



JULY, 2021

# Idaho Gourd Society



**Gourd gardening in this 100 degree weather seems to agree with Corlis Kent's little warty gourds. She admitted that they are not her favorite gourd to work with but they are sure seem content to thrive in this heat.**

**Soon I am heading to the mountains to teach my family how to make little warty gourd sheep, armed with a background from Corlis's class on making these cuties and a few of her warty gourds. More to come on this later!**

## From Our President

**Greetings Fellow Gourders!**

Last month we did have our IDGS Annual Picnic and it was great, although I still haven't seen many of you over the last year or more! Truly, I miss having things back to normal and seeing all of you.

I find gourding just hasn't been the same, especially now with this heatwave, it has been difficult for me to get motivated and wanting to work on gourds outside. Nevertheless, I have seen amazing art on the IDGS Gourd Facebook site, and I know our patches are meeting and doing great things. The Board has been meeting regularly and working hard, anticipating a successful Festival this year, along with a slate of exciting gourd classes taught by teachers from all over the country and having the AGS join us. Despite all the setbacks and challenges over the last couple of years, the Idaho Gourd Society is still holding strong and we will continue to do great things together.

President Ron

## **Your IGS Officers**

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**President - Ron Swank**

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Liaison-Bill Tarlton**

**Sunshine Liz Meyer**

**Dancing Dog Gourdin' Lorrie  
Ferris**

**American Gourd Society Magazine**

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**I badgered Chris Peters to  
send these to me just as a  
wee teaser of things to look  
for at the Festival this Fall.**



# Our Impromptu IDGS Meetings

A IDGS Flash Meeting was held at Tully Park in Meridian on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 21. Our president had had enough trying to call members, reaching out to everyone. He proposed the idea to the Board via email on Tuesday, March 10, and the following day the Board enthusiastically supported his idea at our monthly Board meeting. Chris Peters immediately announced it through an all member email. The 13<sup>th</sup> arrived about about as perfect a day as one could hope for in March! ( I am sitting here typing this in 100 degree heat, longing for that day )



As no one had previously rented it , we were able to utilize the pavilion for the meeting, as well as, for the Wheel of Goodies and Seed Exchange. Kudos to Amy Halladay and Donna Kirk for their response to this spur of the moment meeting. They had a marvelous display for the Wheel of Goodies, that took more than just a couple of minutes to assemble. If you see them, please be sure to thank them for this extra effort as it took some effort to arrange and bring all the materials to the Park! At the end of the meeting Corlis Kent conducted the Woodcraft gift card drawing which, as always, was lots of fun watching Bill Tarlton missing out again!

Many of us brought folding chairs and enjoying the sunshine and companionship of fellow IDGS members we haven't seen for ages. It was so relaxing to sit in the sun, listening to Ron discuss plans for future meetings and be positive about upcoming events like the Annual Picnic in June and the IDGS Gourd Festival in October! Show and Tell was amazing as always with different art forms displayed including two different beading techniques! Afterwards, Ron demonstrated the technique for cleaning a green gourd.

Since then we have had our monthly IDGS meeting at the Tully pavilion in various weather conditions, having recently having the best weather ever for our June Annual Picnic. I can't remember having a more perfect day for our picnic. Many thanks to those who made this day possible. Ron Swank and Corlis Kent both were instrumental in supplying the chicken, which we all look forward to. Also, Ron it would not be the same without your salsa! The food, ahhh, that is such a memory to hold onto. Those of you who love chocolate and didn't make it to the picnic missed out on Madlen's special! Read this and weep as she was not the only one who had some chocolate desserts that made you weak in the knees. I loved watching those take a bite and closing their eyes with happiness. *Just sayin' you missed some great food and my funeral potatoes too!* Pictures for both events are following somewhere in our newsletter.!

