

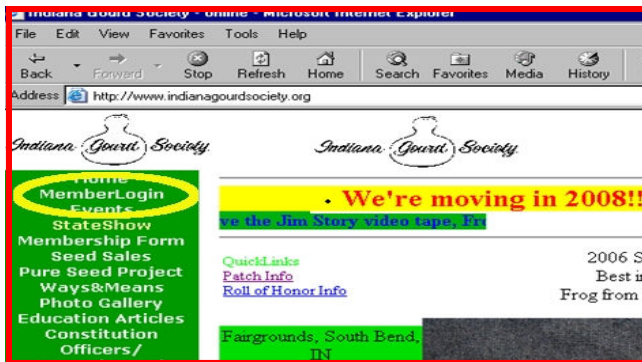


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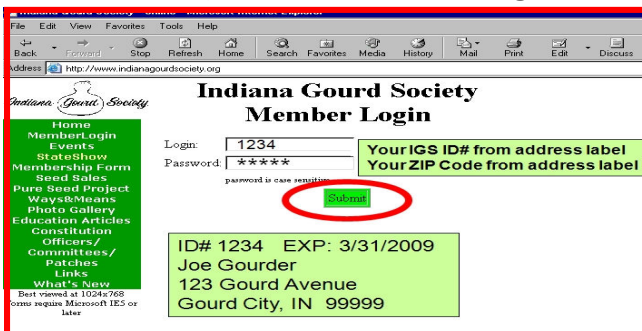
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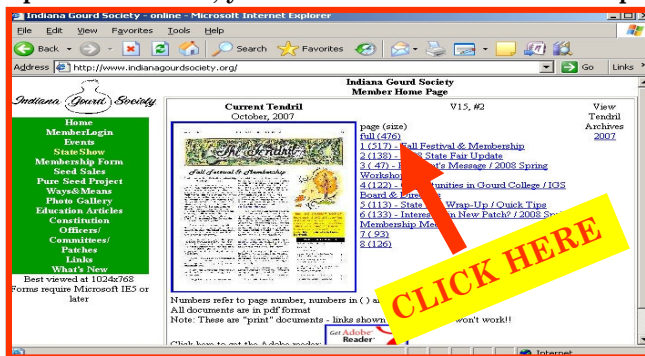


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2008 Roll Of Honor

The charter members who founded the Indiana Gourd Society decided to show their appreciation to those individuals who went above and beyond their volunteer efforts for the society. This passion for the growing, crafting and promotion of gourds is shown in their efforts. Individuals who have clearly demonstrated this work in any area of the gourd society may be nominated for the Roll of Honor. All nominees must be current or past members of the society. Any current IGS member may make a nomination.

Nominations for the Roll of Honor are to be sent to the secretary of IGS on an 8 ~ X 11" sheet of paper. The Executive Board will review the nominations. If necessary, the Executive Board will appoint a committee to narrow the number of nominees. If a committee is needed to reduce the number of nominations, they will return to the Executive Board a smaller list of nominees. The executive board will then select the honorees from the smaller list. The Executive Board will have the final decision regarding how many individuals there will be.

Nominating instructions will appear in The Tendril and on the IGS website.

Those found worthy by the Executive Board will then have their names engraved on the Roll of Honor plaque and will be introduced at the dinner of the annual Indiana Gourd Show.

On a piece of 8 ½" X 11" sheet of paper write or type why you believe your nominee should be added to the Roll of Honor. Please site specific activities this individual was involved with.

Send your nomination to the Secretary of I.G.S., c/o Pat Buedel, 7100 W. 96th St., Zionsville, IN 46077 by February 1.

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Great Day In Lafayette

Lafayette provided us with another great day for our Fall Membership Meeting and Festival.

What a GOURDious day with a sunny skies and warm temperatures.

The festival was very successful with all vendors having different degrees of success. The auction was very successful and many, many thanks to all the donators to the auction. The traffic was above average. We had great demonstrations all day with many questions being asked. The food was good and the friendship was GREAT.

I want to thank all those who took part in making this show successful. The vendors were super, the demonstrators were outstanding, the auction buyers were fantastic and Merle was wonderful on his musical instruments. Ways and Means had a great day and Seeds and Education were wonderful. The competition Group just did a great job. Membership brought in some new members and Renee got out lots of information on our SPRING Show. How could I not mention Bill as he greeted and visited with everybody who came in the door? The set up crew did an outstanding job and the clean up crew was even better.

I just want to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY who had any part because I don't want to miss anybody as you were all wonderful.

