

STATE Fair Information

Fair Dates: August 6th – 17th. Setup Day will be Sunday, August 03, 2008 starting at 9:00 AM.

All we can tell you about the State Fair so far is that Phil Moorhead and Jesse Glessner will be co-chairing the event again this year, that we need lots of both participants and volunteers, and that you should be clicking on the following links to find forms and information about registration. The data is currently missing, but check often at the State Fair Web Site at <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/index.html> and click on the **Competitive Exhibitors Button** on the Nav Bar.

We would like to have lots of exhibitors this year. We had several registered last year but only about half of those actually brought their gourds in for competition and display. We do appreciate everyone's efforts to get them there.

We also need lots of volunteers both for general help and demonstrations again this year. The demonstrations in particular attract many people to the booth. Volunteers get a free gate pass and parking pass for the days that they help out. Of course you also get to visit the fairgrounds before or after your volunteer times.

Phil/Jesse

Gourd Patch #4 Events

Gourd Patch 4 will have a booth at Purdue Spring Test April 12 and 13. Volunteers are needed to talk to visitors about gourd growing and crafting. Gourd seeds will be sold at this event.

Gourd Patch 4 will have a booth at the Tippecanoe County Garden Expo at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds on April 26. Gourd seeds will be sold and volunteers are needed to demonstrate cleaning gourds for crafting. Some space will be available to sell crafted gourds made by Indiana Gourd Society members.

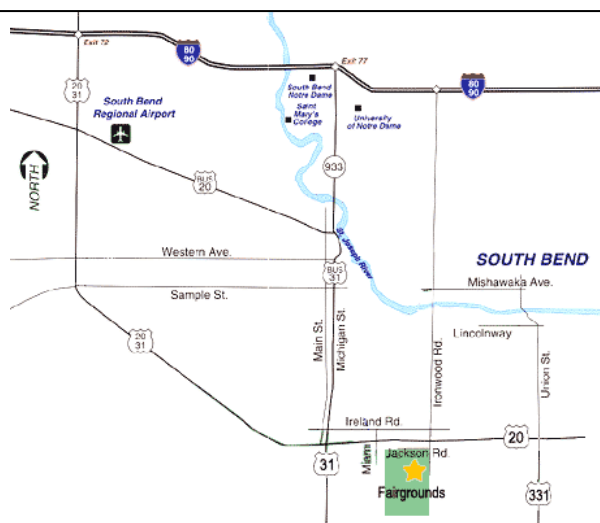
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GROWING, CURING, CLEANING AND CRAFTING GOURDS By Jim Story WHY GROW GOURDS?

Gourds are one of the world's most versatile plants. The many shapes and sizes of the fruits, lightness when cured (dried), their lasting qualities, and the many utilitarian purposes make the gourd a favorite of gardeners and craftsmen worldwide. Dried gourds have been made into bowls, storage containers, dippers, birdhouses, vases, pitchers, dolls, musical instruments (gourds are excellent resonators), lamps, jewelry, birds, animals, reptiles, insects, wreaths, wall hangings, Christmas ornaments, contrived flowers, caricatures

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