

2023 Entry Form

Please Circle the Appropriate Entry or Entries

Divisions I, II and III

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130
131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	

Special Classes (open to all ages) SC1 SC2

Division IV - Preschool (4 and under, non-competitive) P1

Division V (Junior, 5-11)

J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	J8	J9	J10
J11	J12	J13	J14	J15	J16	J17			

Division VI (Youth, 12-18)

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
Y11	Y12	Y13	Y14	Y15	Y16	Y17	Y18	Y19	

I am requesting Special Exhibit space ____

EXHIBITOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

Mail by September 22, 2023 to: Ohio Gourd Show Entry, c/o John F. Martin,
438 Sardinia Mowrystown Road, Sardinia, OH 45171, or email to: martin.jf.kl@frontier.com.

OGS Show Rules

1. Gourds must predominate in all classes (see Special Competition for the exception).
2. All Exhibits and Entries must be in place, with proper entry tags attached, by 11:05 a.m., Saturday, October 7, 2023. An entry number and class number must be visible on each entry tag.
3. Exhibitors may pick up printed entry tags at the Show on Friday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Saturday morning (9 a.m. – 11 a.m.).
4. Entry Registration is due by September 22, 2023. “On-site” entries will be accepted depending on space available. These on-site entries may be arranged at the Show on Friday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Saturday morning (9 a.m. – 11 a.m.).
5. Entries must remain in place until 4 p.m., Sunday, October 8, 2023. An entrant’s name (including contact information) may be made visible on the entry tag or on a separate card after judging has been completed.
6. Entries/special exhibits are open to all and there is no entry fee.
7. Gourds embellished by fractal burning (also known as Lichtenberg burning or wood fracking) are not to be entered, displayed or offered for sale at the Show.
8. Entry forms for classes or special exhibits must be postmarked by Sept. 22, 2023, so that proper staging can be arranged. Please anticipate all entries since there may not be room for late entries. There is no penalty for failing to enter a class for which an entry tag has been requested. Circle all class numbers to be entered and mail the entry form to: Ohio Gourd Show Entry, c/o John F. Martin, 438 Sardinia Mowrystown Road, Sardinia, OH 45171. Email entries (transmitted by Sept. 26) are acceptable and may be sent to martin.jf.kl@frontier.com. Each entrant receives a unique number.
9. Only one entry per exhibitor is allowed in each class.
10. Art/craft item (Divisions III, IV, V or VI) entered in competition in 2021-22, may not be entered in 2023. These items may be used in non-competitive, special exhibits or the “gallery” class #139. Do not enter craft made by someone else. Judges have the authority to exclude any entry known to be in violation of this rule.
11. Entries will be judged on Saturday, October 7, 2023, starting at 11:30 a.m. Exhibitors are not to influence or interfere with judges while judging is in progress. It may be necessary to close all or portions of the display area during judging.
12. All classes will be judged from 1st through 4th place. Ribbons will be awarded in each class. Recognition will also be given for the best entry in each Division and for special awards including the Jim Story Award, Judges’ Choice Award and the People’s Choice Award.
13. The Ohio Gourd Society, Inc., and Delaware County Fair Board shall not be responsible for any accidents, losses or breakage of entries, containers, exhibits or displays.
14. Classes 1 through 43 in Div. I, Classes J1 through J5 in Div. V, and Classes Y1 through Y6 in Div. VI must be from the current year’s crop.
15. The Ohio Gourd Society believes that the natural qualities of gourds should be emphasized. Plastic or artificial materials are discouraged, except for the silk flower arrangement and/or functional use of a craft (i.e. items such as fantasy animals and fishing lures which may benefit from use of plastic embellishments).
16. No squash or pumpkins, including sweet dumplings and/or miniature pumpkins, are to be used in entries or displays.

17. Mature, current season gourds that have started to dry (cure) may be exhibited. Gourds that are spoiling or diseased should not be exhibited and may be removed from the display area by the Show Committee.

18. As stated in the AGS Judging Handbook, stems are not required in the Growers Divisions except where specifically mandated by the show rules. Stems are considered by AGS to be part of the plant, but not part of the fruit. The Ohio Gourd Show Committee suggests, however, that fresh and dried gourds (Divisions I and II) have stems attached where possible. This adds to the overall completeness and visual appeal of the gourd. Stems on gourd craft items (Division III) and all Preschool, Junior and Youth entries, are optional.

19. Live evergreens are not permitted because of fire safety concerns. Artificial trees are permissible where used as part of a display.

20. Materials from protected species (feathers, parts, etc.), animal or plant, are prohibited.

21. Accessory material is allowed except where specifically prohibited.

22. SPECIAL EXHIBITS are encouraged. Exhibits are non-competitive, and may feature the work of an artist, historically relevant displays, international work, etc. Table space (approximately 30 inches wide) will be furnished, but exhibitors must supply staging materials. For space, please contact Karen or John Martin (937-446-2174).

Gourd Show Judging

The Ohio Gourd Show conducts judging of competitive entries in accordance with the American Gourd Society Judging Handbook adopted February 2008. The Handbook is available on-line at www.americangourdsociety.org. The 2022 Ohio Gourd Show judges will utilize Option C (verbal consensus) in considering the various competitive classes. The Show Committee will arrange for the evaluation of “Special Competition” and “Special Awards” as separate judging activities.

Rule 7.6 of the AGS Judging Handbook indicates that in cases where only one entry is made in a class, that entry will generally be awarded “First Place.” The Ohio Gourd Show will follow that guideline, and a first place award will be given unless the entry does not meet the requirements of the class. Where four or more qualified entries are present, all ribbons will be awarded. Duplicate ribbons will only be given if a class is reevaluated according to AGS Rule 4.4.

PLEASE READ YOUR RULES CAREFULLY When the Show Committee determines it to be in the best interest of the Ohio Gourd Society and visitors to the Ohio Gourd Show, the Show Chairperson, with the consent of two other OGS Officers, may waive one or more of the rules for exhibitors and vendors.

Special Awards

American Gourd Society's Jim Story Award - Jim Story from Pendleton, Indiana was a gourd gardener, a gourd manipulator, a gourd artist, an experimenter, a teacher, and an AGS supporter. He inspired many of us to try new and different techniques, a number of which he pioneered. He is a legend in the Gourd World. In his honor, AGS recognizes excellence and innovation in dry, hand-trained gourds. The winners of Classes 58 and 59 receive special awards and are eligible to participate in the national Jim Story Award competitions.

Best of Division - In each competitive Division, the First Place entries of each class will be evaluated to determine the Best of Division Award winners.

Judges' Choice Award - The Judges' Choice Award allows all participating Judges to vote for their favorite gourd entry! It is a measure of the quality of gourds and gourd art, without regard for classes and requirements, through the eyes of trained evaluators. The votes will be gathered on Saturday afternoon, after the official judging. The entry with the most votes wins!

People's Choice Award - During the show on Friday and Saturday, visitors to, and participants in the Ohio Gourd Show will be able to cast votes for their favorite gourd entries! Each person can cast only one vote, so it is important to study all the entries. This is a real measure of the popularity of an entry, and it is a highly coveted honor. The entry with the most votes wins!