



"Spring" Moose



Giving Missed Credits

We had a photo of a "Spring Moose" shown on the front cover of the May/Jun Tendril. To give due credit, the "Spring Moose" idea is a creation that sprang from the mind of Robbie Hiduke of True to Nature Gourds. Robbie graciously donated the moose to the IGS Spring Festival for auction - so that Jesse Glessner could place the winning bid for it.

A small bottle gourd is the head, felt antlers (what else?), copper coils as part of the antler rack, neck and legs, a bead for the body, and heart shaped plastic "beads" for the feet and a white wire (paper clip?) for the tail and running up through the neck. A bit of stain and paint for the face and its done.

Kids love to show off their "projects", so for all parents who need something to keep your little ones occupied for a while this summer, this would be an ideal item to work on. Fun and simple! And, it makes a nice display in a nick-knack shelf.

This was the first time for a while that I've had to attend an auction and I also won a bid on Alice Pawlowski's gourd shown in the IGS Fall Festival section of the last edition. This is a sea, sand, sun scene carved into the surface of the gourd within a nicely painted frame.

When we know who the artists are from the photos used we do try and give credit to the artist. I missed on both counts last month. Sorry ladies!

Jesse

SMALL TALK!

If you've been using a green house to start your gourds this might be an excellent time to clean the inside and let it air out for several weeks. Instead of buying expensive cleaning materials try some vinegar for the job.

Remember that Winter Sowing article you read in The Tendril? Save your plastic gallon milk cartons and your larger juice cartons for your winter sowing project.

Time to clean gourds from last season? Try a high-pressure washer. You have to corral the gourds in a net or water trough first. Be very careful! Water under high pressure can cut through skin and leather.

Save those cat litter pails. They make terrific containers for all kinds of projects—carrying water to the garden, carrying tools, storing your small garden tools in the winter after cleaning.

Help a kid with a summer gourd project that you can both be proud of when completed!

Make some unique gifts for friends as Christmas gifts. Gourds cut and shaped as simple kitchen utensils will be well received.

Craft some of last year's crop of gourds and enter a competition.

Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdeous World

August 7—23, 2009 2009 Indiana State Fair. Year of Tomatoes. See next Tendril issue for important information concerning your entries into State Fair competition, both from the State Fair and from the Indiana Gourd Society. Extended time period covers three weekends! Volunteers needed to man the booth for the extra week. Dried gourd and gourd art competition
Gourd seeds and IGS Gourd Store, free demonstrations
Volunteers needed to help staff the booth, or do demonstrations. Four hours = free pass. For additional info: contact Jesse Glessner 765 348 0344, Loretta Pressel 574 586 2502, or Phil Moorhead 765 674 8088

September 11, 12, 13, 2009 Fall Illinois GS Festival (Friday thru Sunday)_ at the Chicago Botanic Garden, the 2nd most visited Botanic Garden in the US with 26 gardens and 385 acres. Check it out at Chicago-botanic.org ILGS members will be given first priority as vendors and teachers. ILGS membership is \$10. There will be space for 24 teachers and space for about 50 vendors

September 12, 13, 2009 North Carolina Gourd Society's 68th annual Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Theme "By the Seashore." Historic gourds from around the world, workshops, kids' craft table, vendors of gourds, gourd

craft, craft supplies. Kerr Scott Building, North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, N.C. Adults \$4, ages 12-17 \$2, younger than 12 free, seniors \$3. Information: Festival Chair: Kate Mahony at tolecat@nc.rr.com, (910) 639-4577, www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.htm

September 27 & 28, 2009 – OHIO GOURD SHOW - Show hours: Saturday / Sunday 9 AM to 5 PM "Four Gourds and Seven Years Ago" (A Tribute to 9/11) Pre-show Activities Friday, September 26, 2008 – 9 AM to 5 PM - at the Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio

October 16-18, 2009 - 14th Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg, Texas. Held at the Gillespie Country Fairground in the Pedernales River Valley of the Texas Hill Country. Workshops, Demonstrations, Judged Competition & a Kids Kraft Korner. Visit www.TexasGourdSociety.org for further details and updates. Rebecca Wise, 2009 Show Chair - 817-726-6653 Cell

Nov 7, 2009 IGS Fall Festival Saturday 9:00AM to 3:00PM, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. Free admission, open to the public. Vendors, IGS Gourd Store, Gourd Seeds, Demonstrations, mini craft and dried gourd exhibition, music, kids booth, Auction. Membership meeting 3:00 pm. Mid-morning snacks and lunch.

Bill Freihofer, Festival Chair - wfreihofer@yahoo.com.