



President's Message

IN THE GOURD SPIRIT

If you are reading this, you are already interested in or curious about gourds. You may be a member in the Indiana Gourd Society or in more than one gourd group. You know that there is a spirit of sharing of knowledge among gourders that is possibly unequalled in the world of art and the world of crafts. It has been my experience that those who love and enjoy gourds are IN THE GOURD SPIRIT.

I would love to hear from those of you who have had experiences like the one I am about to describe. It would be great fun to give tribute to those who have especially shown the "gourd spirit" to others.

In March at the Indiana Gourd Society annual state show, I was fortunate to have volunteers who covered the art raffle booth for three hours so that I could take a class. I owe a special thanks to show chair Renee Meyers who helped make it happen and to the great volunteers who monitored the raffle tickets, art pieces and money box during my absence.

Under the guidance of Indiana gourd artist Delaina DeHaven I completed a marten house gourd by painting an Indiana privy, fence and floral scene. As with many of our great gourd artists, Delaina made all of us look good with her patient, step-by-step teaching.

I have been a member of a Boone County Home Extension club since 1976 and decided to enter my "privy gourd" in the Boone County cultural arts competition at the May 14 Achievement Day. Voting on the best exhibit is completed by the guests (home ec members) participating. Because of illness I was unable to attend the event and was delighted the next day to learn my gourd had won!

As a result on June 11 an Indiana-painted gourd in the incredible DeHaven style will be at Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN) at the state Home and Family Arts Conference. Who knows how it will fare? Included in the competition will be awesome quilts, crocheted doilies, other forms of handwork, and, at least ONE gourd! I think it is exciting to think that some people will be seeing gourd art for the first time and I am very, very happy to be representing Boone County in the competition. A special thanks to Delaina for teaching at our state show and for helping me achieve gourd success!!

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