

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Check Out the Competition

The competition at our state show is always considered to be one of the best in the country. While this is true, it need not be an intimidation to anyone. Although, the quality of competition is excellent, Indiana is the only state I am aware of that offers a beginning, intermediate, and advanced division for each class. What this means is that people who have never entered competition can enter almost every class and not have to compete against those who have been competing for years.

We once again will be offering one of the widest ranges of classes available. Whether you are a grower, a gardener, crafter, or a true artist, there is a category and an experience level for everyone. As your level of experience rises, the excitement of winning a blue ribbon is somewhat replaced by a feeling of accomplishment. For the

beginner however, there is nothing quite as exciting as winning that first blue ribbon. The secret is that you have to enter before you can win.

So, come on, you can do it!! See whose socks you can knock off!!

**Sid Meyers**  
**IGS President**



*Below, Steve Stairs gives a demonstration*



*Gourds below By Debbie Grunden*



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