

President's Message

Denise Bechtold

Hello Fellow Gourders.

I hope everyone is doing well. I'm looking forward to the Annual IGS State Show. By the time you read this we will have attended the show already.

Boone County had their Annual "Festival of the Turning Leaves." I had a booth of my Gourd Art to sell, I did really well this year. The weather did not affect the attendance at all.

One last event coming in Boone County is the "Holiday Bazaar" sponsored by the Boone County Extension Homemakers. November 23 from 10 am ET to 5 pm ET at the 4-H Fairgrounds, 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, IN 46052. I will have a booth there to sell my Gourd Art come and see me. I would love to see all of you.

October: My Gourd Patch will be making projects with the Luffa Gourd.

November: We will try a new product called Pastel Ground, it is a primer that allows color pencils, markers and crayons to work better on the Gourd.

December: We will be making the Ball and Cup Games.

There is a Product Review in the AGS "The Gourd Magazine" about playing with Pebeo (pronounced Pēbēo). My Patch is going to try this product soon for ourselves to see how it works.

I hope all of you have great Holiday's and we'll see you all next year !

"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

11-17-24: No meeting

12-15-24: No meeting

Central Indiana Patch

Meets second Tuesdays at Garfield

Park Arts Center in Indy, 1-4 p.m. ET

11-12-24: TBD (probably Holiday Ornaments and Thunder drums)

12-10-24: Holiday Ornaments / Gifts

Sugar Creek Gourd Patch

Meets first and third Wednesdays at

Thorntown Public Library, 2-4 p.m. ET

11-6-24: Annette Knox demo Pastel Ground

11-20-24: Annette Knox demo Pastel Ground

12-04-24: Denise Bechtold demo gourd catcher toys

12-18-24: Denise Bechtold demo gourd catcher toys

Bloomington Gourd Patch

Bloomington Fine Art Supply, 207 S. Rogers St.

Third Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. ET

11-21-24: TBD

12-19-24: TBD

Please contact patch leaders to verify dates/times.

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 pm ET on the first and third Wednesdays. Adult participants may work on their own projects or the group project. Since the October 2 luffa jewelry craft moved so quickly, the Oct. 16 session was changed to decoupage small Christmas ornament gourds. October 19 saw a mini version of the Indiana Gourd Society's state show in the library and area artists, teachers, and students were invited. On November 6 and 20 Annette Knox will demonstrate how to apply Pastel Ground, a textured acrylic primer, on egg or larger gourds before participants experiment with color pastels and pencils to decorate them; crafters will complete patterns of their own choosing. On December 4 and 18 Denise Bechtold will help attendees make a gourd catcher toy using a dipper and egg gourd, and plans will be made for 2025. Questions should be directed to Karen at the library or 765-436-7348.

Linda's Gourd Patch (Peggy Robertson, contact)

Linda's Patch has been busy! Rosemary Hill went to the Ohio Show and entered her x-long handle dipper, which was 81 inches long, and won the division for green gourds. We have done gourd presentations for several groups including: a senior group in McCordsville, IN which was requested by the Senior Services of Hancock Co. We did a presentation in Shelbyville at the Shelby Co. Fairgrounds for the Master Gardeners of Shelby Co. We did a presentation at the Hancock Co. Library for the Master Gardeners of Hancock Co., in Greenfield, IN, and finally we did a presentation in Henry Co. at the Seed Library in New Castle IN. At these presentations we talked about how to grow gourds as well as crafts, art, and practical uses of gourds. We inked dried gourd seeds in October (for a future jewelry project). We also finished up holiday (ghosts, pumpkins etc) projects. We made final decisions on what we would be serving at the Indiana Gourd Show/Meeting in Thorntown. We will not meet in November and December for obvious reasons, but plan to meet on the 3rd Sunday in January (our usual meeting date) to plan our calendar for 2025. Our patch continues to grow as we had a new visitor (17 year old) who was really creative and enjoyed herself.

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

Due to a mold allergy attack from some unwashed gourds left inside the house after the State Fair, I had to cancel the September meeting. Let this be a lesson to new people; scrub the mold off the gourds or leave them outside. I knew better, but still messed up! (That was followed by our first case of Covid; we missed getting our shots due to the allergy attack.) In October we finally gave out ribbons and money from ISF. It cost \$40 to enter; we won over \$100 in prize money. It pays to enter! Michelle Fife, Mary Johnson, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Sandra and Tim Townsend, and Diane Werblo were there. The thunder drums didn't happen and may be postponed indefinitely. We discussed the Mini IGS-SS. In November and December it makes sense to work on Holiday Ornaments and/or Gifts. "Holiday" does not have to be Christmas; gourds make great turkeys, fall wreaths, Easter egg gourd wreaths, etc. On Nov. 12 from 7-8 pm ET, Diane Werblo will be giving an overview of gourd growing and crafting to the Putnam County Master Gardeners at the Putnam County Fairgrounds York Auto Family Community Building. This building, at 191 N. US HWY 231, Greencastle, IN, is the big metal building on the south side of the fairgrounds.

