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Minutes of the NOV. Meeting

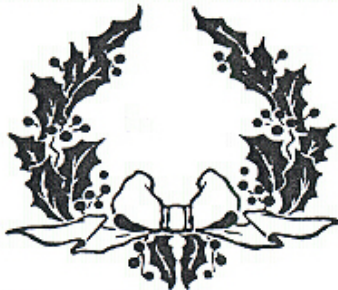
I am sorry, but I have not received any minutes of the November meeting. I have been told that it was rather small and mostly a gab fest, so I guess we are not missing anything of great importance. See you all in January.

Tech. Tips

This tip is great and I came upon it by accident (actually, by reading a wood working book). A cheap but excellent method of smoothing out your spray finish..(ie: Supershene, or any brand of spray or rubbed on acrylic finish). Using a HEAVY brown paper grocery bag, cut out a section of the bag and wad it up a few times to soften the surface. Then, fold it into a flat pad that fits your hand comfortably, and use it to rub your project that has had a coat of acrylic finish. This will give you an even matte finish by rubbing out the little lumps that usually comes with acrylic finishes, especially the spray. if you put on more than one coat, let it dry between coats and rub briskly.

This will also work with Tan Kote, Atom Wax and Carnauba cream.

Be sure the finish is completely dry before you rub or else you will smear your project. Bill Churchill



Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season

There will be no meeting in December, what with the holidays and all, just too many things going on. The January meeting will be at

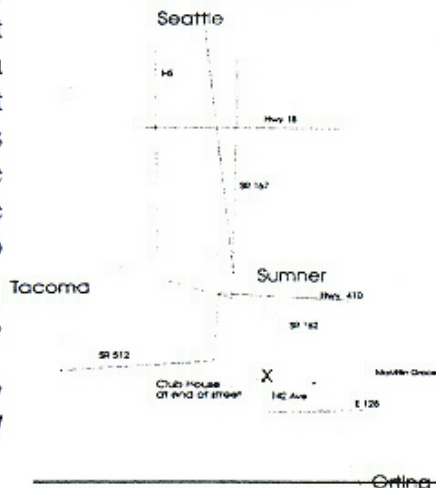
McMillin Meadows
12614 142nd Ct. E.

Puyallup
Sunday

January 28, 1996
2:00 P.M.

Linda Stockhausen will be our hostess.

(206) 770-8751



A letter to Michaels

Sirs,

I am the co-founder of the Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op and we have just under one hundred members and growing. We have members in five counties, and a large majority of our members purchase from your stores items such as: All types of coloring agents (acrylics, inks, etc.) wooden frames and plaques, pattern books, brushes, plus numerous other items.

My daughter who lives in St. Louis and sells her crafts through a Craft Mart receives a 20% discount from your stores (see enclosure). My question is, How can I get these cards for my Co-Op? January is our big recruiting month and these cards would make a big incentive to go along with the Washington state Tandy Leather and Leather Factory 20% discounts we now receive.

I thank you for your attention to this and would appreciate your answer

F.W. Churchill

The above is the letter that I sent to Michaels Corporate office in Irving, Texas. I have tried repeatedly to get the discount cards from the manager in Federal Way. He said he could get us a 10% discount, but after over 30 days I have not seen any cards. So cross your fingers. Bill

A note from Uncle Bill

Well we have had our November meeting at Don Winns house in the great city of Port Orchard and yours truly would definitely have gotten lost again if it had not been for Daniel Boone Carlson. Thanks Chuck. The meeting was good (if you enjoy small get togethers).

Editors note: I copied and printed the directions exactly as they were given to me.

As was promised several 'decades' back, I will start giving a partial list of outlets that you may be interested in. I would whole heartedly suggest that you consolidate the list as parts come out each month. This can save you money. Now, as with all good things, there can be a string attached. A large percentage of these places have *minimum amounts you must purchase*, so again, you belong to a Co-Op, get together with others and buy where there is a minimum. This list was compiled by Deb Laudadio and a little bit by me. Thank you Deb.

LEATHER OUTLETS

Tandy Leather Co. 3 locations in Sea-Tac corridor
The Leather Factory (Spokane) 1 800 822 8437
Empire State Leather Corp. West 1 800 841-1979
Muir McDonald Co Inc. 1 800 547-1299
McAdoo & Allen Inc. 215 536-3520
201 S Hellertown Ave P.O. Box 219
Quakertown Pa. 18915-1752
Stevenson Paxton Sales 1 800 648-1622
Leather Unlimited 414 994-9464
7155 City Hwy 'B'
P.O. Box L
Belgium, WI 53004-0911
Mid Continent Leather Sales 1 800 926-2061
(They also carry exotics)
Iowa Pigskin Expressions 319 391-0107
9185 210th St.
Walcoo. Iowa 52773
Wickett and Craig of America Inc. 1 800 826-6379
George Barta Hide Co. 415 346-6090
2400 Vallejo St.
San Francisco, CA 94123
Delmars Leather Sales Inc. 207 782-1298
680 Libson St.
Lewiston, ME 04240
Goliger Leather 1 800 423-2329

