

Raw Hide Gazette

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"Without question, the Raw Hide Gazette is by far the best and most informative and comprehensive Guild publications of all of them! You are to be commended for your very fine and professional efforts. Keep up the good work. With admiration"
/signed/
Al & Ann Stohlman, December 1997

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Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op

May 1998

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Uncle Bill's Corner

For those of you that missed the going away picnic in honor of the **Stelmack's**, I am sorry. It was fantastic! I am still full (Or at least I look like it when you see a side view of me).

Thanks to **Fred Stockhausen** and **Rich Wert**. They have found a new career ... **COOKING** ... they cooked the Hamburgers and Hotdawgs. Fantastic!

I mentioned at the meeting. We have an **unknown benefactor** who donated \$150.00 to the CO-OP and **Tony Ezettie** has donated \$1000.00 to the CO-OP and in Tony's words: "*The CO-OP was there when I needed it, So I can now start paying back*". Both of these people have our undying Gratitude. We had another successful raffle and Yours Truly has found out how to clean the garage — just raffle it off and give the proceeds to the CO-OP.

Our next Meeting will be at **MacPhersons** which will be on the 31st of MAY. BE THERE! (see Map) It was a very good meeting the last time we were at **MacPhersons**.

LEATHER FACTORY in **Spokane** is having an **OPEN**

HOUSE, JULY 17-18-19. Everyone in the CO-OP should be getting a notice in the mail.

HIDE CRAFTERS PRODUCTIONS has said that they will give the CO-OP 25% discount on everything except Leather. They will give 10% on Leather. Plus I sent them the Roster of the CO-OP and all of you are now on their Mailing List. TOLL FREE 1-888-263-5277.

TEXAS WHOLESALE LEATHER (TWL) will hand pick as little as one side (ANY WEIGHT) leather for anyone in the CO-OP. Each person in the CO-OP is now on their mailing list. Toll Free 1-800-477-9923.

TWL and **HIDE CRAFTERS PRODUCTIONS** BOTH HAVE WHOLE PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE CURRENT **LEATHERCRAFTERS JOURNAL**. *For those on the INTERNET, you will have to become a regular member (\$24.00 Yearly) to enjoy these discounts.*

LEATHER FACTORY is planning to open a new store in the Portland, Oregon/ Vancouver, WA. area in the late summer. Early fall of this year and they plan to have a **BIG Grand Opening**. **Durham and Susan Hefta** will move from Spokane to run this store. They plan to have a \$100,000 inventory and \$75,000 will be in Leather.

As we have to have this Gazette out early. No new pattern this month. Watch out next month!

Bill Churchill
Federal Way, WA



Coming Soon - the Far East Reports

Look for this logo for future reports on leathercraft from the Orient.

Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op

Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op email Bag

From: Larry DiFiore
To: churchil@nwlink.com
Subject: Subscription

Dear Mr. Churchill,

Under separate cover, I am sending you a check for 10 dollars to subscribe to PSLAC's *RawHide Gazette*. It looks like it has the best "how-to" articles on leathercrafting than anything else I've seen on the Web. Please send a user ID and password.

Cordially,
Larry DiFiore
Floral Park, NY

From: ED Towell
To: churchil@nwlink.com
Subject: Subscription

Saw your publication, *RawHide Gazette*, last night. Really enjoyed some of the back issues. Subscription check is in the mail. Sounds as if your co-op approach takes the politics out of guilds. Nothing wrong with a good (benevolent) dictator.

ED Towell <amagg@gte.net>

From: Susan Hefta Spokane Leather Factory <hefta@sprintmail.com>
To: Bill Churchill
<churchil@nwlink.com>
Subject: Portland

I guess it is now official. The Leather Factory's 23rd unit will be in the Portland/Vancouver area. We will open sometime this summer or fall with an initial inventory of at least \$100,000. I expect at least half of that will be leather, mostly skirting, strap, latigo, and shoulders. I've given up on the idea that you and Deb and General and the other Pisslaque members will make their way to good old Spokaloo. But maybe a few might make it to our

**Leather
Factory's
23rd unit
...grand
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Portland..**

grand opening in Portland. Rhys will be in the honors program at UW next year, and Adrien and Brad just bought a house in Seattle, so we will be just a short trip up I5 to visit them. I never thought I would leave Spokane, but now we are excited to take on a new challenge. (I wonder when I will hear from Harry) take care of your nose. With gracious enduring respect, I remain your friend and mine, Dward fahrquahrdt.

From: TWLeather
<TWLeather@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Leather

Bill,

Yes, we will be glad to sell you and your members leather in any quantities from a side to a semitrailer load. And we'll do it at wholesale prices that are very competitive.

