

**President's Message**

Our retiring president Sid Meyers is known for his energy, his talent, and his passion for gourds. Now is the time for friends of IGS and for IGS members to applaud his leadership and integrity. We might also smile a bit, for he called it exactly right in his final president's message published in the March issue of "The Tendril". His statement was, "With this election (May 3), will be the end of my term as your President.....I will not disappear from sight." We cannot let a good man go, can we? We elected him first vice president!! I truly appreciate the good judgment of the IGS membership in doing so, because there are several of us new to our recently elected positions. We look forward to Sid's guidance as well as that of other talented and experienced IGS leaders.

Agreeing to serve as your President is, for me, an intellectual risk. That is a good thing. While studying and teaching time management, teamwork, and organizational skills, I learned the value of taking one intellectual risk every day. Try something challenging, experiment with something new, have a new thought, move out of the comfort zone, take the risk and learn. It keeps the world shiny and exciting. We took our intellectual risk by moving the state show to South Bend for 2008. I agree with resulting observations: THE EXCITEMENT IS BACK!! The enthusiasm we observed at the state show more than made up for the challenges of coping with a new (to us), albeit very fine, facility.

In studying Alzheimer's Disease for the past five years, I have noted the recommendations for minimizing the possibilities of developing the disease: learn something new after reaching the age of 60, associate with positive people, keep active. There are other recommendations, but do you see a pattern there? With our gourd friends, who are among the world's most generous people about sharing ideas and techniques, we continually learn new skills, whether over the age of 60 or under. Have you ever seen a negative gourdhead? If so, only for a very brief time. Gourders are among the most cheerful, creative and positive people with whom I associate. When I am absent from gourd activities for any period of time, I miss the enthusiasm and the passions.

Activity? Whether planting, cultivating, harvesting, lugging equipment to shows, or setting up tables and booths—the activity never ends. Celebrate it—we are engaging in missional discontinuity, my favorite pastime: doing several things at once. We are combating dementia and supporting IGS at the same time. Don't you love a win-win opportunity?

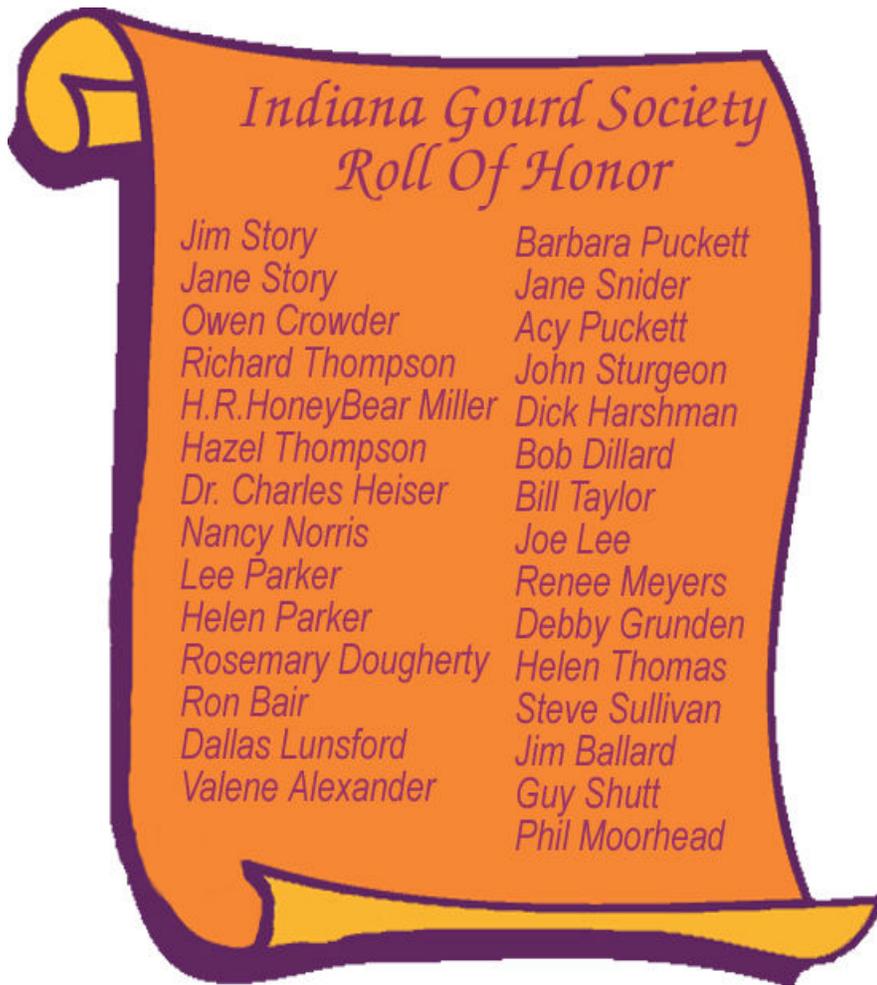
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**Pssst!!! Spring Into A New Phase**



