

Patch 1 Report

During 2008, Patch 1 has lost some members, and gained some. No matter how many we have, or where we are, we always seem to have a great time. During the year, we had a festival of our own, sold plants, crafted gourds, and had an auction. We also had a patch visit to see how others within our group grow their gourds, and ate a little food along the way. We always look forward to one or more in the group teaching a new technique, or giving a little clue to help them achieve the wanted result.

But we all look forward to the annual Christmas dinner, and gourd gift exchange. We all gathered at Christo's Family Dining in La Porte on January 4, and to add a plus to the event, the dinner was paid for thru efforts from those in the patch. We have a surplus in our account now, and we voted to use the money to pay for the meal. We earned this money thru the auctions that we have with our patch festivals, along with any vendor fees collected.

The gourd gift exchange is always worth the wait, with some VERY nice pieces being given. Below is a picture of this year's attendees. Pictured are first row; Flo Schneider, Loretta Pressel, Peg Miller, Robbie Hiduke, Brenda Rodriguez, Second row; Judy Millard, Ron Pressel, Sherry Benedict, Blanche Murrin, Alice Pawlowski, Ray Nixon, Sid Meyers, Third row; Jerry Millard, Derlene Olson, Tom Benedict, Mary Cuff, Rich Rodriguez. Missing were Joyce Dankowski, Ida Kennedy, and Kim and Bill Schultz.

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