



President's Message

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Have you noticed that gourders are worse than quilters? Quilters seem to never throw anything away. Any scrap, no matter how small, just might be worked into a flower petal, a fan blade or a bird's wing; any piece of batting may go into a pillow or a piece of trapunto, and a spool may be transformed into part of a necklace or crafted into a broach.

Those of us who enjoy the feel and look of gourds save even the rattiest piece, the moldiest bit, the torn piece of luffa, and the seed unworthy of planting. Right now my Sugar Creek Gourd Patch and I are pondering the gourd parts left from the Indiana Gourd Society's seed harvest day of December 17 at our Thorntown Public Library. At least, we are pondering those we are able to see. Most are buried beneath snow and reside, for now, on the rocks of the library's mechanical courtyard or on the rocks outside the garage and in my backyard. They hold such promise, these elf hats of dipper gourds, these bowls of martin house gourds, and these halved bottles. Last year I was horrified to learn that Pure Seeds Chairman Steve Sullivan would burn the gourd remains from our first seed harvest day and so I rescued them.

This was partly an act of self-defense, because in creating an interest in gourds in our county, I had pretty much run through my stash of gourds.

(I don't know whether or not I ever reported that when we sold our 101-acre farm in November 2002 and bought this present house with its double-lot yard and handy dandy privacy fence, the first two things I packed were my garden chemicals and my gourds. It was November, after all, and I was not going to need the chemicals for a time, and I knew I would be too busy to tackle any gourd projects.) These lumps and bumps under the snow will become, we hope, competitive gourds in IGS shows of the future. The bag of gourd hunks provided by Sandlady Helen Thomas will be used to intrigue children and adults with gourd necklaces decorated with paints and markers. Oh, and did we ever tell you HOW those gourd hunks came to be? Helen and Pat Moore ran over trash bags full of gourds with truck tires—MUCH quicker than using a hammer! When visitors appear in town and visit our Gourd Patch meetings, we have gourd parts and pieces so that they too, may enjoy the fascinating world of gourd crafting.

I need a new gourd hat. Maybe several of us do. Someone has to challenge the supremacy of Phil Moorhead and Bill Freihofer when it comes to hat-making and hat-wearing. It seems that a snowy February is the perfect time to construct a gourd hat and to be ready for spring.

However, I really started thinking not so much about gourd leftovers as about the banquet of friends in IGS. I am a volunteer in many organizations, as are many of you readers. Is there any such group as zany and dedicated as our

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gourd friends? This has been an unusual winter for many of us—snow on the ground since December 1 and a winter that makes one wonder if we shall ever again lament Indiana's summer heat and humidity. Percy Bysshe Shelley queried, "O, wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?" It was Ralph



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State Show, Spring Festival 2011, & Voting For Officers

Hello my Gourd Friends

Another year has come and gone, we are soon approaching the 2011 state show it is the 20th anniversary of the IGS. We are still in need of volunteers. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

Do not forget to make a gourd hat, jewelry, and clothing for the men's, women's, and children's competition at the Saturday evening awards dinner at the Ponderosa Steak House.

We will have a parade Saturday during the IGS show so bring your hats, jewelry, and clothing and join in.

The excitement is building in Greenfield, IN, with the partnership with their Spring Festival. I hope to see you at the show.

Show Chairman Jim Ballard

STATE SHOW COMPETITION REGISTRATION REQUESTED

PLEASE! Register your competition pieces for the State Show as soon as possible! We need to know how many tables are going to be required for the competition area so we can plan the room layout AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

HELP/VOLUNTEERS WANTED !!!

Our IGS conducts a Raffle of high-quality gourd craftsmanship at our annual State Show which will be conducted at this year's IGS State Show on April 1, 2 and 3 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. We anticipate great attendance.

We will conduct a Raffle of fine gourd art pieces and seek donations from our many multi-talented craft persons. This Raffle is always well patronized, spurs interest in gourds generally, and crafting in particular, not to mention that the sale of tickets benefits IGS financially.

Please contact me should you wish to donate and participate this year. Thanks in advance for your generosity and help.

Bill Freihofer

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Important—JGS 2011 State Show Workshop Changes

Hello everyone. Our State Show is just a few months off and it sounds like things are off to a good start.

Jim Ballard is making a lot of progress getting our show advertised so we are hoping for a big success.

