



President's Message

Denise Bechtold

Hello Fellow Gourders.

I hope everyone is doing well. I'm busy crafting, how about you? Let's keep those gourd plants watered.

I'm sure you are all aware of the Indiana State Fair competition. Congratulations to everyone who entered. I enjoyed seeing all the awesome art work. I'm looking forward to seeing what you come up with next year. Thank you to everyone who entered and volunteered at the Gourd Booth. There were many Gourd Art entries in the Indiana Arts Building. They were all fantastic as well.

For all of you working on Gourd Art, Boone County is having two more events coming soon. September 27-29 is the "Festival of the Turning Leaves" at various sites around the town. November 23 is the "Holiday Bazaar" sponsored by the Boone County Extension Homemakers from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds, 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, IN 46052. I'm going have a booth at both those events. Come see me!

The next Indiana Gourd Society event is the 30th Annual IGS State Show and Competition on October 19th at the Thorntown Public Library, 124 N. Market Street, Thorntown, IN 46071. Competition pieces are due 8 to 10 a.m. Doors open to the public from 10 a.m. ET to 4 p.m. ET. We'll have a silent auction, competition, gourds for sale, and other activities. There will also be a membership meeting at 2 p.m. ET. I hope to see all of you at the show!

I had a gourd art booth in Portland, Ind, at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show Aug. 21-24. I had fun and did well. It's a 5-day show with about 3,000 people. They enjoyed hearing about gourds and gourd art.

"Keep those Gourd crafts coming"

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 600 N, Greenfield*

For more info,

contact Peggy Robertson 317-326-3854

09-15-24: Holiday Ornaments

10-13-24: Holiday Ornaments

Central Indiana Patch

*Meets second Tuesdays at Garfield
Park Arts Center in Indy, 1-4 p.m. ET*

09-10-24: Return patch entries from State Fair, begin Thunder Drums

10-08-24: Continue Thunder Drums, prep for state show

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

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

09-04-24: Jewelry

09-18-24: Jewelry

10-01-24: Luffa decorating

10-15-24: Luffa decorating

Bloomington Gourd Patch

*Bloomington Fine Art Supply, 207 S. Rogers St.
Third Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. ET*

09-19-24: TBD

10-17-24: TBD

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

PATCH NEWS

Sugar Creek Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets in the Thorntown Public Library meeting room from 2-4:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays. All sessions encourage working on individual projects or on the group project. On August 7 and 21 gourd seeds were used to make art and flowers. On September 4 and 18 jewelry will be the project, and gourd seed art projects may be completed. On October 1 and 15 Karen Niemeyer will display Helen Parker's luffa-decorated vest and pillbox hat as well as her luffa Christmas pin; luffa slices will be available for decorating. It is helpful if Karen knows how many want to participate; just call Karen at the library: 765-436-7348. Now is the time to mark your calendars: the Indiana Gourd Society will hold its state show in the library's meeting rooms on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10-4:00. There will be no cost to view the show. There will be a light lunch available for a fee. The address is 124 N. Market St., Thorntown.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

In July we had a great time Marbleizing gourds with Mac McCrary and Diane Werblo (who filled in for Ro-Jene). We then talked about the upcoming demo that Lynn Meier will be presenting on Doodling. In September and October we are scheduled to work on Holiday Ornaments (Christmas, Fall, Halloween etc.), but we may use one of those dates to get started on our drums of which we have already ordered and received the materials to move forward. Also, in June we cleaned gourds for this purpose. If you would care to join us for either meeting, September is scheduled for the 15th, and October is scheduled for the 13th. We meet on the 3rd Sunday afternoon of the month from 2-4 at 1224 W 600 N, Greenfield, IN.. Give me a call at 317-440-8174 just to ensure that we are on schedule. And don't forget to come see us at the Membership Meeting/ Gourd Show in October. We will be the team selling food and drink.

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

Jim Bennett and his wife Joyce did a chip-carving demo/lesson for Melanie Blakley, Michele Fife, Mary Johnson, Mac McCrary, and Diane Werblo in July. The meeting was hosted by Alyce White, sister of Michelle, at her home in Noblesville. Due to the State Fair, CIP did not meet in August; CIP had many winners and some members helped staff the booth. Also, RoJene Gillentine's ornamental gourd won a blue ribbon in the Backyard Garden Division judged August 11. In September and October we will work on Thunder Drums, plan a possible visit to the Ohio Gourd Show, and discuss the IGS State Show Oct.19. On Nov. 12 from 7-8pm, Diane Werblo will be speaking to the Putnam County Master Gardeners in Greencastle.

DON'T FORGET THE STATE SHOW!

Our annual state gourd show is *only one day* this year, held in conjunction with the annual membership meeting at the Thorntown Library in Thorntown, IN. The show runs Saturday October 19, 2024 from 10 am ET to 4 pm ET. See the website for details and entry forms.