I also want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and as the season goes on a Blessed and Joyous Holiday Season.

Guy Shutt

Fall show chair

Presidents Message

Greetings,

With the advent of an electronic newsletter, I have time to wish members a very Happy and Safe Holiday season. One that is, of course, full of gourds. With our Fall Meeting now behind us, we can turn almost full attention to our state show.

Once again, I will remind everyone that next years state show will take place at the St. Joseph County fairgrounds in South Bend, on April 4,5,and 6. This location is only 2 hours north of our previous location, and minutes south of many nice attractions. South Bend has much to offer to the weekend visitor. Plans are progressing nicely. If you have not received your show catalog, contact Renee Meyers at

srmeyers@galaxyvinternet.net, or at 574-229-0895.

I also want to mention our elections this coming May. Several offices will be on the ballot this year. They include President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, and 2 Directors. If the current plans are carried out, there will be a significant change in the make up of the Executive Board after the elections. This society does belong to the membership.

Volunteer service of this nature not only gives you a voice in the running of your society, but it also can be very rewarding. Indiana has the largest membership in the country. There are many opportunities to volunteer and many hands makes the load much lighter. Current and past leaders have served well and with commitment. If you have ever thought that you wanted more from your society, maybe you should consider giving more to it. If you think you might like serving, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time, happy gourding,

Sid Meyers

2008 IGS Show—Vendors Notice

To our Venders, the Vendor packages are in the mail so you should get them soon. If you do not get your application please go to the IGS web page www.indianagourdsociety.org under 2008 State Show and download the application and mail it to. Vendor Chairman Ray Nixon, 5455 N Range Road, LaPorte, In. 46350 Phone 219-362-3500.

Pure Seed Project

This is a program of the Indiana Gourd Society for producing genetically pure high quality seed that will assure the purchaser of IGS seed the highest probability of growing adapted true to type gourd varieties.

Control of pollination by hand pollinating or growing in isolation thru multiple generations allows selection for improving trueness to type of varieties and seeds with

homo genius sets of genes.

To date the program which is a work in progress is involved with over 20 varieties—some in their 1st managed year and several thru the 4th generation.

Our aim and goal is to reach and continue beyond 7 generations to have 99 plus% genetically “pure seeds” produced and sold by IGS.

Steve Sullivan

State Fair Information

Entry rules and regulations can be found on-line at <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/index.html>. Once at that page click on the navigation link "Competitive Exhibitors" and then the "Open Class Handbook".

Look in the list for Dept 112, Ag/Hort – Part 1. (Go to page # 15 of 25 on the PDF file or to page 245 of the handbook.) That is the section of a PDF file containing the rules for "GO GOURDS". The actual Entry Form is lower down on that page – look for the same Department info. PLEASE, do NOT use this article as a basis for anything concerning your official entries. **GO TO the State Fair site posted above and read the RULES!!**

Check in time is on Sunday, Aug 5, 1-4 PM and Monday Aug 6, 8 AM through Sunday Aug 7, 8 AM. Judging begins Aug 7 at 9 AM

Classes = Fresh, Dried, and Crafted. There many items in each class so check them thoroughly as the rules are strictly adhered to at the Fair. This means that you MUST read the rules and adhere to them.

One entry fee is \$30 if your entry is postmarked by July 1, 2008 and this single entry allows you entry of up to 250 exhibits. Late entries will be accepted if postmarked July 2 through July 30, however, an additional \$25 is required for ALL late entries.

Exhibit release is Sunday, August 19, 9-11 PM – NO VEHICLE TRAFFIC – only those exhibits that can be carried to the exhibitors cars will be released. Also, Monday, August 20, 9 AM (no ticket required).

We only received about half of the entries show up that were signed for on the entry forms at the 2007 State Fair. We have a large number of people come through the area during the entire show, so this is the place to show your wares, especially for beginners.

And, if you're interested in getting into the Fair with "free parking" all you have to do is sign up to volunteer for a four hour stint at our booth – either demonstrating your talent or helping with Seed Sales, Ways & Means, and talking to the public. This is another good place for beginners to learn a LOT about "gourding"

Jesse Glessner

State Show Update

Hurray! The show books are ready, and some were handed out at the Fall Meeting in Lafayette. The remainder will be in the mail the week of November 12. Some have already taken advantage of the information being on the web. A few workshops have already been booked. So, don't be late in getting your reservations in for the workshop you want. Looks like they will be filling up fast. We hope that you will like what you see, and the changes that we have made. We have tried to listen to you, and we hope that the changes you asked for are there. If you have any questions, please contact me at reneeimeyers@yahoo.com. Or call my cell at 574-229-0895.