We have over 30 classes to offer this year. I hope everyone has looked at the book or on the internet to see what we have to offer. There will be a couple of changes on some of the classes which are noted on the current Tendril.

Joe Lee will be unable to be an instructor this year. Please keep him in your prayers.

We hope you can find something of interest in our selection of classes. If you have any suggestions or requests please feel free to let us know.

Ida Kennedy, Workshop Chairperson

THE CHANGES ARE:

Ron Pressel will be replacing Joe Lee as instructor on class FR03 How to Divide a Gourd. Everything same except instructor.

Bonnie Cox will be replacing her Feather Designs class FR07 offered on Friday afternoon class with an “Embroidered Gourd” class - details and picture on the Website.

Bonnie Cox will be canceling the FR31 Friday morning class on Feather Designs-no replacement

Bonnie Cox will be offering an “Embroidered Gourd” class on Saturday morning to replace SA14 Joe Lee’s class on Hawaiian Quilt pattern.

The Indiana Gourd Society’s 2011 State Show — SHOW THEME this year is “Back Home With GOURDS in INDIANA.” This show is being promoted by the Hancock County Visitors Bureau in conjunction with a whole variety of Hancock County community events. Check out the Visitors Bureau advertisement for possibilities of tying in some of your gourd art to these other events or to some of the Historical aspects, like James Whitcomb Riley’s works or any of the other interesting aspects of Hancock County. Bring Grandpa, Grandma, Mom, Pop, the kids, cousins, etc., but, DON’T FORGET YOUR COMPETITION PIECES!

FEBRUARY 12th MEETING

Seed Packaging Day

We have another action packed "Seed Packaging Day" scheduled at the Thorntown Library for Saturday, February 12th, 9:00 AM, til finished.

Come and join in on the fun and camaraderie, gossip, news, and good times! And, we may even feed you. Carry-in is welcomed also.

Of course you can bring along friends and relatives or other IGS Members. OR, you can visit with and talk to the famous Thorntown Library cat.

We always have an envelope-licking good time at this yearly event and it saves Jesse from a long term bad taste in the mouth.

I truly do appreciate all of the help over the past few years with members helping with the packaging and look forward to a couple of more of those.

JESSE

FEBRUARY 12th MEETING **AGS Class for Judge Certification**

If you are interested in becoming an AGS Certified Gourd Show Judge, please contact Ruth Moorhead (ruthigs@yahoo.com or Phone: 765-674-8088).

We are planning to conduct an AGS judging certification class on Saturday, February 12th at the Thorntown Library.

We anticipate the class will be from 12-noon-5pm with a pitch-in lunch. The cost is approximately \$10 for AGS materials.

You do not have to be a member of IGS, but you MUST be a member of AGS. But, you must be Pre-Registered to supply you with class materials.

Ruth & Phil Moorhead are the Master Judges presenting the course.

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Waldo Emerson who quipped, "Do what we can, summer will have its flies." As we retreat from the winter winds and, later, from the summer heat and flies, is there a happier art and craft than that of the gourder?

Had it not been for gourds, there are hundreds of people and artists I would never have met. What treasures these artists and craftspeople are! I am wondering how many need our support and yet we have not a clue that there is trauma in their lives. I am asking our Indiana readers to keep us advised of gourders who need such support.

We recently lost Honey Bear Miller, and it is a loss keenly felt. The late summer 2010 photo of Honey Bear in a bright blue shirt with a blue metallic mini-bottle necklace is a handsome one. I still have a similar bottle in my desk drawer—Honey Bear gave it to me a few years ago as part of his effort to promote the growing of these tiny gourds. An Internet search of "honey bear miller gourds" brings up some great photos and stories of Honey Bear's work in behalf of gourds. His hat is one to remember!

Jesse Glessner is our Seeds Chair and our "Tendrill" editor and he recently lost another sibling. A brother is missed and we grieve for the change in Jesse's life. Jesse wrote, "This leaves just three brothers out of a family of 12 children, but, this brother has not had a life for the last three years. Parkinsons just trapped him in a body that did not work even for communication. It makes you stop and 'smell the roses' a bit more often, even if they're NOT roses." I am thinking it makes us also stop and enjoy our gourd vines and those fruits that are drying beneath the snow. It also makes us think carefully about our volunteer efforts and to do those things that bring us joy and satisfaction and do not detract from the quality of our lives.

