

## 2008 Show Chair Message

Our state show is literally right round the corner. We are busy finalizing all the things that are needed to put on a show of this size. We are still excited that the show has come to northern Indiana, and we hope that those thinking that as they might not make the trip, I hope that you will reconsider. The show is virtually another one and a half hours further north than when it was in Kokomo, right off of Highway 31 in South Bend. South Bend has opened their arms to our society, and we hope that we can also open their minds to our passion, the gourd.

Along with an auction both Saturday and Sunday, we will be having two art raffles. One is our own, with some of our membership's pieces; the other is from high school students who will have created their own pieces of art. As all of us know, the children are the future of any society, and we are trying to get them involved. We also will have a class of 4<sup>th</sup> graders who will have pieces in competition.

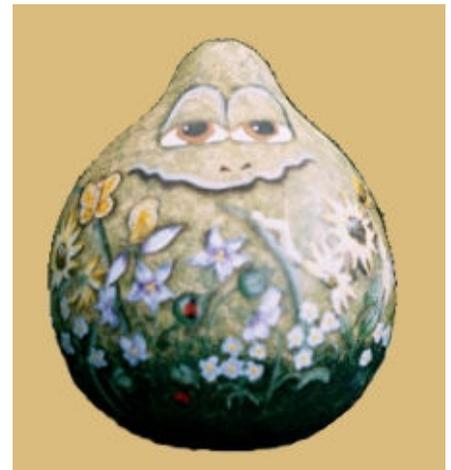
Remember also, that we will be having an adult and a child's treasure hunt on Sunday. Anyone participating will have to put on their thinking caps, and find the treasures. We will start at the opening of the treasure hunt Sunday., and it will end when the first ones find all the clues to the treasure's quest.

And I personally always look forward to the pieces that are in competition. We have a lot of creative people that work wonders with the gourd, and I admire their originality, and imagination.

I would like to invite all to come to South Bend, and enjoy the fun the gourd fellowship brings.

**Show Chair: Renee Meyers**

## J'm from Indiana



## Show Me - 2008

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## ***Requirements for Accessing the 2008 JGS Show***

Everyone who expects to work at the show must pick up their badges for free entry before noon on Friday. For those people who are taking classes later in the weekend, they are being contacted to receive pass information. Anyone working at the show who does not pick up their packet by noon on Friday, or make other arrangements will pay gate admission. The gates are just off the roadway and no one will be allowed to enter without a pass after noon on Friday, April 4th, 2008.

Renee/Phil

## ***2008 JGS Show Workshops***

Hello everyone. The days are passing quickly and our Spring Show at the St Joseph County fairgrounds will be here soon. Our classes are filling up so if there is a special class that you would like to take, don't wait too much longer. We appreciate the response that we have gotten for the workshops. There are still some opportunities to be a helper at some of the classes. Please contact me if you are interested. This is a good opportunity to learn something new without the expense.

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  2. Now you can go to the "MemberLogin" on the left side of the home page, second item down on the Nav Bar, then enter your userID and password, from the label on a recent issue of "The Tendril" then click "Submit". Your info will look something like this - ID: 1234 (Member ID) P/W: 56789 (your Zip Code). That area is not locked yet, so leaving both blank will also work, but, you should begin using the ID & P/W as the area will be closed to members only soon.
  3. Once logged in you may click on and download the current edition of The Tendril. You may also view the ARCHIVES shown in the upper right corner of this window.
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  8. You will be taken to the Adobe Reader Download page. On the bottom of that page is a Gold colored DOWNLOAD Button. Click on that Button. You may need to click the Gold Bar at the top of the Browser window to allow the download to progress.
  9. SAVE the application to your Desktop. Once Saved, go to the Desktop and double-click the large Red & White ADOBE icon to start the installation. Follow on-screen instructions.
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## STATE Fair Information

Fair Dates: August 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Please contact Verona Clark at 765-242-1967 or email: [gourdgrower21@hotmail.com](mailto:gourdgrower21@hotmail.com)

## 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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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.

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**A GOURD BY ANY OTHER**

by Helen Parker

A bottle or a jug;  
A kettle or Canteen;  
Is it round and fat?  
Or short and flat?  
A birdhouse! Could be just that.  
We'll have to wait and see.  
A dipper will make a sipper if it  
Hangs from a tree.  
But if it creeps a crooked mile,  
Pushing ball along the ground,  
Is it still a dipper?  
Or just deformed and doomed?  
Could be.  
But beauty is as beauty sees.  
A creative lady adds a bloom,  
Drapes a vine.  
Viola! Ugliness becomes divine.  
Did you ever eat a snake?!  
Lagenaria longissima is edible!  
I find that hard to take.  
Let it grow and curl around

All summer on the ground.  
Or hang it high and keep it straight  
So that you can make ....  
A baton to wave around.  
A monkey or a swan?  
A dolphin with a spine?  
A maranka with low ridges  
Makes a grower pine.  
A pear will make a bell.  
An apple or an orange?  
When you scrape them down to  
shell,  
It's really hard to tell.  
An egg could fool a chicken  
Or help to darn a sock.  
Have you cleaned very many?  
It's like scraping on a rock!  
A crown of thorns is hard to clean.  
A finger gourd? Sounds obscene.  
Ten Commandments? Here is one.  
Sell it green!  
A gourd by any other name  
No matter what its shape or use  
Will always be the same.  
Cucurbita pepo ovifera or  
Lagenaria siceraria  
Will always be the proper name.