Attention all gourders:

The workshop books are out and I am anxious to get people signed up for the classes. We have a lot of talented instructors involved with the show so I am sure you can learn a lot and have a lot of fun. Please contact me as soon as possible so you won't miss out on a class you would really like to take. Please send me your Workshop Registration Form with a check for the amount of the classes plus the \$5.00 entry fee that everyone has to pay. I will send you a confirmation letter and a wrist band for you to get into the show.

Thanks everyone

Ida Kennedy ikennedy5@msn.com

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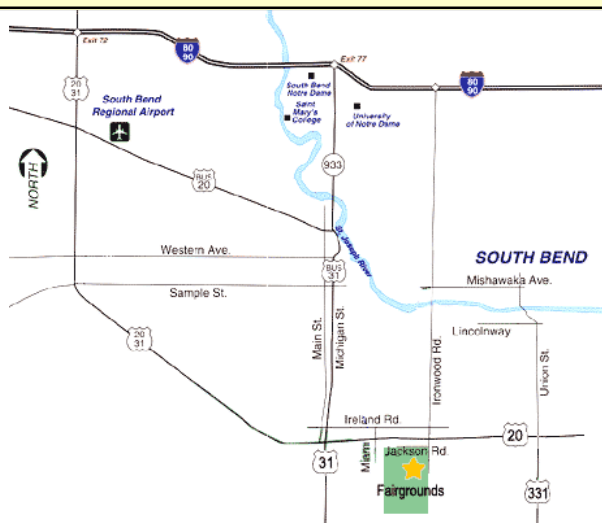
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REMINDER: The above is the location of the new State Show site. This map is located on the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds Web Site along with a map of the fairgrounds.

Ways & Means

I want to introduce myself to those who do not know me. I am Loretta Pressel and my husband, Ron, and myself live near Walkerton. We grow and craft gourds. I was Way's and Mean's chairperson three years ago but, had to give it up because of other meetings conflicts. At the State Fair, this year, I volunteered to take the position back. I really like doing this job, it's fun, interesting and I can meet a lot of people.

The Way's and Mean's do make a lot of profit on the articles that we sell. We want you to be able to purchase IGS logo clothes at a reasonable price. Where we make the money is on the articles that you donate. So, please remember to bring donations for our Way's and Mean's booth, at the State Show, in South Bend in April. We sold \$327.75 at the Fall Meeting/Festival in Lafayette. This was great! Wishing all you GOURDHEADS a Happy and Blessed Holidays!!!! Loretta Pressel, Way's And Mean's chairperson

Upcoming Elections

After the Spring Membership meeting of May 3, 2008, an official Board Meeting will be conducted, which will include the election process for the following offices; President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and two Directors positions.

The bylaws call for the President to appoint a nominating committee to select candidates from the membership. Members should then submit their information to this committee. The nominating committee then presents a slate of candidates to the general membership for election at the Spring meeting.

We are trying to give you a lot of time to think this over also. We need to get more of the general membership involved in the ongoing processes of making our society better.

So, this is a great opportunity to **VOLUNTEER**. If interested please submit your name for consideration. But, if not interested in trying for one of the offices, please come to the meeting and vote for YOUR selection of candidates.

As in any political election it is the participation of the citizens that make the processes work. This is the case in the IGS also. Come, participate, enjoy!

Quick Tips If you happen to open a gourd that is filled with soft, fluffy, off-white "cotton," pull the fiber out gently with your hand. There will still be soft remnants clinging to an otherwise nice hard mother of pearl finish. What to do? very carefully scrape away the soft fibers, and underneath the dullness is hard shiny mother of pearl. In places, it may not be perfectly smooth. The surface may have been gouged or coming off in layers, still pretty, but a looking a bit fly-away and imperfect. Mix one part Elmer's glue to two parts water, and paint the inside with a foam brush. Doing so will put a hard finish on the softer white parts, tacking them down so they are not prone to further damage. The glue mixture will dry clear and shiny just like the "good" mother of pearl with no discoloration, and now you have a true gem on your hands.

Note: I cut open about fourteen of these this year. Had seen the mother of pearl before on rare occasions but never a gourd filled with the soft cottony fiber.

Mary Gayle Van Ingen - Milwaukie, Oregon

LAST Notice: Tendril Moving to Electronic Delivery—Get your info in if you want paper copies mailed!

