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Gourd Greetings

BETA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

61st Annual Ohio Gourd Show plans are under way!

For the second year in a row, the Show will have Free Admission—made possible through generous donations of community businesses and individuals!

This year, we have two musical performances featuring musical instruments made from gourds: Zuva Marimba, featuring the mbira, and Chris Witulski, featuring the gourd banjo. The schedule for entertainment, demonstrations (including gourd cooking) and other activities (including our annual gourd scavenger hunt) are still in planning. Dates and times will be posted in the next newsletter, online, and at the Show.

Volunteer sign-up for the Show will be via "Sign-up Genius." Slots and instructions for signing-up will be sent out in the next newsletter.

2024 Show Theme
PEACE

The Showbook is now online—check out on the website! Limited copies can be mailed out by request. Note several changes in competitive entries, most in the current season/dry gourd categories.

Check out our 2024 Workshops (below). Registration form can be printed from the website or use from the Showbook (we're working on getting registration online too!). Early Registration is due September 15, 2024. Onsite registration will be allowed if space permits.

Gourd Show Workshops Preview

Picture Perfect Rim



Enchanting Woodland
Gourdhouse



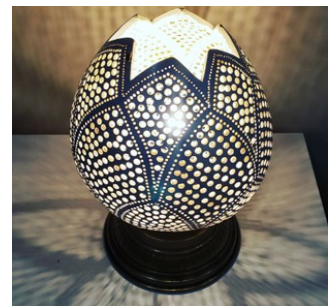
Pumpkin Stack



Copper Pot Beaded
Basket



Gourd Light



Gourd Luminary



Striking Silver
Beaded Basket



Mommy and Me
Chicken Gourds



Etched Vase



Society Related News

From the President

The Spring meeting was a great success with several new members attending. It was nice to see new faces and hear new ideas for the Society and the Show. The Gourd Swap and Shop was a hit - a few folks unburdened some of their gourds and a few others added to their stash!! We had seeds from Benjamin's Landing for sale, and Laura Dalton brought some beautiful and healthy gourd plants (thanks, Laura, my mini bottle gourd plants are growing happily)! Fingers crossed for lots of flowers and pollination!

Happy Gourding!

Vikkie Mustad, OGS President

Our Historian, Steve Murray, needs everyone to send him hard copies of OGS-related pictures, magazine and/or newspaper articles for our Society's scrapbooks which are displayed at our Annual Show.

His address is 3604 Summit Road S.W.,
Pataskala, OH 43062



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- *Prickly Pear Cactus Skeleton*
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- Gourd Cleaning Tools
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- Embossing Powder
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\$50.00/yr

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

Spring Meeting Minutes

The Ohio Gourd Society met on April 20, 2024, for our annual Spring Meeting. The meeting took place at the United Methodist Church in Sunbury, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by President Vikkie Mustad.

All attendees gave a brief introduction of themselves. Those in attendance were Vikkie Mustad, Terri Rideout, Nelda Sisler-Buck, Laura Dalton, Sherri Love, John Martin, Nancy Travis, Steve Murray, Pat Badgero, John Sheron, Judy Litzenberg, and Nelson Litzenberg.

Officer's Reports

The Secretary's report was given by Nelson. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Nelda and seconded by Laura. The motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by Judy. The checking account balance is \$12,471.21 as of 4-12-2024.

Terri reported on the membership of the society which currently has 124 members. There are 36 expired memberships.

Historian Steve Murray encouraged everyone to send him pictures or newspaper articles for the scrap books. His mailing address will be posted in the next Gourd Greetings.

Lunch was enjoyed by everyone.

There was no Directors Report.

Gourd Greetings Editor Vikkie shared some craft items that she made with broken gourd pieces and gourd paper. She asked for input for future editions of the paper.

Show Committee reports:

Staging of tables and chairs will be put in the buildings by the fairgrounds prior to the show. Nelson will communicate the need with the fair office.

A Volunteer coordinator is needed for the Fall Show. John asked for some help with registrations. Nelson will help with that.

Publicity- Nelda talked about the use of our Facebook page to share "events", such as the show. Contacting area Senior Centers, Rack cards, school district art classes, Pin-a-Map registry of visitors, and press releases were some of the things discussed.

Financial support- Nelson encouraged everyone who contacted a sponsor last year to follow up for renewal this year. He will send out the new, updated letter to the committee. It was suggested that we might include the sponsor's name on a T-shirt back as an additional incentive. Lead time and cost of this will need to be determined.

Souvenirs- Suzanne communicated via messenger, the following: She will need about \$750.00 for souvenirs and \$200.00 for guest demonstrators.

Nancy will coordinate the silent auction this year on Friday and Saturday. Judy volunteered to help her.

Competition- John summarized the class changes and he will send those to a committee of Linda Rose, Terri Rideout, and himself for finalizing. If agreed on it will reduce the class numbers to 109ish!

Judging has been revised by the American Gourd Society and John is working through that.

The awards at the Fall Show will be the same as in the past.

Entertainment- Make-and-Take is a very popular part of the show, Terri coordinates that and she will need gourds and pieces of gourds for this. Vikkie will coordinate the music and scavenger hunt at the show. A photo op with "Gourdman" was discussed.

Demonstrations will be relocated to the arts and crafts building due to the merchants building noise level and space limitations.

John reported that there are 11 different workshops being offered over two days of the show. There will not be any workshops on Sunday.

The society approved a \$100.00 donation to the Ohio State Fair for the awards in the gourd competition. Entries are due by June 21, 2024.

Judy volunteered to send sympathy cards when it is communicated to her of a deceased member.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Nelson with a second to the motion by A motion to adjourn was offered by Nelson with a second to the motion by Terri. Motion carried.

Nelson Litzenberg,

Recording Secretary

The deadline to enter the 2024 Creative Arts Competition at the Ohio State Fair is June 21 at 1 p.m.

<https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/arts/creative-arts/arts-crafts-fashion>



OHIO GOURD SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE OR PROV _____

ZIP CODE OR POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER (____) _____

EMAIL (required) _____

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



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www.facebook.com/OhioGourdShow

The Annual Dues for Membership are \$12.00. **These dues are due January 1 of each year.**
This membership includes your subscription to our quarterly **Gourd Greetings**. Please make
your check or money order (US \$12.00) PAYABLE TO: **OHIO GOURD SOCIETY, c/o Terri**

**Rideout, 7531 Canal Highlands Blvd, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110, trideout0823@gmail.com, 614-833-1074 (this is the
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cial events and our Annual Show Booklet. It also entitles members to have a vote at all OGS meetings and a free listing on our OGS
Web Site.



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