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## **Post Cards Delivered**

Everyone who did not pick up your members' Post Card at the State Show should now have received such by USPS.

These cards should be stored in a safe place as they contain your on-line access information.

If you have problems accessing anything on the IGS Web Site there are instructions on the initial page. Many problems occur because you don't have the latest Adobe Acrobat Read installed. There is a download link on the IGS Home Page or a Help page.

Any other problems that you have should be directed to Phil Moorhead whose address is on the back page. We would also like to hear any comments you may have concerning the Web Site.

Jesse

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I would like to thank Derlene Olson, Ida Kennedy, Rich & Brenda Rodriguez & Sid & Renee Meyers for donating all the gourds for both student group projects. Because of their generosity every student was supplied with a gourd.



Also I'd like to thank those fine people for donating to the High School Raffle, I know this art wasn't the best but its a start of a great new program getting kids involved so every little bit helps.

Thank you, Alice Pawlowski

**Great Job!! We thank you, Alice, for making this happen. This is one of our “targets”, to educate others, especially young people, all about gourds, gourd growing, and gourd crafting.**

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The following is information about how to register your gourds for competition at the State Fair this year, however, do NOT rely on this as your "bible" for doing so. Go to the links supplied and do your entries on-line and use the State Fair site on-line for determining your categories and classes. We're looking forward to many members joining in on the competition this year.

Please remember that we will need numerous volunteers over this two week period to make this another successful year at the Fair. Our volunteers will watch over Ways & Means, Seed Sales, give Demos of their skills, and answer the public's questions.

August 6 - 17

MAJOR URL for IGS exhibitors

<http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/index.html>

Click on Competitive Exhibitors and you get a pop-up Menu  
Click on "Open Class Handbook/Premium and select  
"Department 112" AND "Ag Hort Entry Form"

## **OTHER**

### **Department 112 - Agriculture/Horticulture Ag/Hort Entry Form**

Entry fee @ \$30.00/per department \_\_\_\_\_  
(allows entry of 250 exhibits)

\*Read Handbook/Premium List for complete terms and conditions and class information.

\*Regular Entry Deadline - July 1 (Postmarked)

\*Late Entries Accepted - July 2-July 30 (Postmarked)  
(Late Entry Processing Charge - additional \$25.00)

\*Entries without correct fees included will be returned.

\*A department/section/class number must be listed on the lines below for EACH item entered.

\*One entrant per form - entry Form may be photocopied.

\*The Indiana State Fair, Indiana State Fair Board, Indiana State Fair Commission, and all employees associated with each organization assume no liability of claims for the safety of exhibits while on the Fairgrounds. All applications are tendered and accepted upon that condition.

\*Each entrant will receive 6-one day passes to the Fair.

\*Use separate entry form for each department.

**\*No additions may be made.**

**\*Entry fees are non-refundable.**

**\*Incomplete entries will be returned and subject to applicable late fees.**

\*Each Exhibitor must pay all fees at time of making entry.