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.

Harvesting Info for IGS!

We need to have members report back to IGS about how their seeds and plants performed. Did you get what you expected from the germination? Did your plants produce the type of gourd which you expected from the category of seed you purchased and planted? Did you let nature pollinate the plants or did you hand pollinate? Were other types of gourds grown nearby?

Feedback from members is the only way we can assure that our seeds are producing the correct fruit. The feedback will be used by the Seeds chair and the Pure Seed Project chair to determine whether we should actually keep the existing batch of seeds or consider using seed from other sources.

A new area on our Web Site will be generated "soon", but with no firm date set yet. This will allow member/growers to input their information and submit it into a database that we will use to collect and retain information from all sources about the viability and reliability of our seeds.

As in all other IGS efforts, this will take our MEMBERS doing the volunteer work of taking time and entering their data. Phil and I have discussed the format of the database and input form to make this as painless as possible. Hopefully this will automate a lot of the entries with the user having to input two items from drop down menus, the Problem Area, and the Gourd Variety. The member will then have to type in the information concerning the problem itself.

2008 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, 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.

QuickTip—Raised Beds – Cheap, Fast and Easy

We made four small raised beds about five feet in diameter by making circles of plastic garden edging, the kind with the rolled rim, which we riveted together at the seam and fastened to the ground with tent pegs. We have been using them for seven or eight years, and they have held up well. They were especially nice when I had to move my gourd beds from their original location due to a neighbor's construction project blocking my sunlight.

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Patch 1 Report

Our patch has been very busy. Starting in August some of us volunteered at the State Fair, and enjoyed talking with others about gourdng. We always have a good time while helping out, and have learned a thing or two along the way ourselves.

In late August, we did a "patch" visit to some of the member's gourd patches. We started out a Ray and Debbie Nixon's, next was our house, Ron and Loretta Pressel's, Ida Kennedy's, Jerry and Judy Millard's, and ending at Bill and Kim Schulz's home. There were 20 of us, in 8 cars, and we got the opportunity to see how our members grow their gourds. Kim was expecting 10, but to her surprise, the 20 of us converge on her home. She supplied us with a wonderful meal, and we had a short meeting after.

The latest meeting as at Alice Pawlowski's home. After the meeting, Alice taught how to apply clay to banana gourds to make a Christmas ornaments. And Kim Schulz showed us how to use the

embossing powder on gourds. On December 9th we are having our annual Christmas dinner at a local restaurant, with a gift of exchange of, what else, gourds.

Looking forward, our patch will be manning a booth at the 5th Annual Gardening Show in Valparaiso on January 19th. Again, this is a good opportunity for us to pass along the gourd word to a few newbies.

And looking even further into the future, we are going to be having another festival of our own. This time it will be at the La Porte County Fairgrounds in May. We have already made arrangements and are looking forward to another successful festival.

As always, if you would like to join us, feel free. We are always looking for more to come join the fun. Contact us at 574-654-3474 or srmeyers@galaxyinternet.net

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January 10, 11, 12, 13, 2008 - Second Annual "Gourds In Paradise Festival" - see [www.http://www.hawaiigourdsociety.com/](http://www.hawaiigourdsociety.com/)
Mark your calendar! Vendors set-up Thursday from 4-8 PM. Festival Hours (all three days): 9 AM—4 PM Location: Hale Halewai Pavilion— Ali'I Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

January 19, 2008 - 5th Annual Gardening Show—9 AM to 4 PM

SATURDAY at Washington Township Elementary School, 178 Division Road, Valparaiso, IN. Sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension & Porter County Master Gardeners Association. Patch 1 will be working the booths, 1 for the IGS Society, and 2 for patch members. Come and join us.

February 16, 2008 - Seed Packing Day 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Tentative: Thorntown Public Library

Repackage or re-identify existing seeds packages in Seed Box. Repackage bulk seeds ordered from vendors or seeds from the Pure Seed Project. This is a "FUN" day where you can meet other members and chat with new friends.

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 - 9 AM to 3 PM

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. General elections to be held during the Board Meeting. See article pg 5. Board meeting and Elections follow the festival breakdown.

August 05, 2008 - State Fair Setup 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Mark your calendar and come down to the Fairgrounds and help set up the IGS booth for the run of the fair August 8th through August 19th

We are seeking volunteers for both demonstrating their talents in gourd and volunteers for helping with Seeds Sales, Ways & Means Sales, and in general discussing gourds with the public.