

## **2009 State Show Report**

The 2009 state show is now in the records books. For those of you who missed this years' show, we missed seeing you, and you missed a good time.

From the start, the show came together almost effortlessly. But don't say that to the volunteers who worked diligently from the start...to the finish. The group of volunteers who put this show together was some of the hardest working people I have ever met. I would like you to thank them also, as many are unsung heroes who need a pat on the back. Below I will list out the names of the person who helped out in the main categories of the show.

Sid Meyers – Layout of the building, plus handled the judging duties this year.

Jerry & Judy Millard – Jerry helped to pick the items from the storage unit, and show set up and tear down. Judy & Jerry both worked hard on the auctions, taking in contributions, and cataloging them.

Phil Moorhead – Handles all mail incoming to do with the show, exhibit entries, judging paperwork, getting the money together for all areas handling cash.

Rich & Brenda Rodriguez – they take worker bees to a new level. Brenda has become the premiere exhibit placer. She knows what to do. We use Rich in any capacity we need...he always steps up.

Bud King – What can we say about him...except that he has

ALWAYS been at the show to help set up, tear down, and police the exhibit area, with a smile on his face. He is a true gem.

Karen Niemeyer – along with being our president, handled the Art Raffle area, doubled this year with the student pieces.

Mary Cuff – Kids Patch, with Guy and Lois being a hard act to follow, she showed her worth by being there with all the kids, and loving every minute of it.

Ida Kennedy – Again this year, she managed the workshops, instructors, monitors, and her committee expertly.

Tom Benedict – He stepped into the roll of vendor chair, and accepted it openly. His hard work was evident.

Carolyn Rushton – her keyboard talents, along with her gourd song “Gourds, Gourds, Gourds,” was a hit. Along with her drawing talents, as we as a society use her logo to represent the Indiana Gourd Society.

I know that I have not thanked everyone as I should, but they know how much I and the society value their talents. Without them, none of it could be done.

We look forward to next year, as Alice Pawlowski takes over the reins as show chair. I hope that everyone will support her, as they have supported me in being your show chair.

Thank you,

Renee Meyers - 2009 Show Chair

## **Growing Larger Gourds**

Try to get the best seeds to start with. Genetics makes a world of difference.

Harry Hurley and a Kentucky gourd grower have grown very large bushels and they were very thick. IGS and others sell some very good bushel seeds as Bushel 100 + .

To make your gourds larger, you will need more growing days. Start by planting the seeds indoors.

When ready to transplant, you can plant where you have mixed manure with soil.

Cut the bottom off a 5 gallon bucket and set over your plant if

it is too cold or chance of frost.

Spread black covering around plant if it is too cold and this will draw heat to help your plant to grow.

I used to dig a hole about 10 inches from the root and pour rain water mixed with miracle grow in the hole.

I grew a 325 pound pumpkin doing this.

After nice weather comes, you can remove the bucket and black covering

Helen Thomas - The Sand Lady @ [www.sandlady.com](http://www.sandlady.com)

## **Gourd Crafters Patch Meeting**

**Ridgeville area - Ridgeville Lions Club Bldg.**

**First Saturday of each month, 2pm**

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