



ISSUE 89, SUMMER 2021

# Gourd Greetings

BETA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

## OHIO GOURD SHOW & FESTIVAL

Delaware County Fairgrounds  
236 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Delaware, OH 43015

### Admission

\$5 per day

\$7 Weekend Pass

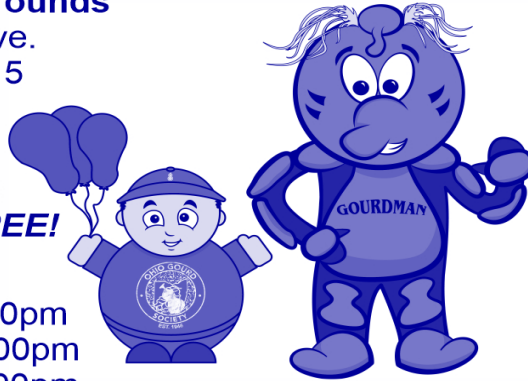
Kids 12 and under **FREE!**

### October 1-3

Friday - 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday - 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday - 10:00am - 4:00pm



- Demonstrations & Workshop Classes
- Juried Art & Horticultural Competition
- Silent Auction & Raffle
- Gourd Artists & Vendors
- **FREE** Make & Take on Saturday and Sunday
- **NEW** Family Day on Sunday

*We would like to especially welcome our friends  
from the **Indiana** and **Kentucky** Gourd Societies to  
join us this year!*

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to help support the Ohio Gourd Society.

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- This year's theme is: **"I heard it through the Gourdvine."**
- The Showbook will be posted online, with paper copy available by request. For those of you who get the newsletter by US mail, you will get a copy automatically!
- Now is the time to put in your Vendor application, deadline is August 15th! See website for details. Contact Gordon Smith, (937) 447-2845, [scoutfarmer@embarqmail.com](mailto:scoutfarmer@embarqmail.com).
- Please join our efforts to make the annual SHOW *thrive*! Contact volunteer coordinator, Linda Rose, at [lin-darose@insight.rr.com](mailto:lin-darose@insight.rr.com), 740-965-8772 or Vikkie Mustad, 740-215-3516, [vmustad51@gmail.com](mailto:vmustad51@gmail.com).
- See inside for more Show updates!

# Society Related News

## Spring Meeting update.

The annual spring meeting was held on a rainy Saturday in April at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. The main topic was the Annual Gourd Show and the status/cost of the new Agriculture building (since then, we know that the Show will continue in the Merchants and Arts and Crafts Building and lots of outdoor space for tents).

Elections of officers for 2022—2024 was held. Most officers ran unopposed and will continue in their current position: Nelson Litzenberg (president); Celia Roberts (1st VP); Judy Litzenberg (Treasurer); Gordon Smith (Asst. Treasurer); Vikkie Mustad (Recording Secretary); Donna Hutmacher (Director); Norm Roberts (Director); Steve Murray (Historian).

New officers are welcomed: Linda Rose (2nd VP); Christie DeLamater (Membership Secretary); Vikkie Mustad (Show Chairperson); Advisors: Sheryl Scott and Leah Reed.

## An Ohio-grown gourd featured in William Shakespear's "The Tempest."

The OGS heeded the call when Director Mark Mineart of the Otterbein Department of Theatre and Dance (Westerville) put out a plea on Facebook for an authentic gourd to be used as a prop in their production of The Tempest. Several OGS members live in the area and were able to provide gourds for the slapstick comedic production! The picture below—with the Stephana character holding the bottle gourd—was featured in the entertainment section of the Columbus Dispatch.



Characters in the Otterbein Department of Theatre and Dance production of The Tempest, a play by William Shakespear. Photo compliments of Director Mark Mineart.

# Gourd Show Update

The 2021 Ohio Gourd Show is **on!!!**

Check our [website](#) for all up to date details on workshops, events and schedules. As always we'd LOVE for **you and your family** to be involved—behind the scenes or front-and-center!! Join our efforts to make the annual SHOW *thrive!* Contact: Linda Rose, at [lindarose@insight.rr.com](mailto:lindarose@insight.rr.com), 740-965-8772 or Vikkie Mustad, 740-215-3516, [vmustad51@gmail.com](mailto:vmustad51@gmail.com) to get involved!

## 2021 Show Highlights

**Kids and Family Day:** For 2021, the OGS will hold a "Kids and Family Day" at the SHOW on Sunday (Oct 3), with special activities, crafts, education and games all day designed to introduce a new audience to the world of gourds.

**Entertainment:** We are excited to announce that **Mbira Ohio** will be entertaining and educating us on Zimbabwean marimba and mbira music both at our gourd show! Performances will be on Saturday and Kids and Family Day on Sunday.

**Entertainment:** We are excited to announce that **Betty Finch** will be entertaining us on with her trademark natural gourd marionettes and masks (see photo). She will be performing for Kids and Family Day on Sunday.

