



Spring Gourd Festival and Membership Meeting

Now that the big State Show in Kokomo is over, it is time for you to begin planning to attend the **Spring 2007 Gourd Festival and Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 12**. This year it will be held at the **Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon Indiana**, which is directly off **Interstate 65 at Exit 138**. Follow the IGS Gourd signs to get to the **Annex Building**. There will be other public events taking place at the Fairgrounds on that day which will give us the opportunity to share our gourd talents and knowledge with many more people. For those who wish to sell dried gourds outside, there is a large grassy area for you to pitch tents in case of inclement weather, as well as a very large paved area.

Vendor setup is from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. with the doors open to the public from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Vendors can dismantle from 3:00 – 4:00. The membership meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. A caterer will be on site to provide food for breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

The emphasis for this spring festival is to encourage those new to the gourd world to bring out the “inner gourd” in themselves. We will have an Exhibit Area for the gourd lovers who would like to display their favorite crafted gourd(s). We will provide **demos and instructions on wood-burning, carving, beading, weaving and painting gourds, as well as tips on growing your own**. As usual the festival is free and open to the public.

There will be an auction of gourds and gourd art at noon. If you are a vendor or artist, please contribute an item to help the Indiana Gourd Society.

Please call Pat Buedel 317 873-0087 or e-mail pbuedel@gmail.com for questions and/ or if you wish to reserve vendor space in the Annex Building. The vendor fee is \$30.



Above– Artist Gary Devine (Ontario, Canada) holding BEST OF SHOW, next to his lovely wife Catherine. Below– close up view of Best of Show gourd.



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