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55th Annual Ohio Gourd Show Awards



JUDGES CHOICE AWARD & PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD - NOAH'S ARC BY JANE WILSON



JOHN STEVEN'S AWARD
TOM MOSS



JOHN STEVEN'S FAMILY AWARD
ROY SCHMIDLIN



JIM STORY AWARD
PAT MOORE



GOURD HATS AT THE DINNER

THANKS TO JUDGES & CLERKS

Thanks! Appreciate good people. They are hard to come by. -Unknown

Arriving early Saturday Morning, often after a long car drive or a hotel breakfast, the Judges and Clerks assemble in a small corner preparing themselves to Judge what some may deem as the impossible. As you look over the sea of entries crafted with skill, patience, and sometimes blood and tears, you may become overwhelmed at the talent we are blessed with at the Ohio Gourd Show. As the Judges find judging mates and clerks, they receive a few last minute instructions and head off onto their task. To judge to the best of their ability, what gourd predominates, what gourd has the best presentation, the most perfect specimen, is a daunting task. Class after class they carefully observe, discuss, and judge until all the entries have been recorded, ribbons awarded, and winners announced. Many thanks to all of the Judges and Clerks that served this year. This is a hard job and without you there would not be a show. Your time, talents, and knowledge, whether in Gardening, Flowers, or Gourds, are always appreciated and I hope that we as a team continue to work together and learn from each other for many years to come. Thank you!

Laura Martin Judging Coordinator.

WINNERS OF THE 2017 OHIO GOURD SHOW COMPETITION

Many thanks to all that entered in the 2017 Ohio Gourd Show! The Judges had their work cut out for them this year! Here are the winners for total points, and the special awards. See you and your entries at next years show!

Division 1: Highest Points: Cindy Hochmuth

2nd Highest Points: Nancy Vanco

Division 2: Highest Points: Lois Smith

2nd Highest Points: John Martin

Division 3: Highest Points: Suzanne Rothhaar

2nd Highest Points: Pat Moore

Junior Division 5: Highest Points: Emily McCormick

2nd Highest Points: Haylie Kovack

Youth Division 6: Highest Points: Taylor Litzenberg & Elizabeth Moss

Highest Overall Points: Suzanne Rothhaar

2nd Highest Overall Points: Cindy Hochmuth & Nancy Vanco

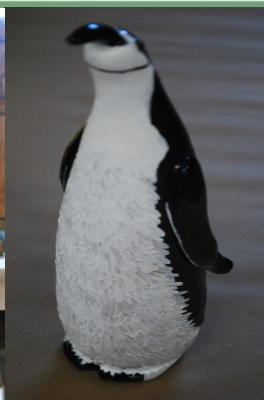


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2017 GOURD SHOW PICS



GOURD SHOW PICS CONTINUED



OHIO GOURD SOCIETY MEETING DATES

Franklin Park Gourd & Tell

March 3th & 4th

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

OGS SPRING MEETING

April 21st 2017

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

OHIO STATE FAIR

July 25th - August 5th

Ohio Exhibition Center
17th Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43211

OHIO GOURD SHOW

October 5, 6, & 7th 2018

Delaware County
Fairgrounds
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2017 ALABAMA GOURD SHOW



The Alabama Show took place this past October (always the third weekend) in Cullman, Alabama. As one would expect, "southern hospitality" abounded. The Show was a joy to visit, and it was decorated in the theme, "Old MacDonald's Gourd Farm." Gourd vendors were located along the front of the Cullman Civic Center, while competitive entries, workshops, gourd art and gourd supplies were inside. The best of show entry was a small, but

superbly carved and colored basket. This is another show in which fresh gourds are also entered into competition. The off-site banquet was held at the dining hall of the St. Bernard Abby, and it featured good food, good conversation, and a live gourd auction. The Abby is also the location of the Ave Maria Grotto, a landscaped hillside with 125 small stone and concrete structures depicting locations from around the world.



John & Karen Martin

Gourd Seed Donation

A Big Thanks goes to Norm & Alice Brickner for donating a box of gourd seeds for the 2017 Ohio Gourd Show. The seeds were already packaged and ready for sale. Proceeds from the sale were credited to the Youth Activities Program.

Gourd Donation

A Big Thanks goes out to John Marsh for donation several bags and boxes of dried gourds to the Youth Activities Program.

For those of you wondering, Anna miller had her 75th Birthday and is doing better. If you are looking for Gourd Seeds? Anna Miller sold her company to Dick Zontag who will be the contact for gourd seeds instead of Anna. His contact info is; 608-225-8186 or you can email him at; dick@junzgseeds.com



OHIO GOURD SOCIETY

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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.

NOTE: Your membership has expired when the date is in RED!

HELP NEEDED

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Cover Story



The Nativity Scene Gourd on the cover created by an Artist at our 2016 Gourd Show seemed to be an appropriate pic for this months GG. The Barn, with gourd seed roof and Joseph, Mary and the Christ Child with all the animals were made out of gourds. Even the bedding was made from Luffa Gourd. As we approach the Christmas Holiday, let us give Thanks for the wonderful gift that was given to us over 2000 years ago. From the all of us at the Ohio Gourd Society, have a

“MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR”

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., ATTN: GG Editor, 6305 Dustin Rd. Galena, OH 43021 or email to: ohiogourd@Hotmail.com