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

tivities with both The American Legion and the YMCA. For 41 years, he has presented the Top Citizenship Awards for the Legion, based on a written test that he developed.

The YMCA benefited from his organizational and fundraising skills, and he has served very successfully as the division leader for volunteers.

In Elwood, he has funded the H.R. Miller Continuing Education Scholarship for the past 6 years. The recipients must make good grades, have excellent attendance, be involved with community service and be "self starters".

He's worked with The Clean City Contest sponsored by the Elwood Chamber of Commerce, getting children involved with their community and teaching pride of citizenship.

How does he do all this? Well, he has so much fun, with children, adults, organic gardening, and all his gourd and gardening friends. When you share your enthusiasm and knowledge, you get repaid with energy. At 82, he's still going strong.

**Submitted by Ruth Moorhead**

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## 2009 Show Update

The 2009 Indiana Gourd Society Show will be March 27, 28 and 29. We have chosen the show theme, "Gourds: Going to the Birds". Now doesn't that just conge up a whole lot of ideas in your head on what to create for competition?

Updates to the old show catalog have been reviewed and those are in the process of being rewritten in the 2009 version. Ida is working hard on bringing in new and exciting classes to offer you.

The show again will be at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds in South Bend. The venue, and everything associated with it was a good fit for the show. Next year the gate will be located at a different spot, but everything else will stay the same, with the dinner being in the building adjacent to the show building. We plan on rearranging the dining area, to give us more room for better gourding fellowship. We did well at the new location, and there was definitely excitement in the air again.

The show catalogs again will be available at the Fall Membership Meeting/Festival, November 8 in Lafayette. Be sure to pick up your copy at the festival if you attend.

As always, if you have any questions, or concerns, please contact me at [srmeyers@galaxyinternet.net](mailto:srmeyers@galaxyinternet.net), or call 574-229-0895.

Renee Meyers - 2009 Show Chair

A proud 2007 State Fair Best of Show winner, Steven Stairs