Give me a call (800)477-9923 or give me your number so I can call & harass you. After we get done catching up on what you've been up to & what I've been up to, we can talk about how we can do some stuff with your guild.

Jim

From: "Hide Crafter Productions"
<hcrafter@flash.net>
Subject: CO-OP

Hi Bill
:

Thanks so much for your inquiry. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your organization. Yes, we are able to work with your organization on pricing. Although we do not print a wholesale price list as yet, we can offer a 25% discount, or the

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except
leather.**

sale price, whichever is lower on all items except leather. On leather we can offer 10% off or the sale price. If you will send us your mailing list, we will add them to our mailing list and make a special mailing to them. We will also key our computer to recognize them as members. Like you, I am not crazy about computers, but since I am in business, I guess I am stuck with them.

Best regards,
George Hurst

From: LthrWrk <LthrWrk@aol.com>
Subject: [IILG] Carving

Carving tip...

Last night had a long session with some of our hoodlum friends down under. Most everyone here is far more talented than me... Of that I am painfully aware, but as a new guy... I use what works for me.

Interesting was that our friend was tracing and carving a rose for the first time. Had some difficulties and I shared this tip doing it MY WAY, but of course I am sure others do this too.

Everyone knows (maybe) that cut the foreground first. A lot of people new to this have a great deal of difficulty determining that. Because what they are seeing is flat -- it lacks dimension.

I asked him to pick up any object.. take it in his hand at arms length. He is now looking at something in 3 dimensions. Holding it still -- there is ONE point that is "foremost" or closest to you. then visualize layers going towards the back of the object.

So try this if you are new... and write this down on a nice piece of scrap leather. When doing patterns and cutting have this in front of you.

***Visualize in 3 Dimensions....
cut in 2 Dimensions.***

Charles
Leather Scrap Maker

From: L. J. Bolhuis
<ljbolhuis@cnsinternet.com>
Subject: [IILG] Brain Tanning Hides

I have a person who will tan hides the old fashion way by brain tanning them. I have seen his work and it is excellent. He does not have e-mail so you will have to contact him by phone or letter. He will tan almost any fur bearing animal. I have asked his permission to put his name out in the event someone is looking for this method to have some hides tanned. He would like to get into some other countries besides the US.

Send letters to:

Smooth Stone Leather
604 Worth Street
Ackley, Iowa, 50601

or call 1-515-847-2552.

I am doing this in the hope that someone can use this information. I have looked for quite some time to find some one to do individual skins for small projects or custom orders.

L. J. Bolhuis

A Personal Note of Thanks

Both Karen and I were overwhelmed with the wonderful turn out and the encouragement from all the PSLAC members on our upcoming reassignment to Japan.

The PSLAC Potluck Bar-B-Que lived up to its prior reputation of sharing projects, good food, and good fellowship.
(Now I really have to start that diet!)

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While talking to Bill several days later he made a comment that sums up the PSLAC. He asked if we enjoyed the party and he said: "there we a lot of hearts out there". This just reconfirmed my thoughts about the Co-Op -- it is more than a Co-Op, its a close knit group of friends. I believe it would continue in existence with or without and cooperative buying power. It is a group of people interested in showing and sharing their love in leathercraft.

We depart on May 21st for a one week vacation in Hawaii with Karen's sister. Then we depart for Nagoya Airport and ultimately arrive at Hamamatsu on May 28th.

So we are off to Japan and communication will be via email and postal (snail) mail.

Hope all this electronic publishing over the Internet works and the RawHide Gazette still meets the Stohlman's endorsement.

**Bob
&
Karen Stelmack-san**

Hamamatsu, Japan (May 29th)

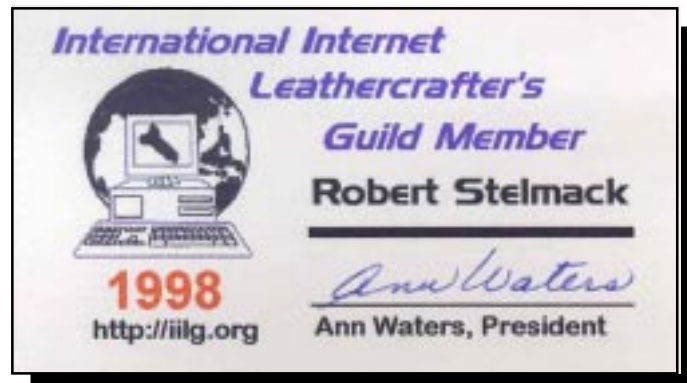
Leather Factory's Spokane Open House -- July 17, 18 & 19th

Mark your calendar NOW! The Leather Factory in Spokane is having an open house. *Incredible sales. Prices too low to believe! Pallet-loads of leather!* A chance to speak directly to tannery reps. You'll want to rent a trailer to haul your booty home. Special deals for PSLAC

members -- be sure to bring your current membership card.

