

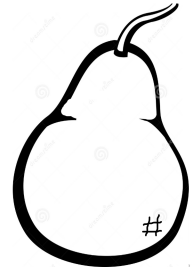


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Gourd Greetings

BETA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

A NEW YEAR for OGS!!



- ◆ **Gourd Greetings newsletter is ONLINE**—Starting with this Issue, we are no longer mailing a paper copy of the Gourd Greetings newsletter. Instead, we are putting the full color versions on our new updated website: Ohiogourdsociety.com

NOTE: this will be in the Members only Section— use the password **OGS** to access. We will also email a copy if we have your updated email on file! If you have not already done so, and if you have no way to access the online version, please let the Editor know as soon as possible: Vikkie Mustad (740) 215-3516, vmustad51@gmail.com.

- ◆ **A New Gourd Patch Sprouting in NorthWest Ohio**—April 10. Christie DeLamater, OGS member in Waterville, Ohio, is looking for fellow gourd enthusiasts to start a new gourd patch in NW Ohio. Come to a start-up meeting on April 10, Waterville Ohio Pop-It-Paint-It store. Starts at 10 am, ends at noon. Contact Christie DeLamater (419) 343-0771, chrisvdel@juno.com to RSVP .
- ◆ **All Member Spring Meeting**—April 24th. Come join us at the Delaware County Fairgrounds picnic shelter. Starts at 11 am - 3 pm. Please bring your own lunch (no electricity). Contact Nelson Litzenberg (740) 501-7918, jn.litzenberg@gmail.com to RSVP, add to agenda, and/or more details!
- ◆ **2021 Show Committee kick's off** —On March 7th, the Show Committee met via Zoom! Subcommittees were formed and priorities renewed. Contact Vikkie Mustad at (740) 215-3516, vmustad51@gmail.com to join the planning for the upcoming Show!
- ◆ **Show Update**—October 1-3, Delaware County Fairgrounds. Theme: "I heard it through the gourdVine." A new building, a new look!! A "Kids and Family Day" will be held all day Sunday, with special activities for the whole family. Now is the time to put in your Vendor application, Gordon Smith, (937) 447-2845, scoutfarmer@embarqmail.com.
- ◆ **Youth Program**— The OGS will again sponsor a Youth Program, open to young people ages 5 to 18. As during last year, the program will require each participant to complete a project under the supervision of a mentor AND to participate in the OGS Show. Please see updated requirements on the OGS website.

Society Related News

Show Priorities for 2021

The OGS is laying out a 5 year plan to help the OGS thrive, with the goal of increasing SHOW attendance to 30,000 people!!! To achieve this goal, the overall strategy is *simple*: 1) attract a NEW, DIVERSE AUDIENCE, and 2) KEEP THEM COMING BACK, year after year!! Each year, the OGS will be working hard on creative ideas that fit with this strategy.

For 2021, the OGS will hold a “Kids and Family Day” at the SHOW on Sunday (Oct 3), with special activities all day designed to introduce a new audience to the world of gourds. We also will have **Welcome Ambassadors** each day of the SHOW; Welcome Ambassadors will greet all attendees, answer questions, provide direction and gourd information. Most important, Welcome Ambassadors will help us create a positive atmosphere to ensure attendees feel they are an important part of the SHOW so they want to come back, year after year!

We hope you join us in our efforts to make the annual SHOW *thrive*! Please contact Vikkie Mustad, 740-215-3516, vmustad51@gmail.com if you have interest in getting involved!



Grange Insurance Audubon Center Birdhouse Competition

The Grange Audubon Center in Columbus held a fun and friendly competition that was just perfect for Gourders! This was not affiliated with the OGS, but here are three **winning** entries by OGS members.



Teen Category
Morgan Hensley (Galena)
Curved dipper gourd birdhouse



Youth Category
Mckenna Hensley (Galena)
Apple gourd birdhouse



Professional Category
Vikkie Mustad (Galena)
Bottle gourd birdhouse.

