



GOURD GREETINGS

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The Beta Chapter of the American Gourd Society

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Our 2018 Ohio Gourd Show theme is 'Fall Into Gourds'.

Pics From our 2018 Franklin Park Gourd Event



GOURDS WHILE ON VACATION IN FLORIDA

Hey All, This is a picture of us with our completed project from the Florida Gourd Show, February 2018. (Left to right) Heidi Williams from New Port Richey, Florida, Linda Rose from Galena, Ohio, and Judy Litzenberg from Centerburg, Ohio.

Heidi will be teaching a workshop at our 2018 Ohio Gourd Show in October. Heidi has been a very good friend for 20 years. Please sign up to take her workshop.



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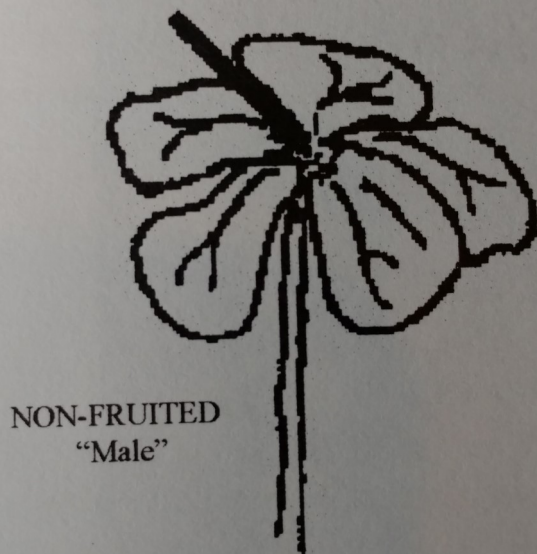
“GROWING GOURDS” by Marilyn Rehm 2001

Hand Pollination of Gourds

(Hand pollination will increase the chance of fruit set)

When Lagenaria (hardshell) gourd vines reach length of about ten (10) feet or more, they will begin

ANTHERS
(Pollen produced here)



NON-FRUITED
“Male”

to produce flowers. The delicate white blossoms open only in the late afternoon and evening. Some of these gourd blossoms get pollinated by night flying insects but others are passed by. Hand pollination will increase the chance of fruit set. The fruits will not mature and produce seed unless the female flowers are pollinated. On every vine, there are two easily distinguished kinds of blossoms. 1) fruited or female and 2) non-fruited or male. These illustrations will help you distinguish the male and female blossom. The small gourd fruit is visible beneath the pedals of the female-fruited blossom. However, only the non-fruited male blossom produces pollen. This pollen must be transferred by hand from the **male blossom anthers** to the **female blossom stigma**. To do this, take a tiny artist brush and brush the pol-

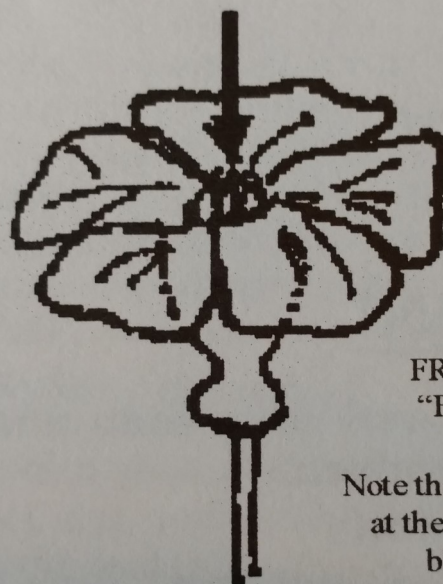
len around in the center of the male non-fruited blossom anthers. You will see that the yellow pollen adheres to the hairs of the paintbrush. Now carefully transfer this pollen to the female fruited blossom by brushing the pollen-laden hairs onto the center of the stigma.

Note: use a different brush for each gourd type to prevent cross pollination.

Make sure you pollinate the male to the female blossom from the same vine or type of gourd. Cover the male and female flower with a bag or the toe of a stocking at night produce true to type seed. Leave it covered for a day or two and place a piece of yarn around the female blossom. This will remind you that this gourd was hand pollinated and should be true to type.

by Dr. Marilyn Rehm

STIGMA
(place pollen here)



FRUITED
“Female”

Note the small gourd
at the base of the
blossom.

