



GOURD GREETINGS

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The Beta Chapter of the American Gourd Society

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"WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

Pics From our 2018 Ohio Gourd Show



2018 OGS SHOW WINNER'S



The Cabin in the Trees Gourd, created by **Michael Ford of Austin, Texas** turned heads of many receiving **1st Place** in it's class and also won the **Judges Choice** and the **People's Choice Awards**.



The Knotted Gourd, grown by **Pat Moore of Bloomingdale, Indiana** received the **Jim Story Award**. She will now be eligible for the AGS Award



The Longest Crooked Gourd grown by **Rachael Huffman of Ravenna, Ohio** received the **John Stevens Award**. John Stevens was a past show chairman of OGS.

The Gallery of Gourds

Created by **Karen Martin** received the **Steven's family Award**.

The Stevens Family played a big part of establishing the Ohio Gourd Society, Inc.



Congratulations to the winners of the five awards given each year to one or more of our entrants. We look forward to seeing even more interesting Gourd creations in 2019.

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The Ohio Gourd Society, Inc. is a Beta Chapter of the American Gourd Society. All members must be a member of the American Gourd Society.

TIME TO HARVEST GOURDS



Many people ask, "When should I harvest my gourds?" The answer is simple. You harvest your gourds after the vine turns brown near the stem. This usually happens after a frost or around the middle of October in the Mid West. Always cut the stem around two to three inches long from the fruit. This allows you to have room to trim them later if you wish to enter them in the green gourd categories.

Then you have two or three choices as to how to dry your gourds. Some people leave them in the field all winter. This is ok but sometimes ground insects eat holes in them and scares the bottom of the gourd. Another way is to gather them up and place them on an old chain link gate spaced off the ground with bricks or concrete block. This allows air to circulate around the gourd evening up the drying process. Unfortunately some mice and squirrels may get into them, reducing the number of gourds you will have to sell or craft. It will take approximately 1 year to dry a gourd. These gourds dried outside can be cleaned in the spring by soaking them in water and



using a green scratchpad and soap & water

scrubbing off the black mold leaving a marbled lite brown wood type finish on the gourd.

Another way I to green clean your gourds. This is done by craping the skin off the gourd and using a green scratch pad to clean the rest with soap and water. This method also makes the gourd dry quicker and sometimes allows the gourd to collapse reducing your yield. The green cleaned gourd will mold just a little while it finishes drying which can be removed frequently with a damp cloth. Green cleaned gourd are usually blemish free and make a good gourd to wood burn on.



Well now that you know how to harvest and clean your gourds, get busy and make some crafts for the Ohio Gourd Show Competition next year. The show them is **"Take Me Out To The Gourd Show"**. I hope to see a lot of interesting entries in that category and in many more.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OGS?

2018 Post Show Meeting

Our Post Show Meeting will be held on November 17th, 2018 at the Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43213. It will be held in the Education Pavilion at the South East Corner of the grounds where the Spring Meeting was held. Please bring a dish to share along with table settings and your favorite drink. The meeting will start at 11am sharp with lunch around noon. Please bring any comments you have about the show and we hope to see you there.

The Franklin Park “Gourd Event” March 2nd, & 3rd, 2019

Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 42313. There are displays, demonstrations, and gourd crafts for sale at this event. Admission to the Conservatory is required. Tables, table cloths, and chairs are provided courtesy of FPC and the OGS. If you would like to be a vendor or help with demonstrating at this event, contact Bruce Barber at 614-206-6083 or email ohiogourd@hotmail.com

OHIO GOURD SOCIETY MEETING DATES

Franklin Park Gourd Event

March 2nd & 3rd, 2019

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

OGS SPRING MEETING

April 13th, 2019

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

OHIO STATE FAIR

July 24th - Aug. 4th, 2019

Ohio Exhibition Center
17th Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43211

OHIO GOURD SHOW

October 4, 5, & 6th 2019

Delaware County
Fairgrounds
236 Pennsylvania Ave.
Delaware, Ohio 43015

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www.ohiogourdsociety.com

www.facebook.com/ohiogourdshow

The Annual Spring Meeting

April 13th, 2019

Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 42313.

It will be held in the Education Pavilion at the South East Corner of the grounds. This is a potluck luncheon so bring a main dish and a side dish to share along with table settings and your favorite drink. We will be electing officers and will be making plans for our OhioGourd Show in the fall of 2019. If you are a member of the Ohio Gourd Society, Inc., Please plan to attend and support your organization. We need your help to continue to mak the Ohio gourd show the best show in the country with displays of Dried and Green gourds and gourd craft.

“GOURD HAPPENINGS” by Linda Rose



WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE CRAFT SHOW

November 3, 2018

Participating in this craft show is something I have done for about eight years. There are only about twenty vendors but their arts and crafts are of high quality. The people I see every year are like old friends. We visit and they are always anxious to see my newest gourd creations. Many shoppers are residents in independent living or assisted living so it is a convenient way for them to do some shopping. Several of them have participated in my art classes there and asked if I would come back. They want to paint more gourds. It is so rewarding that my love of gourds can make other people happy. I also make money doing it is a win win!

By Linda Rose

Steve Murray and Nancy Travis recently attended the Ohio State Garden Club Convention held at the Airport Marriott in Columbus Ohio representing the Ohio Gourd Society with an excellent display



of Gourd Crafts and dried gourds. Many vendors travel around the state all during the year giving talks to Garden Clubs and organizations to educate people about gourds and to promote the Ohio Gourd Show each year. If you are one of these people, take a pic or two and tell us about your experiences and travels. Share the good news about gourds. Contact Bruce Barber GG editor with your story at; ohiogourd@hotmail.com



OHIO GOURD SOCIETY

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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 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.

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Looking for Workshop Instructors for our 2018 show that can bring NEW craft ideas to our show next year. For applications go to www.facebook.com/ohiogourdshow or www.ohiogourdsociety.com

For more information contact:
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Cover Story



The picture on the cover was taken this year at our 2018 “Ohio Gourd Show” by Norn Roberts. The artists are unknown but ALL are great art work. I felt it fit this fall issue to show what you can do for the Holidays with gourds. From the Ohio Gourd Society, Inc., I would like to take this time to wish each and everyone a very “Merry Christmas” and a most “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