



President's Message

Pat Moore

It's finally officially Spring! I hope you have your baby gourd plants growing, with true leaves and waiting for May 10 to set them out to grow (May 10 is Indiana's last official frost date).

IGS had a Board meeting in April, 2024. We had a nice member turn out, and we accomplished many things.

YES! IGS will have a one-day **mini State Gourd Show**, one day, Saturday, October 19, 2024, concurrent with the Annual Membership Meeting on that same day. A show committee was formed and work begins on combining general competitions to make fewer categories. There will be no level divisions this year, everyone competes on an equal basis. We will still have the "Jim Story Competition" for IGS's entry into the AGS's National Competition and possible a Jane Story Cash Award. Keep checking the IGS Website for updates for the 2024 State Show Competition Show Book, coming online soon.

Your Board Members officially elected Karen Niemeyer as IGS Secretary for the 2024-2025 term and Phil Moorhead as President Pro Tem. I am no longer the IGS President so this will be my last message to you. It has been a great 4-1/2 years as IGS President, working with and knowing many of you. I want to say **Thank You** for allowing me to have been your president. IGS is still looking for a president for the 2024-2025 term.

Stay safe and happy gourd growing.

Have a Gourd Day!

Passing of Phyllis Kingen

We have received word of the passing of Phyllis Kingen on Dec. 13, 2023. She was a charter member of Linda's Gourd Patch in Greenfield.

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

Patch Schedules

West Central Indiana Gourd Patch

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

Looking for a new patch leader.

Linda's Gourd Patch

*Meets third Sundays at 2-4 p.m. ET
at home of Peggy Robertson,
1224 W 300 N, Greenfield
For more info,*

contact Peggy Robertson 317-326-3854

5-19-24: Jewelry

6-16-24: Drums

7-21-24: Marbelizing

Central Indiana Patch

*Meets second Tuesdays at Garfield
Park Arts Center in Indy, 1-3 p.m. ET*

5-14-24: Tools and Toys!

6-11-24: Rainsticks

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

5-1-24: Making placemats with old greeting cards

5-15-24: Making placemats with old greeting cards

6-5-24: Melted crayon art on gourd

6-19-24: Melted crayon art on gourd

7-3-24: Zentangle

7-17-24: Zentangle

8-7-24: Gourd seed projects

8-21-24: Gourd seed projects

Gourd Crafters Patch

Ridgeville Lion's Club building, 2-4 p.m. ET
Looking for a new patch leader

A New Patch Forming!

*Bloomington Fine Art Supply, 207 S. Rogers St.
Third Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. ET*
May 16, 2024: First Meeting (See p. 3 for more info)

PATCH NEWS

Sugar Creek Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

GOURDS AND MORE — The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets in the Thorntown Public Library meeting room from 2-4 p.m. ET on the first and third Wednesdays. All sessions encourage working on individual projects or on the group project. The May activity on May 1 and 15 will be a first-ever non-gourd activity--making place mats using old greeting cards and including at least one gourd shape. On June 5 and 19 melted crayon art on gourds will be the feature and Zentangle is planned for July 3 and 17. In April the seven participants decided that the August 7 and 21 sessions would use gourd seeds for various projects. Some supplies are furnished, but it is helpful if Karen Niemeyer knows how many want to participate; just call her at the library--765-436-7348.

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

CIP meets on second Tuesdays from 1-4 pm upstairs at the Garfield Park Arts Center in the SW corner. (We have extended an hour.) In April new people Greg Olson and Laura Taube joined Penny Boyce and her granddaughter Margie Kempson, Mary Johnson, Mac McCrary, Tim and Sandra Townsend, and Diane Werblo. We continued our delicate flowers and butterflies projects started in March. An experienced gourder, Greg brought samples of his gourd art glued onto old barn boards. He shared seeds for large egg gourds and from 12" long, fat, straight cylindrical gourds (originally labelled "apple" it wasn't, but they're cool). He brought beautiful tulips made from egg gourds; we discussed ways to make and attach leaves, pistils, and stamens. New to gourds, Laura said she's having fun "absorbing info." Penny and Margie [mar-gee] also shared seeds from both small and large spinners; they had a great crop last year. Penny also brought "Donut" seeds. (Come to ISF and we'll explain!) Diane had made some small grapevine wreaths and odd bits of wood as bases for the flowers. (No one attempted butterflies.) We again shared info about germination and growing. Sandra showed pictures of gourd quilt squares. Tim shared info about wood hardener which may help the fragile "basketweave/bird's nest" interior which Greg saved from an egg gourd. Mary shared an article on Japanese ribbon weaving on Tamari Balls. We might try it on gourds. Mac is ready to do calligraphy on some ISF tags. We are looking forward to warmer days!

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

Linda's Patch has been meeting at our regular time from 2-4 pm ET at 1224 W 600 N in Greenfield, on the 3rd Sunday of the month. In March we made bird feeders and in April we made gourd flowers (see photos). As always, all are welcome to join us at any of our meetings. May will be jewelry, June we are making drums, and in July we'll try marbelizing.

Have you checked out Indiana Gourd Patch on Facebook? It's only gourds, art techniques, and "save the pollinators" info. Visit anytime.

