

IDGS Official Fall Meeting-Nov. 8, 2025

Membership Meeting Notes

U of I Ag classroom, building #1902 – 1904 E. Chicago St. Caldwell, Idaho

Call to Order

President Radenne English officially called the meeting to order and confirmed that a quorum had been established for the Idaho Gourd Society (IDGS) Fall Membership Meeting.

Statement of Purpose

President Radenne English read the IDGS Statement of Purpose: *The purpose of the IDGS is to unify and support gourd artists, crafters, and growers and to promote gourd appreciation.*

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous official meeting held on April 8, 2025, were distributed to members via email prior to the current meeting. Members were given the opportunity to suggest corrections or additions, but none were submitted. Corlis Kent made a motion to accept the April 8, 2025 minutes. John Melligh seconded the motion. The membership voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

New members' introductions:

No new members were present at the meeting.

Announcements

President Radenne English made several announcements to the membership:

- Anyone who forgot to wear a name tag was to pay 50 cents.
- Any member needing a mentor is to contact Barb Gamel and she would set them up with a mentor. It can be for anything from how to clean to clean a gourd to how to work through a specific project.
- Demo following the meeting will be presented by Corlis Kent on how to make a gourd geode.

BOD Introductions and Reports

- a. President-Radanne English
- b. Vice president-Robi Hathorn – Not present.
- c. Secretary-Karen Hibdon – Not present.
- d. Treasurer-Janet Melligh
 - i. Net Income of \$127 for October
 - ii. In October our reserve CD matured. Board voted to reinvest those funds into another 12-month CD and to add an additional \$500 to the balance and to include the interest earned to date. Our new CD amount is \$3,119.96 at an APY of 3.40%
 - iii. Including the CD amount, the IDGS has \$18,137.20.
 - iv. Board will evaluate purchasing another reserve CD in spring. The splitting up of our reserve funds with different maturity dates will increase our liquidity.
- e. Directors 1, 2, 3: Christy Pletcher, Randy Lentell, and Alan Sweeney
 - i. Neither Christy Pletcher nor Randy Lentell had a report for the meeting. Alan Sweeney discussed that he and Steve Kaiser went to Oregon to teach a class for

the gourd group that is in the process of establishing an Oregon Gourd Society. Alan said they were a great group. He also mentioned that Steve and he made a great teaching team and that Steve will be joining him this coming year in teaching gourd community classes.

- f. Webmaster/social media- Chris Peters mentioned that she has been working on updating our website with new art photos. She has added over 200 photos from various competitions throughout the years.
- g. Membership: As Madlen Tarlton was not present Radenne English mentioned that membership renewal forms are available at the meeting. That Radenne and Janet would be collecting forms and payments should you choose to renew today.
- h. Newsletter/Gourd Shards-Karo (Carolyn) Frazier – Not present.
- i. AGS-Christy Pletcher – No new news.

Elections

Radenne English determined that we made quorum with 34 members attending. The following Officers and Director positions will be voted on today: vice president, treasurer, and director #1. The positions are for a two-year term for the years 2026-2027. As there is only one declared candidate for each position, we will not be using ballots. Voting will be done by “the show of hands”.

- For the position of Vice President, the candidate is Christy Pletcher
- For the position of Treasurer, the candidate is Janet Melligh.
- For the position of Director #1, the candidate is Alan Sweeney.

Membership voted on all candidates and all candidates were approved.

Christmas Party

Radenne English announced that our upcoming Christmas party will be held on Dec. 13, 2025. It will be held at the Eagles' Lodge in Boise located behind Woodcraft. The party will start at 11:30. IDGS will provide chicken, coffee, and water. Members should be a side dish. All wishing to participate in the gift exchange, including guests, should be a gourd related gift. Ron Swank will be MCing the gift exchange. Please place all gifts in gift bags versus wrapping to speed up the process.

Outreach Report

On November 7, 2025, Radenne English and Janet Melligh did an Outreach at Arbor Senior Center in Boise. Our project was a TransTint gourd and keychain with a group of 7 ladies. They had a fun time, asking us to come back.

Patch Reports: Sunshine Patch (Liz) & Woodcraft Patch (Christy)

Chris Peters gave the Sunshine Patch report noting the Patch meets every Wednesday. No patch on November 19.

Christy Pletcher gave the Woodcraft Patch update. They meet on 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month's project is ornaments.

Show and Tell

Members participated in a "Show and Tell" session, sharing examples of their gourd art with the group.

Door Prize Drawing

Corlis Kent conducted the door prize drawing, awarding one ticket per member. A total of five door prize drawings were held during the meeting.

Appreciation

President Radenne English expressed appreciation to those who contributed to the meeting, including those who provided refreshments, Ken for arranging the meeting room and hosting Gordy's Goodies, and all who donated to the Wheel of Goodies. She also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40am.