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Gourd Greetings

BETA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

Post-Show Fall Meeting update (Nelson Litzenberg, recording)

The Ohio Gourd Society held its post-show meeting on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the Franklin Park Conservatory. Those present were Gordon and Lois Smith, John and Karen Martin, Nancy Travis and Steve Murray, and Judy and Nelson Litzenberg.

- The Secretary's Report from the Spring meeting in April was approved with corrections and will be posted on the OGS website.
- The Treasurer's report was given by Judy Litzenberg, Treasurer. The Society realized a net profit from the Show this year of approximately \$1400.00 and though there are a few bills to come in yet and two vendor sales commissions. The bucket raffles held throughout the show made \$1025.00 and the silent auction \$153.00. The balance as of the end of October for the society is \$10580.66, including the Youth Fund balance of \$2069.56.
- The results of the questionnaire that was distributed at the 2021 show was reviewed briefly. All in attendance were asked to review at their leisure and bring suggestions to the Spring meeting.
- Workshops- Nelson reported that there were 17 workshop offerings with 80 registrations. The Society netted \$5.00 per registrant.
- Judging- John and Karen reported that the judging went well even with a shortage of judges. It was realized that we need a lot more actual gourd society members to become judges for the show. There was some discussion on changing from a judging point tally system, which requires a lot of effort to do, to a divisional Best of Show.
- Staging and Entries- John presented a breakdown of entries and noted that there were many classes that had no entries this year. Various reasons were noted for this. The decision was made to leave the entry categories the same for next year. He noted that we will need more tables for dry gourds next year and unobstructed wall space for the birdhouse entries.
- Vendors- Gordon Smith reported that there were two of the 8 inside vendors that each had 6 spaces. One of them will not be returning next year.
- Saturday Dinner and Food Trailers- Judy reported that the dinner venue cost was \$400.00 this year and would be going up next year! The caterer did an excellent job and there were many door prizes given away to the dinner guests. The thinking is to check on the restaurant outside the gate for next years banquet. Nelson and Judy will do that and report at the Spring meeting. The food trailers were not in a convenient location, something which we have little control over.
- Demonstrations- There were many demonstrations offered during the three days. The signage noting what demonstrations were scheduled was great. Suzanne Rothhaar did an excellent job of recruiting people to give a demonstration.
- Make and Take- Terri Rideout was very busy at the Make and Take table with both young and older show attendees. Everyone seemed to really enjoy doing the different things she had for them.

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Society Related News

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- Souvenirs- Total for the year thus far is \$1359.44. This is from the show and our online sales. Suzanne had a lot of nice things for people to choose from at the booth.
- Volunteers- We had approximately 50 volunteers helping at the show this year. Berlin High School Service Club had 35 of its members helping and they were very courteous, friendly, and fun to work with. Other volunteers were recruited from Connections Volunteer Center of Delaware (online) and Heart of Ohio Tole. There were a few OGS members who volunteered as well. Linda Rose was the coordinator for the volunteers, and she did an excellent job.
- Membership- In the Spring of 2021 we had 81 members. As of today's meeting we have 124 members. The increase of 40% comes from online memberships received as well as 20 new members signed up at the Fall show. There were 10 membership renewals at the show also.
- Website and Facebook- Joni Hasselbach is updating the facebook page. Our website has been very good for the Society, but it needs some "tweaking."
- Spring 2022 Meeting- Tentatively scheduled for April 23 at Franklin Park Conservatory. The membership cost at the Conservatory is going from \$100/year to \$250/year.
- Review Strategy and Big Ideas- For the most part we thought this worked well in some areas of the organization. We will continue to use this plan where we can and where it seems to be beneficial.
- Open Officer Positions (elected):
 - ◆ Secretary
 - ◆ Show Chairperson
 - ◆ Membership Secretary
 - ◆ Assistant Publicity
 - ◆ 1st Vice-President starting in 2022
- ◆ Steve Murray was unanimously re-elected to the Historian position.
- Volunteers needed:
 - ◆ Volunteer Coordinator
 - ◆ Website Contact
 - ◆ Gourd Greetings Editor

Editor's Comment:

In 2021, our strategic focus was to grow the Show and Society by attracting a larger and more diverse audience. We accomplished this, in part, by hosting Kids and Family Day with special activities and presentations—including Betty Finch, Mbira Ohio and the Naranjo family (Ohio Violin). We also promoted a unique use of gourds in Southeast Asian culture and cuisine.

For continued growth and survival of the OGS, it is imperative that the Board continues to put their efforts into attracting a new and diverse audience and keep them coming back year after year.

As OGS members, please do support the Society by attending meetings and volunteering at Society functions

Happy New Year,

Vikie Mustad, outgoing GG editor

Special Awards for 2021—Ohio Gourd Show

Division I High Points*

First	Rachel Huffman
Second	Suzanne Rothhaar

Division II High Points

First	Rachel Huffman
Second	Nancy Vanco

Division III High Points

First	Rachel Huffman
Second	Suzanne Rothhaar

Total High Points

First	Rachel Huffman
Second	Suzanne Rothhaar

Division IV(Junior) High Points

First	Emily McCormick
Second	Damion Kemble

Division V (Youth) High Points

First	Kami Huffman
Second	Makenna Guyette

Judges' Choice Award Tim Moss (Large, Carved Native American Theme Bottle)

People's Choice Award Judy Riesser (Carved Iris Vase)

John Stevens Award Makenna Guyette (3 Fresh Hardshells)

Stevens Family Award Shawna Burkham (Pen & Ink Bowl)

Jim Story Award Charles T. (Tim) Moss (Knot in Dipper Gourd Handle)

**4 points for First place, 3 for Second, 2 for Third and 1 for Fourth.*

2022 Show Theme

**“Art is in the eye of
the
Gourd holder.”**

Be sure to read the 2 page summary of the Ohio Gourd Show and Festival 2021 – with pictures – authored by Nancy Vanco and Suzanne Rothhaar. It can be found on pages 46 and 47 of the Winter Issue of The Gourd Magazine, the official publication of the American Gourd Society.

Also, check out the OGS Chapter News highlites from Nelson Litzenberg, OGS President, page 35.



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