Emily Wallace continues to serve on the IGS board and to coordinate fall meetings, spring meetings, and major parts of our state shows. What a short time we have known Emily! Yet, how important she, her talent, and her organizational skills have become to IGS! On November 20-21 she coordinated our second annual great gourd booth at the Garfield Park Autumn Art Fair in Indianapolis and then on December 1, at 9:48 p.m., I received the e-mail message: "Karen My house caught fire today. We are just now settled in at in laws. Please keep us in prayers." No one was hurt. Pets and people are safe. Gourds and gourd equipment are safe too, as are the gourd art pieces still on hand and unsold from the Garfield Fair. Emily spent the snowy month retrieving household things worth cleaning and restoring and, with her family, have coordinated repairs and reconstruction. With spring weather the roof will be replaced. However, on Dec. 20 Emily had a planned surgery, has been recovering, and now is back to work but tires easily. Her gourd family continues to keep her and her family in prayer. She has been told that her house will be better than ever when the family is able to return to it. However,

you and I both know it would have been a lot less traumatic to simply undertake renovation, not have it forced upon you by fire.

IGS member Joe Lee had planned to help on Nov. 20-21 but was simply unable physically to do so. Artists and customers asked about him and we sorely missed his wood burned art. He later that month decided he simply had too many health issues to promise spring state show participation. Then we learned from his family "Joe's Story." On Nov. 30th Joe found out that the feeling of fullness he had when trying to eat was actually heart failure. His doctor gave him two options and he chose surgery. Surgery was performed on Dec. 6th. His family reported, "He remains on a pump for each side of his heart, with the goal of letting the heart rest so that it can resume beating on its own in the near future. We ask for prayers that Joe's heart can beat on its own. Please also pray for Helen that God will give her strength to get through this difficult time. Helen and Ann (Joe's eldest daughter) saw him on the Monday morning before the surgery. He was in good spirits and talked of future projects he had planned. He knew the risk of surgery but wanted to choose the option that would give him the best quality of life. One of the last things he said was "Let's get this show on the road." His daughter Patti has also been keeping us informed daily of Joe's progress but it has been a difficult time that included more than a week of sedation. The grand news is, Joe is at last ready for non-family visitors. It has been a long haul since his Dec. 6 surgery and he is eager to eat real food one of these days. Joe is currently at Select Specialty Hospital located at 1600 Albany Street, Room 310, Beech Grove, IN 46107. The hospital is in the older wing of St. Francis-Beech Grove. I decided to make the trek and visit Joe on Jan. 16. His family has said that afternoons are best since family is usually there in mornings and until 1 p.m. I left the library at 4:15 and spent 45 minutes with Joe. We had been warned that he might not recognize us and that this is a common result soon after the drama of heart surgery and recovery. I am simply delighted to report that Joe not only recognized me, but was communicating. I felt no shame in awakening him but know he was ready to rest again by the time I left. I had a very hard time understanding him as lip reading is necessary, but we did manage to communicate some. I wore an IGS sweatshirt and my Joe Lee necklace and hope it cheered him up and made him think gourds again. The nursing assistant did not know that Joe did such work, but now she does and told him she was impressed. The hardest part was figuring out where to park to best get to the older building, but once I decided on the parking garage, it got simpler. I made a couple of rounds of the hospital complex before I knew where to go. By the time I got there that gray evening, I had not a clue where south was. Thank goodness they put the sign "south entrance" over the door in big letters! It heartened me to see Joe, to see his eyes twinkle, and to see his little crooked smile again. He is blessed with his perpetual tan and he is blessed by every day that is a day closer

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2010 State Show - Auctions

VENDORS AND TEACHERS

AND ALL IGS MEMBERS!

THIS IS A WELCOME TO THE IGS STATE SHOW AUCTION BLOCK!

We, again this year will be holding a live auction on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and also Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at the stage area in the main hall. It has been customary for vendors and teachers to make donation to our auction and hope you will continue this tradition.

We also need donations from our membership as in the past. The proceeds from the auction help to offset the show expense and make the Indiana Gourd Show the best it can be plus we have a great time.

Donations can be useful, whimsical, decorative or artistic in nature. Gourd related items may be used in growing, cleaning, coloring, weaving, burning, sculpt-

ing, embellishing and preserving gourds. There is a wide list to choose from. These items get displayed with your name so you get the recognition for the donation.

