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**PUBLICITY:** Renee Meyers will be working on publishing either a bi-fold or tri-fold brochure this spring.

**EDUCATION:** Ray Nixon has resigned. Charlene Abel will start Jan 1, 2009. She is from Madison, Indiana.

**WEB MASTER:** Phil reported he had only 54 hits on the last Tendril. Many people are not using the Internet to get their Tendril.

**ARCHIVES:** Karen is still sorting and compiling at home.

**PATCH # 1:** Loretta reported that Patch 1 had a Progressive Patch Meeting on Oct. 3. We traveled to five different member's homes to view their growing gourds. We had supper and a meeting at the last home. Our next meeting will be a Christmas dinner and meeting at a restaurant with a gourd gift exchange. We will not have our own festival next spring. We will be helping with the Spring/Festival membership meeting held in our area.

**PATCH # 10:** Carl Abner and Kevin Davis reported they were involved, in October, at the James Whitcome Riley Days in Greenfield.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** We have applications for three new patches. Karen and two board members will assist the patches. Susan Salings, Corydon, IN. Bill Freihofer and Pat Moore are assigned to Susan. Barbara Brovont, Central, IN. Steve Sullivan and Guy Shutt are assigned to Barbara. Emily Wallace, Pendleton, IN. Carolyn Rushton and Phil Moorhead are assigned to Emily.

It is time for nominations for the Roll of Honor. They are due by Feb. 1, 2009. Send them to the secretary, Loretta Pressel. The committee will select one person, from the nominees, to receive the award.

We are checking on a site suggested by Jim Ballard and Phyllis Kingen at the Hancock County Fairgrounds at a cost of \$200.00. Nov. 7 is our choice for the meeting date. We discussed whether we wanted competition vs. exhibition at the Spring and Fall Meetings. It was decided that we wanted exhibitions. We always are in the need for Auction items. What we make on the auction usually pays for the rent of the building. We have Gordy the clown head and costume. We need someone to wear it at our meetings.

**SEED PACKING DAY:** Seed packing day is February 21, 2009 at Thorntown Library.

An Executive Board Meeting will follow. The meeting for choosing a Roll of Honor Honoree will also be held.

**COMMENTS:** Alice Pawloski suggested that gourd members set up displays in their public libraries, to advertise the State Show. Alice will write an article inviting schools to enter the competition at the State Show, for the Tendril.

Kevin modeled his Gourd Clown costume.

Joe Lee provided us with a delicious persimmon pudding treat.

The meeting was closed at 3:55 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Pressel, Secretary