Below is the USPS mailing address of the State Fair for your Handbook/Premium list, however, you will probably get faster service if you use the on-line method of registering.

If you do not have Internet access at home you can always use your local library for access. The librarians are usually more than willing to help those who are not familiar with finding Web Sites or obtaining information from them. Just take this article with you to the library site and you should have no problems finding it.

### **Open Class Handbook/Premium List WITH OFFICIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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There are also maps of the Fairgrounds and to the Fairgrounds at this site: <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/docs/08OpenClass/OpenClassIntro.pdf> (See pages 11 & 12 of their publication)

## **NEW - JGS Executive Board**

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Renee Meyers, last year's Puckett Award winner announcing this year's Puckett award (Volunteer-of-the-Year) to Phil Moorhead after our Member/Vendor dinner.

## *Seeking Suggestions fro State Show 2009*

### **HELP! HELP! HELP!**

Ever thought you would like to have the chance to name our state show? Well, now is the time!! We are currently taking any and all suggestions for the next theme and name, for our show in 2009. We thought it would be fun to hear from the membership what they thought the show should be named.

Send me your thoughts and we will have fun choosing the best suited name. You can either email me at [reneejmeyers@yahoo.com](mailto:reneejmeyers@yahoo.com), or send to me at 9494 N 900 E, New Carlisle, IN 46552. We look forward to hearing from you.

Renee Meyers  
Show Chair 2009

## **Spring Show Wrap-up**

Thanks go to Steve Sullivan for chairing the Spring Show at Peru this year. Every one had a great time and this was a new market for us as well.

An auction took place with many nice items up for bids. I think this was the largest auction going except for the State Show during the past year.

This was also a membership meeting with an election of new officers which are listed on the insert.



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## ***JGS Spring Membership/Festival Meeting Minutes, Peru, 2008***

**ATTENDANCE:** Dallas Lunsford, Loretta Pressel, Phil Moorhead, Ray Nixon, Guy Shutt, Jesse Glessner, Bill Freihofer, Pat Moore, Pat Bridwell, Helen J. Parker, Lee Parker, Joe Lee, Peg Sullivan, Steve Sullivan, Joyce Dankowski, Tom Benedict, Sherry Benedict, Ida Kennedy, Edward Minarik, Alice Pawlowski, Debbie Nixon, Renee Meyers, Robbie Hiduke, Blanche Murrin, Lois Shutt, Emily Dillard, Robert Dillard, Ron Pressel, Rich Rodriguez, Brenda Rodriguez, Karen Niemeyer and Sid Meyers.

The IGS Spring/Membership Meeting was held May 3, 2008 at the Miami Co. Fairgrounds. President, Sid Meyers opened the meeting at 2:40 pm.

There was no Secretary's report as the minutes were not available. Phil Moorhead, Treasurer, reported \$26,161.14 in the savings account and \$9,956.97 in the checking account for a total of \$36,118.11. The books balance with the bank statements. The report will be filed for audit.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Ways and Means* Loretta Pressel reported that Ways and Means did very well at the State Show with sales of \$1,200.00. Today's receipts are \$112.75. We are out of some sizes and more shirts need to be ordered. Phil related that we now have the copyrights to the Jim Story tapes. We can now make DVD'S. It was mentioned that the date the program was taped needs to be noted somewhere on the VCR tapes and DVD'S. Phil is going to work with Don Kelder on acquiring the DVD's.

*Publicity* Renee Meyers says that she feels that the best way of communicating our IGS news of events is through, Newspapers, Posters and Word of Mouth. She is to get the radio tape interview, done for the State Show, for the Web site.

*Web Master* Phil stated that the Membership area is still open for use without a password. But, try using your password. You must have Adobe Reader to get the Tendril.

*Show Chair* Renee feels the State Show was a rousing success. Next year's show is scheduled for March 27, 28 and 29. We will be using the Jackson Street entrance, and the ticket booth sales will be handled differently. Attendances for the classes were double from last year. The Education material given out was up from last year. The evening dinner was well attended with 80 in attendance. Renee felt we had good coverage from the South Bend Tribune and the Elkhart Truth as well as the TV station.