IILG -- A Good Resource

The **International Internet Leathercrafter's Guild** has been and continues to be a valued resource for those interested in leather. Their "Web Master", Greg Gaub offers a quality web site with many features. They have patterns, tips, email access among members, and much more. They are highly recommended as a resource for information on leathercraft.



A list of their members read like a "who's who" in leather. Quality craftsmen such as: **Peter Main, Joe Barth, Bob Beard, Silva Fox, George E. Hurst, Ronald G. Ross, Randal G. Stone, Ann M. Waters**, just to mention a few. (oh yeah -- and Bob Stelmack)

The cost is minimal (\$10/year) and offers quite an option of information. To contact IILG just point your browser at:

<http://iilg.org/>

... or email Greg Gaub directly at:

flux@snapbag.com

and ask for information.

Bob Stelmack
Tukwila, WA

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Anyone have a Leathercraft Business?

If so, send in your business card, flyer, or advertisement for others to see.

and individual designs are popping up with Celtic Patterns on them. Even Tandy stocks some books on the design.

Here are some samples that were shared at the May meeting.



Bible Cover by Bill Churchill

Bill's daughter requested a Bible Cover with some special Northwest Indian Art Icons. Here is the project in progress.

Celtic Knots -- A New Rebirth?

Tandy patterns



Northwest Indian Design Wolf Picture, by Deb Laudadio, removed from this issue. Please see the June 1998 RawHide Gazette for details.

Tips-Tips-Tips

Here is good tip from **Deb**. Before you start to color that leather carving -- take it down to your local Xerox provider and make several paper copies of it. Then use some colors to see how they would look on the finished project.

If you have the project copied to tan or brown paper the color match will be closer, but still not exact. This tip is useful when experimenting with a new bold design.

The "replacement" wolf shown here is a good example of experimenting with Northwest Indian Designs.

Deb Laudadio
Kent, WA





Custom Made Leather Press

Bob Shinaberger used his skills as a machinist and transformed some normal presses into presses that held leather stamps.

These were quite the hit at the Potluck Bar-B-Que and *were sold on the spot!* The price was quite reasonable. The universal fitting that Bob made allowed various sizes of Tandy Stamps to be used. Also, with the use of some steel plates, the press became a hand operated clicker. The larger press was "foot operated" and produced some quite striking patterns in even the "toughest" leather.

Talk to Bob about getting one made for you.





Re:TOOLS

Since we are on tools again the is one more to add to your list and it is:

Custom Leather Tools of Texas

attn: John Mattingly
2702 Manor Way
Dallas, TX 75235-5616

phone (214)352-9501

He makes basket weave tools, geometric

Fred's Gun Holster

Fred Natchbar, the man with the coloring talent, has just produced a vividly designed and colored leather holster. The cougar is very lifelike and I hope is not covered by the gun when stored.

Terry's Cougar Briefcase

Terry presented a briefcase to the group and here is a close-up of the carving.



Terry was in the process of redoing the handle to briefcase attachment. The design she chose was not secure enough to hold the weight. The background leather color was very nice with an almost greenish patina look to it which really brought out the cougar eye color.

tools, border tools and a solid brass swivel knife. Give him a call for one of his catalog. Until later have fun beating that leather.

Gary Smith <galco@flash.net>

Subject: Re: [IILG] Tools.

I never did see anyone answer your request for Bob Beard's address, so in case you are still in the doubt, his address and phone number is as follows:

Robert Beard
c/o Pro-Series Tool Co.
36 Road 5243
Farmington, NM 87401
phone: (505) 632-7039
fax: (505) 632-7038

Hope this helps.

Richard
<RTROSTEM@aol.com>

RawHide Gazette On-line

The Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op can be found at

<http://www.nwlink.com/~stelmack/pslac.htm>

If you need the **UserId** and **Password** for the subscription pages, just contact the RawHide Gazette at: (253)839-3038 or email at churchil@nwlink.com ...or... stelmack@nwlink.com -- of course the free password information is just for the Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op members. Those on the Internet still need the \$10 per year subscription rate.

Photos taken and sent in to the PSLAC are, space and focus permitting, used here in the printed newsletter. They are also posted, in living color, on the Internet.

