



Spring Gourd Festival and Membership Meeting

Now that the big State Show in Kokomo is over, it is time for you to begin planning to attend the **Spring 2007 Gourd Festival and Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 12**. This year it will be held at the **Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon Indiana**, which is directly off **Interstate 65 at Exit 138**. Follow the IGS Gourd signs to get to the **Annex Building**. There will be other public events taking place at the Fairgrounds on that day which will give us the opportunity to share our gourd talents and knowledge with many more people. For those who wish to sell dried gourds outside, there is a large grassy area for you to pitch tents in case of inclement weather, as well as a very large paved area.

Vendor setup is from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. with the doors open to the public from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Vendors can dismantle from 3:00 – 4:00. The membership meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. A caterer will be on site to provide food for breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

The emphasis for this spring festival is to encourage those new to the gourd world to bring out the “inner gourd” in themselves. We will have an Exhibit Area for the gourd lovers who would like to display their favorite crafted gourd(s). We will provide **demos and instructions on wood-burning, carving, beading, weaving and painting gourds, as well as tips on growing your own**. As usual the festival is free and open to the public.

There will be an auction of gourds and gourd art at noon. If you are a vendor or artist, please contribute an item to help the Indiana Gourd Society.

Please call Pat Buedel 317 873-0087 or e-mail pbuedel@gmail.com for questions and/ or if you wish to reserve vendor space in the Annex Building. The vendor fee is \$30.



Above– Artist Gary Devine (Ontario, Canada) holding BEST OF SHOW, next to his lovely wife Catherine. Below– close up view of Best of Show gourd.



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Attention: All Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. Members

Would you like to try something new? Would you like to have a Gourd Patch Group in your area? Just think, your own small Patch Group right in your neighborhood. Talk about crafting, growing, manipulating (tying knots, etc) or anything else you want to show and tell and talk about. Think of the Gourd fun and fellowship you could have! It has been made easy. We are encouraging individuals to sprout Gourd groups everywhere, regardless of present lines or present larger patches! There are very few guidelines. Contact the Society President and advise him of your intentions and if you need any kind of support. Request for financial support will be decided by the President and two appointed Directors. All Patches operate under the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. mission statement and guidelines. Doesn't that sound easy and fun? What a great support to the Society as these little patches can sprout up all over the state. Just think how the Gourd word will spread. Organize your Gourd Patch group today and start your Gourd Glow Growing!

Request to start an Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. Patch

mail to: Sid Meyers, 9494 N 900 E, New Carlisle, IN 46552

Name of Person making request _____

Date of Request _____

Person who will act as Patch Leader _____

Address of leader _____

Telephone# _____

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YOUR NEWSLETTER

At the spring membership meeting, 2006, the executive board asked the membership to approve a \$5.00 increase in membership fees. The reason stated for the increase was that The Tendril would become a bi-monthly newsletter sent out First Class mail. As a result of this measure \$9300 was budgeted for publication and postage of The Tendril. With ever increasing printing and postage costs we find that this is still a difficult accomplishment.

With the continued problem in this area and the increase in computer and internet use, the executive board has now made another decision concerning your newsletter. The Tendril is now available on line. The advantage for the IGS is decreased publishing and postage costs. There are also advantages for the membership. The electronic newsletter will be the exact same newsletter as the published edition; BUT because it doesn't go to the printer, the pictures will be in color. The cost of printing color pictures makes this an impossible option for the printed copy. You will see the electronic newsletter about 2 weeks sooner than by mail. When the newsletter has gone thru its final check and is ready to go to the printer, you will be notified by email. At that time you can go to the appropriate website and receive your electronic newsletter in color. By December we expect to have a "members-only" section of the web where you can see Tendril archives, as well as other material expressly for members. We will have more information in the next issue.

The electronic newsletter is an option determined by each dues paying member. In the future, you will only receive the electronic copy unless you contact Dallas Lunsford. For now, you can check out the new electronic copy of this Tendril by going to:

http://www.indianagourdsociety.org/tendril/07_04_trwxrt23af.pdf



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, spring weather is finally starting to tease us and our thoughts are on final preparations for our state show. As you read this, the show will be behind us. Along with the weekend that passes all too quickly for most, will be the opportunities to renew friendships and excite a new crop of gourdheads with the joys of our passion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from Phil Moorhead and his committee to the volunteer who spent 1 hour helping put on our great show. Volunteers truly are the back bone of our society.

We now turn our thoughts to our Spring Festival/Membership meeting. Pat Buedel will be in charge of this event, along with help from local IGS member Karen Neimeyer. This year's festival will be May 12 at the Boone County fairgrounds in Lebanon. Early preparations point toward a unique and exciting day. There will be much activity at the fairgrounds that day, and Pat and Karen have plans for drawing some of those people into our event. There will be vendors and demonstrations, as usual, along with some exciting new twists. If you haven't attended one of our festival/membership meetings in recent years, this will certainly be one to check out. Also happening that day will be election of officers. We will be electing 3 directors, along with a treasurer. This is your opportunity for input into the operations of your society, and I implore all to attend.