It was felt by Renee and other members that, THE EXCITEMENT IS BACK. Renee felt doing numerous announcements helped keep the excitement going and that the wearing of the Red Vests helped as well. Renee has volunteered to chair the 2009 State Show with Alice Pawlowski as co-chair. They are taking ideas for next year's show theme.

*Education* Ray Nixon reported that he does not have the total from the State Show finalized yet. He noted that several new articles are being developed.

*Fall Meeting* Guy Shutt reported that the Fall Meeting is Nov. 8 at the Tippecanoe Fairgrounds in Lafayette.

*State Fair* Phil and Jesse asked for volunteers to help set-up on August 3 at 9:00 am. They also need help to man the booth and to do demonstrations. The Fair is August 6 -17, 2008. If you want to exhibit, the forms can be found on the Indiana State Fair web site. We are on alert that the State Fair will be expanding their time frame from 12 days to 17 days. 2009 dates are August 7 -23. MORE people will be needed to handle these extra days.

*Seeds* Jesse reported that \$1,000.00 was made at the State Show. Today, the receipts were \$114.00. Jesse pulled 1,300 packages of seeds from his inventory due to Steve Sullivan's germination studies. He may have to order more for the State Fair.

*Membership* Dallas Lunsford reported that at the State Show we welcomed 14 new members' and 30 renewals. Today we welcomed 1 new member and 1 renewal. As of May 3 we have 361 paid members.

*Tendril Editor* The next deadline for the Tendril is May 15.

*Patch Leaders* Renee reported that Patch 1 is having a Gourd Festival on May 24 at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds, in the rabbit building. Robbie Hiduke is in charge of the vendors and Sherry Benedict is in charge of the demonstrations. There will be an auction and food will be available. The times are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm CST.

Sid talked about Patches and their guidelines. We have three approved patches. One, Patch 1, in the top half of the state, one in Johnson Co. in the Delphi area and a new one in the Corydon area near Evansville.

*Approval of budget* The budget total for 2008/2009 is \$34,950.00. Projected income is \$40,190.00. Membership-\$500.00, State Show-\$22,500.00, State Fair-\$800

## **JGS Spring Membership/Festival Meeting Minutes, Peru, 2008**

Spring Meeting-\$500.00, Fall Meeting-\$500.00, Tendril-\$1,500.00, Ways and Means-\$1,500.00, Seeds-\$2,400.00, Publicity-\$500.00, Education-\$1,500.00, Patches-\$400.00,

Operations - \$2,100.00, Photography- \$100.00, Pure Seeds- \$150.00.

Steve Sullivan made a motion that we accept the 2008/2009 budget. Joyce Dankowski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

It was noted that the auction, today, netted \$378.00.

*Pure Seeds* Steve Sullivan reported that we are now able to sell seeds from our Pure Seed program. Jesse will not have to purchase as many seeds as we can now sell our own seeds.

Comments from Steve: Steve feels that the Miami Co. fair grounds building is a good facility .He wants to thank the vendors, and the members who made the effort to attend. There was not much of a crowd but there was a lot of enthusiasm. It was noted that the attendance for the Spring Meeting for the last three years has been low. The board thanked Steve for his efforts.

*Nominations and election of officers* The ballots of nominees for next year were passed out to the membership. The voters were directed to change Bill Freihofer to 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president and enter Sid Meyers for 1<sup>st</sup> vice president. Phil Moorhead, treasurer, was to be crossed out .He is not up for re-election this year. The official ballot read:

*President* Karen Niemeyer *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President* Bill Freihofer  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President* Sid Meyers *Directors {choose two}* Rich Rodriguez,

Guy Shutt, Jesse Glessner *Recording Secretary* Loretta Pressel *Membership Secretary* Pat Moore. The ballots were collected and tallied by Renee Meyers, Robbie Hiduke and Blanch Murrin.

