



STATE SHOW AUCTION 2007

The Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. State show is just around the corner, Can you believe? Reserve the dates of March 30, 31 and April 1 for this fun event. The auction has always been a major attendance draw of the show, providing fun as well as income which helps support the show.

This year we are doing something different again. A few years ago we went to a live auction on Saturday which has become very successful and helps pay some of the cost of putting on a show such as this. This year we are going to an auction on both Saturday and Sunday so more people will have an opportunity to participate and enjoy. Both auctions will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the stage area.

The donations to the auction will be divided between Saturday and Sunday prior to the auction on Saturday. Now, to continue making the auction successful, fun and profitable to support the show we will need 80 plus items to auction.

In order to make this happen we need donations from all vendors, demonstrators, teachers and above all our Indiana Gourd Society members. We need these items delivered to the auction area by the stage by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 31.

We have a great Show in store for everybody and with everybody's help we will make the auction bigger and better in 2007. Thanks in advance for your donation. For questions contact Guy

Shutt at glshutt@ffni.com or by phone 219-474-5091

See you at the Show!

Guy Shutt, Auction Chair



MAIDEN BY RANDY ECKLEY



Geometric Cut Gourds
By Bob Dillard

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help!! We need volunteers to help put the show on! If you can give us some help setting up on Thursday or Friday morning, or tearing down on Sunday afternoon, please call or e-mail me. We also need help during the show taking tickets, helping out in the IGS booths, and just being there to direct people when they get "lost". Either send in the volunteer form in the show schedule, or contact me through Phil Moorhead. As some of you know, Debby has been in the hospital. If you volunteered, please call Phil Moorhead at 765-674-8088.

Debby Grunden, 765-674-8088 or
showchair@indianagourdsociety.org



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Check Out the Competition

The competition at our state show is always considered to be one of the best in the country. While this is true, it need not be an intimidation to anyone. Although, the quality of competition is excellent, Indiana is the only state I am aware of that offers a beginning, intermediate, and advanced division for each class. What this means is that people who have never entered competition can enter almost every class and not have to compete against those who have been competing for years.

We once again will be offering one of the widest ranges of classes available. Whether you are a grower, a gardener, crafter, or a true artist, there is a category and an experience level for everyone. As your level of experience rises, the excitement of winning a blue ribbon is somewhat replaced by a feeling of accomplishment. For the

beginner however, there is nothing quite as exciting as winning that first blue ribbon. The secret is that you have to enter before you can win.

So, come on, you can do it!! See whose socks you can knock off!!

Sid Meyers
IGS President



Below, Steve Stairs gives a demonstration



Gourds below By Debbie Grunden



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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# _____

e-mail address _____

County where patch is located _____

Nearest town location _____

Major Gourd interest: Growing _____ Crafting _____ Both _____ Other _____

Number of persons showing interest in patch _____

The Passing of a Long-Time Gourd Friend

Richard Thompson, Selma, Indiana is sadly missed by members of the Indiana Gourd Society. Friends and acquaintances extend deepest sympathy to Hazel and family following his passing. Dick and Hazel were founding members of the Indiana Chapter and were placed on the Society's Roll of Honor its' first year. They were good friends and traveling companions of Jane and Jim Story. Dick always wore a gourd hat to events. He made necklaces with gourd and other seeds. He always entered the Sunday morning gourd show hat and necklace contests at the breakfasts events. He generously donated his crafts for prizes and to ways and means. He enjoyed growing gourds and painted penguins to look like the real thing. For years he demonstrated how to scrub gourds at the Ohio show and later at the Indiana shows.

JUDGES NEEDED

Are you interested in judging the show? You say you don't know how? Well, be a clerk and learn how to judge. We need both judges and clerks on Saturday morning so we can go through the exhibits in a timely manner. If you would like to help, contact Phil Moorhead (show chair) at 765-674-8088 or e-mail: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org



EDUCATION

The education booklet is being re-worked and will be available for the state show. It is time to review all the good education material that the IGS has, so you can get prepared for the planting season.

Ray Nixon, Education Chair

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WORKSHOPS! WORKSHOPS! WORKSHOPS!

Have you seen the workshops that are being offered at this year's show? We have a few new ones that will knock your socks off. This year, you can make a drum, a bird feeder, or flowers ... all out of gourds. There are many to choose from that will pique your interest. The workshops offered are scheduled so that you could conceivably take a class each day, at each time slot offered. Wouldn't that be fun???? There are those who are taking advantage of the times and classes offered, so hurry and register. Time is getting short. If you have any questions at all, contact Renee Meyers at srmeyers@galaxyinternet.net, or call her at home at 574-654-3474 or her cell at 574-229-0895. Come on, join the fun.

Renee Meyers, Workshops Chair

SEED PACKING DAY IS COMING!

Seed sales are an integral part of the state gourd show experience. To be able to sell seeds, we have a group that gets together to put all those little seeds in packages for sale.

