _____

Name:	
Business name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-Mail:	
Phone/Cell No.	& Best time to call:
IGS Member:	Circle: YES NO

Describe any free demonstrations you are willing to do. Specify— Demo area or your booth.

Vendors will receive two (2) name tags per booth space rented. Additional tags may be purchased for \$5.00 each — list names below. Tags serve as your weekend SHOW PASS when worn. To be picked up on Thursday or a door fee will be charged on Friday and Saturday.

Names: _____

Spaces available on a first-come, first-paid bases, as space is limited inside.

#	Inside booth space (10' X 10') @ \$25 each.	\$
#	Outside booth space (16' X 24') @ \$25 each.	\$
#	Tables (6' X 30") @ \$5 each. (you may bring your own). We recommend you cover table tops.	\$
#	Chairs - @ \$2 each. (you may bring your own).	\$
#	Electricity @ \$5.00/vendor. Demonstrators given electrical preference. No extension cords or surge suppressors provided.	\$
#	Additional name tags @ \$5.00 each (write names on separate sheet).	\$
TOTAL	Make check payable to: Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. (IGS) and mail with application.	\$

Message from the Show Co-Chairs

We are looking forward to seeing our friends from around the state at the IGS 29th Gourd Show. Remember this will be Saturday only -- April 8, 2023. Mark your calendar. **"On the Road Again"** is our theme. Shirley Gates was instrumental in getting us into the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center, 1900 E. Main St. in Danville, Indiana 46122. Please volunteer and help us make this show a success!

Everyone is welcome to participate -- including your non-member friends. We have simplified some rules and combined some categories. There will be some amazing items such as Michelle Fife's Indiana State Fair '22 Best of Show 3-gourd dulcimer. Check the website for State Show details.

Sandra Townsend/Diane Werblo
2023 Show Co-Chairs / showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

**** INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY ****
29th STATE GOURD SHOW - 2023

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



COMPETITION

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
9 AM to 5 PM ET

HENDRICKS COUNTY 4H FAIRGROUNDS
& CONFERENCE CENTER
1900 E MAIN ST.
DANVILLE, IN 46122

www.indianagourdsociety.org

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Indiana State Fair 2023

7/28/2023 - 8/20/2023
(Closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

In partnership with the Pacers, the Indiana State Fair's theme is Basketball. Anyone out there have a great big round basketball gourd? Come buy one at the IGS-State Gourd Show in Danville April, 8, 2023!

We expect to be in the air-conditioned Ag-Hort building again, but check our website or the Fair map when you get there. They may be moving booths around again this year.

PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Lois Wright	317-370-1418
Lakeshore Gourders	Valparaiso	Inactive	
Linda's Patch	Greenfield	Peggy Robertson	317-326-3854
		Rosemary Hill	317-753-9459
Patch 4	West Lafayette	Inactive	
Story Gourd Patch	Pendleton	Inactive	
Sugar Creek	Thorntown	Karen Niemeyer	765-436-7518
West Central Indiana	Avon	Shirley Gates	317-306-6383

ROAD TRIPS

2023—courtesy of AGS

(www.americangourdsociety.org)

Apr 8: Indiana Gourd Society State Show, Hendricks Co Conference Center & Fairgrounds, Danville, IN
www.indianagourdsociety.org

Apr 15-16: Show Me Gourd Society Fine Art Festival, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, MO
showmegourdsociety.org

Apr 28-29: 17th Annual Gourd Fest at Ghost Creek Gourd Farm, Laurens, SC
www.southcarolinagourd.wixsite.com/scgourdsociety

Jun 7-11: North Carolina Gourd Gathering, Smoky Mountain Event Center, Waynesville, NC

Jun 15-17: Pennsylvania Gourd Society Festival, Lebanon Valley Expo Center, Lebanon, PA
www.pagourdsociety.org

Jun 15-18: Gourd Blossom Retreat, Lamp Liter Inn, Visalia, CA www.californiagourdsociety.com

Sep 8-10: Silver State Art Festival, Carson City, NV
www.nevadagourdsociety.org

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.

*** * IGS Events * ***

IGS State Gourd Show

April 8, 2023

9 a.m. ET - 5 p.m. ET

Theme: On the Road Again

Hendricks Co Conference Center & Fairgrounds
Danville, IN 46122

Admission Fee \$5 adult, \$3 seniors, under 18 free
[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

Indiana State Fair

Jul 28 to Aug 20, 2023

Theme: Basketball

State Fairgrounds

1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

IGS Membership Meeting

October 21, 2023, 10 a.m. ET

Thorntown Public Library

124 N Market St

Thorntown, IN 46071

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

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

HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting (Thorntown)
2023:	April 8, 2023	October 21, 10 a.m. ET

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.

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

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.

Membership Application

DATE: _____

☐ NEW ☐ RENEW

☐ 1 year @ \$15.00

☐ 3 year @ \$40.00

ID#

Patch

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ (Free gift with New or 3yr Membership)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ COUNTY _____

EMAIL _____

I will allow IGS to share my information (name/address/e-mail) with the American Gourd Society (AGS). Yes or No
You will receive an ELECTRONIC TENDRIL. (Paper copy by separate written request only.)

Make your CHECK payable to the **INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.**

MAIL TO: **INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.**, 691 W Veach Rd, Bloomingdale, IN 47832

Cash	
CK #	
Date	

Mar / Apr 2023

THE TENDRIL

P.O. BOX 822

MARION, IN 46952

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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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