

President's Message - Reading is Gourdgeous

Our library is concluding its summer reading programs soon and that has caused me to wonder what next summer's theme will be. This year we used the state theme and focused on bugs. I am wondering whether or not we could win approval as a statewide theme for 2009: **READING IS GOURDGEOUS: HAVE A GOURD TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY!**

So....consider this a brainstorming session and feel free to contribute your ideas. We might together craft an idea that would be a win-win: libraries would have an enjoyable topic and gourders would have an opportunity to share their passion and their wares.

My mind is picturing field trips and student tours of gourd patches and farms. I am seeing gourd crafts that are economical, educational, and entertaining (those three E's are tough to beat). I am hearing gourd stories and pumpkin books for children AND adult readers: Calabash Cat and His Amazing Journey, Broken Gourds, Chumpkin, The Gourdmother, Gourdfellas, Follow the Drinking Gourd, Little Green Pumpkins, My Great-Grandmother's Gourd and many more.

I am seeing children learning to clean gourds (with appropriate warning to wear old clothes and shoes). I am feeling the sculptures that children create from gourds and then enter in their county fairs. I am watching children observing the growth of gourd plants and become our future Indiana Gourd Society members. We planted two gourd seedlings this year and hope to watch gourds bloom and grow. Given the year, however, our little plants are off to a slow start. My mind sees Plein Aire painting sessions in front of the gourd patch and students sketching a gourd still life. I can see a parade through the local restaurant with all students playing gourd guiros. I am hearing a Native American talk about the use of gourd rattles. I am watching gourd dolls emerge from paint and scraps of fabric. I see embellishments being used in novel ways and IGS speakers sharing ideas in mini-presentations for a variety of age groups. It is easy to picture a challenge competition in which children receive 100 gourd seeds and have one hour to create something with the seeds. Prizes are for the most useful, most unusual, most attractive, etc.

Until the leaks are identified and all spaces sealed, there are a few damaged ceiling tiles after a building project. We removed our damaged tiles and I applied Kilz, then had the youth paint them, and we mounted them into the young adult room ceiling. They are interspersed with undamaged white tiles. Thus we avoided buying cases of new tiles and enjoyed a creative project at the same time. One boy was so taken by the idea that he painted three. Everyone knows which one is mine—it is the only one with a gourd vine, gourd, and the caption "Reading Is Gourdgeous!"

I did not realize how my house was identified until we recently were trying to tell someone which house in the cul de sac was mine. A library staffer said, "Hers is the

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State Fair Theme Comin; Back Around

Comn' Back Around
With IGS Gourds - 2008

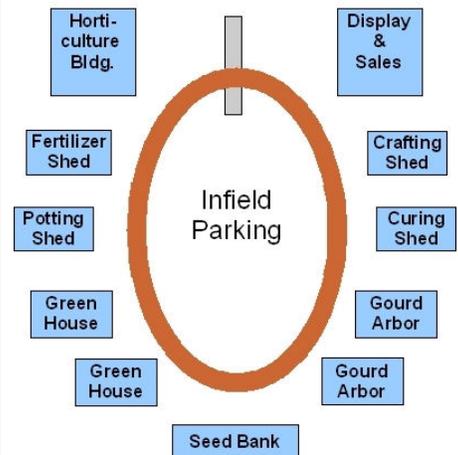


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New Column Started!

We are starting a new column to introduce many of our members to some of our long-term members who have helped "build" the Indiana Gourd Society

We would like to remind you that many of the articles published and posted on our Web Site have a lot of knowledge contained in the articles from these long-time members' trials, tribulations, and experience. The articles are free to view and print for your own use.

Submissions for other long-time members' bios may be made to the Publisher or Editor of *The Tendril*. Please make sure your text file is spell-checked / grammar-checked and attached to your eMail. Articles will be published as space permits.

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Post Cards Reminder!

Everyone who did not pick up their 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.

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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 7th, 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 6th 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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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, or call 574-229-0895.

