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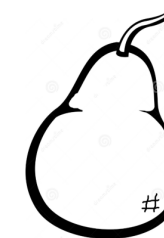
BETA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

# Gourd Greetings

## Thankful *for* YOU!

As 2020 comes to an end, we want you to know your support of the Ohio Gourd Society is appreciated now more than ever. You have been understanding and supportive during this year when our typical activities including the annual Gourd Show were cancelled. It is all appreciated.

- Thank You for **volunteering** your time and efforts to the OGS.
- Thank You for creating the NEW OGS *website*.
- Thank You for supporting our OGS **Youth Program**.
- Thank You for shopping the new **online store**.
- Thank You for **donating gourds** for OGS activities.
- Thank You for purchasing from our advertisers.
- Thank You for your **ideas** for growing the OGS in 2021 and beyond.
- Thank You for attending **virtual meetings** using ZOOM!
- Thank You for continuing your membership in the OGS.



We hope that in 2020 you have been able to concentrate on growing gourds and/or creating gourd arts and crafts as we are anticipating a **grand competition** at our 2021 Show!

Yes, for 2021, we are *cautiously optimistic* for a return to normalcy, especially toward the latter part of the year. That means we are planning for the **Ohio Gourd Show** the first weekend of October 1-3, at the Delaware OH County Fairgrounds! The Theme for 2021 is "I heard it through the Gourd Vine....." New this year is a special day dedicated to Kids and Families on Sunday, October 3, the last day of the Show. Stay tuned for more information about the 2021 Show in future issues of the Gourd Greetings and on our website and Facebook page.

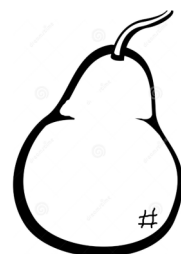
Unfortunately, we already know that the Spring Event that is typically held in March at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus is cancelled. An in-person Spring Meeting (typically in April at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus) is unknown at this time. Our educational event at the 2021 Ohio State Fair, July 28-August 8, is also uncertain at this time.

Stay tuned for more information on Gourd Opportunities in future issues of the Gourd Greetings and on our website and Facebook page.

## Thankful *for* YOU! Thankful *for* YOU!

### In this issue of Gourd Greetings:

- Thankful for YOU!
- A Big **BIG Bold Goal** for the Show!
- **Nominations for Open Positions on the OGS Executive Board**
- **GG is going online**
- **Is the OGS going Wacky??!!!!?**
- **Reminder:** use password **OGS** to access "Members only Information" and see the full color version of the newsletter at [www.Ohiogourdsociety.com](http://www.Ohiogourdsociety.com).



# Society Related News

## A Big **BIG Bold** Goal!

A proposal to create a Strategic Planning Committee to increase the Show attendance was approved during the fall meeting held on November 7th.

The **big BIG BOLD GOAL** is to increase daily attendance at the annual Gourd Show to 10,000 per day by 2025!!!

The rationale is that increasing Show attendance will attract more Gourd Artists, Instructors and Vendors, which will increase Member Excitement and Enthusiasm, attract New Members and Volunteers, and Grow the OGS and Gourd awareness and education!

A 5 member committee consisting of 3 board members and 2 non-board members have outlined a strategy which will be finalized and presented to the board by the Spring meeting in April.

Our focus is on attracting new attendees and keeping them coming back—year after year. No idea is too big, but of course, we will also need the resources to make it happen!

If anyone is interested in learning more, including participating in the Strategic Planning, we WANT YOU!! Contact Vikkie Mustad, 740-215-3516, voice or txt, or vmustad51@gmail.com.

## Nominations for Open Positions on the OGS Executive Board

Vikkie Mustad and Linda Rose volunteered to co-head the OGS nominating committee for Elected Board Officers and other positions that are currently open or will be vacant next year.

According to the OGS Constitution, "Officers shall be elected at the Spring Meeting of the OGS in odd-numbered years, and shall serve two-year terms. Elected Officers begin serving their term on January 1<sup>st</sup> following the Spring Meeting.

The officers shall consist of – President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer & Asst. Treasurer, Historian, Show Chairperson, Publicity Chairperson, Asst. Publicity person and two (2) Directors."

Open Office positions to be filled NOW includes: Show Chairperson. Other vacant non-Board positions that are available include: Gourd Greetings editor, Show-book editor, Show Workshop solicitor/coordinators.

Vikkie and/or Linda have been (or will be) reaching out to you by email or telephone to solicit your interest and answer any questions you may have.

