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Gourd Greetings

BETA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

Special SHOW Edition

58th Annual Ohio Gourd Show

"I Heard It Through The Gourd Vine"

Welcome to the Ohio Gourd Show, presented annually at the Delaware County Fairground, 236 Pennsylvania Avenue, Delaware, Ohio.

Gourds, gourd art, art and craft supplies and special programs are featured at the Show. Demonstrations, workshops and presentations throughout the weekend will highlight the world of gourds and gourd art. Themed photo booths will be set up around the area throughout the Show. Gourd workshops are offered on Friday and Saturday (please see classes inside).

Free and open demonstration event will also take place Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Tables and chairs will be available for showing tools and techniques, for working on a favorite project and for conversation.



On Sunday, October 3, **Special activities for Kids and Families** will take place all day.

LEARN how gourds are used for play, as musical instruments, birdhouses, tools!

CREATE gourd crafts! Have fun with a photo booth, games and more!

- ♦ **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 Sunday.
- ♦ **Betty Finch** will be entertaining us on with her trademark natural gourd marionettes and masks. She will be performing for Kids and Family Day on Sunday.
- ♦ **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.

The Show is open to the public with an admission fee of \$5.00 per person (\$7.00 for the weekend). The admission fee is waived for vendors, exhibitors, volunteers, workshop leaders/participants. Parking is free, and children twelve and under are admitted without charge.

2021

OHIO GOURD SHOW



Presented by:

THE OHIO GOURD SOCIETY, INC.

at the

**Delaware County Fairground
Delaware, Ohio**

Friday, October 1, 2021 – Noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 2, 2021 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 3, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

58th Annual Gourd Show Schedule of Events

Friday, October 1

- 9 a.m. – Noon Workshops (online advanced registration form; On-site registrations for workshops will be accepted as space permits)
- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Gourd entry tags available. Exhibitors may place entries.
- 12:00 p.m. Gourd Show open to the public. Workshops and Vendor sales. Special activities include “make it and take it” gourd crafts.
- 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Workshops (online advanced registration form; On-site registrations for workshops will be accepted as space permits)
- 5 p.m. Show closes for the day.
- 5:15 p.m. OGS Membership Meeting (check OGS website and watch notices at the Show for the location).

Saturday, October 2

- 9 a.m. Gourd Show open to the public. Workshops and Vendor sales. Special activities include “make it and take it” gourd crafts, musical entertainment, and demonstrations.
- 9 – 11 a.m. Gourd entry tags for competition available. Exhibitors may begin place entries
- 9 – Noon Workshops (online advanced registration form; On-site registrations for workshops will be accepted as space permits)
- 11 a.m. Gourd entries close.
- 11:30 – 1 p.m. Judging of competitive entries. All, or portions of the exhibit hall may be closed for judging.
- 12 – 12:30 p.m. Musical Entertainment by Mbira Ohio
- 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Workshops (online advanced registration form; On-site registrations for workshops will be accepted as space permits)
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Demonstration – Gourds in Culinary and Healing Arts, Satya Jonnalagadda.
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Musical Entertainment by Mbira Ohio
- 5 p.m. Show closes for the day.
- 6 p.m. Gourd Dinner and Awards

Sunday, October 3

- 9 a.m. Christian worship service. All are welcome.
- 10 a.m. Gourd Show open to the public. Vendor sales. Special exhibits include “make it and take it” gourd craft, Betty Finch gourd marionettes and masks, demonstrations and information exchange. Special “Kids and Family Day” crafts, games and activities (see schedule below).
- 1 pm – 4 p.m. Open demonstration/information exchange. Please check back for updates and schedule.

Sunday, October 3, Kids and Family Day Activities

- 10:00 - 12 p.m. Gourd crafts; games; Scavenger Hunt; touch table, Betty Finch Gourd Marionette and Mask display. Gourd Touch table. Youth program display.
- 12:30 p.m. Musical entertainment by Nanarjo family (Ohio Violin)
- 1:00 p.m. Gourds as musical instruments, featuring Mbira Ohio, John Martin, and Sue Westhues.
- 2:00 – 4 p.m. Gourd crafts; games; Scavenger Hunt; touch table.