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 Gourd Crafters	Indianapolis	Diane Werblo	317-783-1428
Lakeshore Gourders	Ridgeville	Needs a leader	
Linda's Patch	Valparaiso	Inactive	
	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	
Bloomington Gourd Patch	Bloomington	Greg Olson	970-628-6864

2024 Indiana State Fair Winners

BEST IN SHOW

Michelle Fife

Class 33. Basket with Handle or a Bowl, any technique



GOURD DIVISION SUMMARY

Entrant	Patch	#	#	#	#
		1st	2nd	3rd	Other
Bechtold, Denise, Thorntown	Sugar Creek	4	2	0	0
Bennett, Jim, Noblesville	Sugar Creek	2	0	0	0
Bennett, Joyce, Noblesville	Sugar Creek	3	0	0	0
Boyce, Penny, Indianapolis	Central Indiana	0	0	2	0
Fife, Michelle, Indianapolis	Central Indiana	3	6	2	1
Goldman, Lisa, Thorntown	Sugar Creek	1	1	2	2
Hall, Isobel		1	0	0	0
Hall, Beatrice		0	1	0	0
Knox, Annette, Thorntown	Sugar Creek	2	2	1	0
Long, Jean, Indianapolis	Central Indiana	0	0	2	0
McCrary, Mac, Indianapolis	Central Indiana	1	2	1	0
McKamy, Amy, Clayton	Central Indiana	0	1	0	0
Mosbaugh, Annette, Crawfordsville		1	6	5	1
Mosbaugh, Gary, Crawfordsville		9	2	1	1
Niemeyer, Karen, Thorntown	Sugar Creek	4	1	1	1
Olson, Greg, Bloomington	Bloomington	3	2	2	1
Podell, Jeannie, Winamac		2	0	0	13
Podell, Rick, Winamac		0	3	1	12
Pressel, Ron, Walkerton		1	0	0	0
Stankiewicz, Ann, Marion Co	Central Indiana	0	1	2	5
Wedgeworth, Brock, Fortville		0	0	0	2
Werblo, Diane, Indianapolis	Central Indiana	0	2	3	1

Full list of winners by category is on following pages.



GOURD DIVISION—FRESH GOURDS

Class 1. Identical Size, Color, Marking and Finger Shape Crown of Thorns (3 gourds)

1. Jeannie Podell, Winamac
2. Rick Podell, Winamac
3. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville

Class 2. Identical Size, Color and Marking Spoons (5 gourds)

1. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 3. Different Size, Color and Marking Spoons (5)

1. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 4. Assorted Varieties of Ornamentals, No Warties (10)

1. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 5. Assorted Size, Shape, Color Warties (10)

1. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 6. Different Varieties of Hard-shells (5)

1. Jeannie Podell, Winamac
2. Rick Podell, Winamac

Class 7. Assorted Ornamentals and/or Hard-shells (25)

1. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 8. Assortment of Cleaned Ornamentals and/or Small Hardshells in an Undecorated Gourd Bowl

1. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 9. Different Varieties Bottle Type, 9 inches or more in height (3 gourds)

1. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
2. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
3. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 10. Same Variety Bottle Type, under 5 inches in height (3)

1. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
3. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 11. Different Varieties Basket Type, 20 inches or more in circumference (3)

1. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
3. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 12. Same Variety Basket Type, under 20 inches in circumference (3)

1. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
3. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 13. Dipper, Siphon or Trough Type (3)

1. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
2. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
3. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 14. Longest Straight Long Handled Dipper, Snake or Baton (1) (No Long Gourds)

1. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
2. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
3. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 15. Longest Long Gourd (1)

1. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac

Class 16. Largest in Circumference (1)

1. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
2. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
3. Annette Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
- x. Rick Podell, Winamac
- x. Jeannie Podell, Winamac

Class 17. Cleaned, Ready for use Luffa Cylindrical or Luffa Operculata (3)

2. Diane Werblo, Indianapolis

Class 18. Longest Luffa Cylindrical (1)

no entries

Class 19. Molded, Tied or Hand-trained Gourd (1)

no entries

Class 20: Undecorated Functional Wren House

1. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown
2. Michele Fife, Indianapolis
3. M. Fife, Indianapolis
- x. Ann Stankiewicz, Marion Co.

Class 21. Embellished with Macramé, Crocheting or Weaving

1. Mac McCrary, Indianapolis
2. Annette Knox, Thorntown

Class 22. Cutting, Carving or Drilling

1. Jim Bennett, Noblesville
2. Michele Fife, Indianapolis
3. Greg Olson, Bloomington
- x. Penny Boyce, Carmel

Class 23. Wood Burning

1. Lisa Goldman, Thorntown
2. Greg Olson, Bloomington
3. Penny Boyce, Carmel

Class 24. Jewelry

1. Annette Knox, Thorntown
2. Mac McCrary, Indianapolis
3. Ann Stankiewicz, Marion Co.

Class 25. Decoupage

1. Annette Knox, Thorntown
2. Amy McKamy, Clayton

Class 26. Bead Work Embellishments

1. Joyce Bennett, Noblesville
2. Michele Fife, Indianapolis
3. Ann Stankiewicz, Marion Co.
- x. Greg Olson, Bloomington

Class 27. Holiday Theme

1. Michele Fife, Indianapolis
2. Lisa Goldman, Thorntown
3. Jean Long, Indianapolis

Class 28. Decorated Birdhouse

1. Jim Bennett, Noblesville
2. Michele Fife, Indianapolis
3. Mac McCrary, Indianapolis
- x. Ann Stankiewicz, Marion Co.

Class 29. Painted

1. Greg Olson, Bloomington
2. Annette Knox, Thorntown
3. Diane Werblo, Indianapolis
- x. Ann Stankiewicz, Marion Co.
- x. Michele Fife, Indianapolis

