

# 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](mailto: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**