



Pictures from the State Show at Kokomo'07, submitted by Steve Sullivan

??GOURD QUESTION??

This is in response to a previous gourd question: “How do I know my gourds are ready to Harvest?” It was suggested that the gourds could be stored in the basement.

Debbie Goedde sent this response: I thought you might be interested to hear about our, (my husband & myself), experience with storing gourds in our basement one winter. I don't remember how many gourds I put in the basement but it was several dozen, all shapes & sizes. They were drying really well. I also had hundreds of seedling plants growing under numerous grow lights. One day, I noticed water dripping from our air conditioning vents. It was in January. We asked a friend who has a sheet metal company to come over and take a look. Upon looking in the basement he stated that the problem was that all the gourds & plants were causing water vapor to equalize throughout the house. Once it goes into the attic, it condenses & drips through the vents, eventually causing damage. So now, although I raise lots of seedlings, the gourds are kept in the garage & shed and we haven't had anymore water drips!

We here at the Tendril would have to agree, but for another reason. All that mold cannot be good for your health if you keep the gourds in the house to cure, even if it is in the basement. So for your health and the health of your family, let the gourds dry out somewhere else.

Next Issues' Gourd Question: Once my young seedlings are outside and growing well, what should I look for in the way of disease and/or bug damage? Also, when is the best time to start fertilizer?

Ok, start sending in your answers to this question! Send to:

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Gourd Happenings

Spring Membership Meeting/ Festival
May 12, 2007- 9am to 3pm
Boone County Fairgrounds/ Lebanon, IN

Patch 1 Spring Festival-June 2, 2007- 9am to 4pm
Webster Center/ Plymouth, IN

May 18-20 Kentucky Gourd Art & Craft Show
Taylorsville, KY

5th Annual Gourd Art Gathering,
June 1-3 ,Cherokee, NC

1st Annual, Hawaii- Gourds In Paradise,
June 15-17 , Kailua-Kona “Big Island” HI

11th Annual International Gourd Art Festival -June 23 & 24,
Welburn Gourd Farm, Fallbrook, CA toll free 1-877-420-2613

Georgia Gourd Society Festival, “Imigi-NATIONS,” July 20-22,
Coweta Fairgrounds, Newnan, GA ,30 mins. Past Atlanta. Competition, workshops, raw & decorated, gourd vendors and dinner

IGS Board Meeting-Oct. 20,2007
Location TBD

Fall Meeting & Festival- Nov.10,2007- 9am to 3pm
Tippecanoe Fairgrounds/ Lafayette, IN