

## **Wrap Up for State Show 2008**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Indiana Gourd Society Show is now over, and whew!, are we tired, and happy.

“Discovering Gourds’ Hidden Treasures” was the first show in South Bend, and we feel that it was a success. South Bend welcomed us with a ribbon cutting from our local Congressman Joe Donnelly and his Deputy Director Lizzi Shappell., local newspapers wrote articles about our show, Martha Stewart Living Radio interviewed me live on the air, and a local TV station covered our show with live spots on Saturday morning. The excitement was back in the air.

We brought back the demonstrations, along with having the opportunity to hear how a judge decides how to place pieces in competition. The judges had their work cut out for them as there were a lot of hard decisions to be made. I am certainly glad I did not have to make those kinds of decisions.

I would like to thank all of the show committee chairpersons, Ray Nixon, vendors, Ida Kennedy, workshops, Joyce Dankowski, volunteers, Sid Meyers, layout of building, Mary Cuff, Jerry and Judy Millard, auction, Karen Niemeyer, art raffle, Phil Moorhead, co-chair, and Ruth Moorhead, judges. Without them, the show would not have been a success.

I would also like to thank the vendors. They took a leap of faith and came to South Bend with us, and we truly appreciate their supporting us in our move north.

We are looking forward again to next year. I again will be the show chair for the 2009 show, and will have Alice Pawlowski as my co-chair. We look forward to another successful show, on March 27, 28 and 29.

Renee Meyers

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