
Presidents Message

By the time this is published, we growers will know what kind of crop we grew this year. One of the nice things about gourds is that once that cover of leaves die back, the crop is almost always better than we had anticipated. We always find a few nice surprises that we didn't see growing. In the mean time anticipation grows by the day as we wait for a frost to kill those leaves down.

The end of growing season is not the only thing that frost brings to our minds. It also means that another Fall Membership Meeting/Festival is approaching. This years' event will be held November 10th at the Tippecanoe County fairgrounds. Guy Shutt is chairman for this event, and has plans nearly complete. This membership meeting gives the membership a chance to ask questions, and get updated on what is happening within their society. If you would like to help, or participate in this event you can contact Guy at glshutt@ffni.com.

On a very positive note, two new patches have been approved. One located in Randolph County, and one in the Indianapolis area. These little pockets of extra interest are the future of our society. You can find more information on these and all patches on our website www.indianagourdsociety.org

Plans for our State Show in South Bend continue to progress. All workshops have been chosen, and vendors have been contacted. Visitors are in for some exciting changes. I hope everyone has marked April 4, 5, and 6 on their calendars. For more information contact Renee Meyers at her eMail address... rmeyers@galaxyinternet.net, or cell phone 574-229-0895.

We also have a date and location for our Spring Membership Meeting/Festival. This will be held May 3rd at the Miami County Fairgrounds, just north of Peru. This will be a particularly important meeting because of the number of state officials open to election. These will include President, both Vice Presidents, secretary, and two directors. Some of the people currently holding these offices have already stated that they do not intend to serve again, including myself. I feel that it certainly is important to have some carryover from one election to the next. However, I also feel it is important to have a certain amount of turnover from election to election. This will ensure fresh ideas and leadership. I encourage everyone to give some thought to serving on the Executive Board of your society. If you think you are interested, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time, happy gourding,
Sid

2008 Spring Workshops

Hello everyone. We have made our gourd workshop selections for the spring show at South Bend. I think we have a lot of really great classes to offer and I want to thank everyone for their prompt response and cooperation. The information you sent me has been sent to Jesse and Phil to put in the show catalog. I'm sure they put a lot of time in getting the books set up and I personally want to tell them they do a great job. I'm sure there will be a notice as to when these books will be available.

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