

## Meet the Members of JGS.....

This issue we are highlighting H. R. "HoneyBear" Miller of Elwood, Indiana, and here are some facts that you may, or may not know about this wonderful member.

HoneyBear is currently 82, born September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1926. He is an organic gardener, and has been living on the same property for 51 years with his lovely wife, Mary.

Most of you would recognize him as the colorful character, in the gourd hat, and riding his electric scooter at gourd shows.

He is a retired school teacher, teaching junior high English for 24 years at Smithville Junior High, and serving as elementary school principle for three years in Spencer, IN. He moved to Elwood and taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade there for several years, retiring in 1981.

Honeybear loves kids. He would organize his



students during the school year and in summer, getting them involved in all kinds of fun projects, marching in local parades, building floats, going on field trips, and all the while sharing with them his love of learning, and his love of nature.

Besides growing many varieties of gourds and maintaining a large vegetable garden, he is currently a member of The Indiana Nut Growers, Seed Swappers, and a former member of The Indiana Bee Keepers Association. He's a member of the Pendleton Garden Club, Small Town Garden Club of Alexandria, and visits often with the Master Gardeners in Anderson, the Anderson Garden Club, and the Tip-ton Goose Bean Garden Club. Over the years he has educated many gardeners in many organizations on many topics throughout the state.

H. R. is a prolific writer on organic gardening topics and their impact on health. He writes a regular column for The Pendleton Garden Club Newsletter, has been printed in The Pendleton Times, and has won The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Horticulture Writer's State Award five times. ( Do you know the organic way to treat poison ivy? Get a goat !! )

He has also been involved with community ac-

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