
Annual Show-Me Gourd Festival

Every year during April, the Show-Me Society hosts a weekend gourd festival. Gourd classes are scheduled all weekend starting on Friday and are taught by some of the most talented gourd artists and crafters in the country.

On Saturday and Sunday, the festival is open to the public. Members are invited to enter gourds—either crafted or raw—into any one or several of over 52 categories. Volunteer judges select the best gourds in each category and award first, second and third place ribbons.

A host of vendors sell their wares at the festival. They have raw gourds of all shapes and sizes, crafted gourds, patterns, books, tools, dyes, embellishments, and many other supplies available.

Gourdpatches

The Show-Me Society is geographically divided into approximately nine patches. Patches hold meetings as often or as seldom as the members choose. Usually the patch meeting is an informal get-together where members share information, conduct a “show-and-tell” of their current projects, participate in demonstrations and just have a good time. Some patch meetings take place at member’s homes, while others are held at restaurants or other public meeting places.

Want to learn more? Join SMGS! We’d love to meet you!

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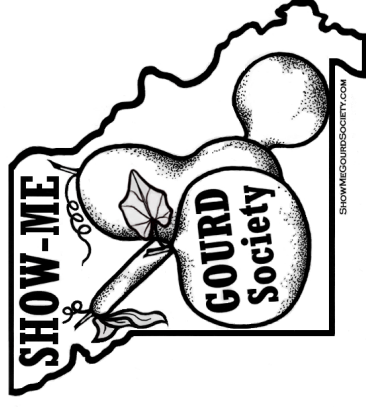
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Show-Me Gourd Society



XI Chapter of the American Gourd Society

Welcome to the World of Gourds!

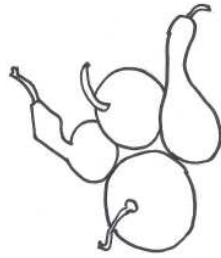
The **Show-Me Gourd Society (SMGS)** is the XI Chapter of the American Gourd Society (AGS). We became official in 1997.

Our purpose is to gather together with other like-minded people and share our knowledge and appreciation of gourds.

When we started we had just a few members, but lots of enthusiasm and dreams to grow bigger. And we have done a good job of realizing some of those dreams. Currently, we have over 180 members and are immersed in the planning of our next Annual Show-Me Gourd Festival. We also have a quarterly newsletter and a fully-functioning website at www.showmegourdsociety.com.

What is a gourd?

A gourd by definition is a fleshy, three-celled, many-seeded fruit, such as the melon, pumpkin, cucumber, etc., of the order [Cucurbitaceae](#); and especially the bottle gourd ([Lagenaria vulgaris](#)) which occurs in a great variety of forms, and, when the interior part is removed, serves for bottles, dippers, cups, and other dishes.



What is a gourd enthusiast?

A gourd enthusiast, affectionately known as a “gourd head,” is someone who is crazy about gourds—as a grower, a crafter, or just an admirer. Gourd heads love to talk about gourds and to go to places where they can learn more, share ideas, and “talk gourd.”

The Show-Me Gourd Society is just the place to meet and share with other gourd enthusiasts.

Membership Application

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Grower _____
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