

# Idaho Gourd Society (IDGS) Official Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2025

## 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) Spring Membership Meeting.

## Statement of Purpose

President Radenne English read aloud the statement of purpose for the Idaho Gourd Society. ***The society's mission is to unify and support gourd artists, crafters, and growers, and to promote the appreciation of gourds.***

## Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on November 9, 2024, 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. A motion was requested for approval of the minutes, and the motion was carried unanimously.

## Introductions

The following Board of Directors were introduced to the membership:

- President: Radenne English
- Vice President: Robi Hathorn
- Secretary: Karen Hibdon
- Treasurer: Janet Melligh
- Directors: Christy Pletcher, Randy Lentell, Alan Sweeney
- Webmaster/Social Media: Chris Peters
- Membership: Madlen Tarlton
- Newsletter/Gourd Shards: Karo (Carolyn) Frazier

## Announcements

President Radenne English made several announcements to the membership:

- Members were reminded to pay 50 cents if they forget their nametag at meetings.
- General meetings are held on the second Saturday of every month, and Board meetings take place on the Wednesday before each general meeting. Members are welcome to attend Board meetings as non-voting participants.
- The Hibiki Resonance performance is scheduled at the BSU student union building at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM on the day of the meeting.
- The Barnyard Hoedown summer challenge will benefit the Gourd Store at the festival. Entries for the challenge are due at the summer picnic. A flyer with additional information is available on the table.
- The Summer Picnic will be held on June 14.

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- Two pop-up events to benefit the Gourd Store are planned: a Halloween ornaments event on April 25 and a gourd cleaning event on May 16.
- A field trip to Dan Lander's farm for gourd collection was announced.
- Following the meeting, Corlis will present a demonstration on embossing real feathers.

## New Business

### Board of Directors Reports

Reports were presented by the following Board members:

- Treasurer's Report: Janet Melligh
- Membership Report: Madlen Tarlton
- Social Media Report: Chris Peters
- Newsletter/Gourd Shard Report: Karo (Carolyn) Frazier
- Vice President's Report: Robi Hathorn
- Director's News: Christy Pletcher, Alan Sweeney, Randy Lentell
- Alan Sweeney shared information regarding the Washington retreat.
- Randy Lentell discussed a selling opportunity in McCall.

### General New Business

- Curiosity Shop: Bill Tarlton provided an update on the Curiosity Shop.
- Buddy/Mentoring Program: Karen Hibdon spoke on behalf of Barb to inform members about the structure and operation of the mentoring program.
- Outreach Programs: President Radenne English provided information on behalf of Arden regarding outreach efforts.
- The Lyons Club hosts a Kids' Makers Workshop on the first Saturday of every month at the Episcopal Church located at 411 10 Ave in Nampa. The workshop features multiple tables and activities for children ages 6 and up, and volunteers are needed. Members may volunteer individually or with a small group and can bring their own children or grandchildren. Artistic activities are encouraged and do not need to be gourd-related. Pre-registration for children is available. For additional questions, Arden can be contacted at 208-407-7203.

### Upcoming Dates and Events

- Halloween Ornaments Pop-Up: April 25
- Gourd Cleaning Pop-Up: May 16
- Summer Picnic: June 14
- Western Idaho Fair: Corlis Kent shared information regarding involvement in the Western Idaho Fair, whose theme is "Cake, Cattle, & Roll." Members were encouraged to enter the fair competition and volunteer to present demonstrations. Volunteers will receive a ticket to the fair and a companion ticket. Demonstrations are scheduled as follows:
  - Saturday, August 16, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
  - Wednesday, August 20, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
  - Saturday, August 23, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Festival at Franz Witte: President Radenne English announced that the festival will be held September 19–21. Members were encouraged to begin projects for the competition and consider volunteering for committees and demonstrations.

- Christmas Party: The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 13, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## Festival Planning

- Entertainment: Members were encouraged to send entertainment ideas to the Board. There is no budget for entertainment, so participants would need to perform for exposure rather than pay.
- Demonstrations: Alan Sweeney informed members about opportunities to present demonstrations at the festival.
- Pop-Up Events: President Radenne English discussed additional pop-up events to generate art for the Gourd Store.
- Gourd Store: Members were asked to consider donating and volunteering at the Gourd Store.
- Make & Take: Robi Hathorn discussed plans for make-and-take activities at the festival.
- Prospectus: Chris Peters explained what a prospectus is and where members can find it.
- Teacher Classes: Alan Sweeney informed members about opportunities to teach classes at the festival. Details were sent to members via email on April 3.
- Silent Auction: Christy Pletcher described the silent auction and requested volunteers and donations.
- Vendors: Chris Peters explained the process for applying to be a vendor at the festival and noted the booth rates.

## Patch Reports

The following members provided reports for their respective patches:

- Dancing Dog: Lorrie
- Sunshine Patch: Liz
- Woodcraft: Christy Pletcher or Radenne English
- Kuna: Although no longer a patch meeting, Quincey or Veletta were given the opportunity to speak.

## 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.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Radenne English, IDGS President on behalf of Karen Hibdon, Secretary