**Transfer pollen from male blossom
to the female blossom**

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OGS?



JULY 25th Thru August 5th

At the Cardinal Building North
of 17th Ave.

IT IS TIME FOR THE "OHIO STATE FAIR"

That's Right! The 2018 Ohio State Fair is just around the corner. This year, the Fair runs from July 25th thru August 5th. John is looking for people to demonstrate at the fair. If you would like to do this contact John Martin at;

937-446-2174 or email him at;
martin.jf.kl@frontier.com
Tickets are limited

OHIO GOURD SOCIETY MEETING DATES

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
236 Pennsylvania Ave.
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Franklin Park Gourd Event

March 2nd & 3rd

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

OGS SPRING MEETING

TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

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614-206-6083

The 56th Annual Ohio Gourd Show

Will be held October 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2018 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave. Delaware, Ohio 43015. Please plan to attend this years show and bring some friends to enjoy the crafts that are mad from this wonderful plant. Also get your entries in to John Martin as soon as possible so he can get tags made and can prepare for the many entries that will be displayed in competition all weekend,

"Gourdings JUDGES & CLERKS"!

The Ohio Gourd Show is looking for Judges and Clerks to volunteer for the 2018 Show! The show will once again be held at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, October 5th- 7th, 2018. Judging will begin at 11am Saturday October 6th, and finish that afternoon. I have 25 spots to fill and hope that you can join us for our 2018 show! Please respond by September 1st, 2018. Please include in your response 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!

Send info to Laura Martin, 455 Bells Run Road Sardinia, Ohio 45171

PH: 859.466.9308 agourdfamily@gmail.com

OGS Membership Questionnaire

(PLEASE PRINT)

We would like to get better acquainted with our membership. Could you please take a few minutes to tell us something about yourself!

What does it mean to you to be an OGS member?

Do you attend our Gourd Show the first weekend in October? YES _____ NO _____
If no, why not?

If yes, what do you like best/least?

Do you take classes? YES _____ NO _____ If no, why not? _____

Would you be interested in Connecting with other OGS members in your area? YES _____ NO _____

Would you be willing to volunteer for OGS in some way? YES _____ NO _____

What is your area of interest if you did volunteer?

What are your hobbies, skills?

For instance, some skills may be: Selling, computer programming, giving talks or demonstrations, woodworking or building, writing, making posters, designing t shirts, working with children's activities, gardening, music, sewing.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ CELL _____ TEXT? _____ FB MESSENGER? _____

Please fill out and return to: **Linda Rose, 3768 Worthington Road, Galena, Ohio 43021** or you may scan and email to lindarose@insight.rr.com or you may call me with your comments at (H) 740-965-8772 or text me (C) 740-971-9394.

Thank you so much,

Ways and Means Committee,

Linda Rose, Vikkie Mustad, Daine Mackey,



OHIO GOURD SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE OR PROV _____

ZIP CODE OR POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER (____) _____

EMAIL _____

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, 3768 Worthington Road., Galena, OH 43021
email: ohiogourd@hotmail.com web site: www.ohiogourdsociety.com

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"GG" correspondence should be addressed to:
Gourd Greetings, C/O Bruce Barber, 6305 Dustin Rd.,
Galena, Ohio 43021-9758 Ph. 614-206-6083 email; ohio-gourd@hotmail.com

You MUST be a member of the American Gourd Society, (AGS) Inc. in order to be a member of the OGS Beta 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
www.americangourdsociety.org

Membership in OGS is \$12.00 per year **Due each year the 1st of January** and includes 3 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 for Artists & Vendors.

HELP NEEDED

Interested, Contact Bruce Barber at : 614-206-6083 or ohio-gourd@gmail.com

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Cover Story



The picture on the cover again goes along with our show theme for the 2018 Ohio Gourd Show, “Fall into Gourds”. When you mention Fall Gourds, people think of the gourds we use to decorate our homes or businesses with. In the picture these are ornamental gourds mixed with other types of gourds. It is very colorful and makes for a Great fall display of gourds. I hope everyone is having a good growing season so far.

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