

BENEFITS OF AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

From the President of the American Gourd Society, Bob James, about membership in the AGS:

Here is what I believe are some of our important benefits:

1. You have joined with the national group of the best folks in the world, gourd lovers;
2. The AGS has supported and published results of health information on gourd working;
3. The AGS represents you to the world, having worked with China, France, and Canada societies;
4. The AGS represents you nationally, supporting movies, newspaper articles, TV shows, and more national activities in the works;
5. The AGS provides web space to your chapter if they need it;
6. The AGS website is a wealth of information on working with gourds;
7. We provide information to anyone who wants to form new chapters; this is available nowhere else;
8. You have access to experts about gourd problems across the nation who are ready to help you;
9. Communication between chapters significantly improves the quality of your chapter activities and shows;
10. The AGS board developed standard judging rules that significantly improve the transparency of gourd competitions;
11. We sponsor the Jim Story award for national recognition of excellence in growing gourds;
12. We are producing a pamphlet to be made available to everyone to help get the word out; and
13. Our book sales gives you access to many books on gourd growing and gourd craft.

Did I miss anything - oh yeah, we have a BLOCKBUSTER magazine!!!

Bob

P.S. Those of you who have heard me speak at your chapters have heard me say many times that I believe the AGS is not a service you purchase. People do not join to "get" the benefits. They join a club, where we all help each other. That is our strength and why the American Gourd Society will be here for a long time. We are united by a love of the gourd and a desire to spread the word.