*President's report:* My four years, as President, has not always been easy. But, I feel they have been rewarding. I have experienced many situations. I find especially rewarding during my four years the dramatic changes that have occurred. I feel it is now time to step back and let some one else take us to the next level. I feel that the IGS is ready to turn the corner and to start achieving new growth. It is time for new leadership.

New people have stepped forward and accepted responsibility. We have successfully completed Patch reorganization. We now have an electronic newsletter. We are the last state to go this route. The electronic newsletter saves a great deal of money. We now have Education material online. We needed to make a change in the location of our State Show. We decided on South Bend and it appears to be a good move. We now have a money system that is infallible. All income and spending is accounted for. I am happy to announce that for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in several years we are operating in the black. We operated in the "Red" for several years previous. Our being able to sell our own seeds has helped with lowering our expenses. The society is ever grateful to Steve Sullivan for the Pure Seed Program. All these changes have been very significant, and can only make for a stronger society.

**Election Results** **President – Karen Niemeyer 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Sid Meyers**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Bill Freihofer Directors – Rich Rodriguez, Guy Shutt**  
**Recording Secretary – Loretta Pressel Membership Secretary – Pat Moore**

*New Business* The newly elected President, Karen Niemeyer, presided over the remainder of the meeting. Phil and Sid explained the accounting procedures to be used by anyone receiving or spending money. Proper forms must be filled out. Phil will pay no bills if the proper form is not filed with him. This protects us, if we should get audited by the government.

It was suggested that since the postage rates were going up, that we purchase a large quantity of postage stamps. Bill Freihofer made a motion that we do not purchase any stamps. Phil Moorhead 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Steve Sullivan made a motion that we adjourn. Joyce Dankowski 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

The membership meeting concluded at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Pro-Tem Loretta Pressel



## President's Message, Cont'd

The Indiana Gourd Society is strong and can grow stronger. Ideas and volunteers are always needed. Share your thoughts—think about creating a patch for groups of gourders on a smaller scale than the state-wide organization—participate in the Patch 1 Spring Gourd Festival on May 24 in LaPorte (County Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)—volunteer to fill a time slot at the Indiana State Fair and talk with visitors about the joys of gourding and of IGS membership. If you wish to demonstrate while you take a shift, let us know. Volunteers are needed from August 6-17 this year.

Feel free to e-mail or give me a call:

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765 436 7518 (home) or 765 436 7348 (Thorntown Public Library).

Until next time,  
happy gourding!

Karen K. Niemeyer



# Sandlady's 10th Annual Gourd Art Festival

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## **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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## 2008 JGS STATE Show Photos



## 2008 JGS SPRING Show Photos



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inclusion in The Tendril.

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1/4 page \$15	1/2 PAGE \$30
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## ***Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdgeous World***

### **May 24, 2008 - Patch #1 Gourd Festival 9 AM to 3 PM**

LaPorte County Fairgrounds 2581 W. SR 2, LaPorte, IN  
Gourd plants, dried gourd vendors, gourd arts and crafting supplies  
Gourd seeds and IGS Gourd Store, free demonstrations  
For additional info: contact Sid & Renee Meyers, 574-654-3474 or e-mail: [srmeyers@galaxyinternet.net](mailto:srmeyers@galaxyinternet.net)

### **June 6,7,8 2008** - Gourd Artist's Gathering, Cherokee, NC [www.gourdgatheing.net](http://www.gourdgatheing.net)

### **July 12 & 13 2008** - Georgia Gourd Society 6th Annual Gourd Show:

Enchanted Gourd, Magic in the Garden at the Coweta County July 12-13 Fairgrounds, Newnan, GA. For the full show details please see:  
[www.georgiagourdsociety.com](http://www.georgiagourdsociety.com)

### **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 both for 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. Gourd seeds and IGS Gourd Store, free demonstrations **Volunteers needed to help staff the booth, or do demonstrations.** For additional info: contact one of the IGS Fair co-chairs Jesse Glessner 765 348 0344, or Phil Moorhead 765 674 8088

