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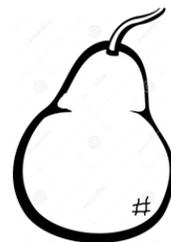
Showcasing Gourds at Local Libraries



Pictured are two OGS displays at the Sunbury (left) and Delaware (right) Community Libraries.

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Your local library is a great place to promote gourds and the OGS! Many libraries have a display case positioned at high visibility near the entrance and offer them to outside groups for free use.

For the past few years, folks from our Gourd Patch have reserved the month of September at our local libraries in Sunbury and Delaware so that we can also promote the Gourd Show! We use our own gourds or friend’s gourds—it’s a great way to advertise your gourds for sale, too!

We want to **challenge** other OGS members to help publicize the 2021 Gourd Show by reserving a display at your local library for next September! If you would like help in figuring out what to display—just give us a call (Vikkie 740-215-3516)!

Society Related News

Membership Drive

Thanks to the inspiration of Linda Rose, Membership Secretary, we have 8 new members recruited as a result of our Membership drive!

WELCOME: Marcus H (Bradford); Jenn R (Columbus); Cindy V (Lancaster); Kathleen H (Hammondsville); Sherry B (Kensington); Jennifer B (Salineville); Jennifer W (Salineville); Mckenna H (Galena).

THANK YOU to all who recruited these new members!

CONGRATULATIONS to Donna Hutmacher who recruited 4 new members and will receive the \$50 gift card!

New ONLINE STORE

Thanks to the inspiration of Suzanne Rothhaar, Merchandising Coordinator, the OGS now has an online store!!

Now— you can shop for gifts any time and continue to support our Society even though we weren't able to have our annual Show this year.

Just go to the **OGS Website** and look for the “store” section. This will take you to our new online store. Or go directly to <https://theohiogourdsociety.itemorder.com>. By adding an online shop, we increase the ability to better serve the members of our Society, by supplying better access to our gear, previously only available at the annual Show.

New ONLINE STORE, cont'd

We have two new shirts we are adding to this online shop. One shirt is the **No Show 2020** shirt, which will only be available online this year. The other shirt is a modern variation on our Gourd Society Logo with a distressed look. This will be available in 4 colors, and will also be available at our next gourd show. All shirts are \$15 each plus shipping. Free local pick-up is also available in Bucyrus, Ohio. If you are a member of a Gourd Patch, order as a group to save on shipping.

In the future, we will also be adding some of our previous year's shirts, and also some new items for your Christmas shopping.

If you have any designs or ideas that you would like to see at next year's Show, or on our new online store, please e-mail me (Suzanne Rothhaar) at bird-nestfarm@centurylink.net. Please include **gourd** in the title line. Or you may look me up on Facebook.

Happy shopping!

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All OGS Members must be a member of the American Gourd Society www.americangourdsociety.org



Annual membership dues are now US \$12.00 for 1 year; \$33.00 for 3 years; \$55.00 for 5 years.

PayPal option is now available at: www.ohiogourdsociety.com.



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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 \$20.00 to American Gourd Society, Inc., P.O. Box 2186, Kokomo, IN 46904 www.americangourdsociety.org

Gourd-Patch News

West Central Ohio Gourd Patch

Celia Roberts

We meet 5 times a year: March, May, July, Sept, & Nov. This year we had the March meeting on the day the Governor closed everything down. There was no meeting in May, but we were able to resume in July!

The July meeting featured a how - to for making a basic shekerie. In Sept we made tiny turkeys from tiny gourds. In Nov we will have our annual carry - in and discuss plans for 2021.

We have new officers: Carmen Howell is our president and her husband Allen Howell is treasurer. I am now handling publicity. All other offices remain the same.

Contact **NORM ROBERTS** (937) 692-6122 or nroberts3@woh.rr.com.



Central Ohio Gourd Patch

Vikkie Mustad

We resumed in July and everyone was asked to bring and discuss a favorite tool he/she uses for gourd art/craft. Nelson demonstrated tools for chip-carving, Linda taught us about wood burning, Vikkie showed us hand tools to cut and file gourds, and Judy demonstrated how she applies a pine needle rim. Thanks everyone who participated in the "show & tell!"

At our Aug Patch, we used crushed egg shells to create a pattern on a cannonball gourd. In Sept, we used metallic paints and tape to create a design on a tobacco box gourd. Thanks Judy & Linda!

October's meeting will be the second Monday, Oct 12th, 6-8 pm at the Sunbury Community Library. We will create a fall centerpiece using a canteen gourd.

The Central Ohio Gourd Patch will start meeting on the first Saturday of each month, 10 am-12 pm, starting in Nov.

Contact **Vikkie Mustad** at vmustad51@gmail.com or 740-215-3516 for information or if you'd like to attend our next meeting.



SOCIETY People

The New Youth Program, created by Celia Roberts, has two participants who have been working on projects along with their sponsors. Participants will create short videos summarizing their accomplishments and will be posted on the OGS website later this year.

Youth Program Participant

Sarah Writesel

Hello! I'm 15 years old and attend Fairbanks High School.

As a Sophomore, finding the time to paint is extremely difficult. I'm a CCP Honors and AP student, as well as a softball player who spends 15-20 hours a week at the batting cages! I've always found joy in painting, as it helps me relax and not think about my crazy schedule.

Sarah is enjoying working on a detailed gourd luminary with her sponsor (and grandmother) - Linda Rose.



Youth Program Participant

Mckenna Hensley

Mckenna was introduced in the June GG. For her project, Mckenna created a fairy-house using a curved long-handled dipper gourd. She also labeled a collection of dried gourds with descriptors which were used in the Delaware Community Library display.



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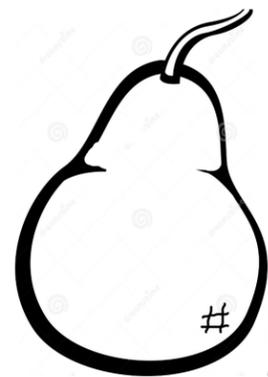
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A Gourd Surprise

Vikkie Mustad

This is why I LOVE growing gourds in my backyard garden!!!!

In the June GG, I described my gourd-growing challenges: a packet of 12 seeds yielded only one *pathetic* sprout. But then, a recently-cleared garden spot sprouted 8 volunteer plants from dormant seeds!

Happily, this summer's heat, rain and abundant pollinators worked together to nourish and create an abundance of gourds!

First Surprise: The volunteer plants have yielded numerous spinner gourds plus many other gourd-like fruits that I think are crosses of some sort. Some are green striped and others are light tan—both from the same vine!! I'll continue to follow their progress and keep my fingers crossed they will dry over the winter.

Second Surprise: The one *pathetic* sprout that I started from seed blossomed into a monstrous vine—with at least 8 healthy huge martin gourds hiding amongst the leaves!

This is why I love growing gourds. The pleasure of watching the gourd plant lifecycle, of counting each female flower bud, of watching the young gourd mature then dry and harvest. And then, of course, creating fun crafts and works of art!