## Gourd Greetings to go ONLINE !!

Starting with the Spring Issue, we will no longer be mailing a paper copy of the Gourd Greetings newsletter.

Instead, we will be putting the full color versions on our new updated website: [Ohiogourdsociety.com](http://Ohiogourdsociety.com) - in the Members only Section. Use the password **OGS** to access.

If you would like a copy emailed to you, please make sure we have your correct email on file!

If you have no way to access the online version, please also let the Editor know as soon as possible (vmustad51@gmail.com).

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## OHIO GOURD SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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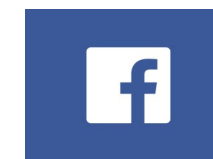
EMAIL (required) \_\_\_\_\_

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, c/o Linda Rose, 3768 Worthington Road, Galena, Ohio 43021 lindarose@insight.rr.com. 740-965-8772.** PayPal is available at [ohiogourdsociety.com](http://ohiogourdsociety.com). All OGS Members must be a member of the American Gourd Society [www.americangourdsociety.org](http://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](http://www.ohiogourdsociety.com).



[www.facebook.com/OhioGourdShow](http://www.facebook.com/OhioGourdShow)

### GG Information:

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"GG" correspondence should be addressed to: **Gourd Greetings, C/O Vikkie Mustad, 1606 Alexander Road, Galena, Ohio 43021; 740-215-3516, vmustad51@gmail.com.**

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](http://www.americangourdsociety.org)

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.



# Gourd-Patch News

## West Central Ohio Gourd Patch

Celia Roberts

The West Central Ohio Gourd Patch meets 5 times a year: March, May, July, Sept, & November, at Shawnee Prairie Park (headquarters of the Darke County Park District).

We had our final meeting of the year in November. We had our annual carry-in and talked about plans for next year. We will meet again in March. We will be inviting all interested to attend and we will all bring something "GOURDY" to share. We have been declining in membership for the last few years and are attempting to get some new members.

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



## Central Ohio Gourd Patch

Vikkie Mustad

The Central Ohio Gourd Patch started meeting on the first Saturday of each month, 10 am-12 pm at the Sunbury Community Library.

For our December meeting, we tried our hand at dotting using acrylic paints on small egg gourds to make Christmas ornaments. (See pics below).

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



# SOCIETY People

## Youth Program Participant

*Mckenna Hensley*



Mckenna was one of our first Youth Program participants. She successfully completed her project and received the full \$50.00 award! Mckenna says "Thank you OGS for the opportunity to participate in the Youth Program. I definitely will do it again next year!!!" A short **video clip** of Mckenna is loaded on the OGS (members only) website.

# Fall Meeting Minutes

A Fall meeting was held by Zoom on October 17. attendees: Nelson Litzenberg, President; Judy Litzenberg, Treasurer; Vikkie Mustad, Secretary; Linda Rose, Membership; Lois Smith; Gordon Smith, Asst Treasurer; Celia Roberts, 1<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Youth Program Coordinator; Norm Roberts; John Martin, Advisor; Donna Hutmacher, Director.

1. Secretary's report – approved.
2. Treasurer's report – \$9236.25 total balance. Monthly expense, \$25.00 to webmaster.
3. Fairground update – new building expected to be complete in May, 2021. Rental fee is unknown at this time, but contract typically signed in April, so should know by then.
4. Youth program – 2 participants participated the first year [Mckenna H (sponsor V Mustad); Sarah W (sponsor L Rose)]. Requirements for successful participation were adjusted due to cancellation of OGS events and is now based on completion of a gourd project. Mckenna completed her project and will receive the full \$50.00 award; partial compensation of \$20.00 to Sarah. Treasurer will send payments to sponsors who will give to participants. Planning for participants to record a short video to be uploaded onto the OGS website before end of year.
5. Silent Auction – Donna H is soliciting items for the silent auction. Does not have to be gourds!
6. Membership – 90 members (10 new from membership drive).
7. Ways and Means – A proposal to focus on increasing Show attendance was presented (V Mustad): 1. Create a strategic planning committee to present 5 year plan at Spring meeting (Mustad to lead) 2. Focus on Publicity; 3. Engage the local Delaware community. Discussion focused on need to fill the Publicity position, with a quote from Alice Foeller from SiteInsight presented by L Rose. Another meeting will be scheduled to focus on publicity, including a show budget breakdown, to help understand \$ available for hiring an external publicity group. Linda to send out Alice's quote before next meeting.
8. Judging Coordinator- Show book- Workshop Solicitor- As there have been no replacements found, John and Karen will continue to coordinate the judging for the 2021 Show but John will give up the Show Book and Workshop Solicitations. John will send out an email to "previous" 2020 workshop teachers to determine if they will teach same class at the 2021 show.
9. Facebook and Show Chair - L Rose volunteered to take over the Facebook update from Christine Voise. Previously, Chris' Show Chair responsibilities were shared by N Litzenberg.
10. Nominating Committee for 2022-2023 – Mustad and Rose volunteered to co-head nominating committee for offices that will be vacant
11. Spring Meeting – no date has been finalized.
12. 501 3c/3b status – Refund of \$275.00 from previous (rejected) submission has been returned; Nelson to attempt resubmission.

