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there in October—then we went to a May IGS meeting and bought two marten house gourd plants and put them in a former barn lot—then we harvested 90 gourds from the two plants and all but two dried perfectly. We were HOOKED. Thanks, IGS, for the fun!

This year taught me the difference between a the fertility of a former barn lot where one waters gourds frequently and my use this year of a recent construction site with no watering of the gourd plants. I just hope that the thief is REALLY, REALLY, REALLY enjoying the library's one Marten House Gourd!! Thanks, Sid, for providing me a plant determined to

produce!

Ironically, I now own THE VEST THAT STARTED IT ALL. Veteran gourd-grower Helen Parker offered that noted luffa-decorated vest at an IGS auction last year, and I was able to acquire it. I wear it at appropriate occasions and treasure it and the matching luffa-decorated pillbox hat. Thanks, Helen, for sharing!

Next time, I shall have a serious issue to discuss: the establishment of gourd patches in Indiana. Until then, happy gourding!

Karen K. Niemeyer



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Please update your information with the Membership Chair listed on the back cover of *The Tendril* as soon as possible. Pat Moore

Seed packaging day will again be held in the Thorntown library. Date: February 21, 2009 from 9:00 AM until finished. A Board Meeting will convene immediately after the seeds wrap up. We've been making short work of this the last two years, but it is a great place to meet and greet friends and fellow gourdheads. Jesse Glessner

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