**Sept 19-20 - Mississippi Gourd Festival** in Collinsville. Classes will be offered on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Vendor booths will be open for business on Saturday only. For more information, please see <http://gourdracious.homestead.com/gourds.html>

**September 27th & 28th, 2008 46th Annual OHIO GOURD SHOW** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gourd Workshops- Entertainment on September 26, 27 & 28 at the Darke County Fairgrounds Greenville, Ohio

**October 20-21 2008** - Alabama Gourd Show  
<http://www.alabamagourdsociety.org>

**Nov 1-2 - Virginia Gourd Festival** - in Middletown VA. More details on website: [americangourdsociety.org/virginia.html](http://americangourdsociety.org/virginia.html)

**November 8, 2008 IGS Fall Membership & Festival.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tippecanoe Co. Fairgrounds, 1401 Teal Road, Lafayette, IN  
Free admission, open to public. Vendors, IGS Gourd store, Gourd Seeds. Demonstrations, mini craft and dried gourd competition, music, kids booth. Auction. Membership meeting at 3pm. Midmorning snacks and lunch available. For additional info: Guy Shutt, 574-474-5091 or e-mail: [glshutt@ffni.com](mailto:glshutt@ffni.com)

# Indiana Gourd Society State Show 2008—Competition Results

## 2008 Indiana Gourd Show

### South Bend, IN

#### Best in Show

Lisa Wierenga, Alto, MI

#### Chairperson's Award

Blanche Murrin, Westville, IN

#### Child/Youth Award

Hannah Kennedy, Mishawaka, IN

Class	Child	Youth
96	Sadie Voyles	Kevin Davis
97	Clay Turpin	--
98	Clay Turpin	--
99	Chloe Johnson	Julia Caray
100	Clay Turpin	Kevin Davis
101	Clay Turpin	Kevin Davis
102	Ryan Davis	Kristen DeHaven
103	Savannah Tilford	Hannah Kennedy

Entrant	Classes Won
<b>Competition Results By Entrant Below</b>	
Diane Abner	13D
Jim Ballard	16D, 22A
Frances Bascom	14D
Christine Bauman	32N, 33N
Sherry Benedict	55I, 71N, 73N, 90N
Gary Bityk	93N
Marilyn Brames	41N, 74N, 91I
Martha Bruin	65N, 87N
Patricia Buedel	39A, 72N
Julia Caray	99Y
Elen Dalton	6D, 19D
Kevin Davis	8D, 18D, 96Y, 100Y, 101Y
Ryan Davis	102C
Delaina DeHaven	38A
Kristen DeHaven	102Y
Emily Dillard	46A, 91A, 93A
Marion Ellis	28I
Barbara Ganey-Shown	31N
Sandy Hazen	38N
Roberta Hiduke	54N, 75N
Sherry Hildred	27N, 93I
Karen Hundt-Brown	54I, 69A
Pamela Dorstewitz	15D, 61N, 85N
Chloe Johnson	99C
Kristin Johnson	67I, 68I, 83N
Hannah Kennedy	103Y
Ida Kennedy	62N, 82N
Kathy Lane	59I
Gloria Marlow	66N, 67N, 71I, 76N, 88N
Mac McCrary	47I
Renee Meyers	36N, 48I, 94I, 95I
Sid Meyers	35A, 36A, 37A, 66A, 72A, 84A
Peggy Miller	23N, 68N