Renee Meyers - 2009 Show Chair

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



Here's a State Fair Reminder

These are the first 2 of 16 TERMS & CONDITIONS listed for Competitive Exhibitors, Department 112, Ag/Hort. There are also TERMS & CONDITIONS listed for the "Section—Go Gourds" in the State Fair Handbook. See these at the following URL You can copy and paste this URL into a search engine and you will be taken to the specific page for the rules. If you want an entry form copy only down to and include the 08OpenClass portion of the URL.

<http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/docs/08OpenClass/Dept112%20aghort.pdf>

Read General terms and conditions and Agriculture/Horticulture Department terms and conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.

1. Exhibitors in Agriculture/Horticulture Department must be current Indiana residents and all exhibits produced in the State of Indiana except giant pumpkins and orchids.

2. **Entry Deadline July 1 (postmarked - not metered).** Each exhibitor may make a total of 250 entries for the \$30.00 entry fee. Exhibitors making 251 or more entries must pay another entry fee. Each exhibitor will receive **only** 6-1-day passes to the Fair. Terms and

conditions in regard to the number of entries per class remain in effect. Late entries accepted July 2-30; late processing fee, is an additional \$25.00. Make check or money order payable to the Indiana State Fair or include valid credit card information with signature.

Read General terms and conditions and Agriculture/Horticulture Department terms and conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.

In other words, make sure and read THE SMALL PRINT in both the general instructions and the "Go Gourds" sections

The categories or classes may not be the same as what you are used to seeing in the IGS event classes. Be sure that you are entering your gourds under the STATE FAIR RULES!

The person(s) chairing the IGS event will only assist you in helping you place your entries AS YOU DESIGNATE WHAT THOSE ENTRIES ARE and will NOT be responsible for their proper categories or classes.

Good luck in the competition!

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2008 FALL FESTIVAL

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Time: Saturday, November 8, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Home Ec Building, 1401 Teal Road, Lafayette, IN 47905

Once again we are so privileged to host, sponsor and present the Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival. This year will find us Gourdos and those who "wauna be" Gourdos sharing our thoughts, ideas, successes, failures (hopefully none of these) and gourds at the Home Ec Building at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in Lafayette, Indiana. Your committee shall strive for a presentation that has something interesting and educational for everyone.

IT'S FREE - NO ADMISSION CHARGE

We will be following pretty much the same format as the '07 Fall Festival. Vendors will begin setting up at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. The show will open to the public at 9:00 on Saturday with closing about 3:00 p.m., depending upon crowd size. A Bi-Annual Meeting of the Members of IGS will commence at about 3:15 p.m. after closing. Attendance by all members is encouraged.

We've had a damp, cold spring in most of Indiana, which hasn't been particularly conducive to Gourd starts. Here's hoping for a splendid summer, late frost and great gourd crops for all growers.

What will we have, you ask?

1. Vendors; 2. Demonstrations; 3. Auction; 4. Entertainment; 5. Displays; 6. Food; 7. Fellowship; and 8. FUN

How can you help?

#1. Attend; #2. Donate an item for the auction; #3. Spread the word and urge others to join in the fun; #4. Share your dos and don'ts; #5. Find a new member; #6. Participate!! #7. ENJOY!! #8. Bring a friend and neighbor; #9. Spread the gourd good news; and #10. Learn new crafting techniques.

Purdue's football team will be playing at East Lansing, Michigan that day so all of you Purdue fans can attend our festival.

We always seek and welcome:

1. Volunteers to help with the festival; 2. Vendors who wish to market their wares; 3. Donations for the auction; 4. Suggestions for the show; and 5. Demonstrators of various techniques.

We'll have coffee and donuts during the morning and lunch will be available in the kitchen area.

I welcome your willingness to serve and help and for your presence at the show. Please feel free to contact me at wfreihofer@yahoo.com or (317) 264-3636 or (317) 414-8669 or (317) 295-1145, or any of our officers or board members.

