



President's Message

Communication---or Not

By Karen Niemeyer

IGS members have completed our first ever gourd display and demonstration at the Lucas Oil Stadium. The event was a Home and Flower Show during days of sun, rain, and snow. Pictures of some of the activities are featured in this newsletter. At that event the numbers of people who had never seen gourds, had never grown gourds, and had never heard of the Indiana (or any other) Gourd Society were legion. There were also many, many visitors who said they had gourds at home but had never done anything with them or had no idea what to do with their gourds.

That and a few other recent revelations has caused some discussion and consternation among IGS board members. As a result, the board and I are asking for ideas, lots of ideas.

There are at least four concerns: how to get the IGS word out to non-gourders, how to communicate with folks of all ages who do not routinely use the Internet, how to re-enlist into membership those whose memberships have expired and whose names have been purged from IGS mailings, and how to re-energize gourders who have had to only temporarily, we hope, become inactive.



I have a few thoughts, naturally, on the subject, but I would love to hear other ideas. We gourdheads have a

variety of backgrounds, skills, and non-gourd interests, so let's see what we might accomplish by tapping those and combining our expertise. I recognize that we all have limited time, so attending every home and flower show, every county fair, every local event and providing gourd information may not be a logical answer. The answer will be in a combination of efforts by most members, not just the IGS board and committees.

How to Inform Non-Gourders: Attendance at and participation in a wide variety of home, gardening and agricultural events is certainly one possibility, as is participation in art shows. Since I work in a public library, I would consider putting IGS posters into our inter-library loan bags and sending them with no postage to various public libraries for posting. I am thinking 8 1/2 x 11, colorful, and annual, because libraries do purge their public bulletin board spaces. Many of Indiana's 239 public library subscribe to the state-wide courier service and I would be happy to include a poster to those libraries to whom we are sending books and other media. I do feel a note asking that the poster and/or fliers be displayed will be important to include.

Our state show committee is having a wonderful experience with the Hancock County Visitors Bureau in promoting in the Greenfield area our 19th state show. A gourd billboard may not be in every county's future, but it might be in more than just Hancock County's. The Bureau's local events that are being planned during our April 1-3 show

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Time To Till,



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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 days 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.

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.

With the passing of Joe Lee, we feel a tremendous sadness and a large void in our coming

shows.

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 Saturday morning to replaceSA14 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, kids, cousins, etc., but, **DON’T FORGET YOUR COMPETITION PIECES!**



At left: Our Lakeshore Gourders Patch group is all eyes and ears as Jerry Millard gives a demo on Chip Carving at our March meeting. We're all so pleased to be able to regroup & come together again for monthly patch meetings.

Lakeshore Gourders is the new Patch formed after the old Patch 1 expired last year.

Patch Leader, Alice Pawlowski

Joe Lee’s family will have a booth at the State Show and possibly at the Spring Show to sell some of the gourds that Joe had grown. It is unknown at this time if any of Joe’s crafted gourds will be available.

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and their efforts to involve other groups (farmers market, herb society, master gardeners) in and near our show's exhibit areas are outstanding examples of cooperation. Most of us received their excellent flier last week; if not, please call me at 765-436-7518 and leave a message, as I want you to have a copy.

We are moving the state shows and spring and fall festivals about the northern, central, and southern parts of the state to increase potential exposure to gourds by those who are, at present, non-gourders. However, it generally takes more than one year in a location to generate the best attendance.

Although advertisements cost, news articles generally do not. A well-written article about gourds, artisans, and area activities is usually published. Not everyone, however, reads Indiana newspapers.

It is obvious that there is no one solution for promoting gourds and the Indiana Gourd Society. Creativity and a combination of approaches will be needed.

How to inform those who do not rely on computers: IGS needs to rely less fully on its web site and on our citizens' reliance on Internet connectivity. Not everyone has computer and printer access. Others do not have time nor ability to search out a public library and use its computers to search for the IGS web site. Others try to use our web site and are stymied because of their lack of navigation skills or temporary technology glitches with their hardware, software or service providers. At a bare minimum, any IGS publication or form must have an

address and telephone for contact, not just a web site. (It may be in smaller letters but should be there.) We must use a variety of methods to reach those who would enjoy and benefit from membership and information about gourds.

