

President's Message

It's that time! Our state show is upon us. As I write this I am sure everyone has figured out that the show is moving to South Bend. A new facility has caused new situations that didn't exist in the past, along with new wrinkles to old situations. Renee Meyers and her committee are busy taking care of all these situations as they appear. The South Bend area appears to be very receptive to the IGS moving our show to their town. Our show committee is working this receptiveness as much as possible and cautiously optimistic about a very good turn out. One special bonus is that Congressman Joe Donnelly has committed to a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday afternoon. We are hopeful that the effects of that by itself will draw some attention from the community. There will be other changes to the show also, as the committee tries to save the best of the past while putting a fresh new look on the show. One obvious change will be an increase in youth presence. I hope all members will check out the new facility while still enjoying the same great gourd fellowship.

Another thing that will not change is that our state show will be followed by our Spring Membership

meeting. This will be May 3rd at the Miami County Fairgrounds, in Peru. This meeting annually is the elections of new officers. Ruth Moorhead has been appointed as nominating committee chairperson, and will be assisted by Ray Nixon and me. The three of us will be circulating around during the state show. If anyone wishes to have their name added to the ballot, or just ask questions, please feel free to look us up. I again encourage everyone to consider serving your society with a term on the executive board.

With this election, will be the end of my term as your President. It has been a rewarding time. While there were at times struggles, and issues to be dealt with, the rewards were many. I am aware that not all change is well received; however, I feel changes made during my presidency will help ensure the longevity of the IGS. I appreciate all who have come forward to volunteer and accept new responsibilities, and I appreciate all who have served on the Executive Board during the four years. While I intend to take a step back for a while, my passion for gourds continues strong and I will not disappear from sight. Thank you to all of those who have supported me.

Thank you, and happy gourdng,
Sid Meyers

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