

February 2025

The IDGS Board of Directors has been working on initiatives to further benefit our society's membership. To that end, we voted to implement a suggestion to create a monthly bulletin, called the *IDGS Curiosity Shop*, that will bring together buyers and sellers of new or used gourd related products. Think of this as an on-line flea market where you can list **“For Sale” and “Wanted” items such as raw or cleaned gourds; paints, inks, stains and dyes; burners and related pens; carvers and burs; embellishments; or any other gourd related item.** You will be able to place ads in the Curiosity Shop free of charge.

NOTE: In order not to compete with the Gourd Store donations or the Wheel of Goodies, free items **will not** be posted. Members can contact any board member to donate items to the Gourd Store or Wheel of Goodies.

To get this off the ground Bill Tarlton will act as the interim publisher and update the IDGS Curiosity Shop flyer monthly. The IDGS President will attach a copy of the most current flyer to their monthly membership meeting email and you will also be able to view the most current flyer on the IDGS website. The following guidance is provided for placing ads.

- Send your ad to this email address: btarlton46@gmail.com (cut and paste)
- Submit a short description of the item(s) you want to sell or are looking to buy
- Include your contact information (first name, email address **or** phone number as a minimum)
- You need not contact the publisher if your item has sold or you found what you're looking for (see the not below)

NOTE: Your ad will run for one month. After one month, ads will be automatically purged. You must resubmit your request monthly in order to continue listing your item(s). Buyers and sellers will negotiate their own deals and not use the publisher as a contact point.

We want to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to advertise the items you don't use anymore, have an excess of, or are willing to part with for the right price. Hopefully, this will also serve as a way for new members to find a good deal and help build their “start-up” kit. You can show your support by taking an inventory of your gourd related items and making those “haven't been used in years”, duplicate, and excess items for sale.

Radenne English, IDGS President