IGS members do have the opportunity to receive the newsletter The Tendril six times a year electronically or via U.S. Mail. At this time we print approximately 150 paper copies. IGS has a total of 347 members (as of Feb. 28) and of these there are 253 households plus 68 others who live in those households and have additional individual memberships, plus 26 complimentary subscriptions.

Our newsletter is just that, a newsletter, not a magazine. It contains current information and some articles of long-standing interest on growing and creating with gourds. It is designed to be read, used, and discarded when information is no longer relevant. It has wonderful pictures. I'll admit that I don't want a mailed copy because I don't prefer the black-and-white format; I want the color of our photos and other information that comes via our web site's version. Having said that, I am the first in our library to insist that black-and-white format be used when possible because of its affordability; the same is true of IGS printed products. Many times I feel that color is not used to its best advantage and is a waste of money. This is only one person's opinion and is presented for the sake of discussion. I

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Spring Membership Meeting And Festival

After the Show our next get together will be Saturday May 21st at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Martinsville just west of U S 37 on highway 252. All you members south of U S 70: here is your chance to participate in a Gourd Society event and not drive for 3 hours or more. Mark your calendar now! Come early (9 a.m.) For coffee and donuts and stay late (3:30) for the membership meeting so you can vote. A local home-makers club will serve lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We will have gourd seeds for sale and hope to have gourd plants ready for your garden. There will be door prizes!

Bill Freihofer will be there with his long handled dipper gourds tied in knots and other shapes. He may be willing to share his secrets. Linda McCafferty will have kits and help you make your own gourd pin or necklace. We may have a "Take It, Make It" Gourd Birdhouse workshop. Stay tuned for more about demonstrations and workshops.

Bring a gourd creation to show off....no judging. Ruth and Phil Moorhead, certified AGS judges, will have a one hour booth where you can talk to the Judges. They will explain what judges look for when deciding the awarding of ribbons. They might even suggest how you can improve your technique or presentation. For Free!

Bring a GOURD ITEM to donate to the Society to be auctioned. Guy Shutt has again consented to be our fun auctioneer. If possible Rich Rodriguez will be there to assist him. Always fun to bid and to watch.

Or bring an item to donate to ways and means: a gourd you grew (or several) or bought and no longer want or one you decorated. How about canned jelly or preserves? Or home grown shelled nuts; or home made cookies packaged for snacks; fresh asparagus from your garden? Or other things you could donate for the Society to sell at 100% profit?

For \$20 you can rent a booth and bring every gourd related item you own to sell for your own profit!

If you wish to share your special skill by demonstrating, your space is free! Want to teach a quick 1 hour workshop?

And, twenty-five camping spaces are available on the fairgrounds for \$20.00 per night with water & electricity included.

Talk to me! Helen Parker, Chairman
lparker@scican.net or 1-317-882-1957.

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See the Ways & Means section on our Web Site

www.indianagourdsociety.org

2010 State Show - Auctions

VENDORS AND TEACHERS

AND ALL IGS MEMBERS!

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

This year we will again 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, sculpting, 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 your 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

Helpful Hints For Gourding

We have many articles in our "Educational Articles" section of the web site: www.indianagourdsociety.org to help you all the way through the process, from germination to haresting, cleaning, and crafting. Check out some of the titles.

Gourds In General by Ron Bair
Gourd Description Chart by Carolyn Rushton
Small Area Gourdening by Ron Bair
Hardshell Gourd Seed Germination by Lee & Helen Parker
Green Cleaning Gourds by Ron Bair
Harvest Complete? Now What? By Sid Meyers
Saving Gourd Seeds by Helen Parker & Ron Bair
Gourds & Purple Martins by Lee & Janice Musgrave
Birdhouse Dimensions by Jesse Glessner
Child's Birdfeeder Project by Jesse Glessner
Making Gourd Seed Necklaces by Jim Story
How to Measure Gourds for Competition by Ron Bair
Pyrography: Getting Started by Joe Lee
Decorating Gourds by Nancy Norris
Decoupageing Gourds by Emily Dillard

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 [<ruthigs@yahoo.com>](mailto:ruthigs@yahoo.com) or phone 765-674-8088 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.

www.visithancockcounty.com

For visitor / tourism information, call

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recognize that today we are an increasingly visual society. I very much enjoy The Gourd Magazine, the official publication of The American Gourd Society. It is slick, glossy and colorful. (Although I am making a distinction between a newsletter and a magazine, I'll admit to preserving both The Tendril and The Gourd Magazine.)