Bill Freihofer, Show Chair

JF INTERESTED IN ORGANIC FERTILIZER

From: A Better Way To Fertilize Your Garden by Steve Soloman, Page 32, Mother Earth News June/July 2006. The article proposes that high demand vegetables receive ½ inch layer of steer manure or finished compost and 4 to 6 quarts organic fertilizer mix / 100 sq ft. The mix is Kelp Meal - ½ Part; Bone Meal, rock phosphate, or high-phosphate guano - 1 Part; Dolomitic Lime - ½ Part; Soybean Meal - 4 Parts; Agricultural Lime - 1/2 Part; Kelp Meal - ½ to 1 Part (or 1 part Basalt Dust). This is a great article for ALL gardeners to read. Why use petroleum based fertilizers when organic will do? GO GREEN!!

JNDJANA GOURD SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

May 24, 2008 LaPorte County Fairgrounds

PRESENT: Karen Niemeyer, Loretta Pressel, Rich Rodriguez Sid Meyers, Guy Shutt, Phil Moorhead, Pat Moore and Ida Kennedy.

IGS President, Karen Niemeyer, presided over a short, called board meeting at 12:20 pm C.S.T. The meeting was at the Rabbit Pavilion during the Patch 1 Festival that was held at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds.

Jesse Glessner has requested additional monies for purchasing more gourd seeds to finish out the fiscal year. His request of \$1,220.00 would put him over his budget of \$2,900.00. Guy Shutt made a motion that we give Jesse the sum of \$1,220.00 for additional seed purchases. Sid Meyers 2nd. Motion carried.

Phil Moorhead asked for \$300.00, for operations, to finish out the fiscal year. Guy Shutt made a motion that we allow Phil an additional \$300.00 to finish out the fiscal year. Sid Meyers 2nd. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Phil suggested that we put the IGS membership information on a *hidden* web site. This would give the opportunity for

the Publicity chair and others to get the most current addresses of the membership without having to go through Pat every time to get some information. Phil would set up the system with passwords for those who are entitled to get the information. It was discussed to have test people go on the system first. When the bugs are worked out the full board would be able to use the software. Guy made a motion that Phil set up the software with Publicity { Renee Meyers} President {Karen Niemeyer} Secretary {Loretta Pressel} Membership {Pat Moore} being the only ones, at this time, to receive the information. Rich Rodriguez 2nd Motion carried.

Guy called for adjournment at 12:36 pm C.S.T. Rich 2nd. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Pressel, Secretary



TIPS FOR NEW GOURDERS

One of the best ways to gain knowledge and to get ideas on the culture and crafting of gourds is to attend a gourd show. Annual gourd shows are held in the following states: California, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, North Carolina and Texas. Missouri staged the first show in 1999. For show locations and dates see information in THE GOURD or your chapter's newsletter.

When you attend a gourd show, go to the seminars, workshops and demonstrations. Feel free to ask growers and crafters for information. The next show of 2008 will be the Indiana Gourd Society at the State Fair (Agricultural—Horticultural Building), August 6 to 17.

See the IGS Web Site and AGS Web Site for current and upcoming events. Also on our IGS Web Site are many Educational articles written by many of our long-term members.

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THINKING OF PLACING

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Ads with just text are even sometimes very hard to place properly. And, many times your font is all but impossible to duplicate if it is not in a JPEG.

Ads with graphical text, if not 300 dpi may not be replicable if the size has to be adjusted.

Fonts are great tools, however, YOUR fonts may not be available to the Editor. Again, make your JPEG and there will be no font problem.

The Editor's PERSONAL time is spent in fixing too many Ads for businesses without fair compensation.

The best "sizing" for printing is to set your graphics resolution to 300 dpi and work with that in a graphics package. JPEGs at that resolution are easily manipulated.

We do understand that not everyone has a graphics application. There are commercial houses that do graphics, there are individuals that will work for you, and there is one graphics package that is free to download and use called GIMP.

