



State Fair—Volunteers

It's that time of year again. The state fair is being held August 8 - 19, 2007. You can even pack and bring your "corny" (Year of Corn). jokes Everyone loves a good laugh to lighten the day.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help out at the IGS booth. Volunteers gets an entry pass and a free parking pass for the day. It's too late this year for anything except daily passes, but, if you volunteer 5 days or more next year and we know in time, you get a badge and parking pass to get in free for the entire fair!

Volunteers work 4 hours in a block. It really does go by fast! So, let us know what day and what time block you can work and we will get your passes to you. Time blocks are from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Talk with fair-goers about gourds, or to just be there to watch that none of the exhibits walk off
- Do demonstrations, especially in the afternoons and weekends
- Help set up the booth on Sunday August 5, from 9am to whenever we get done (usually about 1pm)
- Help tear down the booth Sunday night August 19 at about 9pm
- And finally a couple of people who can be available Monday August 20 in the morning to help take the last of the material out (we can not take trucks into the fair Sunday night)

This is a good way to meet other gourd people in a relaxed setting. Get your patch together and come to the fair as a group!

Want to help? Contact Phil Moorhead at 765-674-8088 or email moorhead@yahoo.com

Questions About IGS?

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about IGS, The Tendril, or other matters in the organization please contact one of the following.

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Aug 8th - Aug 19th
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the IGS Booth
Aug. 5th for
Gourd Competition
Gourd Displays
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2007 Fall Membership Meeting

Doesn't time fly when you are having Gourd fun? Believe it or not this note is about the Fall Membership meeting and Festival.

When: November 10, 2007

Where: Tippecanoe County Fair ground, Lafayette In.

Time: Show opens at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time. Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

There will be lots going on. Vendor space contact Guy Shutt, to do demonstrations and donate to auction items contact Rich Rodriguez and mini-competition contact Peg Sullivan.

There will be lots more information in the next The Tendril or if you have questions contact Guy Shutt. Start getting your booth space NOW.

Enough for now as we want to concentrate on the State Fair, see you there .

Guy Shutt - Fall meeting chair.

2008 Spring Workshop Applications

Just a note to say I appreciate the quick response to my emails regarding the workshop applications for the spring show in South Bend, Indiana on April 4th through April 6th, 2008. Every year the projects just get better and it gets harder to pick which classes to offer. We have formed a diverse team to make the selections. To keep it fair, workshops are selected without the team knowing who the instructor will be. I will notify all applicants as soon as we make our selections.

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Presidents Message

Gourd season is upon us. By now many of you are experiencing different levels of success growing your favorite crop, the gourd. This has been a difficult year for some. In the north, we are extremely dry and battling bugs. I have not had personal contact with anyone but it sounds like members in the central part of the state maybe getting a little more rain than they need. If this whole gourd thing was not so challenging, it would not be so enjoyable.

The next event for our membership to look forward to will be our Fall meeting/festival in Lafayette. Lafayette has been very good to us in the past, and I anticipate another successful event with good attendance. Guy Shutt is chairing the event, and already has begun making plans. Any one wishing information of any type can contact Guy at gshutt@ffni.com or call at 219-474-5091.

Plans for our state show 2008 in South Bend, are continuing to progress. The contract has been signed, discussions have been held concerning staging and workshops will have been selected by the time this is published. The move north has facilitated different people taking on different responsibilities. With these changes, we can anticipate a slighting new twist to our state show. Some contact has been maintained with the facilities management and they remain excited about the IGS brining our state show to their fairgrounds. Look for additional information concerning our state show elsewhere in this issue. And remember to mark the weekend of April 4, 5, and 6 on your calendars. South Bend has much to offer besides our excellent state show.

Until next time, happy gourding,
Sid Meyers

Patch 1 Report

Patch 1 held its "2nd Annual World of Gourds" festival, June 2, at the Webster Center in Plymouth. Along with 9 vendors, and demonstrations, once again a gourd "spin off" was held, using spinner gourds to test those who competed. Mary Cuff was in charge of this event, and there was a winner in both the adult, and child competition. As a group, we feel that this event was another success, and another opportunity to get the "gourd" word out.

Another opportunity that we are going to take advantage of is entering gourds into competition on the county fair level. We are asking our La Porte County members to enter gourds into open class. We estimate over 20 pieces that will vie for first place in several of the "non" gourd classes. We have used our imaginations, and feel we will open some eyes to the gourd.

We are also looking forward to August, as we are planning a progressive patch meeting. We will start at one of our member's gourd patch, and progress onto other member's patches, seeing how others are doing, growing, and experimenting with their gourd gardens. We are excited to see how the others do their thing.

As always, any and all who wish to come to one of our patch meetings are welcome. Just give us a call or drop us an email, and we will let you know when and where the next meeting is.