Unfortunately, because of outside circumstances, Cheryl Harshman has been replaced as 1st Vice President. The Harshman family has been hit with an unusual amount of illness and misfortune, starting with Dick's illness, and passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family and we certainly hope things turn around for them soon. In the mean time, Steve Sullivan has stepped forward and agreed to fill the remainder of Cheryl's term. Steve has served as Vice President previously and actually completed Dick Harshman's term as President when Dick had his original heart attack. We appreciate Steve's acceptance and look forward to benefiting from his experience.

I hope everybody is well into their new year of gourding, whether it is as an artist, or grower, or both. Until next time, happy gourding.

Sid Meyers— IGS President

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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Nominating Committee Nominees:
(voting at Spring Membership Meeting)

Treasurer: Phil Moorhead

Directors: (3 to be elected)

Carl Abner
Jim Ballard
Pat Bridwell
Ida Kennedy

Pat Moore
Carolyn Rushton
Emily Wallace



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.



Exhibits, Vendors, Classes & Fun! IGS State Show at Kokomo '07 / Pictures submitted by Steve Sullivan—IGS Photographer

WAYS & MEANS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Emily Wallace has asked for someone to volunteer to take over the Ways & Means booth. Please contact her at the Spring Festival on May 12th in Lebanon, IN. or email: indtendrill@hotmail.com

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The 2007 Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. State show is over and a great amount of success and fun was enjoyed by all.

We held two auctions this year that were very successful and will plan to continue to do so in the future.

I want to THANK all those who made this auction possible and successful. THE DONORS of the merchandise, we had the largest quantity of fine donations ever. THE BIDDERS for the merchandise, we had over 110 bidders for the two days who knew how to bid. THE HELPERS with the auction, we had a bunch of people who worked both days to make the auction fun, fast and just a very good time.

Again a GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO HAD ANY PART in the 2007 auction.

We will see you again next year in our NEW LOCATION in SOUTH BEND, Indiana at the St Joseph county fair grounds. Think North!

Guy Shutt
Auction Chair

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As those of you know who attended the State Show, one of our dear gourd society members, Miss Debby Grunden, has been dealing with some serious health issues. She wanted me to convey her deepest thanks for all the donations and everyone who participated in the special auction. All of your kindness has enabled her to purchase a hospital bed so she can be more comfortable. She was in awe of the generosity that was displayed by so many of you. She might not have been able to avoid going back in the hospital without the bed. She is forever grateful to all of you.

She is staying with a close friend who is taking very good care of her. If anyone would like to send her a card or letter or even an email, please contact her at : wstandiford@sbcglobal.net or you may call (317)634-5010 to get the mailing address. She can accept phone calls but treatment demands that she sleeps most of the time. When you call, please keep it as short as possible.

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Pictures from the State Show at Kokomo'07, submitted by Steve Sullivan

??GOURD QUESTION??

This is in response to a previous gourd question: "How do I know my gourds are ready to Harvest?" It was suggested that the gourds could be stored in the basement.

Debbie Goedde sent this response: I thought you might be interested to hear about our, (my husband & myself), experience with storing gourds in our basement one winter. I don't remember how many gourds I put in the basement but it was several dozen, all shapes & sizes. They were drying really well. I also had hundreds of seedling plants growing under numerous grow lights. One day, I noticed water dripping from our air conditioning vents. It was in January. We asked a friend who has a sheet metal company to come over and take a look. Upon looking in the basement he stated that the problem was that all the gourds & plants were causing water vapor to equalize throughout the house. Once it goes into the attic, it condenses & drips through the vents, eventually causing damage. So now, although I raise lots of seedlings, the gourds are kept in the garage & shed and we haven't had anymore water drips!

We here at the Tendril would have to agree, but for another reason. All that mold cannot be good for your health if you keep the gourds in the house to cure, even if it is in the basement. So for your health and the health of your family, let the gourds dry out somewhere else.

Next Issues' Gourd Question: Once my young seedlings are outside and growing well, what should I look for in the way of disease and/or bug damage? Also, when is the best time to start fertilizer?

Ok, start sending in your answers to this question! Send to:

indtendril@hotmail.com

Gourd Happenings

Spring Membership Meeting/ Festival
May 12, 2007- 9am to 3pm
Boone County Fairgrounds/ Lebanon, IN

Patch 1 Spring Festival-June 2, 2007- 9am to 4pm
Webster Center/ Plymouth, IN

May 18-20 Kentucky Gourd Art & Craft Show
Taylorsville, KY

5th Annual Gourd Art Gathering,
June 1-3 ,Cherokee, NC

1st Annual, Hawaii- Gourds In Paradise,
June 15-17 , Kailua-Kona "Big Island" HI

11th Annual International Gourd Art Festival -June 23 & 24,
Welburn Gourd Farm, Fallbrook, CA toll free 1-877-420-2613

Georgia Gourd Society Festival, "Imigi-NATIONS," July 20-22,
Coweta Fairgrounds, Newnan, GA ,30 mins. Past Atlanta. Competition, workshops, raw & decorated, gourd vendors and dinner

IGS Board Meeting-Oct. 20,2007
Location TBD

Fall Meeting & Festival- Nov.10,2007- 9am to 3pm
Tippecanoe Fairgrounds/ Lafayette, IN

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