

Karo's Gourd Shard's



May, 2024

**Here Ye - Here
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There's a new Grill in
town!**



What????

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The Grill



The Grill Man



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Are you drooling yet? These two pics were taken at last years picnic!!!! That was before the Grill Man, Ron Swank, got **THE GRILL!** This year's IDGS picnic will be beyond awesome! I wish I could insert the aroma along with these pics! Word has it Ron drove to California to get this beauty of a grill!

Mark your calendar- June 8th- Saturday at Midway Park.



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IT IS TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC & Swap Meet. (If you want to do the Swap Meet bring a table for your stuff.)

**JOIN US ON JUNE 8th at Midway Park,
Start time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Location of the park: 14309 Midway Rd,
Nampa, Idaho**

You will need to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share and whatever you want to drink (no alcohol).

Bring a guest, too.

SWAP Meet- Bring a blanket or table to set up your "stuff" to trade or sell. This is just a fun addition to the annual IDGS picnic that seems to increase in interest each year!

And .. Do Not forget those delicious side dishes to go along with Ron's grilled sausages, beef... MMMMMmmm! Also don't forget to bring a container or two for a leftover if there are any!

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Festival Pop-Ups that members are having at their homes in order to assist the Festival Gourd Store have been popping up! So far we have had two pop-ups and thanks to Esther Ussing and Radenne English, the "Gourd Shards" is filled with member participation photos. I attended the first of the two pop-ups and even though there were hurricane force winds, it didn't hinder our efforts!!

There was action everywhere throughout Alan and Ken's gardens, which were filled with laughter. AND - you know we gossiped about members who weren't there!! LOL

Nope! We didn't do that but had a truly wonderful day meeting new members we hadn't had the opportunity to casually talk to before. A pop-up event allows for relaxed conversation between members that our monthly meeting doesn't have time for. YOU need to attend the next pop-up to meet a new faces and talk gourdng!

Pop-Up at Alan and Ken's Garden Estate

This meeting was to wash gourds and make Birdhouses. There are two distinct groups in these pictures - the Washers and the Birdhousers!

Among those attending were Robi Hathorn, Mark Spiegel, Leslie Bonney, Karo Frazier, Taeko D'Andrea, Anne Frankel, Robin Moore, Veletta Murphey, Quency Murphey, Steve Kiser, Steve Ussing, Esther Ussing, Gaylene Austin, Kym Everman, Randy Lentell, Sue Lentell, Alan Sweeney, Lynette Rushton, LaRae Palmanteer, Ken Gordy, and Radenne English.

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From unwashed to gleaming in the sun, this is just a sample of all the washed gourds.



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Esther Ussing



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On May 18, 2024 another Pop-Up appeared at the home of Radenne English's home with 8 members attending. Radenne sent me this email with some the attached pictures and the list of attendees. Esther Ussing also emailed me pictures from her phone that she took that day.

Fun, fun, fun! What better way to spend a day with friends and gourds. There were 8 people who attended a day of crafting these adorable fairy birdhouses. All birdhouses will be donated to the festival gourd store.

People attending: Linda Burns, Chris Peters, Christy Pletcher, Barb Gamel, Irena Lane, Esther Ussing, Radenne English, Cheryl Byron

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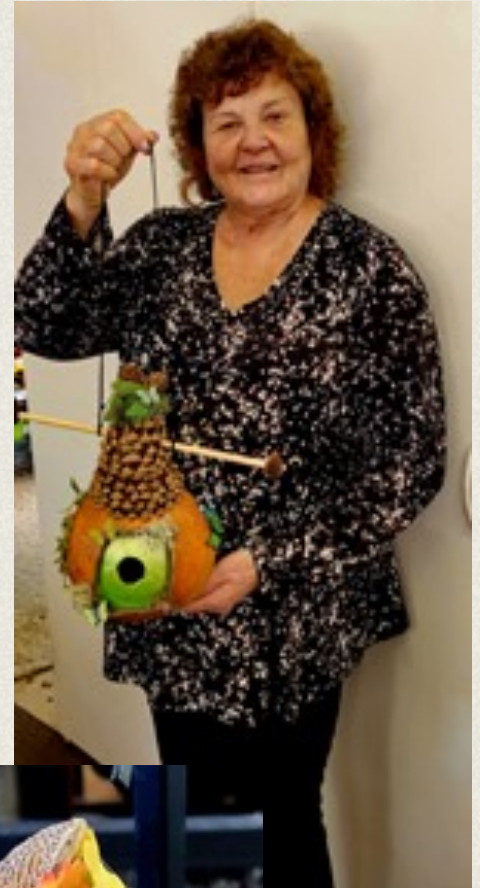
Those attending: Linda Burns, Chris Peters, Christy Pletcher, Barb Gamel, Irena Lane, Esther Ussing, Radenne English and Cheryl Brown.



Above: Irene Lane, Chris Peters, Esther Ussing, Radenne English and Cheryl Byron.

To the left:
Linda Burns, Chris Peters, Christy Pletcher, Barb Gamel

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Take Note from latest announcement and see you at the picnic!

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying our ever changing spring weather and that your gourd plants are stating to grow with vigor. This time of year is truly magical and our wonderful society is planning for a great season. June will be here before we know it and with it comes our Idaho Gourd Society Picnic. Your favorite Barbeque Master Ron Swank, will once again be cooking up a wonderful selection of meat on his new barbecue. **This is one event not to be missed.**

The Idaho Gourd Society will be providing the meat for barbecuing, plates and cutlery, napkins, and bottled water.

We are asking that you bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert to share with the group and utensils for serving. You are also welcome to bring a spouse or friend.

Our picnic will be held on **June 8th at Midway Park, 14309 Midway Rd., Nampa, Idaho.** This is a great new accessible facility with a wonderful covered picnic area and plenty of tables. (If picnic benches are not your thing, you might bring your favorite chair for comfort) We will start gathering around **11:00 am** and eat when the grill master has put the final touches on his master piece.

This is also our annual gourd swap meet/membership sale. This is where members can bring gourd related items such as raw gourds, embellishments, tools etc. to sell or swap. So go through your craft rooms or studios and see if there's something you might want to rehome. Bring cash as not everyone has access to paypal or venmo.

We look forward to seeing everyone there,

Your Idaho Gourd Society Board of Directors

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Time to end this newsletter. As I was reviewing this and found I had missed a couple announcements. They will be included in next brief Shards as the picnic pictures won't wait until August.

Thinking about the pop-ups as to their contributions to the IDGS society. You know the Gourd Store at the Festival is THE money making event for our IDGS. The items that are donated and completed by folks working at Pop-ups makes a huge difference. So if one pop-up pops up, grab the chance to meet new fellow ISGS members. If held at Alan and Ken's - watch for the geese. You might hear Alan telling the raucous geese to go play in the traffic!!! They are part of the fun watching them and Alan and Ken! Plus you will have the time to wander the botanical estate gardens. As a horticulturist, It is a joy and a calming presence to have that opportunity. If you have a patch you especially love or a class or a IDGS event, use that phone for good and take pictures for me. Since they are going into the newsletter they don't have to be high resolution. Just attach them to an email to me at lemonsandsangria@gmail.com If you would be so kind - I have another favor to ask of pictures, in email put date event happened and maybe photo id. Radenne sent me a note with names and what they were wearing..like red apron. Or pink hair....you know what I mean. If you loved these pictures, please give generous thanks to Radenne English and Esther Ussing. They are real troopers in helping. Also if you have an opinion on something gourdly a little email would be great. Even a comment go the NEW GRILL!!!!
See ya at the picnic. Karo