***Photographing Your Gourds***

We ran an article some time ago in the Tendril about how to photograph your gourd artwork for best results. Recently I ran across another very good article on this same subject. The article by well know gourd artist, Bonnie Gibson, is located in the lower half of the third section of the Navigation Bar on her Web Site at <http://arizonagourds.com/>. Remember, shiny surfaces will tend to reflect glare directly into the lens, so you may want to use multiple methods to enhance your work. ENJOY! Jesse

***Growing Gourds In the City***

If you don't have a large space the garden stores have half-barrels for \$30 that should make a good container for you. Gourds love to climb but anything you put up should be strongly secured as green gourds may be very heavy depending on the variety. Have FUN! Give your hubby a hobby! These are fascinating plants to watch and they do grow rapidly once they get started. Jesse

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## President's Message

It's that time! Our state show is upon us. As I write this I am sure everyone has figured out that the show is moving to South Bend. A new facility has caused new situations that didn't exist in the past, along with new wrinkles to old situations. Renee Meyers and her committee are busy taking care of all these situations as they appear. The South Bend area appears to be very receptive to the IGS moving our show to their town. Our show committee is working this receptiveness as much as possible and cautiously optimistic about a very good turn out. One special bonus is that Congressman Joe Donnelly has committed to a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday afternoon. We are hopeful that the effects of that by itself will draw some attention from the community. There will be other changes to the show also, as the committee tries to save the best of the past while putting a fresh new look on the show. One obvious change will be an increase in youth presence. I hope all members will check out the new facility while still enjoying the same great gourd fellowship.

Another thing that will not change is that our state show will be followed by our Spring Membership

meeting. This will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Miami County Fairgrounds, in Peru. This meeting annually is the elections of new officers. Ruth Moorhead has been appointed as nominating committee chairperson, and will be assisted by Ray Nixon and me. The three of us will be circulating around during the state show. If anyone wishes to have their name added to the ballot, or just ask questions, please feel free to look us up. I again encourage everyone to consider serving your society with a term on the executive board.

With this election, will be the end of my term as your President. It has been a rewarding time. While there were at times struggles, and issues to be dealt with, the rewards were many. I am aware that not all change is well received; however, I feel changes made during my presidency will help ensure the longevity of the IGS. I appreciate all who have come forward to volunteer and accept new responsibilities, and I appreciate all who have served on the Executive Board during the four years. While I intend to take a step back for a while, my passion for gourds continues strong and I will not disappear from sight. Thank you to all of those who have supported me.

Thank you, and happy gourdng,  
Sid Meyers

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## ***Increasing Gourd Fruit Yield***

The main vine runner should have the end pinched off when it is 8 to 10' long. This will cause the production of side runners. These side runners produce mostly female flowers which produce the gourd fruits. The main runner produces mostly male flowers. The 1st side runners can have the tips pinched off when 5 to 8 leaves are present. This, in turn, will produce more side runners [female] flowers.

To produce larger gourds hand-pollinate the 1st female flowers [use male flowers from the same plant for pure seed]. This causes a larger seed set which causes a larger fruit to contain the increased number of seeds. The use of 2 male blossoms per-female flower -is recommended for-plenty- of pollen. To produce smaller gourds, crowd the gourds into smaller space or do not thin the gourds as one normally would.

Remember, larger type hardshell gourd fruits not present till after the 1st of August, [central Indiana or north] may have thin shells or may not fully mature. Smaller varieties or ornamental gourds require shorter growing seasons than the larger types. Those types can be planted and often mature with only 80 to 100 days of growing season. The number of growing degree days will determine the results. 70 degree soil temperature is generally needed for good growth.

FUNGUS PROBLEMS?? I am no expert but what they have taught in Master Gardening is to clean up the area very well. Pick up all the leaves and vines from last year before tilling the area. You can buy fungicide sprays to spray the ground before you till. This will help but I do not think that it is a complete cure. Ray Nixon

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**April 26-27, 2008 workshops April 25 th**

Show Me Gourd Festival, Sedalia, MO  
[www.showmegourdsociety.com](http://www.showmegourdsociety.com)

**May 03, 2008** - Spring Membership Meeting - 9 AM to 3 PM

at the Miami County Fairgrounds, at the 4-H Project building in Peru Indiana. 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.

**May 17th & 18th, 2008** - Pre-workshops show 17th and 18th

Kentucky Gourd Art Show, Taylorsville, KY  
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**May 24, 2008** - Patch #1 Gourd Festival 9 AM to 3 PM

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**June 6,7,8 2008** - Gourd Artist's Gathering, Cherokee, NC

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**August 03, 2008** - State Fair Setup 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Setup is in the Horticulture Building. Mark your calendar and come down to the Fairgrounds and help set up the IGS booth for the run of the fair August 6th through August 17th. **We are seeking volunteers for both demonstrating talents in their crafting and volunteers for helping with Seeds Sales, Ways & Means Sales, and in general discussing gourds with the public.**

**August -6 thru 17, 2008** Indiana State Fair

Dried gourd and gourd art competition. Check Fair Site for forms.

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For additional info: contact Jesse Glessner 765 348 0344, or Phil Moorhead 765 674 8088

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