



GOURD GREETINGS

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The Beta Chapter of the American Gourd Society

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Gourds at The Ohio State Fair



John Martin Demonstrating at the Ohio State Fair

The gourd competition was staged this year in the new Cardinal Hall. Gourds, along with other youth and adult arts shared the spacious facility with the art and craft vendors who were housed in tents last year. There were twenty-four entries this year, highlighting painting, carving, beading and wood burning. Our “Best of Show” entry this year was a floral bowl by Karen Martin. The Ohio Gourd Society also provided demonstrations of gourd work on four separate days during the Fair to introduce fair-goers to the wonderful world of gourds. Remember that at the fair an exhibitor may enter two items in each class. So if you are undecided about your entry, bring both! Remember that entries for the Ohio State Fair are always due on June 20.

By John Martin

MARTIN HOUSE GOURDS

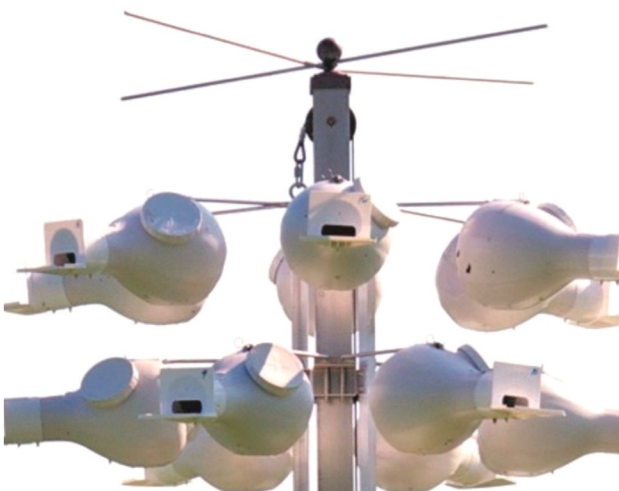


Songbird Essentials Lonestar Purple Martin Add-A-Rack.

Mounts underneath any Lone Star House. Accommodates up to 8 gourds. (Rack only - does not include gourds/house/pole). Weight capacity is 10 lbs. Includes 1 - six inch mounting tube, 4 - 40 inch long arms, hanging cable for gourds and mounting hardware. Songbird Essentials guarantees their products free from defects and workmanship for a period of one year. Warranty does not include damages caused by nature.

Pole Mounting Requirements

Purple martin houses and purple martin gourds should sit on a vertically telescoping pole, or a lanyard in open spaces. Your martin house should be placed in an open area that has approximately 25 feet of space on at least three sides. Martins have very specific aerial space requirements. Birdhouses or gourds should be placed in the center of the most open spot available, about 30-120 feet from human housing. Also, purple martins prefer that their homes be located on the tallest pole within 40 to 60 feet of their residing home. There should be no trees taller than the martin housing within 40 feet, preferably 60 feet. In general you'll want to find an area far from trees for your purple martin housing, the farther the housing is placed from trees, the better. In the southern states, martins are less particular about house placement. Southern landlords can sometimes place housing within 15-20 feet of trees and still attract martins.



FMS Troyer's Purple Martin Deluxe 12 Gourd Rack Combo Kit (Horizontal)

- Troyer's Made in the USA UV Protected Polyethylene Horizontal or Vertical Gourds
- Rack ships with a 2 piece 14 foot pole, heavy-duty ground stake, top perch rods, 12 aluminum gourd arms, hitch pins, rope winder, hub with attached eye-bolt rope and pulley. Easy assembly
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- Troyer's Made in the USA Quality Products for Purple Martin Housing

Deluxe 12 Gourd Rack Combo Kit Includes Gourd Rack, 12 Gourds, Pole Guard Square, Toyer-Haskel Tunnel Trap, and Pine Straw

GOURD HAPPENINGS

"ATTENTION ANYONE INTERESTED IN JUDGING"

"Gourdings"!

The Ohio Gourd Show is looking for judge and clerk volunteers for the 2016 show! The show will once again be held at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, October 7th- 9th 2016. Judging will begin at 11am Saturday October 8th, and finish that afternoon. I have 25 spots to fill and hope that you can join us for "It's the Great Gourd, Charlie Brown" our 2016 show!

Please respond by September 8th, 2016. Please include in your response (response slip enclosed) if there are certain classes you would/ would not like to judge. I will be sending Judging packets, class assignments, and other information before the show!

Thank you! I hope to see you at the show!

