



# ***GOURD GREETINGS***

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# 2017 Ohio State Fair



That's Right! It is not too early to plan for entries at the Ohio State Fair. This year, the Fair runs from July 26 thru August 6. The information about entries is carried on the Ohio State Fair website at: [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com) Cardinal Hall was a fantastic venue for the arts and crafts entries, and everyone involved in 2016 is hopeful for an even bigger display in 2017. The general classes for Gourd Art (Division 4201) are: 1. Painted/Colored, 2. Carved/Wood Burned, 3. Decorated (any technique), 4. Doll/Animal/Character, 5. Jewelry, 6. Musical Instrument, and 7. Holiday Theme. Please be sure to check the Fair's website to see the exact class descriptions. Entries for the Ohio State Fair are always due on June 20.



**JULY 26 - AUG. 6, 2017**

Remember that at the Fair an exhibitor may enter two items in each class. So if you are undecided about your entry, bring both!

The Ohio Gourd Society has its roots in the State Fair, and has been involved for years. In addition to encouraging entries, OGS is a sponsor of the gourd competition and is involved in the "Featured Artist Demonstrations Program." Several times during the Fair, OGS will provide artists to demonstrate gourd art techniques for visitors. Generally, the demonstration sessions last for about six hours and may involve up to four people. If you are interested in helping with the demonstration program, John Martin ([martin.jf.kl@frontier.com](mailto:martin.jf.kl@frontier.com)) is working on the schedule.



## Letter from the Show Chair

### Hello ALL OGS Members!

At our Annual Ohio Gourd Society Spring Meeting we will be voting on officers for the OGS. We have many people that you well know that will no longer be able to hold an office for many reasons. Without these offices being filled, we can not operate as a society and continue to have the Ohio Gourd Show much longer. Many of us including myself have taken on more than one job. **We need your help!!!** It is now time for you as a member to step up to the plate and let us know that you care. To become an officer or committee member to help keep our society alive and well, all you have to do is call or email me **Bruce Barber, at: 740-965-4661 - [ohiogourd@Hotmail.com](mailto:ohiogourd@Hotmail.com)**. Many officer or committee chair positions are open. Please do what you can to help us keep the best gourd show ever going strong. I look to hear from you soon. **Spring Meeting date is April 8th, 2017**



# A Visit to Mississippi



On September 16th, and 17th, 2016, the Mississippi Gourd Society hosted its 7th Annual Mississippi Gourd Festival at the Smith County Ag Complex in Raleigh, MS. Gourd art, gourd supplies and gourd tools were available; while workshops provided opportunities to learn various techniques for embellishing gourds. Throughout both days, regularly scheduled demonstrations featured speakers explaining a variety of topics related to gourd art. As a regular feature of the Show, a number of outstanding gourds were entered in the Peoples'

Choice Contest. Karen and John Martin attended the show, participated in workshops and conducted a demonstration of gourd musical instruments. As in 2015, they said that, "it was a wonderful experience, and meeting gourd enthusiasts from other State societies is well worth the trip."

John Martin

If You have traveled and have pics of Gourds or attended a show, send your pics and a small description of your travels to us so others can see what is happening in other states and the gourd world!

Send articles to: [ohiogourd@hotmail.com](mailto:ohiogourd@hotmail.com)





# GOURD HAPPENINGS

## *West central Ohio Gourd Patch*

Presents

## The Shawnee Prairie Gourd Patch Events



You are invited to Greenville, OH for a time to learn about Gourds. See Gourd Demonstrations and talk to people about growing and crafting gourds. Dry Gourds, Gourd Crafts, and Gourd Plants for sale. This is a event held in the Spring and Fall. The dates are in the right column of this page. Please come to the most successful Gourd Patch in Ohio for Food fellowship and Fun.



## OHIO GOURD SOCIETY Show & Meeting Dates!

### OHIO GOURD SHOW

**October 6th, 7th, & 8th**

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

**April 8th**

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

### Shawnee Prairie Gourd Patch Event

**May 13th**

4267 St. Rt. 502  
Greenville, OH 43334

### OHIO STATE FAIR

**July 26 thru August 6th**

Ohio Exhibition Center  
17th Avenue,  
Columbus, OH 43211

### Shawnee Prairie Gourd Patch Event

**Sept. 9th**

4267 St. Rt. 502  
Greenville, OH 43334

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BECOME OFFICERS OF THE  
OHIO GOURD SOCIETY, INC.  
CALL 740-965-4661 or EMAIL  
THE ABOVE IF INTERESTED**

## PRAYERS & PASSING MEMORIUM



### **ANNA MILLER** "OGS Past President Update"

I had the privilege to speak to Anna and Jim Miller recently and they seem to be doing great. They have been doing many activities outside their home and having a good time. Anna is still under going therapy but is still in need of prayer for continued healing.