Sid & Renee Meyers

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Bob and Emily

2008 Spring Membership Meeting

Arrangements have been made with the Miami County Fairgrounds for a site and date to hold our May 2008 Spring Membership meeting. Saturday May 3 is the scheduled date and their 4-H Project building was selected. The building exhibit floor space available exceeds 18,000 sq ft. Bathroom facilities are included and there is a kitchen. Food service will be provided by the 4-H staff with sandwiches (hamburger, tenderloin, barbecue) etc. Friday night set up will be allowed. Tables are available (excluding their new white tables). Outside vendor set up space is available. Plenty of parking area near the building is convenient for visitors. RV hook up is available at \$20 -- water plus electric is included and waste disposal is available.

Steve Sullivan

Who's Responsible For Articles?

For all of those members who are chairing an event, the chair-person is responsible for also generating all content for *The Tendril* as soon as the event contract is finalized. This goes for any event, including Patch happenings. All upcoming events get top priority for front page coverage, however, we also try to cover the event as much as possible a couple of issues before the event so it will get broad coverage.

What do you put in your articles? Here's an old standard: Who, What, When, Where, Why and How? If you start by answering all of those questions in your article you will have put your best information to use.

Check back issues of *The Tendril* on the web site and check other publications to see what they are doing with comparable events or articles.

Sandlady's 9th Annual Gourd Art Festival

Saturday August 25 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Sunday August 26 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Classes: Masks, Tenerife & Basket Weaving

Starting 9:00 AM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday

Professional Instructors - \$55.00 per class

Free Make It—Take It for children—Both Days

Free Demos of wood burning, carving, & tool use.

Saturday—Guy Shutt - Sunday—Ron Thomas

Garage Sale - Both Days

Vendors with art on gourds and demos

Sand Lady's Gourd Art Museum 500 pc collection

Gourds and Seeds for sale - Videos for sale

FREE PARKING & MUSIC - FOOD AVAILABLE

Directions: I-74 West to S.R. 41

Go south 30 miles to Tangier Road

Turn right (west) on Tangier Rd (1050 W).

Go Seven miles west on black top road (1050W)

(and at times it changes to 1025 W)

Watch for signs.

Phone: 765-498-5428

Write your articles in much the same manner as you speak and then go back and use your Spell Checker/Grammar Checker. The Grammar Checker may not necessarily give you the best solutions, so again, keep it like you talk.

We like to hear from all of you and try to work your articles in. Please keep the processes going!

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REMINDER: The above is the location of the new State Show site. This map is located on the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds Web Site along with a map of the fairgrounds.

This article is a partial extract from one of our archives: SMALL AREA GOURDENING by Ron Bair

The smaller varieties of hard-shell gourds, and generally all the ornamental gourds, can be grown and kept inside of an area 5' x 5', if a wire cage is used. A cage can be made from old farm fence, concrete reinforcement wire, or other fencing to create your own design. Use at least 1 or more strong sturdy stakes to hold the cage in place. Try to choose a wire that has at least 4"X 4" openings in it for easy access for your hands, and at least 4' in height. A manufactured round cage works equally as well. Most types of these wire panels and cages can be purchased at your local hardware, farm supply, lumberyard, department, and garden stores.

After your plants are growing good, and start to vine out, set the wire cage around them. As they continue to vine out and grow, start weaving the vines "in and out" and "around" the wire, with all vines going in the same direction (clockwise or counter-clockwise). start weaving the vine approximately 1/2' to 1' above the ground, and take your time working your way up to the top and then back down, if necessary. Try to weave when the temperature is fairly warm and do not weave tightly.

Gourds actually seem to do better on these wire cages than they do roaming on the ground. The blooms are up and out in the open where they can be spotted by the bees and the other insects who pollinate them. The quality of the gourd also seems better. They will not have the marks on them from sitting on the ground. However, you may get some wire marks on them from resting against the wires. Yield also seems to be higher.

These wire cage methods has been known to yield as many as 500 ornamental gourds in an area as small as 15' X 25' (less than 400 sq. ft) with 8 to 10 cages.

This information is of my own knowledge and experiences: For more information on gourds and gourd events, contact the Indiana Gourd Society.

Quick Tips Growing gourds in containers? Try one of the heavy rubber tubs carried in the farm stores for feeding horses.

What's best for cleaning mold from a gourd? Warm water, dish soap, and an abundance of patience letting it soak before using a handled stainless steel scrubber to remove the mold. Remember, the mold will leave dark spots on the shell.

Worried about hand safety when sawing or gouging? Buy a fisherman's filleting glove! These have a metal mesh woven into the cloth, will give you a firm grip, and help protect your had from sharp objects, but should never be used in lieu of good safety practices.

Send us YOUR Quick Tips about germinating, growing, curing, and crafting gourds and help others find a solution to their problems.

Second Notice: Tendril Moving to Electronic Delivery

As you may have read in the last issue of the Tendril, the cost of printing and postage have forced us to go to electronic delivery. This has several advantages: you'll get the issue about 2-3 weeks sooner, and it will be IN COLOR.