Entrant	Classes Won
Edward Minarik	1D, 4D, 9D, 10D, 11D
Patricia Moore	20D, 22I, 34I, 35I, 46I, 49I, 60I, 61I, 62I, 63I, 64I, 78N, 80N, 81N, 86I
Blanche Murrin	57N, 64N, 95N
Debbie Nixon	47N
Derlene Olsen	42N, 51N
Cheryl Parker	77I, 90I
Chris Pawlik	31I, 32I, 37I, 39I, 40I, 41I, 43I, 50I, 51I, 52N, 72I, 76I, 83I, 84I, 88I
Alice Pawlowski	35N, 53N
Loretta Pressel	2D, 3D, 21D
Ronald Pressel	31A, 32A, 42I
Fred Rogers	70N
Maria Reese	39N
Marilyn Royal	36I, 56I, 57I, 69I
Carolyn Rushton	5D, 34A, 43A, 67A, 70A, 75A, 78A, 79A, 83A, 92A
Ashley Schroeder	40N
Darla Short	69N
Guy Shutt	23A, 26A
Lois Shutt	85A
Betsy Sloan	53I
Marty Snell	48N, 86N
Stephen Sullivan	78I
Helen Thomas	7D, 38I, 73I, 74I
Savannah Tilford	103C
Clay Turpin	97C, 98C, 100C, 101C
Kathy Voyles	22N, 37N, 60N, 77N, 79N
Sadie Voyles	96C
Emily Wallace	41A, 68A
Lisa Wierenga	34N, 43N, 46N, 91N, 92N
Charlie Winburn	33A
Ronna Wuttke	33I

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL COMPETITORS!**

**YOU'RE ALL WINNERS IN OUR BOOK!**

## ***Indiana Gourd Society***

### **Cucurbit Insect Management**

Purdue Dept of Entomology Bulletin E-30, "Vegetable Insects" is a good source of information if you have insect problems in your gourds. Single copies can be obtained from your local extension office.

The striped cucumber overwinters in Indiana and is the 1st concern we generally face each spring with seedlings. The spotted beetle is the "Western Corn rootworm" pest noted in June to August. Both of these beetles transmit "Bacterial Wilt". This is the case of the sudden, severe, and permanent wilt of a single plant runner or the entire plant. Squash bugs are brownish-black, about 5/8ths of an inch long. We see them largely on the gourd fruit later in the season in large numbers. These bugs love butternut squash and will move from squash to gourds easily.

Sevin is recommended for Beetle control. "Ambush/Pounce" or Asana is suggested for squash bug control. There is no cure known for "Bacterial Wilt". Control of the insects is needed to control the wilt.

### **FOR THE GROWING SEASON**

By Ron Bair

What about those pesky pests – Cucumber beetles (spotted & striped), Squash vine borer, and Squash bugs.

For the Organic Grower - I have read that Sabadilla Dust or Spray works very well to get rid of Cucumber beetles and Adult Squash bugs. For the Squash bug nymph and Squash vine borer, 5% Rotenone Dust or Spray is supposed to be very effective.

For the Non-Organic Grower - Sevin Dust or Spray works well to get rid of Cucumber beetles and Squash bugs.

All three of these Dusts or Sprays have a wide variety of uses for other vegetables, ornamentals, shrubs, and vines. Be sure to READ THE LABEL. Sprays seem to be more economical. NOTE - When applying any of these dusts or sprays, try to apply at dusk after the bees have left and gone home for the evening. Try to apply before the dew sets in, so that it will have time to dry. Do not apply dusts or sprays when the vegetation is wet. Sevin spray is known to cause a whitish discolor to the leaves. This doesn't seem to harm. Some types of moths visit in the evening and help in pollination.

One method I have used to kill the Squash vine borer, is to cover the vine where the borer appears to be. Cover the vine with good loose soil on top of the damaged area, and pat it down firmly, making a 6" to 8" mound of soil. This will usually smother the borer. Keep watered well. The vine will normally take new roots and continue to grow.

For those growing on a trellis, this is impossible. For these vines, a J-Hook can be made from small wire. Slide the J-Hook up inside the vine and extract the borer. Keep this portion of the vine watered down from time to time over the next couple days. The presence of the borer can be noted by a secreted pile of sawdust looking material near their hole. There are also methods of injection to get rid of the borer.

The Cucumber beetle thrives on the blooms. It will also eat on the gourds. They are beneficial at the same time though. They do an extremely large amount of pollination. In some cases, they may be the