They sold the seed business to a man in Wisconsin. His name is: Dick Zontag. To purchase gourd seeds, contact him at;

**Quarry Farm Gourds**  
**[www.quarryfarmgourds.com](http://www.quarryfarmgourds.com)**  
**[dick@jungseeds.com](mailto:dick@jungseeds.com)**  
**608-225-8186**

Please keep Anna and Jim in your prayers!

### **"Passing of Marilyn Sipple"**

Marilyn Sipple, wife of Terry Sipple, went home to be with the Lord after a long fight with an illness. A Lifetime Member of the Ohio Gourd Society, Inc., Marilyn was our Historian and took care of the souvenir's at our show for many years. Her and her husband Terry, our past Treasurer, served the OGS and brought many gourds and gourd crafts to our Great Show. She will always be remembered for Her friendly personality and her dedication to the Ohio Gourd Society, Inc. Our thought's and prayers go out to Terry Sipple and the Sipple Family.

If you would like to contact or share condolences please write;

**Terry Sipple, 3932 U.S. Route 127, Greenville, OH 45331**



**Katie Marsh**, one of our Gourd Society members, has been diagnosed with a terminal disease. She, her husband John and Family are in need of prayer during these trying times. John has asked for anyone who would like to contact Katie at; 937-489-6514 or [gourd crazy@watch.net](mailto:gourd crazy@watch.net)

Prayers going up to you both and know that God is in control! Blessings to you both.

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# Words from the past GG's & The Gourd

## ODE TO A GOURD SHOW

*Opal Harper Wooldridge 1995*

My husband was fumin' and fussin'  
and raring to go  
up to Delaware for the  
Ohio Gourd Show

He wuz loadin' the flivver  
and packing it tight  
when all of a sudden  
he fell down a flight-

He busted his Maranka  
and a big Zucca too.  
He came a holding  
a gourd from Peru.

He started to coughin' and  
spittin' out seed.  
He had swallowed a luffa,  
and dishrag indeed.

I picked up a dipper  
and gave him a sip  
of ole creek water  
to give him some zip.

He asked about his dumbbell.  
I said, "I'm standin' right here,"  
and jumped into the flivver  
and slammed 'er in gear.

We headed 'er northward  
on Interstate Ten  
a hopin' and prayin' the  
spark plugs would fire now and then.

We limped into Delaware  
in time for the show.  
My husband was so happy  
He cut a lively dido.

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR GROWING GOURDS!

Susan Forrest 1995

Gourds need soil temperature of 75 degrees or more. They grow best in hot weather with full sun and plenty of water.

You can get a head start on the season by sprouting seed indoors. Put a layer of Pro-Mix in a tray, cover with plastic wrap and keep warm. Plants sprout in a cold frame or hot bed filled with Pro-Mix. Dust with powdered Sevin as soon as the first two leaves appear. Cucumber beetles will devour leaflets in a couple hours. Also watch for field mice. They love to eat gourd seeds. Transplant into rows about May 15th.

Prepare ground by tilling 13-13-13 into the soil. We use a Troybilt trencher to make a raised row with a trench for watering. Sprinkle Diazinon Granules in soil when transplanting to prevent Root Worm Bores. Without this precaution bores can kill the vines and it will be too late to replant. Use straw or newspaper for weed control.

Don't till with a power tiller after the first week. Gourds have feeder roots near the surface. If they are cut the fruit will never reach it's full potential.

The first flowers will all be male blossoms and are only on the main stem. The female flowers are only on the lateral branches. Increase your laterals and you will have more fruit.

As soon as the main vine reaches 10 feet, cut off the end. Now the vine will produce more laterals. As soon as these have 4 leaves, cut the end off them. This produces sub-laterals which you allow to grow as long as they can.

Gourds are ready to harvest when the first tendril on the vine, next to the stem, is dead or brown. If you are saving seeds don't allow gourds to freeze. Otherwise you can leave them outside. By growing gourds you will come to know the joy in gardening.

From the Summer of 1995 Gourd Magazine



# OHIO GOURD SOCIETY

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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ZIP CODE OR POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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The Annual Dues for Membership are \$12.00. These dues are due January 1 of each year. This membership includes your subscription to our quarterly **Gourd Greetings**. Please make your check or money order (US \$12.00) PAYABLE TO:

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

**email: [ohiogourd@hotmail.com](mailto:ohiogourd@hotmail.com) web site: [www.ohiogourdsociety.com](http://www.ohiogourdsociety.com)**

All OGS Members must be a member of the American Gourd Society **[www.americangourdsociety.org](http://www.americangourdsociety.org)**

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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.

### HELP NEEDED

**The Ohio Gourd Society is looking for someone who would be willing to serve as Souvenir Chair. If Interested, Contact Judy Barber at : 740-965-4661**

### Officers of the "Ohio Gourd Society, Inc."

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## Cover Story



The Native American Gourd on the cover was created by Percy Medina from Peru. Percy has made many fine works of art over the years that many people have marveled over. As a vendor of many past Ohio Gourd Shows, he has produced some of the “BEST” Gourd Art Work. It is always a pleasure to see what creations he will come up with next.

## 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](mailto:ohiogourd@Hotmail.com)