WACKY Update

In a collaboration with the Arts Council of Westerville, the OGS again provided gourds to be included as part of the Westerville Arts Council for Kids and Youth (WACKY) craft-at-home program.



The quarterly themed Kids Krates offer 3-4 crafting opportunities to empower kids to learn, create, and craft at home. For this Spring, the theme is "Aladdin Wishes." The Kraft Krate includes supplies and instructions to paint 2 gourds into a magic genie and fuzzy monkey sidekick. Kids can also create a magic carpet with a tissue paper painting technique and sequins, and paint up an Arabian night scene on canvas with acrylic paints. Don't forget the magic lamp!

A link to purchase a Kraft Krate can be found on the homepage of the OGS website: ohiogourdsociety.com. Cost is \$25.00 with free local delivery.



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.

SOCIETY People

Deborah Parsley (Delaware, Ohio)

"My Mom and sister, Bonita, who both also live in Delaware County, got me into Gourds years ago. I say my sister Bonita is the best at designing Gourds as she has the steady hand for it! I have 4 boys - and I hope at least one gets into gourds.

The **Gourd Man** came about when I wanted a unique Halloween costume. I had a big gourd and thought it could make a really cool Halloween mask! My Dad helped me on it. He looked at me like I was 'crazy' but then he was like "ok... let's do it!"

The mask has changed some over the years. I added the rest of body years later. I remember that finding the right glue was a mess as we did not have the internet to tell us best glue to use....



Deborah Parsley, the *human* behind the Gourd Man.



The name **Gourd Man** was my kids' idea. I often thought about changing it—but it stuck!

My two youngest boys used to wear the mask at the Mt Gilead Gourd shows (back then it was the head only). One of the funniest memories was when my kid was asked to go on stage by a band. He was dancing with the music and the gourd head was flopping back and forth—I think everyone was laughing!!!! This small kid with a big head dancing all around! My boys had so much fun wearing the mask and couldn't go far without a picture being taken!"

*Editors note: We are looking for any pictures of the boys wearing the "Gourd Man" head at the Mt Gilead Show. Unfortunately, Deborah lost all of hers, so we would **love** any copies anyone would be willing to share.*

The Gourd Man, an Ohio Gourd Show Icon!!

SOCIETY People

Christie DeLamater (Waterville, Ohio)

"I started Tole painting in the early 70's, and found I liked Pen and Ink, Colored Pencil and Watercolor. I took many classes and then started teaching at a local shop, I also did some travel teaching.

A year and a half ago I bought a Razertip wood burner for my husband and several pyrography books, including a book on gourds. I was intrigued and started looking online to find more information. I ordered some gourds, bought more gourd books, took over the Razertip, and the fun started!!!

*"I find gourds to be a wonderful new canvas
and love the various techniques I can do with gourds!!"*

I joined the American Gourd Society and The OGS about a year ago. I also found out about the Gourd Patches and am now actively trying to start a patch in the NW Ohio area.

If anyone is interested—please call me about
a information meeting April 10th.
My cell number 419-343-0771.

I also belong to the Toledo Craftsmen's Guild, a juried guild, and I sell my gourds and other art and jewelry there. I also will be teaching gourd classes at a local shop. I still enjoy watercolor and pen and ink, colored pencil, I now also do Acrylic Pour, I make wire wrapped jewelry out of small stones and shells."

Note: Christie will be leading two of Bonnie Gibson's workshops at the Show, and she will be doing some demonstrations. Be sure to look out for her in October!



Example of Christie DeLamater's
gourd art

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

Central Ohio Gourd Patch

Vikkie Mustad

The Central Ohio Gourd Patch meets every first Saturday of each month, 10 am-12 pm at the Sunbury Community Library. Contact **Vikkie Mustad** at vmustad51@gmail.com or 740-215-3516 for information or if you'd like to attend our next meeting.

A new GOURD PATCH is sprouting in NW Ohio!!

