



State Fair Approaching!!

It's that time of year again. The state fair is being held August 8 - 19, 2007. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help out at the IGS booth. Anyone who volunteers gets a pass for the day and a free parking pass for the day. If you volunteer more than 5 days, you get a badge and parking pass to get in free for the entire fair! Most volunteers work 4 hours in a block. It really does go by fast!

We need volunteers in several roles:

- Talk with fair-goers about gourds, or to just be there to watch that none of the exhibits walk off
- Do demonstrations, especially in the afternoons and weekends
- Help set up the booth on Sunday August 5, from 9am to whenever we get done (usually about 1pm)
- Help tear down the booth Sunday night August 19 at about 9pm
- And finally a couple of people who can be available Monday August 20 in the morning to help take the last of the material out (we can not take trucks into the fair Sunday night)

And most importantly, exhibitors are needed, see the fair show book. The exhibits can be brought in Sunday during the setup, or on Monday or Tuesday during the day. There is a \$50 prize for best of show.

This is a good way to meet other gourd people in a relaxed setting. Get your patch together and come to the fair as a group!

Want to help? Contact Phil Moorhead at 765-674-8088 or e-mail moorhead@yahoo.com

Questions About IGS?

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about IGS, The Tendril, or other matters in the organization please contact one of the following.

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This year's State Fair Theme is YEAR OF CORN. Want to compete with your gourds and possibly a theme gourd? Register online and get your booklets from the State Fair at <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/> Click on "Competitive Exhibits" then "Open Class Handbook" then Dept 112 Ag/Hort Entry Form. There is a \$30 entry fee.

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Results from IGS State Show (Kokomo, 2007)

Best of show: Gary Devine, London, Ontario, Canada

Show Chairs Award: Kevin Davis, Greenfield, IN

Division Winners:

Division	Winner
Dried Gourds	Patricia Moore, Bloomington, IN
Botanicals	Patricia Moore, Bloomington, IN
Arts & Crafts	Gary Devine, London, Ontario, Canada
Show Theme	Sid Meyers, New Carlisle, IN
Children/Youth	Kevin Davis, Greenfield, IN

Winner of the Art Raffle

Artist	Winner
Delaina DeHaven	Renee Meyers
Emily Dillard	Pat Scott
Nancy Miller	Anne Miller
Ron Pressel	Barbara Brovont
Sid Meyers	Tony Brown
Susie Billingsley	Vicki Plenis
Joe Lee	Jennifer Gordon
Steve Sullivan	Starr Gill
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Presidents Message

Summer is now upon us and we begin another fiscal or business year for our society. Some feel we have been going through a rather normal downturn of sorts. I am confident and excited that this year will be the turning point for another extended up turn.

The executive board has approved the first new patch under our reorganization plan Lois Wright of Randolph county will be leading this new patch. We congratulate her and wish her well. Steve Sullivan continues to work with the Pure Seed project and has progressed it quite far. And our executive board has a much different look to it as several members have become involved in the business end of the society. We welcome Emily Wallace, Carolyn Rushton, and Ida Kennedy to the board. This list combined with society friendly locations, we will be visiting this year, lead me to believe that we are in for a very good year.

I also would like to remind all members that our state show for 2008 will be moving to the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, on the south side of South Bend.

And for the business at hand, our next opportunity to get together with fellow members will be at the Indiana State Fair. Phil Moorhead and Jesse Glessner will be co-chairing the display this year. As always volunteers are needed to man our booth during the fair hours. This really is one of the more enjoyable opportunities you will have to volunteer for your society. Any one wishing to volunteer or have more information can contact Phil at moorheap@yahoo.com or Jesse at jessgless@insightbb.com

Until next time, happy gourding,
Sid Meyers

Workshops, Workshops, Workshops!

Hello fellow gourdheads. If anyone is interested in giving a workshop at the spring show in South Bend in April 2008, please contact me for an application. All applications will be reviewed for approval and selections will be made by the end of July 2007.

This should be a great opportunity for work shop instructors to show off their talents and earn a good profit in a new market area. There should be a lot of new people attending this show which will give us the opportunity to convert more "gourdheads".

Hope to hear from more of you.

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State Show On The Move! - New Theme!

"Discover Gourds' Hidden Treasures"

Yes, in case you haven't heard, our state show is moving to South Bend, Indiana. We will be at the St. Joseph County fairgrounds in a building that will accommodate all of our show. The building is not as large as we have had the past few years, but it is still able to hold what we need it to. My committee and I have already been working on the show catalog and have added a few new classes. The competition area will be at the back of the building, and laid out conveniently.

If you would like to teach a workshop, the application and information are on our website. Ida Kennedy is in charge of workshops for the 2008 show, and she is eager to get your submissions. Contact her at ikennedy5@msn.com and she will be happy to help.

There is going to be one major change this year. It concerns exhibits and entry into the show. The admission booth will be at the gate of the fairgrounds and we are keeping the \$5.00 for the weekend price. Even if you have a piece that you want to put into competition you will still have to pay the \$5.00 entry fee, unless you volunteer to

help in some area. We are doing this to help alleviate the cost of putting on the show. The rising costs have pushed us to take this new measure. Though we tried to avoid it, we reluctantly lined up with other state's shows of all paying to enter the show.