PATCH CONTACTS

Central Indiana	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Gourd Crafters	Ridgeville	Needs a leader	
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	Needs a leader	
<i>New Patch</i>	Bloomington	Greg Olson	970-628-6864

Ohio Gourd Society State Show

Did you know that we can enter Ohio's show? Generally, anyone can enter any state gourd show. Their theme this year is "Peace." Their classes are different so check their website at ohiogourdsociety.com/ohio-gourd-show/. If you aren't online, your local librarian can help you find the info. The show is October 4-6, 2024 at the Delaware Co Fairgrounds in Delaware, OH (just north of Columbus).

Some important dates:

- Aug 15, 2024: Vendor applications due
- Sep 22, 2024: Workshop early registration
- Sep 22, 2024: Gourd competition early entry registration
- Sep 22, 2024: Awards dinner reservation

New Patch Forming in Bloomington Area

Greg Olson is forming a new patch, if you would like more info: 970-628-6864 or igs.rgolson@aol.com



Rosemary Hill
and one of her
flower creations.

Gourd art



Photos From Linda's Gourd Patch



A flower creation

Connie Dickinson
and Lynn Meier



The Indiana State Fair

It's time to focus on the Indiana State Fair (ISF), August 2-18, 2024! (Excluding only Mondays this year.) The theme is "The Art and Nature of Fun." We expect to be in the air-conditioned Ag-Hort building again with some non-art exhibits in the Coliseum. The entry fee is \$40 for any and all classes/categories; due dates are May 16-July 1 (earlier than last year). You get six ISF tickets worth \$48. Entry release is Aug. 18-19. My patch can hold entries for later pick-up if necessary. More info will be on the ISF website. Download the fair book, check these possibilities: Decorative Crop & Vegetable Arts Division p. 10, Largest Vegetable Division p.13, Giant Vegetable Division p. 13-14, Gourd Division p. 14-16, Backyard Garden Division p.16 (flowers, herbs, and produce, entry check-in Aug. 11, midway through the fair), and the Floriculture Division p. 20-21 (no gourds). Either call the entry department at 317-927-7515 and ask for the Ag-Hort info or go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>

Booth volunteers are needed! You get day tickets. If you volunteer 3-4 hours at the booth for any 7 days, you can get a tag that allows you to park in the employee lot and ride the shuttle free. Volunteering 8+ days gets you free parking passes.

Ready to Enter Gourds at the State Fair?

Follow these rules for tags on the exhibits to make life easy for everyone.

1. Don't hide your artwork.
2. Be generous with the string. The tag should lie flat on the table and be fully visible.
3. Painters tape works well to attach cords to gourd bottoms. Put the tape through a knotted loop so that it can't pull out. This tape also hides your initials if you've marked your art.
4. Also important is the sturdiness of your art. If it wobbles, is top-heavy, or has loose bits when you bring it, we will have a problem. To solve problems, fill the gourd's base before decorating it, use a stand, add or remove weight, and/or attach it to a piece of wood. No plastic, please.
5. Check-in and judging is in the Coliseum where ISF personnel and judges handle the art. Then it is transported to Ag-Hort where we place the art into the display cases. We had some breakage last year which will haunt me forever.
6. Put your name on all stands and any boxes you wish to get back.

Diane Werblo, IGS State Fair Chair

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.

Jim Story material:

Send check payable to IGS to

DVD:

\$23.00

Phil Moorhead

Book, *Gourds: From Vine to Design*:

\$15.00

PO Box 822

Aurelia Conway books:

Marion, IN 46952

Gourd Purses, Decorative Painting #9728

\$13.50

How to Paint a Gourd #9606

\$13.50

Please send e-mail or phone in case we need to contact you

ROAD TRIPS

2024—courtesy of AGS (www.americangourdsociety.org)

- Jun 13-15: Pennsylvania Gourd Festival, Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA www.pagourdsociety.org
 Jun 29-30: Missouri Gourd Society Art Festival, Lebanon, MO www.showmegourdsociety.org
 Sep 6-8: Silver State Art Festival, Carson City, NV nevadagourdsociety.org
 Sep 7-8: North Carolina 82nd Arts and Crafts Festival, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC www.ncgourdsociety.org
 Sep 19-22: Idaho Gourd Festival at Franz Witte Garden Center, Nampa, ID in conjunction with the AGS Annual Membership Meeting. idahogourdsociety.org
 Sep 27-29: PA Fall Retreat, Cherry Ridge Campgrounds and Lodging, Honesdale, PA www.pagourdsociety.org
 Oct 4-5: Texas Lone Star Gourd Festival (new location) Ranch Park, 1042 Event Center Dr., Dripping Springs, TX www.texasgourdsociety.org
 Oct 4-6: Ohio Gourd Society 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.

* * IGS Events * *

Indiana State Fair

Aug 2—18, 2024

(Closed Mondays)

State Fairgrounds

1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

Membership and State Gourd Show Combined!

IGS State Gourd Show

Date/Time Oct 19, 2024, 10 am ET-4 pm ET

Thorntown Public Library

124 N Market St, Thorntown, IN 46071

Admission Free

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

IGS Membership Meeting

October 19, 2024, 2 pm ET

Thorntown Public Library

124 N Market St, Thorntown, IN 46071

[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

HOLD THESE DATES!

	State Show	Membership Meeting (Thorntown)
2024:	Oct. 19, 2024	Oct. 19, 2024
2025:	TBD	Oct. 18, 2025
2026	TBD	Oct. 17, 2026

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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Membership Application

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☐ 1 year @ \$15.00

☐ 3 year @ \$40.00

ID#

Patch

PLEASE PRINT

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

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CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ COUNTY _____

EMAIL _____

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

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