

AGS JIM STORY AWARD APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Prerequisites: In order to enter this national competition, you must have won at a state chapter Jim Story Award competition AND be a member of the American Gourd Society.

Where: State/Chapter _____ When _____ AGS Member Yes

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please describe the site your gourds were grown on.
2. How do you prepare the soil? Do you test for nutrients and/or pH? What amendments did you add this year?
3. Did you start your seed indoors or plant directly in the soil? When did you start your seeds?
4. Describe the methods and frequency used to water and fertilize your plants.

5. What pruning or thinning techniques (if any) did you use?

6. Which of these methods was employed to support your gourds?

Trellis

Arbor

Tripod

Fence

Other (explain)

7. Which manipulation technique(s) did you employ to manipulate your gourd?

Hand trained

Rope

Cage

Mold

Other (explain)

a. If you used a mold, cage or other mechanical device, was it purchased or homemade? If homemade, explain how you made it.

Purchased

Homemade (explain below how you made it)

8. Describe in detail how you manipulated your gourd. Attach photos, diagrams or other available information to show how you did it.

9. Describe the method used to cure, dry and clean your gourd.

10. Use this space to provide any additional comments that might be helpful in explaining your entry.

11. Did you green clean your gourd (remove the outer skin before the gourd turned brown) Yes ___ No ___? If Yes, how did you determine the proper time to green clean?

We realize that green cleaning is not a widely established practice in some areas of our country, especially in the hot, dry growing conditions of the West. **For more information on green cleaning, go to the AGS website and click on the Jim Story Award page. Under CONTENTS, click on Tutorials. There, you will find two files pertaining to green cleaning.**

Please submit this form along with a minimum of two photos.

- One of yourself with your winning gourd
- One of your winning gourd with ribbon, plaque or trophy (if issued)
- Other photos if available - Show how you grew and manipulated your entry.

Permission

_____ I give my permission to share this information for educational purposes with other AGS and state chapter members.

- or -

_____ Please use my information for judging purposes only

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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