New this year also, is that we will be accepting business card size advertisement to be put in the show catalog. Advertise that you will be at the show, and let potential customers know you will be available to serve them. The cost is the same as it is for The Tendril. Send your advertisement to Jesse Glessner at jessgless@insightbb.com

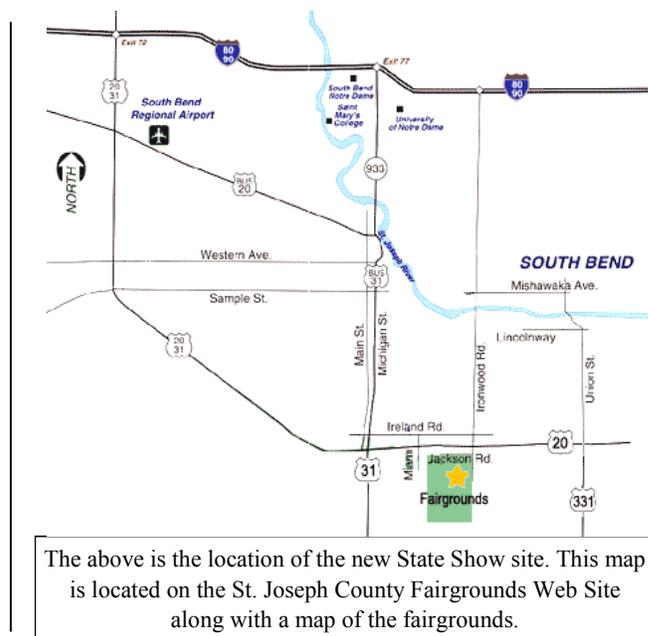
I am so excited to be the show chair for the 2008 show. We have a lot of new things that we are going to be doing this year. I will continue to keep everyone updated on what our plans are.

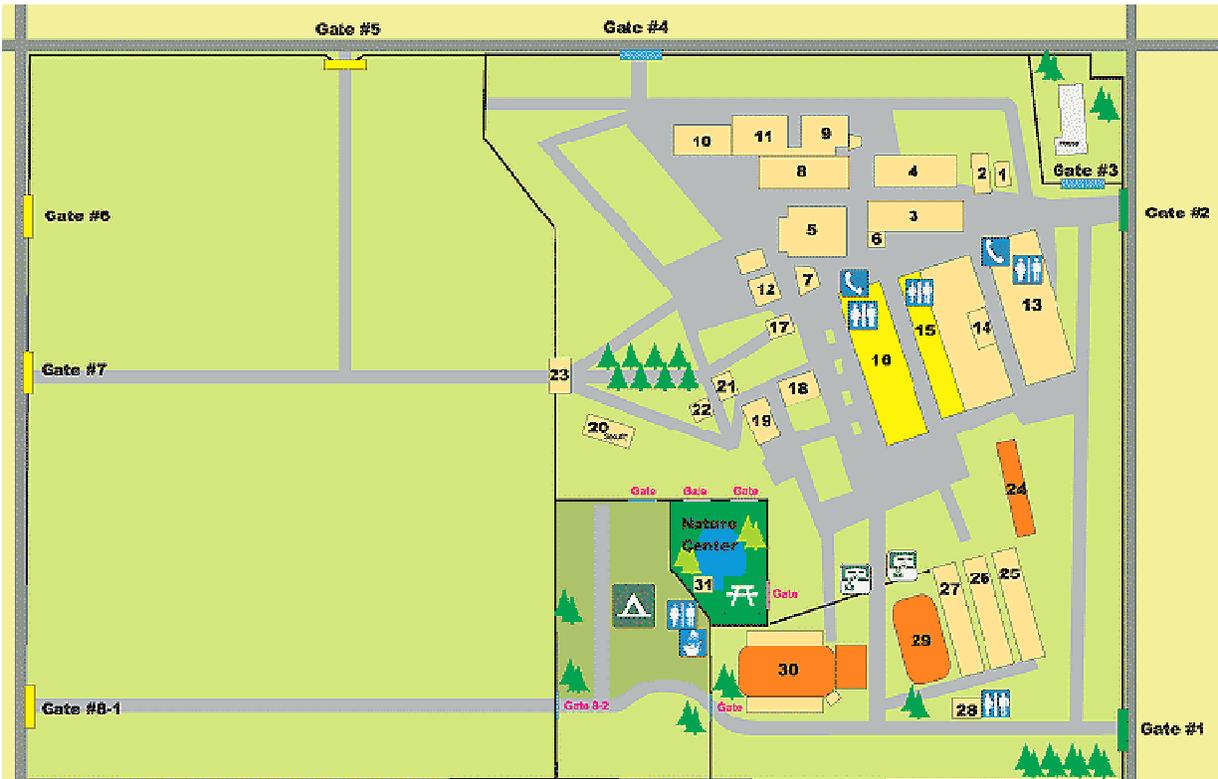
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*Map of fairgrounds from Web Site of St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, South Bend, Indiana
A building layout map will follow in later editions.*

Ways & Means Needs Your Help

We're looking for someone to volunteer to take over the Ways & Means booth. The Ways & Means person stores the materials for this area and attends the various meetings to sell the hats, shirts, sweats, coffee cups, pins, books, aprons, coloring books, Jim Story videos (run on VCR at events) and other items associated with IGS. Please contact Phil Moorhead at moorheap@yahoo.com.