Crafted Gourds and Supplies

1. **Belcher Carving Supply, LLC (Dick and Barb).** Wood burners, power carvers and Aves Products (Apoxie Sculpt) and Jo Sonja acrylic paints. Phone number 937-845-0346. Email. R1belcher@aol.com
2. **Sheryl Scott Front Porch Gourds, LLC.** 2940 Hardyville Rd. Munford, KY 42765, sherylsconfig66@outlook.com. Crafted and dried gourds, items for crafting, tools, etc.
3. **Tim & Jenny Moss.** Greenville, OH 45331, Crafted gourds.
4. **Sue Westhues.** Bloomington, IN. Crafted gourds.
5. **Steve Murray & Nancy Travis.** Pataskala, OH. Crafted gourds.
6. **Judy Burns.** Greenville, OH 45331. Dry Gourds and some crafted gourds.
7. **Carolyn Belt.** Harrisburg, OH 43126. Crafted gourds
8. **Carmen Howell.** The Gourd Nut Shop, Hollansburg, OH, gourdnut@gmail.com. Crafted gourds.
9. **Lyn Rehm.** Big Prairie, OH. Carved gourds.
10. **Miriam Frankhauser.** Green Springs, OH. Crafted gourds.
11. **Christina Voise.** Delaware, OH. Crafted gourds.

Dried Gourds

1. Nelson & Judy Litzenberg
2. Dickie & Linda Martin
3. Pat & Cindy Hochmuth
4. Helen Thomas - The Sand Lady
5. Nancy Vanco
6. The Gourd Pile



A conspiracy exists between nature and the artist.

Betty Finch

www.finchgourd.com

Betty Finch was born in Indiana, had a career in, CA, and currently resides in Cleveland, TN.

Her father, Robert Shaneyfelt, was awarded a scholarship to Art School at age 11. Her mother, Margaret Virtue, was also an artist. Her father taught high school Art and mechanical drawing for 30 years. As one of their 9 children Betty claims to have inherited their artistic ability. She believes her brain was hard-wired from a young age to create using natural materials, as result of making her childhood toys from found materials.

Intrigued by what she learned in Biology class, Betty began experimenting with plant genetics as a school girl and continues to do so today. Some of her multi-year projects involve cross pollinating and manipulating gourds.

Betty was homeless for two years of her young adult life after fleeing from physical spousal abuse. During this time she put herself through college working nights as a waitress, attending classes during the day, napping in a sleeping bag under bridges, in park bathrooms and on campus, eventually graduating with honors from Bakersfield College.

Duplicating a self-portrait at a printing shop resulted in Betty being hired on-the-spot as a Commercial Artist where she worked for several years before beginning a 26 year career with the Kern County Sheriff's Department where her duties included patrol, Homicide Detective, Nine years as the CSI Unit supervisor, 12 years as a SWAT Hostage Negotiator, and 15 years as the department composite artist.

The FBI sponsored Betty to attend the National Academy in Quantico, VA to complete the Forensic Facial Imaging Course where she learned to recreate a human face from a skull. She now uses those facial reconstruction skills to create three dimensional faces on gourds.

Betty's interest in manipulating gourds prompted her to travel to Indiana to meet mentor and master gourd trainer, Jim Story. After retirement Betty traveled to Tianjin, China to learn from Mr. Zhang Cairi, renowned for growing perfect replicas of Chinese Emperor's gourds. This led to her co-authoring a book to preserve this unique art form.

Combining her experience with facial reconstruction and gourd art she began making gourd humans and animals, creating a collection that evolved into a traveling show.

In addition to gourd festivals Betty's traveling gourd exhibit has been featured at the International Heirloom Expo and the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show. She enjoys sharing information on gourd crafting and especially loves entertaining others with her gourd sculptures, costumes, and marionettes.

"I work in partnership with nature to transform compelling visions into reality"

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--- Betty Finch





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\$5 per day

\$7 Weekend Pass

Kids 12 and under **FREE!**

October 1-3

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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!

www.OhioGourdSociety.com



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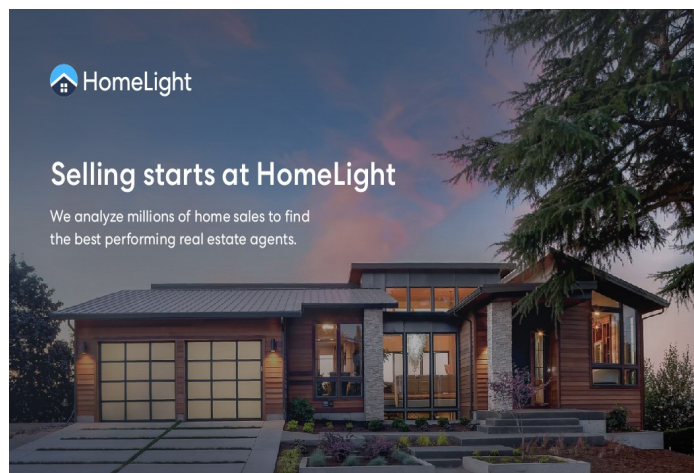
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