Laura Martin
Judging Coordinator
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agourdfamily@gmail.com
455 Bells Run Road Sardinia, Ohio 45171

Cut Here: *****

Name: _____ PH _____

I am interested in being a: (please circle all you are interested in)

JUDGE

CLERK

I am interested in judging or clerking: (please circle all you are interested in)

FRESH DRY CRAFTED YOUTH/ JUNIOR

Class Preferences:

Please return by September 8th, 2016. By mail, a phone

OHIO GOURD SOCIETY MEETING DATES

OHIO GOURD SHOW

October 7th, 8th, & 9th

Delaware Co. Fairgrounds
236 Pennsylvania Ave.
Delaware, OH 43015
OGS FALL MEETING

Franklin Park Gourd & Tell

March 4th & 5th

Franklin Park Conservatory
1777 E. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43213

OGS SPRING MEETING

Check your next issue for
Date & Location

OHIO STATE FAIR

July 27 thru August 7th

Ohio Exhibition Center
17th Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43211

ohiogourd@hotmail.com

www.ohiogourdsociety.com

www.facebook.com/ohiogourdshow.com

HELP NEEDED!

We need help setting up the Ohio Gourd Show at the fairgrounds on Thursday October 6th and during the show with a variety of things. Hanging banners, putting out signs setting up displays and just helping wherever you can. If you can help in any way, contact Bruce Barber, OGS Show Chair at;
614-206-6083

PRAYERS for PRESIDENT & the PASSING of a PAST PRESIDENT

ANNA MILLER “OGS President Update”



As most of you already know, in recent months our President Anna Miller has been recovering from a TIA (Trans Ischemic Attack or mini stroke) and then followed by a major stroke leaving her partially paralyzed on some of her extremities. She is currently in rehab and is progressing slowly to get back to doing what she loves most, GOURDS!

This past Tuesday, August 9, Anna was released from Birchaven. Our house on the farm is too filled with risks (steps, uneven floors, area rugs) for Anna in her present unsteady condition. Fortunately, she had just finished redecorating our friend Jorgen Larsen's house but had not yet put it up for sale, and Lars' house has none of these defects. Margie and Tom Dietsch have offered us the use of most of the furniture we will need, and we have brought a few things from the farm to fill in. Every day we find what we are missing: we sat down to corn on the cob and realized that the butter dish had been overlooked, we didn't think of paper towels until the cat had thrown up, etc. Every day I go out to the farm to feed the pets, water the plants, check the mail, and retrieve more stuff. Anna and I spend a good bit of time each day doing the therapy exercises, and she continues to build strength and coordination. Three times a week we go back to Birchaven for physical therapy. We try to have an outing at least once each day: tonight we go to the North Baltimore Rotary Corn Roast. Life is good, but we are anxious to get back home as soon as possible.

“Passing of Walter Rinehart”

After our last issue, Walter went home to be with the Lord. A Lifetime Member of the Ohio Gourd Society, Inc., Walter was President in the 1970's and served the OGS for many years. He is known in the past to have grown many gourds and entered them in the Ohio Gourd Show to display. One gourd, a bushel basket, was the largest ever entered in our show in Mt. Gilead. It weighed 83 lbs. or there about. He will always be remembered for his willingness to teach others how to grow, craft, and work with gourds in different ways. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Carol and the Rinehart Family. If you would like to contact share condolences write;

Carol Rinehart, 2644 Marion—Marysville Rd., Marion, OH 43302



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"Gourds—N—Stuff"



Judy & Nelson Litzenberg

Nelson & Judy Litzenberg have been growing, crafting, and selling gourds from their home in Centerburg, OH for the past 20 years. Members of the Ohio Gourd Society



Dickie & Linda Martin display their gourds at the many Gourd Shows.



Beetle Hunter



Bird House Gourds



Gourd Show Display



OHIO GOURD SOCIETY

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OHIO GOURD SOCIETY, 6305 Dustin Rd., Galena, OH 43021-9758

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You MUST be a member of the American Gourd Society, (AGS) Inc. in order to be a member of the OGS Chapter. The OGS does not collect dues for the AGS. Send AGS Dues \$15.00 to American Gourd Society, Inc., P.O. Box 2186, Kokomo, IN 46904

Membership in OGS is \$12.00 per year Due each year the 1st of January and includes 4 issues of the "Gourd Greetings", with articles about growing, crafting, gourd happenings, and special events and our Annual Show Booklet. It also entitles members to have a vote at all OGS meetings and a free listing on our OGS Web Site.

OHIO STATE FAIR

July 27th—August 7th 2016

If you are interested in being a Exhibitor at this years Ohio State, Fair Contact John Martin at; 937-446-2174 or email; martin.jf.kl@frontier.com

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Cover Story



The Bowl Gourd on the cover created by Karen Martin from Sardinia, OH, is one of the “BEST” Gourd Art Work that was displayed at the 2016 Ohio State Fair. Karen, as many of you already know, headed up our Judging at the Ohio Gourd Show for many years. She has also entered beaded gourd art and jewelry. She is married to John Martin, a past president and is the mother of Abe Martin, our current acting President. Congratulations Karen on a fine work of art.

FEATURED ARTICLES

ATTENTION OGS MEMBERS

If you have an article that you would like to see featured in the GG, Please send me a picture of your gourd and a brief description about it to: Ohio Gourd Society, Inc.,
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or email to: ohiogourd@Hotmail.com