

2008 FALL FESTIVAL

ATTENTION ALL GOURDOS AND GOURDETTES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

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 "wanna 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.

Booth Space Available - Fall Festival - Booths for vendors are available at the minimal cost of \$20.00. If interested, please contact Bill Freihofer at wfreihofer@yahoo.com.

Check us out, we will have a blind drawing (no cost) for one year free membership to IGS.

Bill Freihofer, Show Chair



SHOWN: *Lagenaria siceraria* Flowers (Hardshells)

It may be a bit late to tell you about the sexing of flowers when getting ready to pollinate, however, we had many questions at the State Fair and I finally took some decent photos of what we told people about. The MALE flower is on the left. There is no small bulb directly underneath. There are two FEMALE flower is on the right, beyond the full bloom stage and definitely showing that a gourd has been started on both flowers. Paint these yellow and you would see the same thing on the ornamental gourd flowers as well. Remember, *Lagenaria* open at dusk and close at dawn and the ornamentals are just the opposite, open during the day

