



Fall Festival & Membership

Welcome to the IGS Fall Membership Meeting and Festival

As you read this article a very successful State Fair is behind us and the harvest season is beginning to draw closer. With the harvest season comes the Fall Membership Meeting and Festival to be held again at the Tippecanoe County fair grounds in Lafayette Indiana. The fair ground is found on South route 25 or also called Teal road. The fair grounds are very easy to find coming from any direction. As you are going South on Route 25 the fair ground is on the right side, Signs will be posted. The show is located in the Home Ec. Building on North side of grounds. The Date of the show is November 10, 2007.

The show will open to the public at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time and all vendors must be in place. The Membership meeting is planned to start at around 3:00 p.m. depending on crowd.

Vendors may set up after 3:00 p.m. on Friday November 9 or between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Vendor fee will again be \$ 20 for a 10 X 10 space with 1 eight foot table and 2 chairs paid in advance and patch units will be free.

We will have a bunch of everything; vendors, food, demonstrations, auction, entertainment, drawings, competition and much more.

Coffee and donuts and lunch will be available from Purdue catering in the kitchen area.

Peggy Sullivan will chair the mini

competition which will consist of the following categories 1.Dried ornamentals, 2. Dried hard shell, 3. Pyroengraving (woodburning), 4. Painting, 5. Coloring, 6. Cutting, 7. Carving and Chipping, 8. Combination Any and All Techniques, 9. Flower Design, 10. Green Gourds, 11. Any Manipulated gourds. 12. Open-Anything goes. There will be 2 classes one for beginners and one for experienced. If you have any questions contact Peggy at the following e-mail gro_green@yahoo.com

Rich Rodriguez will chair the demonstrations and auction so let Rich know what demonstrations you are willing to do or what you have to donate to the auction. Remember these things add a great deal to the show as well as helping with the expense. With vendor income and the auction, the show should pay for itself. If you don't call him I think he will call you so contact him at the following e-mail address rich8141@wmconnect.com

Vendors contact Guy Shutt for space at glshutt@ffni.com or call 219-474-5091 no later than November 1, 2007, and for any other questions about the show.

One of our largest Fall meetings was in Lafayette in 2004, and I am hoping to do even better this year but this is a Purdue football week end in Lafayette so if you intend to stay over, make arrangements early.

I look forward to seeing a large number of people at the show and if you have any questions please contact me at the above numbers. Thanksssss in advance.

Guy Shutt Show Chair



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Starting in JANUARY your Tendril will NOT be mailed unless you tell us differently. You'll be able to get it and old issues from a secure site on the web-site. Check the article on Page 5 for details.

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2008 State Show Update

Progress is being made on the show book. We are ahead of schedule, and have gotten the pertinent information into the book concerning all the information needed to enter a piece into competition, sign up to volunteer, the forms for becoming a vendor, and the meal reservation, along with everything else needed to attend the show. The final selections have been done for workshops, and it looks like there are some new things being offered this time around. The South Bend Chamber of Commerce is anxious for us to be coming to South Bend, as they want to learn about gourds, and why we have a fascination for them.

We are going to be getting some local youth involved with the show. I have contacted a local elementary and high school, and they have agreed to be a part of our show. We are also working on a FFA connection, so we are hoping to get them involved as well. We know that the youth is the future of our society, and we are working hard to get them involved.

Again, I will remind you that if you want to put a business sized card advertisement in the show catalog, contact Jesse Glessner, and he will be sure to get it into the show book. His email is jess-gless@insightbb.com.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact me at 574-654-3474 or my cell 574-229-0895. Or my email is reneejmeyers@yahoo.com

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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... srmeyers@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.

Ida Kennedy Ida Kennedy - ikennedy5@msn.com - 219-767-2901

Opportunities In Gourd College

Hi Everyone, (from an eMail received from Georgia)

We've had some wonderful opportunities come about in our plans for the Gourd College this year. They have just been finalized, and I expect the teacher slots to suddenly fill up as a result. I wanted to let you know about the interesting changes and give you a chance to participate.

Please go to our website at <http://www.sunshinegourdcollege.com/> to see details about the changes under "Call for Instructors" which was just put online, and let me know if you are still interested.

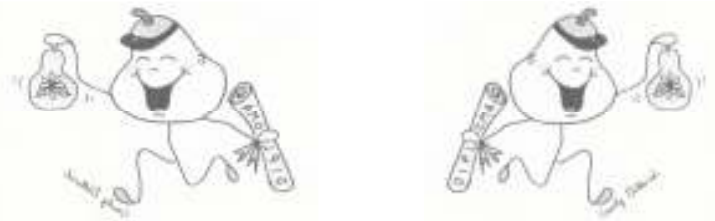
In a nutshell, the dates are now November 9-11 and all teachers are being offered \$200 to teach a class! GGS has generously awarded a grant to pay the teachers. All classes will be free to eligible GGS members. The new theme is Christmas in the Sunshine.

Please think about joining our "faculty" this year. We expect three days of full classes. Plus the GGS Fall elections meeting will be held there on Saturday evening. We still have open time slots in our teaching schedule.