IF items are 300dpi JPEGs, already sized properly, they are camera ready. These are either placed as is OR nudged very slightly to fit the width of a page or space. No major changes are made to your JPEGs.

only house with gourds in the flower bed.” She was correct. I don’t believe there is another house in Thorntown that meets that description. Several years ago I decided that I did not need to invest in concrete figures for landscaping. A trio of large dried gourds is just as interesting, a lot less expensive, and a great deal of fun. The only downside—after a heavy wind they sometimes have to be recaptured and returned to their artistic sites!!

We have just been invited to be the grand marshals for our town’s September Festival of the Turning Leaves. The parade theme will be, “So Many Books, So Little Time.” I am now thinking about how we can work our gourds into that theme. However, I am also thinking that some year IGS could try as a state show theme, “So Many Gourds, So Little Time.” Don’t we all feel that there are so many facets of the gourd world that there is not enough time to enjoy them all?

What do YOU see? What are your mind pictures that will help promote our gourdgeous gourds?

Until next time, happy gourding!

Karen K. Niemeyer



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By Carolyn Rushton & Jim Story

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- (3) Scrape or peel gourd with a whittling motion, completing entire gourd. This includes scraping the stem. A small wire brush is useful for finishing the base of the stem. The gourd skin is similar to cucumber peeling.
- (4) Scrub in light suds and warm water with steel scouring pad to remove minute particles. A small amount of bleach can be added to water, if desired, to help stop mildew.
- (5) Rinse and dry.
- (6) Place near low heat indoors, using plant flats or shallow cardboard boxes. These can be put above the duct work in the basement or along baseboard heaters. Gourds should be turned every day or two to insure uniform drying. Also, gourds can be hung up by the stem, using various methods. A fan will speed drying time, surrounding the gourd with constantly moving air.
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| | Budget area | income | expenses | budget | I/E ratio | % of budget used | Notes |
| 1 | Membership | 4137.00 | -437.07 | 250.00 | 9.47 | 174.8 | |
| 2 | State show | 23437.00 | -22275.39 | 17100.00 | 1.05 | 130.3 | * 1 |
| 3 | State Fair | 0.00 | -757.46 | 600.00 | | 126.2 | |
| 4 | Spr meeting | 520.00 | -319.34 | 500.00 | 1.63 | 63.9 | |
| 5 | Fall meeting | 750.00 | -12.80 | 500.00 | 58.59 | 2.6 | *3 |
| 6 | Tendrill | 835.00 | -1814.32 | 5430.00 | 0.46 | 33.4 | |
| 7 | Ways & Means | 2552.87 | -508.98 | 1500.00 | 5.02 | 33.9 | |
| 8 | Seeds | 5692.06 | -2990.32 | 2900.00 | 1.90 | 103.1 | |
| 9 | Publicity | 0.00 | -102.94 | 1500.00 | | 6.9 | |
| 10 | Education | 295.60 | -239.45 | 625.00 | 1.23 | 38.3 | |
| 11 | Patch | 715.00 | -318.00 | 200.00 | | 159.0 | * 2 |
| 12 | Operations | 0.00 | -2047.23 | 1700.00 | | 120.4 | |
| 13 | Interest | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.0 | |
| 14 | Eiteljorg | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.0 | |
| 15 | Plants | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.0 | |
| 16 | Photography | 0.00 | -34.21 | 150.00 | | 22.8 | |
| 17 | PureSeed | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | | 0.0 | |
| | Total | 38934.53 | -31857.51 | 33105.00 | 1.22 | 96.2 | |
| NOTES: | | | | | | | |
| *1 - Does not include \$2750.00 paid in fye 2007 for 2008 show | | | | | | | |
| *2 - Actual values shown, but expenses over \$100 taken from patch1 escrow funds | | | | | | | |
| *3 - Fall meeting venue expenses were paid in prior fiscal year | | | | | | | |
| -- All expenses over budget were approved by director's vote. | | | | | | | |

We were saddened to get the news that our friend, and fellow gourdhead, Jim Dabbs passed away quietly on Friday June 20, 2008. Many of you knew Jim and his wonderful hard gourds that he grew and nurtured so well. He and his wife Betty traveled to many gourd society shows throughout the United States, and will be missed by those who waited to buy their wonderful gourds. We know that he is growing his gourds up in heaven, and reaping a wonderful crop.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES

We are now accepting Standard Business Card sized Ads (2" X 3 1/2") for our 2009 State Show Catalog.