A follow-up meeting was held November 7th. Meeting minutes will be posted on the OGS website after approval at the January 9th meeting.



## Sandlady's Gourd Farm

### Gourds for sale anytime

Helen Thomas  
10295 N 700 W, Tangier, IN 47952  
House Phone 765-498-5428; Cell: 765-505-2120

Email: [sandlady@sandlady.com](mailto:sandlady@sandlady.com); <http://www.sandlady.com>; or text on Messenger on Facebook.

**Clean or unclean.**

**Ship or pick up at the farm.**

Thousands of gourds and many varieties and sizes of small, medium and large.

Vase. Cannonball. Basketball, Kettles or Martins. Tobacco box. Bottle gourds.

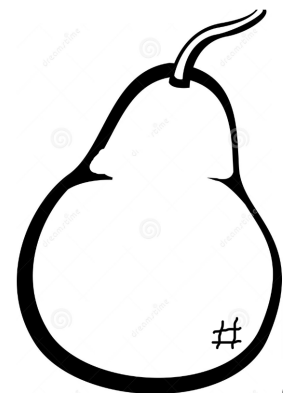
Mini Kettle gourds. Pear gourds.



## Advertisements

Advertise 1 year on the OGS website for \$50.00.

As a bonus, you will also receive a 1/4 page print ad in the Newsletter.



## Blue Whale Arts

Gourd Seeds and More

- Prickly Pear Cactus Skeleton
- Gourd Lamp Beads from Turkey
- Gourd Lamps, and Lighting Supplies
- Paper Twist for coiling
- Gourd Cleaning Tools
- Quikwood
- Adirondack Alcohol Ink
- Memories Dye Ink
- Apoxie Sculpt
- Wax Linen & Imitation Sinew
- Embossing Powder
- PVC Gourd Scribe
- Razertip, Proxxon, Microlux
- Drum/Thunder Drum Supplies
- Dried Botanicals/Naturals
- Bed Springs
- Clay Tools and Molds
- Pine Needles Natural/Dyed
- Basket supplies
- Stands and Bases
- Applicators and Brushes
- Vinyl Masking & Car Decals



- Washi Paper
- Suede Tex Flocking

### Gourd Seeds

- All our seeds are
- Grown in Isolation and hand pollinated
  - Germination tested
  - Non-GMO
  - No 3rd party growers

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/Bluewhaleartsdotcom>

## Is the OGS going WACKY!!?

In a collaboration with the Arts Council of Westerville, the OGS provided gourds with instructions for painting a snowy owl and happy penguin (compliments of Linda Rose), along with an informational sheet about gourds, to be included as part of the Westerville Arts Council for Kids and Youth (WACKY) craft-at-home program.



The Arts Council of Westerville is a non-profit organization with the mission to encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts in the Westerville, Ohio area. Signature events and activities include: April is Arts Month proclamation presented to ACW by City Council and featuring school district art shows and ACW receptions, Celebrate the Arts Writing Contest honoring and encouraging writers since 2006, and annual awarding of Arts Education Grants to teachers; Arts Alley booths for artists and families during summer months at Uptown Westerville 4th Fridays; annual community concert band and fine arts and crafts fair held each June in partnership with Westerville Community Bands; year-round Sip & Sketch art sessions at Meza Wine Shop 1st Tuesdays and 3rd Wednesdays; and WACKY Art Workshops for kids.

The quarterly themed Kids Krates offer 3-4 crafting opportunities to empower kids to learn, create, and craft at home. For this winter, the craft Krate includes supplies and instructions to create three kid-friendly crafts especially for ages 7-11. Along with the gourds, the Krate includes supplies for creating three snowflakes with beading and pipe cleaners, and painting up a pair of narwhals on canvas with acrylic paints.



WACKY Kits can be purchased at

<https://www.artscouncilofwesterville.com/blog/wackykidskrates/arcticbuddies>