In the same discussable vein, I would add that I dislike having to print my own copy of The Tendril and I miss receiving by mail the stapled booklet version. It also sometimes happens that I do not get the electronic version printed/read as efficiently as I would have had it arrived in my mailbox ready to grab and go. However, in the interest of IGS economics, I have elected to print and staple my own copy.

The state show book is labeled for all members who have a current membership in October. It is taken to the fall meeting and distributed to any members present. Then the remaining copies were mailed on November 3 at \$1.22 per copy. This

works well but is not a perfect system because some members may not receive their mailed copy. If those same members do not have regular computer access, they may not know to ask for a copy or to print their own. What is an alternative? Our membership secretary uses post card reminders; should IGS send a post card to alert members to watch for their show schedules and to contact by mail or phone or e-mail one person who has additional copies? I do dislike that the IRS sends me three notices to watch for a survey or mailing—will we alienate people if IGS chooses to send a “watch for” notice?

I have only discussed a few of the concerns, and we also need to ask, **“How should IGS re-energize members and re-enlist as members those whose memberships have lapsed?”** Please make lists of ideas—this will be an on-going 2011 project among Indiana gourders and a worthwhile topic for chat-tables at IGS shows.

Happy gourding! See you at the state show and spring festival!

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 Loeb	\$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	Friday	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

Sadly We Report The Passing Of Another Long Term Member

About my Dad, Joe Lee

By Patti Lee Klos, his youngest daughter

My Dad always had a fondness for the little decorative gourds you see in the grocery stores around Thanksgiving. Perhaps his affinity stemmed from his Hawaiian roots, having been born and raised in Pahoia, a small rural town on the Big Island of Hawaii. Gourds were important in daily life of early Hawaiians, and Dad enjoyed growing things. My family and I do not know precisely when he first got interested in crafting gourds, and I suspect that growing them followed his interest in having a supply to craft. But I do know he took lessons from IGS members on marking, design transfer, pyrography, etc., and eventually perfected his own techniques. I recall him asking me to help him find books of

Polynesian tattoo patterns, and that he sometimes used Hawaiian petroglyph symbols. More recently he began to use Hawaiian quilt patterns on cannon ball gourds, probably inspired by the beautiful Hawaiian quilts his mother made. I believe the aspect of gourd crafting he loved most was meeting and spending time with gourd people around the country, and especially "in his back yard". I was teaching quilt classes in the mid 90's and remember talking to him about an invitation he received to teach his wood-burning technique for the California Gourd Society at a show in San Diego and how excited and honored he was. I was always impressed at how modest he was about his talent and teaching skills. I know he is missed by his gourd friends, and through you, his gourd family, we get to learn even more about the special man that he was.



In Memoriam to Joe Lee, friend, lecturer, consummate artist, teacher, student, and advisor. Joe gave freely of his time to demonstrate what he loved to do—wood burning. And, we talked him into having another kind of fun at the State Fair last year by taking a Japanese painting class, which he really enjoyed. Joe will be greatly missed by all in IGS.



Seed Packaging Day - February 2011



Flower & Garden Show - Lucas Oil Stadium March 2011



The Hester Family of Columbus, Indiana getting an education in pollination of gourds.

Judging Course - February 2011



The Judging Course Instructors, Master Judges Ruth and Phil Moorhead. Tough Taskmasters!

Congratulations to the first class of AGS-certified judges from Indiana!

These thirteen members are now qualified to judge exhibits at gourd events. Working in teams, they learned the AGS judging rules, then together judged three sample classes that they would likely see in a real competition. They learned how to

evaluate the workmanship, creativity, and techniques. As their instructors we provided them the opportunity to hone their judging skills.