You will need to have you donation to the auction area either on Friday evening or no later than 11:15 a.m. Saturday so they may be organized between the two days. Be sure they are marked with your name as we want to recognize you during the auction.

The Indiana Gourd Society wishes to thank you for your donation and continued support of our show. THANNNNNNKS a bunch.

Standing in for Rich and Brenda Rodriguez, is

Guy Shutt, I will be back doing the auction. Come join us for a whole lot of fun and good times. Be sure to get your bid number early each day.

For questions contact me @

Ph. 219-474-5091 or e-mail glshutt@ffni.com

SPRING FESTIVAL 2011

We are set to have the Spring Festival and Membership Meeting of the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, just off U. S. 37 about 30 miles South of Indianapolis May 21, 2011. It is in Martinsville.

The building is 90' x 45' with a 28' x 32' attached room for our dining and meeting. I also told them we want use of the kitchen. We are still looking for a caterer for this event. We will be renting the main building for the meeting room and will also have 250 chairs and 30 ea 8 ft tables.

For an additional fee we can have access for three hours on Friday to set up. And, twenty-five camping spaces are available on the fairgrounds for \$20.00 per night with water & electricity included.

Contact: Helen Parker at lparker@scican.net

Later, Helen Parker

SPRING VOTING COMING!

There will be a vote taken at the Spring Festival after the close of the show, usually around 3:00 PM for any offices that are up for renewal.

IF you have any suggestions to make or people you wish to have considered for nomination then please eMail Ruth Moorhead at Ruth Moorhead <ruthigs@yahoo.com> with your information.

IF you want to submit yourself for one of the positions you may also do that.

WELCOME TO GREENFIELD!!

19TH ANNUAL STATE SHOW - APRIL 2011

The show is fast approaching! We hope to make your visit to our community even more enjoyable with a few more things to do.

- * Discounts and offerings specially for our Gourd Show visitors at some of our restaurants and downtown merchants. Just show your bracelet.
- * Old Log Jail and Chapel in the Park Museums will be open.
- * Special gallery exhibit of Gourd Art plus the Jim and Jane Story film at the Creative Arts & Event Center. Open studios of some of the 13 artists in residence.
 - * Hancock County Harvest Council Farmers Market, Saturday, April 2
 - * Hancock County Master Gardeners Assn. information table in your exhibit hall
- * Gourd Painting Project by the Herb Society at the Riley Home / Museum in historic downtown Greenfield. Group tours available.

STOP BY THE CONCIERGE TABLE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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For visitor / tourism information, call Jean Howell 317-448-8193



Sadly We Report The Passing Of Another Long Term Member

From the Herald Bulletin, Elwood, IN, On-Line Obituary, December 17, 2010

Sept. 7, 1925 - Dec. 16, 2010

ELWOOD, Ind. — H R Miller, 85, of Elwood, died Dec. 16, 2010, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, after an extended illness.

We will definitely miss our friend and long-time IGS Member, “Honey Bear” Miller. He was a father of six, served in the US Air Force, was a retired school teacher, an avid gardener, and through the Indiana Nut Growers Association was in a project to improve persimmons, referring to persimmons as “God’s golden goodness.” He was also active in the Indiana Gourd Society and in these later years could be seen riding his scooter around many of our events. He also sold honey and fruits and vegetables over many years.

We have the feeling that “Honey Bear” was one of “God’s Golden Goodness's” and was called home!

Workshops for 2011 JGS State Show W/Changes

Due to unforeseen changes we have had to make some changes to accommodate our scheduled workshop courses. If you have problems please contact - Ida Kennedy, Workshop Chair, Phone: 219-767-2901 or eMail: at ikennedy5@msn.com.

Our list of workshops shown below have the changed items bolded and underlined.