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	317-440-8174
		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

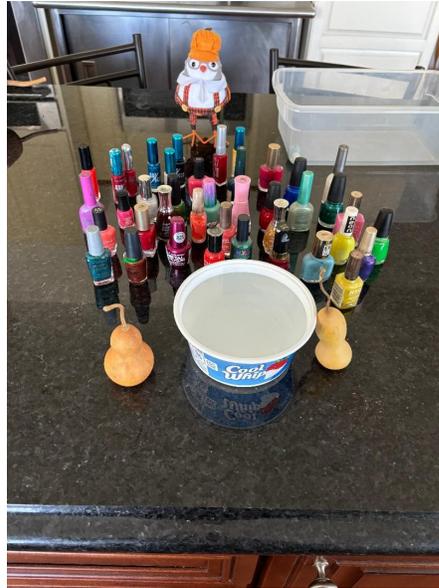
COLORING GOURDS BY DIPPING (tutorial)

author: Rosemary Hill (2024)

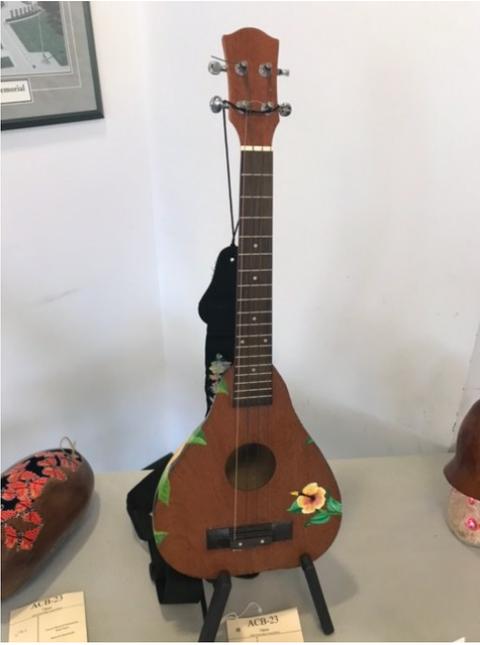
Using the dipping technique is a way to coat gourds with interesting swirls of color. This tutorial shows using nail polish, but you can use any non-water-based coloring agent. Depending on the coloring agent, we recommend a well-ventilated space, and wearing gloves if you have trouble getting the color off your hands. The color will NOT stick to a wet gourd, so be sure they are dry before you start. Also, the color will adhere to the gourd AS IT GOES INTO THE WATER, so if you want swirls, that is the time to swirl the gourd. Try some samples so you get the feel of what will adhere and how the swirling will work.

Steps:

1. Add a drop of nail polish to the container of water.
2. Use a toothpick or something similar to swirl it around in the water.
3. Dunk the gourd into the water.
4. Use a hairdryer to dry (gourd must be dry each time it's dunked) and repeat until you get the result you like.



Photos from IGS State Gourd Show



Chairperson's Award: artist: Michelle Fife

Upper Right: Lunch break
 Front-to-back: Jim Bennett, Joyce Bennett,
 Sally Mohringer, Karen Niemeyer, Ruth
 Moorhead

Right: Karen Niemeyer
 (left) with a founding
 member of IGS, Helen
 Parker



New Gourd Artists at Linda's Patch

Left photo: Campbell Lively-Mason with RoJene
 Gillentine in the background

Right photo: Gretchen Sitton

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

More Photos from IGS State Gourd Show



THE SHOW



Mid-morning Snacks
Served by members of Linda's Patch



L-to-R: Pat Moore, Penny Boyce, Denise Bechtold,
Diane Werblo (facing away), Mac McCrary



Sandra Townsend (L) and Sally Mohringer (R)



Visitors entering the show through the library entrance
were "greeted" by Chance, the library cat.

More Photos from IGS State Gourd Show



Dry gourds for sale outside the library



Some general displays in competition

MEMBERSHIP MEETING



President Denise Bechtold (far right) with Secretary Karen Niemeyer (next to right)



Membership chair Pat Moore in foreground, Treasurer Phil Moorhead in background

ROAD TRIPS

2025—courtesy of AGS (www.americangourdsociety.org)

Jan 31-Feb 2: Arizona Gourd Festival at Wuertz Fams, Casa Grande, AZ. arizonagourdsociety.org

Feb 21-23: Florida Gourd Festival, Azan Shriners Center, Melbourne, FL. flgourdsoc.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.

THANK YOU to all the people who contributed gourds and material for the state show silent auction and ways & means. We want to especially thank Peggy Miller from Valpo and Ron/Loretta Pressel from Walkerton for their contributions of gourds. A special thanks to Peggy Robertson, Rosemary Phillips Hill, and the crew from Linda's Patch for the food.

* * IGS Events * *

Indiana State Fair

TBD 2025

(Closed Mondays?)

State Fairgrounds

1202 E 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46205

[Note: The fair charges an entry fee]

IGS State Gourd Show

TBD

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[This is an IGS Sponsored Event]

IGS Membership Meeting

October 18, 2025, 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)	
2025:	TBD	Oct. 18, 2025		
2026	TBD	Oct. 17, 2026		
2027	TBD	Oct. 16, 2027		

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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