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# Gourd Greetings

BETA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

## Your 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Ohio Gourd Show is right around the corner!!

Thanks to the efforts of your Sponsorship Show subcommittee, this is a **free Show** again this year, taking place at the Delaware County Fairgrounds October 4, 5, 6, 2024! Reminding you to send in your registrations for Workshops, Gourd Competition and Awards Dinner (Old Bag of Nails, Delaware, Ohio)! See your Showbook or website ([ohiogourdsociety.com](http://ohiogourdsociety.com)) for details and registration forms. You can look forward to a few changes and additions coming this year:

**Members Selling Tables** will be set up for you to sell your unwanted gourd supplies. *See page 3 for more details.*

A **Gourd Education Area** will be located in the Arts and Crafts Building for all demonstrations, workshops, and special exhibits, OGS history, growing/harvesting information, Jim Story DVD presentation and seed sales! (The current season green gourd competition will also remain in this building to compliment Gourd Education).

Speaking of **Demonstrations**, check the schedule at the show (and coming soon online) to include green cleaning, acrylic pour paint technique, patterns on gourds, chip carving, and gourd cooking and sampling (gourd *pie*, anyone)?!

**Musical entertainment** on Saturday October 5 will feature Chris Witulski on the *gourd banjo* (11 am—1 pm) and Zuva Marimba with traditional Zimbabwean music featuring *gourd musical instruments* (2 —4 pm).

**Silent Auction**—Friday and Saturday. Bring items you wish to donate to the Show (proceeds go to the I Show fund)!!

**OGS Membership Meeting and Mix and Mingle Happy Hour** —Friday October 4, 5:15 pm, in the Gourd Education Area / Arts and Crafts Building. Enjoy light refreshments and meet some of your fellow OGS Members!

If you are able to volunteer at the Show, October 4, 5, 6, 2024, sign-ups for 3-4 hours slots can be accessed via Sign-up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BA4A92AA3FC1-49946329-61st>

Or contact Linda Rose by phone/txt at 740-971-9394

Extra help is also requested on Thursday, October 3, 9 am - 12 pm to set up tables, chairs, etc.



### Special Request for Judges from John Martin

I am assembling teams of judges to evaluate our competition using the new American Gourd Society guidelines. I am in need of a few more judges and clerks. If you have time to help on Saturday, October 5, and are willing to help with the judging process, please let me know.

We meet for last minute instructions at 11:00 am on Saturday in the Gourd Education building, and then move out to judging entries. I will be sending additional judging guidelines in mid-September.

Thank you for your interest. You may contact me by email at [jfm45171@gmail.com](mailto:jfm45171@gmail.com), by phone/text at 513-314-2212 and by mail at 438 Sardinia Mowrystown Road, Sardinia, OH 45171.

# Society Related News

## From the President

The summer is passing quickly with your 61st Annual Gourd Show right around the corner!! In the meantime, there is other gourd business to attend to—have you thought about these two interesting groups in southern/southwestern Ohio who are enthusiastically requesting **GOURD PARTICIPATION** at their events.

1. September 21, 2024. Harveysburg, Ohio. 9th Annual Harveysburg Historic Fall Fest on Saturday Sept. 21th from Noon - 4 p.m.
2. September 28, 29, 2024. September 28,29, 2024. Portsmouth, OH 45663. Old-Time celebration of Appalachian Music, Folk Art & Crafts. (<https://www.arcofappalachia.org/simonsorghumfestival>)

Please let me know if you can help them out in any way—ohiogourdsociety@gmail.com or 740-215-3516— they are eager and will take any type/amount of participation!

Back to the Show, we hope you can check out and participate in all the special events this year—we are especially excited to welcome Christopher Witulski who will educate and entertain us on the Gourd Banjo (see bio and pic below). A full day of gourd music on Saturday , alongside our longtime favorite—Zuva Marimba!!

Happy Gourdng!

Vikkie Mustad, OGS President

**Christopher Witulski** is an Associate Teaching Professor in ethnomusicology specializing in Moroccan music at Bowling Green State University. He is the author of *The Gnawa Lions* and *Focus: Music and Religion of Morocco*, two books that explore sacred performance practices. Alongside teaching, Dr. Witulski is an active performer and banjo builder.



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



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# OGS Members Selling Table

Is this YOU?!

If so, the Show committee has thought of a way to help you reduce your stash of unwanted gourd supplies - and earn a bit of cash at the same time! Clean out your stash and sell those unused or gently used supplies at your Annual Show!!

My problem isn't that I **BUY** too many gourd supplies, my problem is that I **SHOP** more than I **CREATE!!!**



## How will this work?

*Regular vendor regulations have been waived for this special opportunity and is available for current OGS members only.*

**Members Selling Tables** will be set up in the Main Vendor building at the Show where you can display for sale up to 10 items at a time across the 3 day Show. You set your price and pay 15% commission of your Gross Sales to the OGS.

- At least one Show Committee representative and one OGS member will oversee the Selling Tables so you will not have to be present across the entire Show; however, we ask that you volunteer for at least one 3 hour shift. *If you cannot volunteer for at least one 3 hour shift, you can alternatively donate one additional item to the OGS Silent Auction.*
- Items to be sold can include new or gently used supplies, books, instructional DVDs, embellishments, hand or power tools. Items must be in good working condition and clearly indicate if they've been used/opened. Gourds (crafted and uncrafted) can be sold (clearly indicate if the seller is not the artist).
- You may replace items up to a maximum of 10 items displayed at a time.
- Provide your own stickers/label with your selling ID\*, Item # and price; an inventory sheet (attached) will be provided to keep track of your items.
- Arrange to drop off items for sale and to pick-up unsold items at the conclusion of the Show.
- We are still working on how to handle credit card sales, fees, etc., so, tbd,
- Your money (*Gross sales minus commission and any credit card fees, tbd*) will be distributed at the conclusion of the Show when you pick up your unsold items.

Selling ID  
Item #  
\$ 10<sup>00</sup>

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in this year—please contact Vikkie Mustad (740-215-3516, [ohiogourdsociety@gmail.com](mailto:ohiogourdsociety@gmail.com)) if you have any questions and to get your selling ID, inventory sheet, and volunteer slot!



## 5 EXTREMELY EASY ways to be a part of your Ohio Gourd Show

You may feel you can't volunteer to help at the Show, but you can help in **many** ways! Here are 5 ideas:

1. SPREAD THE WORD about this family-friendly and FREE event to your friends, family, coworkers, organizations and clubs.
2. SHARE OUR POSTS on your Facebook, Instagram, or other social media.
3. DONATE an item to the silent auction.
4. SHOWCASE YOUR SPECIAL GOURD COLLECTION in the Gourd Education Area.
5. DISTRIBUTE FLIERS to advertise the Show throughout your community.





## OHIO GOURD SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OR PROV \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE OR POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.ohiogourdsociety.com).



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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](mailto:trideout0823@gmail.com), 614-833-1074 (this is the corrected number!).** PayPal is available at [ohiogourdsociety.com](http://ohiogourdsociety.com). All OGS Members must be a member of the American Gourd Soci-

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