Class #	Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Cost	Class name
FR01	Friday	1-Apr	9 AM-1 PM	Delaina DeHaven	\$45	A Survivor Lives Here
FR02	Friday	1-Apr	9 AM-11 PM	Mary Gayle Van Ingen	\$25	Hair Brained Idea
FR03	Friday	1-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	<u>Ron Pressel</u>	\$23	How to Divide a Round Gourd Into Equal Parts
FR04	Friday	1-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	Karen Hundt Brown	\$40	Feathers-Fur-And Fun
FR05	Friday	1-Apr	9 AM-1 PM	Bonnie Adams	\$60	Woven Gourd Wrist Basket
FR06	Friday	1-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	Joanne Loibl	\$50	Halloween Buddies
FR31	Friday	1-Apr	<u>9 AM-12 Noon</u>	<u>canceled</u>	<u>canceled</u>	<u>moved class to Sat. am to replace Joe Lee Hawaiian Quilt</u>
FR07	Friday	1-Apr	2 PM-5 PM	Bonnie Cox	<u>\$40</u>	<u>Embroider A Gourd</u>
FR08	Frodau	1-Apr	2 PM-5 PM	Frank & Joyce Brady	\$50	Tenerife Weaving
FR09	Friday	1-Apr	2 PM-6 PM	Diane Nicholson	\$60	Constructing an Ocean Drum
FR10	Friday	1-Apr	2 PM-5 PM	Karen Hundt Brown	\$25	Hand Carved Gourd Flowers
FR11	Friday	1-Apr	2 PM-6 PM	Susan Nonn	\$50	Weaving On A Gourd
FR12	Friday	1-Apr	2 PM-5 PM	Marla Helton	\$55	Gourd with Handmade Paper
SA13	Saturday	2-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	Delaina DeHaven	\$40	At the End of The Lane
SA14	Saturday	2-Apr	9 AM-1 PM	<u>Bonnie Cox</u>	<u>\$40</u>	<u>Embroider a Gourd</u>
SA15	Saturday	2-Apr	9 AM-1 PM	Susan Nonn	\$65	Is It a Basket or a Gourd?
SA16	Saturday	2-Apr	9 AM-11 PM	Karen hundt Brown	\$25	Mini Drum Necklace
SA17	Saturday	2-Apr	9 AM-1 PM	Susan Billingsley	\$65	Decoupage Purse
SA18	Saturday	2-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	Marla Helton	\$60	Beaded Elegance
SA32	Saturday	2-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	Frank & Joyce Brady	\$50	Tenerife Weaving
SA19	Saturday	2-Apr	2 PM-5 PM	Delaina DeHaven	\$55	Adirondack Ink Container
SA20	Saturday	2-Apr	2 PM-5 PM	Joanne Loibl	\$45	Gecko
SA21	Saturday	2-Apr	2 PM-5:30 PM	Alice Pawlowski	\$40	Carving Made Easy
SA22	Saturday	2-Apr	2 PM-6 PM	Mary Gayle Van Ingen	\$60	Inverted Coiling/Freehand Embossing
SA23	Saturday	2-Apr	2 PM-6 PM	Susan Billingsley	\$45	Coiling with Palm Inflorescence
SA24	Saturday	2-Apr	2 PM-5 PM	Marla Helton	\$55	Wild Woman Wall Hanging
SA33	Saturday	2-Apr	2 PM-6 PM	Bonnie Adams	\$55	Carved Flowers Using Rotary Tools
SU 25	Sunday	3-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	Delaina Dehaven	\$45	Cardinal Birdhouse
SU26	Sunday	3-Apr	9 AM-1 PM	Diane Nicholson	\$40	Decorating an Ocean Drum or Bowl Shaped Gourd
SU27	Sunday	3-Apr	9 AM-12:30 PM	Alice Pawlowski	\$35	Basic Black Inspired
SU28	Sunday	3-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	Karen Hundt Brown	\$40	Polymer Clay Leaves
SU29	Sunday	3-Apr	9 AM-1 PM	Susan Billingsley	\$55	Hills and Valleys with Naturals
SU30	Sunday	3-Apr	9 AM-12 Noon	Marla Helton	\$55	Gourd with Tapestry Weave
SU34	Sunday	3-Apr	10 AM-1 PM	Marilyn Brames	\$45	Necklace On Demand

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to recovery. Do feel free to visit—and to send cards. He can now enjoy both.

These above summaries, however, make me wonder about others in our gourd family. How many others are there whom we should be remembering with prayer, visits, and cards? Let's send some Happy Winter cards to Jane Story, 130 N. Main St., Pendleton, IN 46064. Please let a board member know of anyone who needs our best thoughts at this time and in the future. We are a banquet of friends, a veritable feast of great variety and fulfilling bounty. We want to support each other, but, first, we have to know there is a need. Right now, I am thinking that we need to ask for renewed energy for Rich and Brenda Rodriquez; they have had to work so many hours of overtime that they are extremely weary. In this time of unemployment, it is a good problem to have, albeit a tiring one. They hope to use vacation time to join IGS for seed packing day on Feb. 12. I hope to see many of you there, as that begins our season of

Happy Gourding!