**Gourds in Culinary and Healing Arts:** Gourds have been used – and are still in use - in the culinary arts for their nutritional and medical value. Join Satya Jonnalagadda, a registered and licensed nutritional professional, as she demonstrates uses of gourds in cooking and educates us on the cultural and historic uses of gourds in nutrition and health in Southeast Asia. Demonstrations will be on both Saturday & Sunday.

**Photo Booths:** Themed photo booths will be set up around the area throughout the Show. Donations of fun gourd items are requested to enhance the fun: gourd hats (men's, women's, girls, and boys), jewelry (big necklaces, bracelets, brooches), glasses, mustaches, etc. to donate for the booth.

**Motel rooms discount:** A block of rooms will be reserved with discount at local motels. As of this printing, we don't have specifics, but please check back at our website for details for where/how to book to receive your discount!



Betty Finch wearing a mask at Heirloom Expo in Santa Rosa, CA. "Earth in Balance" sculpture in background .



# WACKY Update



The OGS is a member of the Arts Council of Westerville, a non-profit organization with the mission to encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts in the Westerville area. Here are some activities that Central Ohio OGS members might be interested in!

The Arts council is seeking **Instructor for Kids Art Classes** as a way to offer opportunities for children to explore the arts. For a list of qualifications, expectations and to apply go to <https://www.artscouncilofwesterville.com/blog/2021/5/13/wacky-art-instructor-for-hire>.

**Outdoor Uptown Friday Nights, is back!** Organized by Westerville Uptown Merchants Association (WUMA), will feature music and art Friday evenings, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., weather permitting. Musicians are set to entertain at outdoor locations and artists will be demonstrating their talents and displaying their works in a variety of outdoor spaces. To participate, contact [wumaprez18@aol.com](mailto:wumaprez18@aol.com) or call Debbie at 614-599-0308.

## OGS Member Activity

OGS is making this gourd quilt wall-hanging (shown on right) as a fundraiser item in 2022. We are starting this fun project now. Would you like to participate?

Flat gourd squares 4" x 4" (see pic below) will be available at the Membership Table at the **Gourd Show** in October. Just pick one up, create your masterpiece of art, and return to us by the 2022 Spring Meeting in April (date, tbd).

Each square will be stitched together to make a gourd quilt/wall hanging which will then be sold as a fundraiser for the OGS.

Anything goes, woodburning, acrylic, carving, etc... If you would like to make your own 4" x 4" gourd square, an apple gourd provides a good flat surface.

Contact Linda Rose, at [lindarose@insight.rr.com](mailto:lindarose@insight.rr.com), 740-965-8772.



Gourd Quilt/wall-hanging

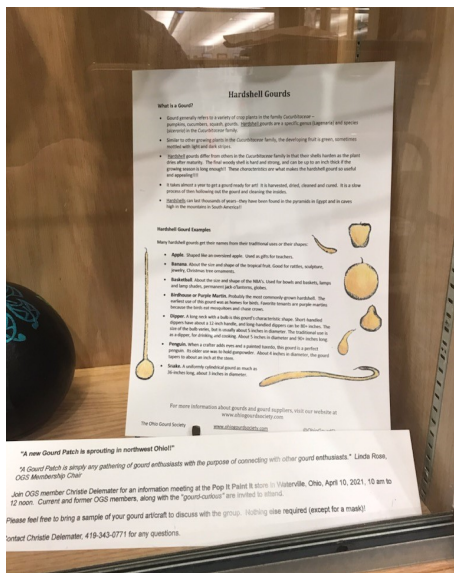


Flat gourd squares 4" x 4".

# SOCIETY People

## Christie Delamater (Waterville)

Christie is a new member who was introduced in the Spring newsletter. She is very enthusiastic about gourds and set up a library display at the Waterville Community Library to promote gourds, gourd art and attract new members to the OGS.



Educational info can be downloaded from the OGS website.

Christie supplied the gourds. The OGS provided educational info. Contact us via email or Facebook for help to set up a library display in your community.



Library displays like this one in Waterville Community Library are a simple and low-cost way to promote gourds, the OGS (and your own gourd art/crafts).

Christie will be leading two Bonnie Gibson workshops and demonstrations at our annual Show in October. She is also interested in starting a gourd patch in her area (Waterville/ Toledo area).

Be sure to look out for Christie at the Show!

## Terry V Sipple

SEPTEMBER 19, 1938 – APRIL 21, 2021

Terry V. Sipple age 82, of Greenville passed away at 9:39 AM on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at the Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville.



Terry Sipple and wife, Marilyn, were active in the OGS for many years.

