

## Nostalgia from our Web Site



Nancy Norris "A cat birdhouse"  
(2004 Norris' Morris?)



Spring Meeting at Indianapolis  
2004



Kevin Davis wearing a duck hat  
(2004 - Cropped)

### QUICK TIPS

an archived *Jim Story* article

Need thick plexiglas for making molds in which to grow gourds? A great source is Menards Building Stores.

Cement reinforcing wire (trade name Remesh) and cattle panels make the very best gourd trellises, arbors & fences. Remesh comes in rolls 150 feet long and 5 feet wide. Cattle panels and Remesh can be purchased at most building supply stores. Look for bargains in cattle panels at farm sales. Remesh makes excellent tomato cages and flower towers. Bolt cutters are needed to cut Remesh when making gourd trellises and tomato cages.

Gourd stems have skins. Cleaning the stems of gourds improves their appearance. The secret to easy stem cleaning is to first scrape with a knife, then soak in warm water for 30 minutes, scrape again with a knife and then use a one inch stainless steel brush to remove remaining skin particles.

An electric fan will hasten the drying of gourds. Just lay them in front of an electric fan turned on high and the drying process starts immediately.

Send us your Quick Tips about germinating, growing, curing, and crafting gourds and help others find a solution to their problems.

### Gourd Happenings

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

Indiana State Fair—Horticultural Building - August  
8 - 19

Indiana Gourd Society Educational Booth  
IGS Competition, Demonstrations, and Information

IGS Board Meeting-Oct. 20,2007  
Location TBD

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