There is a new area on the website at www.indianagourdsociety.org called **Member-Login**. When you click here, you'll see a page with a login and password. Your login is the ID

number on the top line of your Tendril label. Your password is your zip code (5 digits only). You'll be able to see back issues of the Tendril, and other information for members only. Be sure to contact Dallas Lunsford, 317 Maple Court, Kokomo, Indiana, 46902, or call 765-453-0247, or eMail him at igsmembership@insightbb.com if you do **NOT** want electronic delivery.

We'll still print a copy and mail it to you - but it will be black and white. This change will take effect with the first issue in 2008, as we get the bugs worked out of the system.

What kinds of articles or notes can be published, and by whom, in the Tendril?

Several questions have been posed recently about Notes, Articles, and Advertising. We have tried to explain the differences and who can contribute below. Further questions can be sent to the Editor.

Every IGS member is more than welcome to write articles concerning their gourd experiences and we certainly encourage members to do so. Reminder: This is a family oriented publication, both personal and IGS.

Whether an article gets published or not all depends on what other items we have already planned for that particular publication. Also, whether it is advertising, an article of some type, or a notice. Also whether it gets published, and in which issue, depends on space available and the number of IGS members that might be affected by the article.

How the publication is composed. We usually have a message on the front page about the next upcoming event. We also always try to have a message from the president. And as in the last Tendril issue we also give good coverage about major changes in IGS like the move of our yearly show to South Bend. Other articles are time-based in two ways – first in, first published IF there are no following articles that would bump those because of a time specific event.

Something like notices for upcoming IGS meetings may go into as many as three publications. We do have instances where we will publish meetings (like the Sand Lady event) as an EVENT. But, we also have the Sand Lady paid ADVERTISING in the publications as well.

The Tendril is published every two months. The deadlines for submissions are for the 15th of the first of those two months – Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/Jun, Jul/Aug, Sep/Oct, and Nov/Dec. The next submissions would be due on September 15, 2007. Submission dates are FIRM.

Advertiser space is limited, but advertising will gladly be accepted. Advertising rates appear on the back of each issue. IGS officer contacts and publication contacts also appear in every issue.

Text submissions should be in the Times New Roman font and 11 pt height.

Jesse Glessner

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Nostalgia from our Web Site



Patch 6 - Spring Festival
Huntington, IN



2005 State Fair
Full House



The Sand Lady Gourd Fest - 2004
Bagged and Ready

Errata: In the June edition the item "A cat birdhouse" on page 7 was mis-identified. The appropriate acknowledgement should have gone to the artist, Sherry Benedict, who won a Blue Ribbon for the piece. Our apologies go to Sherry for the error.

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- 1/3 page \$22.50
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- Full Page \$60.

All Submissions due Sep. 15th, 2007

Ads are to be pre-paid. All submissions
welcome! Please send in Word, .rtf, or jpg
format and mail your submissions to the
above address.

Please send us your suggestions for
The Tendril and your Pictures, stories,
tutorials and anything else gourd-related!
See you next time!!



Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdeous World

August 8—19, 2007 - INDIANA STATE FAIR
Indiana Gourd Society Booth in the Horticultural Building -
IGS Competition Gourds on display. Member's gourd displays.
Demonstrations of various crafting techniques and use of tools.
Information, and camaraderie.

August 25-26, 2007 - Sandlady's 9th Annual GOURD FEST Classes
in Masks, Tenerife & Basket Weaving. Make It—Take It classes for
kids. Vendors with art on gourds and demos. And the Sand Lady's
Gourd Art Museum collection. Gourds, seeds & videos for sale. See us
at www.sandlady.com

September 29-30, 2007 - 45th ANNUAL
OHIO GOURD SHOW - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days.
Gourd Workshops on September 28, 29 & 30, 2007
at the Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio See us at
<http://americagourdsociety.org/ohiochapter/index.htm>

October 11-14, 2007 - NEW MEXICO GOURD SOCIETY'S 3rd
Annual Celebration of Gourds. Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120
Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM. Festival days are Saturday (9AM
to 5 PM) and Sunday (10 AM to 4 PM). Gourd art classes are held
Thursday through Sunday. Registration and details are on our website,
www.newmexicogourdsociety.org. **October 20, 2007** - IGS Board
Meeting
Location TBD

October 27-28 - 12th Annual LONE STAR GOURD FESTIVAL
Held at the Waco Convention Center. Workshops and Demonstrations,
Judged Competition, Kids Kraft Korner & Bookstore.
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November 10, 2007 - Fall Meeting & Festival- 9am-3pm -
Tippecanoe Co. Fairgrounds, 1401 Teal Rd, Lafayette, IN
Free admission, open to public. Vendors, IGS Gourd store, Gourd
Seeds. Demonstrations, mini craft and dried gourd competition, music,
kids booth. Auction. Membership meeting at 3pm.. Midmorning snacks
and lunch available. For additional info: Guy Shutt, 574-474-5091 or e-
mail: gshutt@ffni.com

April 4-6, 2008 - 16th ANNUAL
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May 03, 2008 - Spring Membership meeting at the Miami County
Fairgrounds at the 4-H Project building. Food service provided. Friday
night setup allowed. Tables available. Outside vendor setup. RV hook
up available at \$20.00 (water and electric and waste disposal available).