Terry was born September 19, 1938, in Miami County to the late Ora L. & Ruth E. (Vantilburgh) Sipple. In addition to his parents, Terry was also preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn O. (Zimmers) Sipple on January 17, 2017, whom he married September 26, 1959; infant daughter, Michele Sipple; and sister, Marilyn Crosby. Terry is survived by his children, Cindy & Tom Scott of Greenville and Kent Sipple & Phyllis Shafer of Greenville; grandchildren, Amie & Scott James, Cara & Christian Lobenstein and Erin Scott; great-grandchildren, Emma James, Calvin James, Cain James and Finley Lobenstein; and numerous nieces and nephews. Terry was a chemical engineer at Inland Division of General Motors for 39 years. Terry was very active in the New Madison United Methodist Church and the Ohio Gourd Society. Terry and his wife showed their homegrown fruits and vegetables at the Darke County and Ohio State Fair for 30 years. Terry really enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, spending time with his grandchildren and wintering in Texas. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 26, 2021, at Zechar Bailey Funeral Home in Greenville with Pastor Carol Duffield officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery in Ft. Jefferson.

# 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 [normcelia@charter.net](mailto:normcelia@charter.net).

## 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.

Due to conflict with July 4th weekend, the July meeting will be **Saturday, July 10**.

We will be working on gourd squares for this gourd **quilt wall-hanging** (photo below) that will be used for a future fundraiser. Squares will be provided at the meeting, bring your own supplies to “do your own thing.”

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

## Northwest Ohio Gourd Patch

Anyone interested in joining a gourd patch in Waterville/Toledo area, please contact Christie DeLamater, Phone: 419-343-0771 , Email: [chrisvdel@juno.com](mailto:chrisvdel@juno.com).

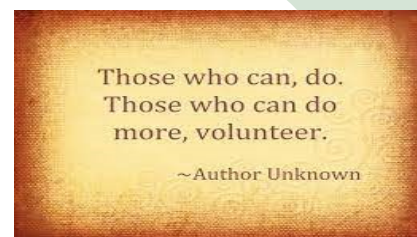




# Volunteer Opportunities at the Show

There is no requirement for age—or ability!! If you are available for the Show, please see options below. There are also some things that can be done now.

Check out the opportunities and let us know which one(s) you can help with. Shifts can be 1-3 hours—help out around your schedule!



Volunteers receive **free admission** to the Show!  
Call or email to sign up for a time frame that works best for you!

**KIDS AND FAMILY DAY** -3-4 volunteers needed to assist with craft table, games, scavenger hunt. Sunday only. Vikkie Mustad, 740-215-3516, vmustad51@gmail.com

**WELCOME AMBASSADORS** - 3-4 volunteers needed to help greet all attendees, answer questions, provide direction and gourd information. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Linda Rose, at lindarose@insight.rr.com. 740-971-9394. Cell/txt.

**JUDGING/CLERKING**— 10-15 volunteers needed to assist judges during the gourd competition. Saturday only: 11 am -1 pm. John Martin, jmartin.jf.kl@frontier.com

**GENERAL SHOW OPERATIONS**—Several volunteers are needed Friday-Sunday: lindarose@insight.rr.com, 740-971-9394,

- Workshop class sign-in
- Gourd demonstrations
- 'Make it and take it'
- Assist vendors
- Silent Auction table
- Volunteer check-in
- Memberships Souvenirs
- Assist Betty Finch (Sunday)

**GOURD PROPS FOR PHOTO BOOTHS**— 5-6 volunteers needed to create hats (men, women, girls, boys), jewelry (big necklaces, bracelets, brooches), glasses, mustaches, etc. to donate for the booth. Items are needed at the Show by Friday, October 1. Karen Martin, klm45171@gmail.com

**DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION**—Donations for the SILENT AUCTION will be accepted beginning now. Here are some ideas... anything gourd, gift cards to craft shops, Walmart, or any other businesses. Gourd art, paintings gift baskets. No donation is too small. Because I live so far small things can be mailed to my home, larger things can be delivered at the SHOW. Or email me and we will work something out. Donna Hutmacher, [jeanniedjh@aol.com](mailto:jeanniedjh@aol.com).



# 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



## Gourd Seeds

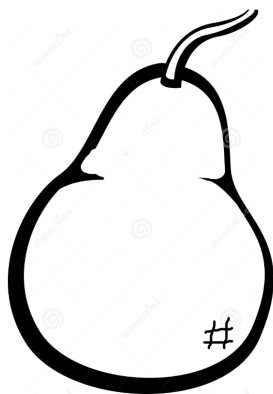
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Advertise 1 year on the OGS website for \$50.00.

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

It's Always a Gourd Day in PA!

**August 12-14th, 2021**

**2021 Pennsylvania Gourd Fest**

Lebanon Valley Expo Center and Fairgrounds

80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

(Near many great PA attractions)

3 days of classes

Indoor & outdoor facilities

Supply & Tool Vendors

On-site concessions

AGS Competition

On-site camping/showers

...and much, much more!

Interested instructors, vendors, and students can find information at [www.pagourdsociety.org](http://www.pagourdsociety.org)







# OHIO GOURD SOCIETY

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OR PROV \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

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