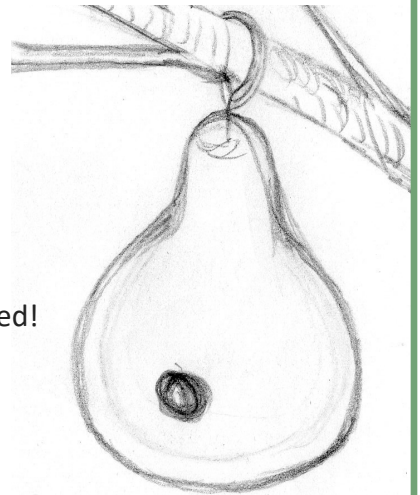
Join OGS member Christie DeLamater for an Informational meeting

April 10, 2021, 10 am to 12 noon
Pop It Paint It — Waterville, Ohio

Current and former OGS members, along with the "gourd-curious," are invited!

No cost, nothing required - except your mask!

Bring a sample of your gourds to show to the group!



Pop It Paint It
1197 Farnsworth Rd,
Waterville, OH 43566

RSVP: Christie DeLamater
(419) 343-0771, chrisvdel@juno.com

Ohio Gourd Planting

Those of us who like to grow our own gourds are ready to get started! Many of us start seeds in doors, many of us throw caution to the wind and plant seeds directly in the soil! Either way, planting after the *last frost date* is important for success.

The information below for Ohio is from the National Weather Service website <https://www.weather.gov/iln/springfrosthreeze>. The data includes when the last freezing temperatures might occur in Spring, based on the last 30 years of climatological data (1981 to 2010) at each of the listed locations.



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

<u>Location</u>	<u>Avg date last Freeze in Spring</u>	<u>Last Spring Freeze 9/10 years (90% probability)</u>
<u>Southwest</u>		
Cincinnati	Apr 17	May 1
Hamilton	Apr 19	May 4
Milford	Apr 20	May 4
Wilmington	Apr 20	May 4
<u>Central</u>		
Circleville	Apr 21	May 5
Columbus	Apr 16	May 1
Delaware	Apr 25	May 9
Lancaster	Apr 19	May 6
Logan	May 2	May 18
London	Apr 27	May 9
Marysville	Apr 19	May 4
Newark	Apr 28	May 14
Washington CH	Apr 18	May 3
<u>Miami Valley</u>		
Bellefontaine	Apr 25	May 11
Celina	Apr 22	May 6
Dayton	Apr 19	May 3
Eaton	Apr 22	May 6
Greenville	Apr 23	May 7
Kenton	Apr 23	May 8
Springfield	Apr 25	May 9
Xenia	Apr 17	May 2
<u>South Central</u>		
Chillicothe	Apr 21	May 6
Hillsboro	Apr 17	May 1
Portsmouth	Apr 17	May 4

Quality gourd seeds are available at Blue Whale Arts (check our advertisement page).

Also, check out American Gourd Society 's website for comprehensive information on growing and harvesting gourds. <http://www.americangourdsociety.org/growing--harvesting-gourds.html>.

Fun Fact: the Farmer's Almanac uses this same data from the National Weather Service to recommend its planting dates!

Sandlady's Gourd Farm

Gourds for sale anytime

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Email: sandlady@sandlady.com; <http://www.sandlady.com>; or text on Messenger on Facebook.

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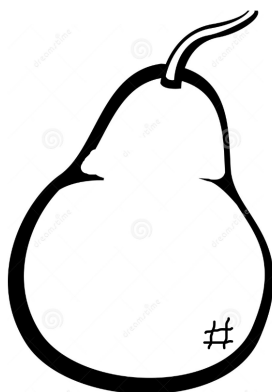
Thousands of gourds and many varieties and sizes of small, medium and large.



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



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- Memories Dye Ink
- Apoxie Sculpt
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- Embossing Powder
- PVC Gourd Scribe
- Razertip, Proxxon, Microlux
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OHIO GOURD SOCIETY

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CITY _____ STATE OR PROV _____

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, c/o Linda Rose, 3768 Worthington Road, Galena, Ohio 43021 lindarose@insight.rr.com. 740-965-8772.

PayPal is available at ohiogourdsociety.com. 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:
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