

We are Moving!!

Another state show is now behind us. The renewing of old friendships and the beginning of new ones are all behind us. As usual, the competition was great, and the selection from vendors more diverse than ever. Seminars and demonstrations returned and great workshops were offered.

Along with the appearance of new friends and members was the obvious absence of old friends and members. While we all would like to have the best times of our lives stand still for maximum enjoyment, this changing of faces points out the undeniable fact of change in our lives. Whether we embrace change or resist it with every fiber in our bodies, it continues to happen.

With the inevitability of change in mind, the Executive Board has decided that the state show should move around the state and not stay in one location. It is the opinion of the current Executive Board that the State Show should be rotated throughout the state on a two to three year rotation. Not only does this allow all members to eventually have a short easy trip to the show, it allows us to put our hobby in front of a new audience on a regular basis.

I would like to take the opportunity to announce to all of our membership that the IGS State Show 2008 will be at the St. Joseph County fairgrounds on the south side of South Bend. The facility we have chosen allows us to continue to put the entire show under one roof. Along with this, we have more than enough parking along with on site facilities for campers and RVs. The city of South Bend offers us an almost certain TV audience with 3 local stations. One has already given coverage to the Patch 1 Festival last year.

The cities of South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, and Goshen are almost undistinguishable. The location of the fairgrounds also puts us on the edge of some of the finest farmland in the state. Major highways, including Highway 31, Highway 30, Highway 20, Highway 2, Indiana Toll Road, and Interstate 94 makes the fairgrounds very accessible for people from at least five surrounding states.

The members of Patch 1 have assured the executive board that they will give the society the help it needs to turn this location into a large success. We will continue to give you more information throughout the coming year. We hope that all members will mark **April 4/5/6, 2008** on their calendars and make the trip to **South Bend**. There is much to do in this area beyond gourds. This could be turned into a very enjoyable weekend or more for all attendees.

Thank you, Sid Meyers, IGS President

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A few of the many folks who help make the IGS State Show a success!
Thank You to all of you!! Without you there would be no show.