Class 30. Colored Pencil or Ink Pen

1. Joyce Bennett, Noblesville,
2. Ann Stankiewicz, Marion Co.
3. Michele Fife, Indianapolis

Class 31. Multiple Techniques

1. Greg Olson, Bloomington
2. Mac McCrary, Indianapolis,
3. Annette Knox, Thorntown
- x. Brock Wedgeworth, Fortville

Class 32. Dyed or Stained

1. Greg Olson, Bloomington
2. Michele Fife, Indianapolis
3. Penny Boyce, Indianapolis
- x. Ann Stankiewicz, Marion Co.

Class 33. Basket with Handle or a Bowl, any technique

1. Michele Fife, Indianapolis: **Best of Show**
2. Denise Bechtold, Thorntown,
3. Jean Long, Indianapolis
- x. Ann Stankiewicz, Marion Co.

Class 34. Animal or Creature, realistic or fantasy

1. Joyce Bennett, Noblesville
2. Michele Fife, Indianapolis
3. Jean Long, Indianapolis,

Class 35. Kids Competition, anything goes

1. Isobel Hall
2. Beatrice Hall

Class 36. My Way, any other gourd or technique not listed above

1. Denise Bechtold, Thorntown
2. Greg Olson, Bloomington
3. Diane Werblo, Indianapolis
- x. Brock Wedgeworth, Fortville

Class 37. 2023 Indiana State Fair Theme – The Art & Nature of Fun

1. Michele Fife, Indianapolis
2. Diane Werblo, Indianapolis
3. Greg Olson, Bloomington
- x. Karen Niemeyer, Thorntown

VEGETABLE ART

(Selected entries)

Class 1. Longest Gourd

1. Jim Beal, Noble County
2. Jim Beal, Noble County
3. Jim Beal, Noble County
4. Rick Podell, Winamac
5. Jeannie Podell, Winamac
6. Jason Gfeller, Toledo, OH

Class 6: Traditional Scarecrow

3. Michele Fife, Indianapolis

Class 7: Artistic Scarecrow

2. Michele Fife, Indianapolis

Class 8. Fresh Gourd

1. Jeannie Podell, Winamac
2. Rick Podell, Winamac
3. Gary Mosbaugh, Crawfordsville
4. Danny Schuyler, Lapel

Class 12: 2024 Indiana State Fair Theme

1. Diane Werblo, Indianapolis **BEST OF SHOW**

Class 29: Gourd

1. RoJene Gillentine, Indianapolis

THANK YOU to all the volunteers at the State Fair booth! I appreciate the time and talents of the members who staffed the gourd booth: Denise Bechtold, Penny Boyce, Marion Ellis, Michelle Fife, Mary Johnson, Margie Kempson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, new member Greg Olson, Ann Stankiewicz, and Sandra Townsend.

Diane Werblo—State Fair booth chair

SILENT AUCTION

Some of the items in the silent auction at the membership/show meeting on October 19, 2024. These photos show two of the Ron and Loretta Pressel collection for sale (these are both gourd hats). The Pressel's have sold their farm. Their new address is Ron and Loretta Pressel, TrailCreek Place, 1400 E. Coolspring Ave, Apt 118, Michigan City, IN 46300.



Membership Meeting Notice

The Annual Membership Meeting is at Thorntown Library, 124 N. Market, Thorntown, IN 46071 on October 19, 2024 at 2 pm ET. There will be an election of officers and other business as necessary to be brought before the membership.

Members of Linda's Patch Marbleizing Gourds



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:

DVD:

\$23.00

Book, *Gourds: From Vine to Design*:

\$15.00

Aurelia Conway books:

Gourd Purses, Decorative Painting #9728

\$13.50

How to Paint a Gourd #9606

\$13.50

Send check payable to IGS to

Phil Moorhead

PO Box 822

Marion, IN 46952

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

ROAD TRIPS

2024—courtesy of AGS (www.americangourdsociety.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
- Oct 18-19: Alabama Gourd Show, Sparkman Civic Center, Hartselle, AL alabamagourdsociety.org
- Oct 20-27: Georgia Gourd Festival, Kiwanis Fairgrounds, Griffin, GA georgiagourdsociety.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 * *

Membership and State Gourd Show Combined! IGS State Gourd Show

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]

Indiana State Fair

TBD 2025

(Closed Mondays?)

State Fairgrounds
1202 E 38th St
Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

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!

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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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