It will be seed packing day soon. We've set this up in the Thorntown Library again this year for the first week in March – March 3, 2007 - from 9:00AM to 3:00PM, with another hour for a Director's meeting until 4:00 PM if that is necessary.

We had GREAT participation last year at this event with hopes that you will all return, help us package everything, and have a great time with the eats and meeting and talking to your friends again this year. Everyone did such a good job last year that we finished about 2 hours ahead of schedule and had plenty of time for discussions.

We have a few new varieties for our Seed Box along with several new items from our Pure Seed Project and will have those available at the Kokomo Show.

Please let me know if you will be attending this year at jessgless@insightbb.com.

Jesse Glessner, Seeds

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HAVE YOU PRE-REGISTERED YET?

How are you coming on getting your exhibits ready for the big show? It's coming up quickly!! Be sure to pre-register - it will be much easier for you to get your gourds on the exhibit tables. If you walk in with exhibits, we have to take time to make tags. Pre-registered exhibits have tags already made out - all you do is walk in, pick up your packet of tags, and head for the tables. Have you sent in a volunteer form? We still need help setting up on Thursday and Friday morning, and helping out greeting guests at some of the booths. Don't forget we have just a Sunday meal together, and it is off-site. I'll have a map with your meal ticket to help you get there - it is really quite easy from the show.

Questions? Contact me at 765-674-8088 or e-mail: showchair@indianagourdsociety.org

Philip Moorhead, 2007 Show Chair

SHOW CO-CHAIR SAYS, "START PLANNING NOW!"

Once again its time to start planning for the upcoming gourd show, I remember the first gourd show I ever went to, I was amazed at the knowledge and friendliness of everyone associated with the show. I started out by volunteering on setting up the show. My involvement progressed into being vendor chair last year to show co-chair this year. Never be afraid to ask questions and pitch in to help. The show could never exist or be such a success relying on just a couple of people setting it up. It takes many volunteers: from setting up the show, to tearing it down at the end, and everything in-between.

I think the choices of classes we have will benefit everyone from the beginner to the advanced. With many different times available, you can sign up for the classes you can easily work into your schedule, and still be involved in all the other activities of the show. Don't forget about our auction, you can bid on everything from crafted gourds to knotted gourds and many other gourd-related items. Phil has put together another great show that should be one that we talk about for years to come. Please take the time to attend the show and take classes, look at the exhibits and get ideas for your own gourd art-work, and finally, patronize the vendors for a great gourdacious weekend.

Rich Rodriguez, 2007 Show Co-Chair

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BACK TO BASICS

Back by popular demand (we actually received one request) the “Back to Basics and More” booth for young and old alike, presented by the Gourd Guys, Guy and Lois Shutt.

The booth will again present two features:

- a make it and take it ornaments for kids of all ages. Student will learn how to use brushes and paints at their own pace and decide what they want to paint. Instruction will be given on how and not on what to do. All supplies will be provided and a donation cup will be set out to help offset cost of paints.
- an on-going demonstration and information on all aspects of having fun with gourds. Topics include things such as starting seed to time of harvest and everything in between, aspects of crafting from drying through cleaning, working on crafting a gourd such as cutting, burning, and many other methods. Some information on different types finishes and how to use them.

This will be a fun booth with kids and adults all becoming enchanted with fun with gourds.

We sell nothing and we give freely of everything we have to offer. Come visit the Gourd Guys booth and just have a good time with gourds, we will be there each day from open until closing.

We had a great time last year and a great turn out and are looking for an even bigger turn out and more fun times at the Basics and More Show this year.

Come see us! Guy & Lois Shutt

EVER WONDER WHAT JUDGES BASE THEIR AWARDS ON?

The Kokomo show is a great way to find out! Judges are assigned categories to judge at the IGS show. Each pair of judges will need an assistant-clerk. You will learn by watching the judges to see what they are looking for in a Blue-Ribbon winner. You are only needed for 2 hours, from 8am to approximately 10am, on Saturday morning of the show.

This is a great experience for anyone who plans on entering any dried gourds, crafts or art in ANY show. It may give you that “insight” that could help you to know what judges look for.

As a clerk, you will record the judges’ score, make sure they have everything they need, and adjust identification tags to reveal the names of the entrants, after they have been judged. Several new members served as clerks at the ‘06 show and they said it was enjoyable and very educational.

To get involved in our upcoming show contact:

**Phil Moorhead (show chair) at 765-674-8088 or e-mail:
showchair@indianagourdsociety.org**

Gourd Happenings

Seed Packing Day-March 3, 2007- 9am to 3pm
Thorntown Public Library/ Thorntown, IN

IGS State Show -March 30, 31 & April 1, 2007
Johanning Civic Center/ Kokomo, IN

IGS Board Meeting-April 28, 2007
Location TED

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

IGS Board Meeting-Oct. 20,2007
Location TED

Fall Meeting & Festival- Nov.10,2007- 9am to 3pm
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