

# State Fair Wrap-up

## Congratulations to Pat Moore for winning the Grand Champion Gourd Exhibit!!

Thank you to all the people who entered exhibits or helped at the booth, either talking with visitors or demonstrating their arts and crafts. If you missed the fair, you missed a terrific exhibit and booth!! We encourage you to help next year, we had a great time meeting people who wanted to know about gourds, how to grow them, and how to craft them. Because of the fair, we have several new members!! Welcome to these people, and maybe we can get you on the “other side of the table” in a couple of years!!

Our core of volunteers were as follows:

The Set-Up Crew: Jesse Glessner, Phil Moorhead, Ruth Moorhead, Pat Moore, Karen Niemeyer, Ron Pressel, Loretta Pressel.

Demonstrators – Guy Shutt (cutting), Joe Lee (wood burning), Mac McCrary (weaving), Carolyn Rush-ton (wood burning), Bob Dillard (cutting), Emily Wallace (gouging), Darla Short (gouging), Karen Niemeyer (coloring with pens & pencils), Ron Pressel (wood burn-ing), Phil Moorhead (small tools use), Ruth Moorhead (explaining various decorating methods), and Bill Freihofer (explaining his twisted gourds).

Generalists – Ruth Moorhead, Loretta Pressel, Phil Moorhead, Jesse Glessner, Pat Moore, Guy Hawkins, Diane Werblo, Bill Freihofer, Lois Shutt, John Walmsley,

Bob Dillard, Myra Bottoms, Marian Sinclair, Lela Russell, Red Hocksteder, Marion Ellis, Fran Bascom, Karen Niemeyer, and Ida Kennedy.

The Cleanup Crew - Ruth Moorhead, Phil Moorhead, Loretta Pressel, Ron Pressel, Karen Niemeyer, and Pat Moore.

We had 133 exhibits from 17 exhibitors. Visitors were very impressed with the layout of the booth and exhibit area. We even wound up with a "Blue Ribbon" from the AgHort building personnel for our trellis. Not a real blue ribbon, but the expression made our day!

Seeds sales were impressive this year, we ran out of several varieties. We attribute this to being able to demonstrate how to craft on certain varieties, and those seeds were selling quickly. The two biggest items this year were spinners and luffas.

We didn't clock people in and out, however, to give you some idea as to the hours worked, the volunteers times totaled approximately 1060 hours broken down as 84 hours for Set Up & Receiving, 776 hours for Generalists, 176 hours for Demonstrators, 24 hours for tear down. Quite an impressive listing. We were beat at the end of the days, but, we're already looking forward to next year.

From Your Co-Chairs: Phil Moorhead, Loretta Pressel, and Jesse Glessner

## 2009 State Fair Blue Ribbon Winners

### Grand Champion: Pat Moore

#### # - Name (City)

7 - L Pressel: (Walkerton)

7 - P Moore (Bloomington)

6 - L Smith (Converse)

2 - A. Mosbaugh: (Crawfordsville)

4 - G. Mosbaugh: (Crawfordsville)

2 - J&K Chadd: (Waveland)

2 - R Pressel: (Walkerton)



1 - W&S Chadd: (Waveland)

1 - G Delp: (Battleground)

1 - M McCrary ( Indianapolis)

1 - K Niemeyer (Thorntown)

1 - E Wallace (Pendleton)

Congratulations to ALL ribbon winners. It takes time, effort, and money to enter the State Fair “Go Gourds” competition, but this list shows that it is rather rewarding.

Try your luck next year! The upcoming theme is - MELONS! Get with it!

