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Gourd Greetings

BETA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

Annual Members Spring Meeting

April 20, 2024, 11 am–3 pm

Sunbury, Ohio

Sunbury United Methodist Church
100 W Cherry St, Sunbury, OH 43074



All **MEMBERS** are encouraged to attend!

Get to know your Ohio Gourd Society, and be a part of what's going on!

New this year—**SEEDS** (from Benjamin's Landing) & **GOURD SWAP**.

Come for the **shopping**, stay for the **meeting**!

Enjoy a potluck lunch.

*Clean out your
gourd hoard!*

What's a GOURD SWAP?

Swap or sell your new or gently-used gourds
We will have a few tables for you to set up,
(Clean gourds only please inside the building).

*Shop for a
gourd to add
to your hoard!*

Spring Meeting—Partial Agenda

1. Membership Updates
2. 61st annual Gourd Show Subcommittee updates
3. Summer Gourd Shows
4. Ohio State Fair—Demonstrations
5. American Gourd Society updates
6. Members—open floor discussion

Society Related News



From the President

My first few months as OGS president have been busy working with the Gourd Show Subcommittees to plan for the 2024 Gourd Show and getting to know the leaders in the AGS and what they are planning for to help the Chapters. I'm so grateful for all the wonderful and committed people who volunteer their time to advance gourd opportunities! But it's not all work— I've been doing a lot of experimenting with gourd pith to make paper and also with gourd shards and pieces from broken gourds and leftover projects. Here are some pictures of some of the more successful experiments (!) - it's been surprisingly fun to just play! I'll bring some for a show and tell at the Spring meeting. Hope to see you all there!

Happy Gourding!

Vikkie Mustad, OGS President



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
- Washi Paper
- Suede Tex Flocking



Gourd Seeds

- All our seeds are
- Grown in Isolation and hand pollinated
 - Germination tested
 - Non-GMO
 - No 3rd party growers

Advertise 1/4 page print in the newsletter for \$50.00/yr

As a bonus, you will also receive an ad on the OGS website.

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/Bluewhaleartsdotcom>

Member Spotlight

Suzanne Rothhaar

I have been with OGS for over 15 years. My first gourd show was in 2006, and then I didn't attend again until it moved to Greenville. I've been at every gourd show since then. I was the Publicity Chair in the OGS from 2020-2023. I currently organize the demonstrations at the show and run the souvenir booth.



My favorite gourd memory was the very first time that I entered any gourd in a show, I got a first place for my chip carving! My Aunt was so proud. We have always had gourds on our Christmas Tree and at Thanksgiving because my Aunt Berta made things out of gourds for as long as I remember. At the time, she didn't even know there was such a thing as a gourd society. In 2006, some cousins of my husband invited me to go to the gourd show in Mt. Gilead. It was so unique and so much fun. I told my aunt about it, and we started going the next year. The first time we went to the KY gourd show, where we learned how to chip carve. When the show moved to Greenville, it was more handicap accessible, so we began going there. Aunt Berta and I made it our annual trip each year, and she loved the art and the people. When she could no longer go, I kept going and am glad that I did. I made some wonderful friends through the Ohio Gourd Society, and look forward to seeing everyone every year.

My favorite thing to do with gourds is to learn new things to do with gourds. I love seeing everything that people come up with. I am probably best at using my quikwood in sculpting, and doing the Miriam Joy wax technique.

Don't be afraid to enter your artwork into the show—there are people of all levels. You learn so much, and you might surprise yourself and win a few ribbons. We can't have a show without good people, so get involved—the more people that do, the more fun it is for everyone! I look forward to seeing your entries, and having you volunteer at the show!

NOTICES—From the American Gourd Society

DO YOU TEACH GOURD CLASSES ONLINE? AGS WANTS TO HELP SUPPORT YOU!!!

Do you teach classes online or have information about people who teach online? If so, the AGS wants to help support you! If this is you—or if you know of someone, please contact me (vmustad51@gmail.com) or Terry Noxel at americangourdsociety@gmail.com with the basic info: Types of classes offered (pyrography, weaving, coiling, painting, carving, specific project and so on), Level of class (Beginner, Intermediate, Expert), Are the classes recorded and available via YouTube or other service? Free or for a fee? Help the AGS get this program off the ground!

Upcoming AGS Certified Judge Training and Programs session (2-part) April 16 & 18 6:30 to 9:30 pm Eastern by Zoom

- New and Refresher participants may sign up
- Current AGS membership
- Course is free; personalized name badge is \$20 upon completion of requirements.
- Contact americangourdsociety@gmail.com to get more details and/or enroll



OHIO GOURD SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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EMAIL (required) _____

Membership dues
\$12.00 for 1 year; \$33.00 for 3
years; \$55.00 for 5 years.
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at: www.ohiogourdsociety.com.



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