

# *Karo's Gourd Shard's*

February, 2022



***A busy month is ahead for the Idaho gourders!***



**Take Note The February  
IDGS Regular Monthly  
Meeting has been  
Cancelled**

**Our meeting room is unavailable so our  
next regular meeting is March 12!**

Several IDGS members will be heading South shortly for the annual Wuertz Festival including *Liz Meyer*. I know she will come back with lots of new ideas to share at her Sunshine Patch. There will not be a Sunshine Patch on February 9th or the 16th. In addition to Liz and President Ron Swank, I think there are several more members from our Gourd Society headed South to participate in the Wuertz classes. Hope you share stories/pictures with with me.

**Idaho Society Gourd Festival  
NEW DATE - September 22-25, 2022**

Mark your calendars. This is a perfect time of year- Not too hot and not too cold! YEA!

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Check the IDGS website for Updates Always! *Chris Peters* keeps the website current for cancellations, updates, etc!

I thought about 'Gourd Shards' as an easy way to share some news/gossip with fellow members. For instance, possibly the Gourd Festival may be held at Franz Witte Nursery(F.W.N.) this year? That is totally up in the air at this time, but is a tempting thought, right? While mentioning this possibility about the Festival at F.W.N., you should explore their website and possibly sign up for the Franz Witte newsletter as a source for upcoming gourd related classes. As a horticulturist, I found their website to have a wealth of information. That aside, they are more than generous about having IDGS members participate in teaching gourd classes there. This is an exciting forum for our Gourd Society as an additional introduction to the community. I understand that many of the class participants are not Gourd Society members. There is a charge for the F.W.N. classes but, if taking one of their classes, remember to use your rebate we members received from paying our 2022 dues before December, 2021. I understand our *Chris Peters* is teaching a class at Franz Witte on February 19th. I just checked and the class is sold out!

*Corlis Kent* and *Christy Pletcher* have bravely started a NEW Woodcraft Gourd PATCH at Woodcraft in Boise. It is held on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. What a great place and an easy time to meet. Please contact *Corlis* or *Christy* for more info. Again, check the IDGS website for contact information!

A little duckie, between meal worms, has mumbled something about the possibility of yet another patch. Hmm. Guess we'll just have to wait and see.

**Just checked that the IAW show is on! It is at JUMP on April 2 and**

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For those of you who have been or who remain ill, blessings and positive thoughts to you. It has been such a long stretch with this pandemic and has affected us in so many ways. However, it does not determine who we are, only what angst it has caused us. If you can see, admire that bit of sunlight as I do, or listen for the wee bird singing. On a cold morn in early January the little green hummingbird frantically peeking into my kitchen window, again and again told me, "Hurry! You need to get my feeder up!" Smiling, I moved faster than you can imagine, gathering feeder, feeder lights, electric cords etc for my hummers. I had been told the Anna's were not in our area this year, but they were, and made themselves known in early January.. When I reported their sighting to the BSU research site, I was told I was among the five sightings the researchers had had reported that day. Little hardy, green, flighty blessings in a season of inversions and illness and just, well, January! What joy they brought. Pure light to my life! Going to a [Patch](#) can certainly help chase the blues away! If you are well enough, meeting with friends and listening, talking, whatever..makes your heart just sing! I loved it when Corlis came by, looked at my latest creation, and remarked, "That's..interesting!" I laughed. Later she added, chuckling, "But then you made the Cat House!"

See what I mean!...you can escape at a patch! Leave your ego at home. Leave your troubles at home. Laugh! Create! Bring a couple of bucks if you have a couple to spare to put into the kitty to help defray expenses. If you don't have extra, that is ok too. Come on! You are welcome among friends.

Corlis- These two pictures below are my Halloween creation I made with the addition of glow-in-the-dark paint. Had to get into a closet to take pic of the terrifying glow effect. This beauty traveled to N.C and was gifted to my daughter who found it to be MARVELOUS! I am amazing with my 'unique' talent!



Share any Good stuff with us here at Karo's Gourd Shards... Not monthly, no schedule, just when I feel like it!

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