

The Rochester Gourd Patch

The Rochester Gourd Patch was formed on October 14, 2009 by Duane Langworthy and Alan Sweeney at the request of several IGS members who were unable to make general Idaho Gourd Society meetings. Our first patch meetings consisted of a small handful of IGS members who simply met to work on whatever gourd project they were currently creating. As word of mouth spread about the patch, more IGS members from the area began attending and bringing with them a host of friends, family and people from the community with an interest in gourds. We soon discovered that our members wanted to hold monthly workshops taught by volunteer instructors. We have potlucks two months out of each year which gives the members a chance to socialize and bring their spouse or a friend. Currently our numbers are at 37 members who receive monthly patch reminders VIA email.

The Rochester Gourd Patch meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. located at 1416 Rochester St. in Caldwell, Idaho. For more information please call Duane or Alan at 208-459-3211 or asweeney85@aol.com.

The Sunshine Gourd Patch

The Sunshine Gourd Patch is the daytime Patch of the Idaho Gourd Society. We are the Patch that has opted not to teach any one specific class at our meeting. Instead, each brings his/her own project to work on and helps one another with ways to complete, improve, or embellish projects to make our work more pleasing to ourselves and others. We also like to share anything new we might have learned in a class, found on the web, or read in a book. We enjoy helping new members of the IGS learn the basics and then different ways to think "out of the box" as their art work progresses. We all learn from each other. Regardless of skill level, everyone is welcome; just come and enjoy a good time of sharing and getting to know others who also enjoy gourd art.

We meet the third Thursday of the month starting at 11:00 A.M. at Liz Meyer's art studio next to her home at 63 N. Wedgwood Drive in Nampa, Idaho. We stay as long as desired. If you are free during the day or prefer to not drive at night to another patch meeting, come see us and spread some "Sunshine" around at the Sunshine Gourd Patch. For more information please call Liz at 208-461-2021.

The Kuna Gourd Patch

The Kuna Gourd Patch meets the first Tuesday of the month from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at Veletta Murphey's workshop located at 2417 W. Kuna Road in Kuna, Idaho. For more information about the Kuna Gourd Patch call Veletta at 208-922-5929.