Tendril Moving to Electronic Delivery

As you may have read in the last issue of the Tendril, the cost of printing and postage have forced us to go to electronic delivery. This has several advantages: you'll get the issue about 2-3 weeks sooner, and it will be IN COLOR.

There is a new area on the website at www.indianagourdsociety.org called MemberLogin. When you click here, you'll see a page with a login and password. Your login is the ID number on the top line of your Tendril label. Your password is your zip code (5 digits only). You'll be able to see back issues of the Tendril, and other information for members only. Be sure to contact Dallas Lunsford, 317 Maple Court, Kokomo, Indiana, 46902, or call 765-453-0247, or eMail at igsmembership@insightbb.com if you do **NOT** want electronic delivery, we'll still print a copy and mail it to you - but it will be black and white. This change will take effect with the first issue in 2008, as we get the bugs worked out of the system.

A Gourd Opportunity

Society members in Morgan and Tippecanoe Counties joined the Master Gardeners at their Spring Garden Festivals in May to give out information about gourds and the Society.

This was the fourth year Patch 4 participated under the leadership of Verona Clark. Members Merle and Liz Teel demonstrated the musical instruments that Merle has made from gourds. Wayne and Patty Blacker and daughters participated and Delaina DeHaven exhibited her gourd art and was pleased with sales.

In Morgan County Pat Bridwell sold her decorated gourds and gourd plants. Lee and Helen Parker had dried gourds and luffas available. Information both printed and verbal was given to many.

Seed Chairman Jesse Glessner has prepared a special “traveling” box of Society seeds to be available at any event where members participate and wish to help the Society. Sales from this box brought \$32 at one event and \$46 at the other all income going to the Society.

Most Indiana Counties have a master gardener program. Contact your county extension agent to learn about yours and plan to have a booth at their next event. Contact Jesse about selling seeds and Ray Nixon for educational literature. Any local festival would welcome participation by a representative of the Gourd Society. That is a good way to market your gourds or crafts and help IGS.

Helen Parker

CAUTION:

You might want to reconsider storing your gourds in your house. The gourds are covered with mold. A better place might be a shelf in your garage or even better in a shed. You should wear a mask any time you are cleaning dry gourds, drilling, or wood burning to protect yourself against the dust of mold or the gourd shell. DO NOT let small children operate tools unless very closely monitored—even teens should be monitored. Wear gloves when necessary to protect hands. Wear protective clothing while working outside. One hour of sun can cause very severe burns.

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Nostalgia from our Web Site



Nancy Norris "A cat birdhouse"
(2004 Norris' Morris?)



Spring Meeting at Indianapolis
2004



Kevin Davis wearing a duck hat
(2004 - Cropped)

QUICK TIPS

an archived *Jim Story* article

Need thick plexiglas for making molds in which to grow gourds? A great source is Menards Building Stores.

Cement reinforcing wire (trade name Remesh) and cattle panels make the very best gourd trellises, arbors & fences. Remesh comes in rolls 150 feet long and 5 feet wide. Cattle panels and Remesh can be purchases at most building supply stores. Look for bargains in cattle panels at farm sales. Remesh makes excellent tomato cages and flower towers. Bolt cutters are needed to cut Remesh when making gourd trellises and tomato cages.

Gourd stems have skins. Cleaning the stems of gourds improves their appearance. The secret to easy stem cleaning is to first scrape with a knife, then soak in warm water for 30 minutes, scrape again with a knife and then use a one inch stainless steel brush to remove remaining skin particles.

An electric fan will hasten the drying of gourds. Just lay them in front of an electric fan turned on high and the drying process starts immediately.

Send us your Quick Tips about germinating, growing, curing, and crafting gourds and help others find a solution to their problems.

Gourd Happenings

1st Annual, Hawaii- Gourds In Paradise,,
June 15-17 , Kailua-Kona "Big Island" HI

11th Annual International Gourd Art Festival -June
23 & 24, Welburn Gourd Farm, Fallbrook, CA toll
free 1-877-420-2613

Georgia Gourd Society Festival, "Imigi-NATIONS,"
July 20-22, Coweta Fairgrounds, Newnan, GA ,30
mins. Past Atlanta. Competition, workshops, raw &
decorated, gourd vendors and dinner

Indiana State Fair—Horticultural Building - August
8 - 19

Indiana Gourd Society Educational Booth
IGS Competition, Demonstrations, and Information

IGS Board Meeting-Oct. 20,2007
Location TBD

Fall Meeting & Festival- Nov.10,2007- 9am to
3pm Tippecanoe Fairgrounds/ Lafayette, IN

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