

2008 FALL FESTIVAL

ATTENTION ALL GOURDOS AND GOURDETTES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Time: Saturday, November 8, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Home Ec Building, 1401 Teal Road, Lafayette, IN 47905

Once again we are so privileged to host, sponsor and present the Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival. This year will find us Gourdos and those who "wauna be" Gourdos sharing our thoughts, ideas, successes, failures (hopefully none of these) and gourds at the Home Ec Building at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in Lafayette, Indiana. Your committee shall strive for a presentation that has something interesting and educational for everyone.

IT'S FREE - NO ADMISSION CHARGE

We will be following pretty much the same format as the '07 Fall Festival. Vendors will begin setting up at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. The show will open to the public at 9:00 on Saturday with closing about 3:00 p.m., depending upon crowd size. A Bi-Annual Meeting of the Members of IGS will commence at about 3:15 p.m. after closing. Attendance by all members is encouraged.

We've had a damp, cold spring in most of Indiana, which hasn't been particularly conducive to Gourd starts. Here's hoping for a splendid summer, late frost and great gourd crops for all growers.

What will we have, you ask?

1. Vendors; 2. Demonstrations; 3. Auction; 4. Entertainment; 5. Displays; 6. Food; 7. Fellowship; and 8. FUN

How can you help?

#1. Attend; #2. Donate an item for the auction; #3. Spread the word and urge others to join in the fun; #4. Share your dos and don'ts; #5. Find a new member; #6. Participate!! #7. ENJOY!! #8. Bring a friend and neighbor; #9. Spread the gourd good news; and #10. Learn new crafting techniques.

Purdue's football team will be playing at East Lansing, Michigan that day so all of you Purdue fans can attend our festival.

We always seek and welcome:

1. Volunteers to help with the festival; 2. Vendors who wish to market their wares; 3. Donations for the auction; 4. Suggestions for the show; and 5. Demonstrators of various techniques.

We'll have coffee and donuts during the morning and lunch will be available in the kitchen area.

I welcome your willingness to serve and help and for your presence at the show. Please feel free to contact me at wfreihofer@yahoo.com or (317) 264-3636 or (317) 414-8669 or (317) 295-1145, or any of our officers or board members.

Bill Freihofer, Show Chair

JF INTERESTED IN ORGANIC FERTILIZER

From: A Better Way To Fertilize Your Garden by Steve Soloman, Page 32, Mother Earth News June/July 2006. The article proposes that high demand vegetables receive ½ inch layer of steer manure or finished compost and 4 to 6 quarts organic fertilizer mix / 100 sq ft. The mix is Kelp Meal - ½ Part; Bone Meal, rock phosphate, or high-phosphate guano - 1 Part; Dolomitic Lime - ½ Part; Soybean Meal - 4 Parts; Agricultural Lime - 1/2 Part; Kelp Meal - ½ to 1 Part (or 1 part Basalt Dust). This is a great article for ALL gardeners to read. Why use petroleum based fertilizers when organic will do? GO GREEN!!