

Karo's Gourd Shard's

April, 2023

IAW 2023 - IDGS Festival 2023



The Idaho Artistry in Wood & Gourd show (IAW) has come and gone, leaving memories of a beautiful IDGS display. Friday, April 1st, the tables were set up, artists and vendors arriving and volunteers volunteering! It seems like bedlam until everything is in place and then, it is simply GRAND! I urge you to participate in the Fall IDGS Festival because it is where friendships are started, helping one another. You work hard, take a break and chat with other gourders whom you haven't met before. Make memories! I met one fairly new IDGS member, Gayle Weatherby, who had not been to a show before but, now, was working like a seasoned trooper getting the categories labeled on the tables for judging. Crazy as it sounds, categorizing the gourds for show and judging. Barb Gamel is always there with her warm smile and calming presence, gently helping volunteers like Gayle. I can't remember a gourd show where I haven't seen her at the initial set-up. President Alan Sweeney, Ron Swank, Corlis Kent are among the many Society members working throughout the entire process. Patience is required especially when gourders descend on the Gourd Registration table. Where, what, how, all the questions we ask! Vendors like Lorrie Ferris and Bill and Madlen Tarlton have to unload all their artwork from the ground floor, transport to their assigned area on floor 5 and set up displays. Not an easy task by any means. Recently President Alan sent out an email requesting two people take on the IAW coordination for our presence in the IAW. Quite a responsibility but, again shared by two members working together, it would help the IAW show run smoothly! The IDGS needs your help with this.

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details coming soon



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Tuesday, June 6Th, 9Am To 5Pm - Geometric Cutouts Gourd \$75

Wednesday, June 7Th, 9Am To 5Pm - Dragonfly (Part 1) Gourd \$75

Thursday, June 8Th, 9Am To 5Pm - Dragonfly (Part 2) Gourd \$75

Take Dragonfly Part 1 And Part 2 For \$120

Be sure and check the IDGS website to more information

Best in Show
Liz Meyer



Peoples Choice - Linda Kobel



The following pages show a few of the individual Gourd Entries, and several pictures of the IAW Gourd display. Apologies if I have missed your gourd. I hope to add additional photos in future "Shards"

Sculpture - Steve Kiser



DIVISION YOUTH II
This division is for ages 7 through 15
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Mel Koob



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Best in Show - 2nd
Sharon Willis

Karo's Gourd



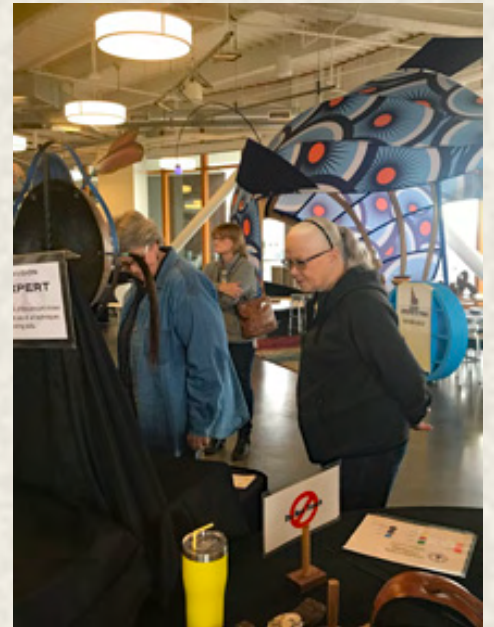
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Mixed Media- Liz Meyer



Vendor - Lorrie Ferris

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IAW Review from a Vendor's Perspective

As always, Madlen and I look forward to the annual Idaho Artistry in Wood & Gourd show. The show not only serves as an opportunity for us to reduce our gourd art inventory which grew over the Winter months, but also allows us to mingle with other art enthusiasts and vendors. We were concerned that the rainy weather would keep the crowds at home; however, on Saturday the art lovers were out in droves. It's always fun to strike up conversations with attendees. The topics are all over the map but for the most part the first question was "Do you grow your own Gourds?" That's typically followed by "How did you do that?" Lastly, one common question we heard was "What's a Gourd?" Obviously, we didn't have to rehearse the first two answers – No! and It's a Secret (Just kidding). The third one always gives us pause because "Cucurbitaceous" is a tough word to keep in your memory bank and it's a real tongue twister. Try saying that three times with or without Malden's German accent!!!!

Sunday was not as well attended but those who came out kept us busy with their conversations. We saw many familiar faces from previous IAW events. There were those collectors who specifically sought us out, as they do every year, to see what new pieces we had to offer. That is one of the most satisfying feelings at any show. It validates the fact that our efforts and talents are such that people are willing to purchase our art and give it a place of honor in their homes. It's one of the things that keeps us doing this art - notwithstanding the fact that it's a fun way to spend time. One notable thing that happened over the weekend was when three IDGS members purchased our art. Talk about getting the real stamp of approval!!! We were able to stroll through the gourd competition area to witness the great art created within our gourd society and want to congratulate all the winners and participants. We're proud to be associated with such a group.

Bill Tarlton

Asked our IDGS Judge Coordinator, Steve Kiser, for a list of the winners and, in his reply, he said all the participants are winners!!!

Thought about how beautiful that sounded to me! Yes indeed, all the countless hours spent to create the outstanding gourds, entering them in the show supporting our Society. Thank you each and every one. You are, indeed, winners!

As I mentioned before, to all the IDGS members involved in making this endeavor a huge success, a humbling THANK YOU from all the members. Such a show cannot be possible without your work.

2023 IAW Gourd Show winners

1st Best of show - Liz Meyer

2nd Best of show - Sharon Willis

3rd Best of show - Leanna Saenz

Special IAW award - Mac Brown

Best of division for each area is :

Youth- Atticus Saenz

Novis- Easter Ussing

Intermediate - Leanna Seanz

Advanced- Sharon Willis

Expert- Liz Meyer

Masters- Mac Brown

Individuals with disabilities - Ben Ciulla