These ads will be placed two across (separate ads) at the bottoms of several pages within the catalog.

See page 20 of the 2008 catalog for examples of the display of the ads. These four are stacked two deep only to take up the unused space. The 2009 catalog will have two Business Cards only per page.

The ads are a bargain at only \$10.00 per Business Card.

Please read the article about advertising on page 7 in this publication. The same rules apply.

Scanning an existing business card MAY be a way of getting your Ad ready, however, scanning should be done with at least 600 dpi resolution (higher if possible) and then shrunk to size again, cleaned up, and saved in a JPEG format. Although it might be easier to duplicate your Business Card in a graphics application for fewer problems of clear text, positioning, and graphics handling.

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GRASS CONTROL IN GOURDS

Grass can be controlled in gourds by use of different chemicals or mulch. 'Poast' is a registered chemical for control of grasses in broadleaves. It must be applied when the grass is growing rapidly and less than 6 to 8" tall. Otherwise, results will vary widely. This chemical is expensive but does the job on Foxtail, Johnson grass and others.

Newspapers, wood bark, sawdust, leaves, and other similar materials make good mulch. Wheat straw and old hay are used but often contain weed seed that can be a problem in later years. Black plastic film has been used for several years by commercial growers. Hobbyists have used it largely on raised beds [film]. Also, both of these groups report warmer soil and greater yields due to warmer soils.

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 Com 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.

GARDEN NOTES

By Honey Bear Miller

IGS member Honey Bear Miller, who resides in Elwood, Indiana, is an organic gardener.

I grew a new canna this year by the name of Tropicana. The foliage and blossom are spectacular.

Magazine recommendation: BIRDS & BLOOMS. Subscription rates: \$16.98 for 1 yr; 29.98 for 2 yrs; \$39.98 for 3 yrs. Send check, name & address to: BIRDS & BLOOMS, PO BOX 5359, Harlan., IA 51593

The fungicide I use for gourds and vegetables is Ortho Multi-Purpose Fungicide Daconil 2787.

The very best tomato cages are the ones gardeners make from Remesh (trade name for cement reinforcing wire). Remesh comes in 150 foot rolls that are 5 foot wide. The mesh is 6 inches square. My tomato cages are usually 7 1/2 foot high. I also use the Remesh to make cages for peppers, cucumbers, beans and towers for hyacinth beans, cardinal climber vines and Luffa operculatas.

My favorite cherry tomatoes are Sun Gold and Gardener's Delight.

Rabbit manure is good for vegetables, flowers and gourds and has no weed seeds.

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Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdgeous World

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

August 23 & 24, 2008 Sandlady's 10th Annual Gourd Art Festival. Saturday 9AM to 4PM and Sunday 9AM to 3PM
Classes: Masks, Tenerife & Basket Weaving
Starting 9:00 AM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday
Professional Instructors - \$20 to 55.00 per class

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://gourdgracious.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 18 & 19 - Fernwood Botanical Gardens Fall

Festival - in Niles, Michigan. Inside and Outside IGS Gourd Vendors will be attending. If interested in a booth space contact Sherry & Tom Benedict at stbenedict@skynet.net

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

November 8, 2008 IGS Fall Membership & Festival. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tippecanoe Co. Fairgrounds, 1401 Teal Road, Lafayette, IN
Volunteers and vendors needed!

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: Bill Freihofer, Show Chair, (317) 264-3636 or (317) 414-8669 or (317) 295-1145 or at my eMail address, wfreihofer@yahoo.com See You There