# March IDGS Meeting





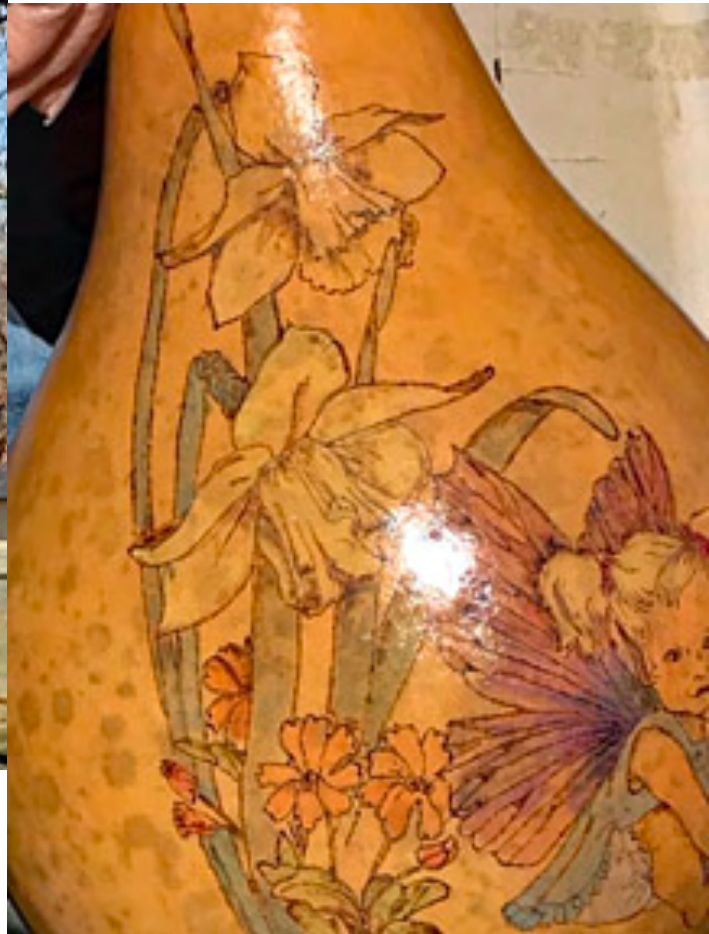
**Chris Peters**



**Barb Gamel**



**Kay Grooms**





**Wanda Walker**



**Samples of Nani Katlhoff's beadwork**





**Ron Swank**



**Stece Kiser**





**Veletta Murphey**



**Mac Browning**



# News Tidbits for upcoming events

*Silver State*  
**ART**  
**FESTIVAL**

**Carson City, Nevada**  
**Sept. 10, 11, & 12, 2021**

**Great Classes**  
Gourds, Jewelry, Weaving,  
Woodturning much more!  
From the basics to the  
expert; learn the techniques  
to create a wonderful piece  
of art.



[www.nevadagourdsociety.org](http://www.nevadagourdsociety.org)

Keep up to date by following the Idaho Gourd Society's Facebook Page. This sight keeps you informed of current happenings in the Society and in other gourd organizations. Also, you can follow IDGS member projects and classes they will be conducting in the area. This is the best way of keeping informed with our organizations activities.

Our Festival is well underway with classes filling, volunteers being recruited and all the millions of planning details being completed. Please check the IDGS website at <https://www.idahogourdsociety.org>

Now you can sign up the volunteer sign-up sheet to sign up. <https://www.idahogourdsociety.org/festival-volunteer-sign-up.html>

Please add your name now and help us prepare for a successful year.

# GOURD FESTIVAL

BOISE, IDAHO

OCTOBER 23 to 24, 2021

Sat 9 to 5, Sun 10 to 4

Thursday & Friday Gourd Classes

Gourd Art Show, Make & Take, Demonstrations,  
Silent Auction, Gifts, Vendors, Exhibits & more!

Special Guests: American Gourd Society Executive Board  
Join us for AGS' Membership Meeting

Details: [idahogourdsociety.org/festival](http://idahogourdsociety.org/festival)

\$4 Admission, Kids 9 & Under FREE!

7311 W. POTOMAC DR., BOISE, IDAHO



The 2021 IDGS Festival Theme is



# A Corlis Kent Tip

What do you do when you have some really tight spaces to sand and you don't want to leave lines from sand paper sticks? When recently faced with this problem, Corlis showed me an excellent yet simple solution using a sandpaper I had never heard of.



The above pictures show some tight spaces I needed to smooth without leaving sandpaper lines. Recently, at

a Sunshine Patch, I was trying to figure out how to smooth the lines around my Halloween gourd teeth. They were so rough and jagged I didn't think I could ever get them smooth. Corlis saw me fussing with my sanding stick and asked if I had ever used flexible sandpaper. Nope! I had never heard of it. Corlis asked Liz if she had any. Yes, indeed Liz had some. Corlis proceeded to demonstrate how this wonderful material can be formed around dowel, fastened on with a band and used to smooth.

Note in the photos below how the material easily rolls around any diameter dowel or stick needed to fit the gourd opening and can be used to sand any direction needed. This sandpaper went so smoothly over the gourd surface that no lines were created.



**Corlis preps several size dowels at a time, fastening the dowels with bands, ensuring she always has a sanding tool at the ready if small delicate sanding is needed. I checked at several stores locally and didn't find any available. That's not saying there isn't any locally. With this heat I give up easily.**

I ordered mine from Amazon and, be warned, it is pricy stuff. Thank goodness it is flexible and can be cut into smaller pieces. It will go a long way by carefully cutting what you need. It says 4 pieces but you can see on the package it is actually 2 pieces that have a serration in the middle. So when torn it actually makes 4 (7" x 4") sheets. Really?



Here is my sanded pumpkin mouth with a coating of glow in the dark paint. I used a black light to get the glow effect because I didn't want to sit in a dark closet to see if it glowed. I just splashed on the paint on but the effect is really weird!



# June 2021 Annual Picnic



The IDGS Picnic could not have been held on a more beautiful day this year. Tully Park was the perfect location with its easy parking and covered pavilion. Lots of goodies to be found, food to be eaten and best of all, friendships renewed. If you missed this event I am so sorry. We did miss you also.





## Just an Idea

When I thought of asking (nagging) Corlis and Chris for pictures of items they might be selling as vendors at the 2021 Festival an idea came to mind.

### IDGS Festival VENDORS

If you would like to send me a picture or two or three of items that you will have at the Festival I will be most happy to put it here to display. I thought it would be just fun to show all our members some of your hard work involved preparing your booth for this year's show. With this in mind - send up to three pictures to my email which is [lemonsandsangria@gmail.com](mailto:lemonsandsangria@gmail.com) for the special pre-Festival newsletter.  
Karo

Pictures below are from Corlis Kent.