Your Photos here -- if you send them in to: **PSLAC (ph. 253-839-3038)**

c/o Bill Churchill
1471 South 302nd
Federal Way, WA 98003



Just some of projects brought to the May Potluck Bar-B-Que



Some younger members work!



PSLAC Membership Application

If you know someone who is interested in leathercraft — give them this information:
Puget Sound Leather Artisan Co-Op MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YOUR NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (_____) - _____

We publish a membership list with our members expertise listed. This list is used to refer possible clients to the best person for the job. Tell a little about yourself, how you got started in leather, what your favorite things to do in leather and other crafts and/or art forms.

Send this form along with your first years dues (\$24.00) to one of the directors listed below:

Bill Churchill
1471 South 302nd
Federal Way, WA 98003
(206) 839-3038

General Seymour
17915 212th Ave. E.
Orting, WA, 98360
(360) 893-6759

Linda Stockhausen
12614 142nd.Ave. Ct, E
Puyallup, Wa. 98374
(360)770-8751

*If you would like to subscribe to **The Leather Crafters & Saddlers Journal** through the Co-Op and include an additional \$24.00 for a one year subscription.*

The next meeting will be in **May**
 Mark your calendar!
Sunday, May 31st, 2:00-4:00pm

Location: MacPherson's Leather

...AND many important announcements!!

Next Meeting - MacPherson's Open House!

Change of location for May's meeting!!! Mark your calendar! **Sunday, May 31st, 2:00-4:00pm** is

the next PSLAC meeting at **MacPherson's Leather**, 519 - 12th and Weller, Seattle, WA, phone (206) 328-0855. All members and sponsors are invited.

Directions (see map):

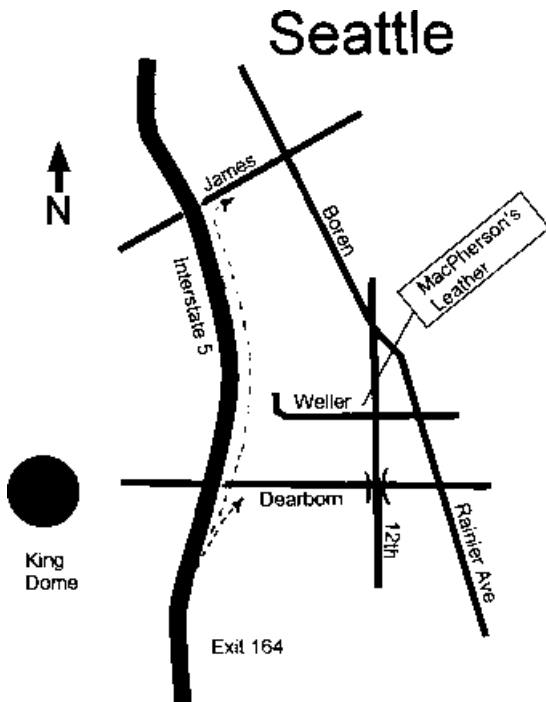
I-5 via JAMES STREET:

Follow **JAMES STREET**, up the hill to **BOREN AVENUE**, Right on **BOREN AVENUE**, continue to **12th AVENUE** to **WELLER**. MacPherson's is on the NE corner.

.....or.....

I-5 via DEARBORN STREET:

Follow **DEARBORN STREET** east to **RAINIER AVENUE**, left on **RAINIER AVENUE** to **WELLER**, left on **WELLER** to **12 AVENUE**. MacPherson's is on the NE corner.



◆ PSLAC Partners in Leather ◆

- ◆ **Tandy Seattle** - Jana Stobaugh, Manager, 20003 - Aurora Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133, phone: (206)542-1677
- ◆ **Tandy Tacoma** - Larry Riekema, Manager, 5429 - S Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409, phone: (206)474-1777
- ◆ **Tandy Burien** - Noel DeWittie, Manager, 14611 - 1st Ave. S, Seattle, WA 98168, phone: (206)244-0351
- ◆ **Leather Factory, Spokane** - Kevin White, Manager, 28 West Boone Ave, Spokane, WA 99201, phone: (800)822-8437
- ◆ **MacPhersons Leather** - Terry Durban, Manager, 519 - 12th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144, phone: (206)328-0855
- ◆ **!!!NEW!!! Leather Factory, Vancouver /Portland** - Durham Hefta, Manager, (*Grand opening in the Fall, 1998*)
- ◆ **!!!NEW!!! TWLeather** - Jim Linnel, Ken Gregson, Cal Zugge, Managers, (800)477-9923
- ◆ **!!!NEW!!! Hide Crafter Productions** - George Hurst, Manager <hcrafter@flash.net>