Karen

SPRING PLANTING IS NOT FAR AWAY!

Please send us your tricks and techniques to get gourd seed to start growing. We'll publish an article on germination techniques (and give you credit if you want). Also you can send information on how you handle transplanting, etc.

Even though they may look similar in size in photos seeds vary greatly in size and the fruit produced from them vary even greater. The seed on the left really is approx. 11/2' -2" in height and produces gourds up to 3' in diameter. The seed on the right is a small luffa which produces golf ball sized fruit. Both seeds need special attention when trying to germinate and get them to grow.

Phil Moorhead



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NEW Patch Information

HELLO!

A new patch named the "Lakeshore Gourders" has been formed in the North-Western part of the state.

The new patch takes the place of the disbanded patch formerly known as "Patch One". Many members of the old Patch One have regrouped into the new patch with Alice Pawlowski chosen as the new patch leader.

The Lakeshore Gourders would like to welcome any IGS members in the area to join us in this new venture.

We plan on teaching, sharing, & spreading the word of gourds through our local communities. We are in the midst of planning our Patch Spring Show to be held in May. We also have our Fall Patch Show already set.

Our goal is to meet monthly when possible & take turns teaching a new technique to other members. Our starting project will be making a patch pottery shard bowl. The gourd will be divided into sections & each meeting someone will teach us a new technique to add to our bowl.

There will be a master pottery shard gourd that will be passed around from one member to another where they will add their technique before the next meeting. This will be our sample to work from. When complete, our master gourd will be raffled off.

I am honored to have been chosen as the patch leader.

Alice Pawlowski

Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdgeous World

February 4-6, 2011, Wuertz Gourd Festival

City/Town: Casa Grande, AZ, Pinal County Fairgrounds
Wuertz Farms "The Running of the Gourds" Gourd Festival

Feb 12-14, 2011 The Illinois Gourd Society- Southern Regional Chapter folks are planning a regional event with The Midwestern Herb and Garden Show inside Times Square Mall, at Mount Vernon, IL

February 25-27, 2011, 13th Annual Florida Gourd Show

City/Town: East Palatka, FL, Putman County Fairgrounds
Website: <http://www.flgourdsoc.org>
We have some of the best classes and instructors come to this event. It is a great time had by all. Come and enter your gourds for competition and take some exciting classes. Plus the friendship is amazing. The vendors will be there ready and willing to sell you just exactly what you are looking for. And the AUCTIONS are the best ever.

Feb 26-27, 2011 New Mexico Gourd Society - Celebration of Gourds Gourd Festival for 2011!

Check Website for info! <http://www.newmexicogourdsociety.org/>
Contact Jan Ward at 505-892-0124

Indiana Gourd Society - State Show

April 1/2/3, 2011 - Hancock County Fairgrounds, 620 N. Apple St., Greenfield, IN 46140

Admission: \$6 for entire weekend, open to public
Large gourd competition, Vendors, IGS Gourd store, Gourd Seeds, Demonstrations, kids booth, Auction Saturday and Sunday - For additional info: Jim Ballard, e-mail: jbgourd1009@msn.com [An IGS Sponsored Event]

Apr 17-18, 2011 The 3rd Annual Tennessee Volunteer Gourd Society Home Grown & Hand Made Gourd Festival will be held at the Bledsoe Community Complex Center, 234 Allen P. Deakins Road, Pikeville, TN 37367. Vendors, Demonstrations, Workshops, Music and Kids Activities. -

The **SPRING FESTIVAL** is set for the Morgan County Fairgrounds, Martinsville, IN on May 21, 2011 (just off S/R 37 about 30 miles south of Indy). 9:00AM to 3:00PM Membership Meeting 3:30 PM. - A 90 ft X 45 ft show room & a side meeting room. Food will be available. 25 camp sites. Possible set-up on Friday, 20 May.

Contact: Helen Parker, lparker@scican.net
[An IGS Sponsored Event]

Oct. 15 - 16, 2011 - 13th Annual Alabama Gourd Society Show - The location is the Cullman Civic Center in Cullman, AL. Follow updates at www.alabamagourdsociety.org.

Not an event, but, if you have gourd related questions check out this link on the Web—it may help answer more questions than you might even think to ask.

<http://www.americangourdsociety.org/bulletin/experts.html>

THE TENDRIL

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