

## ***Kids! Kids! & More Kids!***

Do any members know of 3-4-5<sup>th</sup> graders that would like to be in our youth competition this coming year! Well here's your chance to get them interested into the world of gourds.

You could get a whole classroom involved as we did last year, or perhaps the girl or boy scouts in your area, maybe just a group of your grandchildren's friends.

Get your patch to help out with the donation of gourds, or ask one of our gourd growers to help donate or give a discount for the gourds.

It was a great success last year so let's try to expand our love of gourds to the youth of today!

Co-chair 2009 show

Alice Pawlowski

## ***VOLUNTEERS***

Something important to all of our shows is our cadre of volunteers. But, we need more than the cadre to help carry out the 2009 State Show and to help man the 2009 State Fair.

Our volunteers get what we can afford as a non-profit society in the way of benefits—free entry to the shows for a limited time, depending on how much you volunteer.

This is a great way to meet and connect with and get to know other members of the society. So, if you're interested, so are we.

Volunteer forms will be in the 2009 Show Catalog. For the State Fair, just eMail anyone on the back cover of the Tendril to do so.

Jesse

## ***Wonderful Workshops***

Just wanted to let everyone know that our 2009 IGS State show book is ready and being distributed. Some were given out at our Fall Show last weekend.

Please look them over as soon as possible and let me know if you are interested in taking any of the workshops.

We have some new instructors who will be adding their expertise to our workshops. We have tried to pick classes that would be fun as well as informative.

If anyone has any type of class that they would like to see us offer, please feel free to let me know and I will try to find an instructor to share their talents.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

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## ***2009 State Fair***

The fair is expanding to 17 days! The 2009 fair runs Aug 7 to Aug 23, 2009. What does this mean to the Gourd Society? Well, it means we need even more volunteers and people to demonstrate gourd techniques. We've added a third co-chair for this event: Loretta Pressel.

Generally we need at least 3 people in addition to the chair person at the booth most of the time. We're trying to even out the workload by asking volunteers to work 4-hour blocks of time (9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm, 5pm-9pm). You could also work multiple times if you desire. We call it "work", but actually it is a lot of fun to meet and greet people and talk gourds with them. You don't have to be an expert to help out - and you'll learn a lot at the same time. For your help, we give a free pass to the fair!

People who expect to exhibit need to be sure to get the premium book from the fair (it is not available yet as of this writing) so you know what exhibition classes are available, and what the premium will be.

We'll have more information in the next Tendril as it becomes available.

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