If anyone else would like to become a certified Judge please contact us, when we get enough people we'll put on another class.

Ruth and Phil Moorhead, AGS Certified Master Judges



Wow! From those expressions above, this Judging stuff must be some really serious business!



Reading to the crew from the Judging "Bible"



And the results of the course: A brand new group of true-blue certified IGS judges chomping at the bit to do their thing.

From left: Karen Niemeyer, Helen Thomas, Bill Freihofer, Loretta Pressel, Ron Pressel, Ida Kennedy, Pat Moore, Emily Wallace, Fran Bascom, Delaina DeHaven, Kirsten DeHaven, Carolyn Rushton, Dallas Lunsford.

Board Meeting - February 2011



This was a wild, weird day for everyone and many “new” faces were present. We had Seed Packaging, State Show Conference, and then Lunch/Board Meeting time, and finally the Judging Course by Ruth and Phil Moorhead! WHEW! ALL in one day! Thanks to Karen for the setup and food and thanks to all those who brought a carry-in dish. This was a very, very busy and successful day for IGS.



Several of the designs for the new IGS Logo bandanas recommended by the design team of Carolyn Rushton and Delaina DeHaven during the Board Meeting.



The ladies did an excellent job on their designs and the Board voted on funding to have several of these printed.

Keep a watch on our Web Site, Ways & Means for these new items. Coming soon to an IGS Ways & Means store near you!



Flower & Garden Show - Lucas Oil Stadium Feb. 2011



Our crafted gourds display table.

The Flower & Garden Show at the Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indy was a busy time. We had many volunteers and lots of people stopping by who never knew that the Indiana Gourd Society even existed, let alone knowing much about gourds. They were "educated" and invited to attend the State Show in April to see more of what we are about.



The Dipper's on the wall fascinated many.



Phil's hat caught a LOT of attention.



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Flower & Garden Show - Lucas Oil Stadium Feb. 2011



Ruth & Phil with a customer.



Our Seed Sales and Touchy/Feely Table



Right: Volunteers Karen & Verona correcting paperwork.



Hours of standing on cement and these vibrator/massagers felt great to several



The demos and extra crafted gourds of Carolyn attracted many people



Gourd Happenings In Our Gourdeous World

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: jebgourd1009@msn.com [An IGS Sponsored Event]

Indiana Gourd Society— Non-Sponsored Event

April 09, 2011 - Blackford County Fairgrounds, Ag Day
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM - Seed Sales and Info Table

Apr 15—17, 2011 The 4th Annual Tennessee Home Grown and Hand Made Gourd Festival will be held at the Bledsoe Community Complex Center, 234 Allen P. Deakins Road, Pikeville, TN. 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]

Apr 29, 30 & May 1, 2011 Maryland Extension Cecil County Master

Gardener program's Gourd Festival - Keep checking the site at http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/exhibits/ghort_building.html for entry and competition information. A full list of classes and the registration form for classes can be found at <http://cecil.umd.edu/Horticulture/Gourd%20Festival/index.cfm>. Information on instructors for the weekend is included on the MD Gourd Festival Classes poster on the left. For additional information, contact Doris Behnke at dbehnke@umd.edu

May 14—15, 2011 2011 Kentucky Gourd Society Art Show - Touched by a Gourd Art Show located at Spencer County Elementary School, Taylorsville, Kentucky, Hwy 44 (West of Downtown Taylorsville) - Workshops Only—May 13th at First Baptist Church Taylorsville.

Jun 23—24, 2011 - Pennsylvania Gourd Society—2011 PA Gourd Fest: The Many Faces of Gourds - Smucker's Gourd Farm, Lancaster County, 317 Springville Rd, Kinzers, PA 17535 - Demos, Auctions, Vendors, Food, Workshops

Aug 05—21, 2011 The Indiana State Fair—2011 - Keep checking the site at http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/exhibits/ghort_building.html for entry and competition information.

Aug 26—28, 2011 The 2nd Annual Michigan Festival of Gourds - held at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City - The Festival of Gourds is a three-day event, bringing together the gourd community to share their knowledge, passion and creative use of the gourd. The Festival will increase awareness of and raise funds for treatment at the Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

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.

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