An application to teach is on the website. Once you read about the weekend, feel free to encourage friends and other GGS members to teach as well. We don't have an email list, so we are counting on word of mouth to get the word out. We hope you decide to get involved.

Thanks,

Kathy



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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.

State Fair Wrap-Up

Thanks to all who helped make the state fair a success! Don't forget to mark your calendars for next year's fair. We need more entries. There were over 170 preregistered, and only about 80 showed up for display. Steve Stairs won the grand champion ribbon for his gourd pictured elsewhere.

We met many people who are interested in gourds, they just need to be around gourd members more to get that thrill that we all got when we were just starting. Please consider volunteering next year. You get to meet a lot of nice people. AND, you get a free pass to the fair for the days you work! Most people work in 4-hour blocks and spend the rest of the day roaming the fair.

Your volunteer work can be a demonstration of your gourd art and techniques. These demos always attract people into the exhibits and we're lucky to always have a few people willing to do this.

We would like to specifically like to thank the following people who volunteered to be with us many, many hours during the days of the State Fair. In order by days as the first appeared: Helen Thomas (woodburning, chip carving), Joe Lee (wood burning), Bob Dillard, Bill Byrd, Linda Ryan, Bill Taylor, Diane Wardlow, Mac McCreery (Weaving on gourd), Lois Shutt, Guy Shutt (cleaning out a gourd, wood burning, carving) Renee Meyers, Debbie Nixon, Sid Meyers (cutting techniques), Ray Nixon (pine needle weaving), Bill Friehoff, John Walmsley, Pat Buedel (color pencils on gourd), Rita Sparks, Ida Kennedy, Emily Wallace & friend Darla, Ron & Loretta Pressel.

Many of the volunteer made multiple commitments, both in number of times volunteering and those doing demonstrations and assisting others, to make this show a success. Again, a very big thank you to all.

Phil Moorhead - State Fair co-chair

Jesse Glessner - State Fair co-chair

Quick Tips

Do your gourd pictures always come out with flash "hot-spots", shadows, or poor alignment that ruin an otherwise perfect picture? We won't guarantee this solution will work for everything you want to photograph, however, it could be adapted to perform much the same for small to large objects. Obtain a large cardboard box approximately 2.5 ft X 2.5 ft X 3.0 ft tall. You will also need an 18" wide roll of heavy duty aluminum foil, double backed tape, plumbers putty or clay, and two small "directed light", preferably on adjustable height stands.

Cut the full front side of the box out and save the side. Crinkle a strip of aluminum foil that will fit one side of the box. This should not be a tightly wadded piece of foil, but you do want numerous creases in the foil. Now pull the foil back into a sheet without pressing out the crinkles. Check fit the aluminum foil to one side of the box. Place double backed tape to outline the approximate area of the foil and then run an "X" from corner to corner. Remove the protective coating of the tape and place your crinkled foil, bright side out, on the wall of the box. Repeat this process for all sides, including the "front" piece. Use a large plain piece of contrasting colored artists card stock as a backing or under the object and shoot either directly into the box from the front, or shoot directly down on the item. Use modeling clay or plumbers putty to help hold the object.

Place your lights to point at the sides of the box. Take your photograph by centering the item in the viewer. If all of the item isn't there pull back and view again, you can always crop the image later. Upload to your computer. View the photograph for "hot spots", shadows, and proper alignment. If any errors, move the lights or the camera and try again. This should leave you with a fairly reflection free and shadow free photograph. If using a standard film camera, scan your photos with resolution set at least to 600 dpi and save as "your_photo_original" and keep as an original. Work only on a copy of a photo for cropping etc.. If you don't have a good application to do so, download the "free" GIMP (Graphic Image Manipulation Program) application from the Internet (www.gimp.org—read the download and installation instructions—multiple modules required). This package has about 80-85 % of what PhotoShop™ has for cropping, editing, sizing, etc. for photographs.

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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 **MemberLogin**. 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.

Phil Moorhead

Interested in helping form a new patch?

We had several people at the fair come up and ask about groups that got together in their areas. We explained how the patch concept works. We're looking for people in the Indy, Martinsville and Evansville areas. If you live there, or know of someone who does who is interested in helping form a patch, have them contact any of the board members to help out.

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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2008 Spring Membership Meet

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, barbe-cue) 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

Patches Happenings

We hope to be doing a section on the Patches for the November/December issue. Would all of the Patch Leaders please write a short article about what has happened, or is happening, this year in their patches. News, happenings, new patches, and other interesting facts about your patches would be greatly appreciated.

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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 Gourgeous World

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://americangourdsociety.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
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November 10, 2007 - Fall Meeting & Festival- 9am-3pm -
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kids booth. Auction. Membership meeting at 3pm.. Food available. For additional info: Guy Shutt, 574-474-5091 or e-mail: gshutt@ffni.com

November 9-11, 2007 - Sunshine Gourd College
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April 4-6, 2008 - 16th ANNUAL INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY - NEW LOCATION - SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Theme: Discover Gourds Hidden Treasures. This is a whole new market area for many of you. See our IGS web site for updates. www.indianagourdsociety.org

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.