Herman Oak Leather Co. 1 800 325-7950
Charles L. Hardtke Inc. 915 590-0088
11040 Argal Crt.
El Paso, TX 79935
(Exotic Leather)
Corral Leathers 1 800 423-2329
The Hide and Leather House 1 800 453-2847
John Fong Leather Co. Inc. 415 441-3519
1610 Hyde St.
San Francisco, CA 94109
(Exotic Leather)
Mark Allen Co. 516 624-9000
Box 163
Osterbay, NY 11771
(Australian Kangaroo Hides)
Weaver Leather Co. 1 800 932-8371
Scholze Tannery 1 800 251-7472
Siegles Leather 1 800 862-8956
Lawrence Leather 704 328-1701
Emerson Leather 704 328-1701
Mosier 1 800 874-1167
EEB Co. Enterprises 1 800 456-3322

Most of the above companies that I have mentioned require a Business License before they will sell to you. Again, use the Co-Op and find someone who has a license and order with them. Also, most (not all) of these companies sell wholesale, so consequently you have have to buy in bulk. They almost all require their payment upfront and very few will COD, however ask, some will. Don't forget to figure in freight, most orders are FOB the suppliers warehouse.

Another good reason to belong to the Co-Op. Where else could you get all of this information? I would advise you to catalog this information away. How many times have you said, " I wish I had kept that information, I need it now".

Next monthTOOLS

Hope you all have NICE HOLIDAYS

Bill Churchill

*You are not dressed for work
until you wear
a smile*



A Letter from Bob

A short time ago, I received a very nice letter from Bob Stelmack. Bob started working with leather in 1988, hung up his tools for about a year and in 1990 went at it full bore. Do you want a book jacket made, well Bob is your man, he claims to have made over 400 diferent book jackets. Now that should qualify him for something. Bob talks a little about his art, let me qoute from his letter. ' I have recently started to design and tool Northwest Native American Indian art designs for my projects. Most designs are patterned after the Tlingit or Haida Tribes. The tool I use to do my design work is my computer. I use Canvas, Corel Draw, Aldus Freehand and Adobe Illustrator for the art work. I find the crisp lines of the Northwest Indian art work are very compatible to the computer drawing packages, and I have quite a library of shape designs'.

Oh boy, it does my heart good to hear of someone else who enjoys the fine art of our Pacific Northwest Native Americans. The art form has so much meaning and expression and is so full of tradition, it certainly is a favorite with me. Maybe Bob, you and I can get together and share some ideas, I also have a good selection of art forms and several books on the subject.

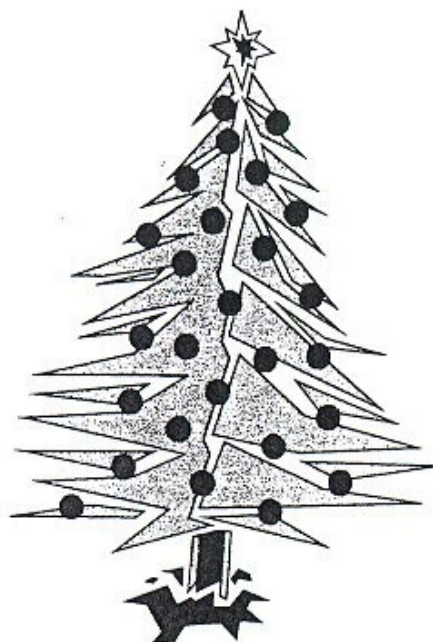
Bob also writes that where he lives in Tukwila, which is fairly centrally located in the Everett/Seattle/Tacoma corridor, he has a meeting room that could be made available to the PSLAC

members for our monthly meetings. I think that this idea has merit. Maybe we can coerce *Uncle Bill* into getting together with you and checking it out. Bob I enjoyed your letter and hope I have shared some of your highlights with our members. This is just the type of thing we need to add a little spice to our newsletter and helps us all to get to know each other a little better. *Thanks Bob.*

*When you've set your mind to do it,
When your judgment says you're right,
When your conscience gives it sanction,
Then pitch in with all your might.*

*Don't let anything prevent you,
Though the odds seem big and strong.
Every obstacle will vanish
As the swift days roll along-
If you set your jaws and say,
"Well, I'll do it anyway."*

*A Happy
Holiday Season
to one and all*



HOW CAN WE GET THE THE WORD OUT ABOUT PSLAC?



Do you work for Boeing, the State, County or a City? How about any company that has a newsletter or an employee lounge with a bulletin board. Do you live in an apartment community or have ties with another organization that would allow us to tell folks about the PSLAC with a flier? I have included a copy of our flier with this newsletter, please put it to good use, if you need more, give me or Uncle Bill a call.

Andy



Editor in Chief needed

As many of you are aware, I have taken a position with Tandy Leather Co. I have some time left here in the Puget Sound area as I finish my training and wait for my new store. **BUT** that time could go by as soon as 2 months from now. The Co-Op will need someone who can take over the Gazette when Jan and I leave.

The job is not hard, and is actually fun. A PC would be helpful, then I could turn my files over to you. Give me a call and lets discuss your taking over. **Andy** 206 513-1880

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360-893-6759

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Craftsman @ \$10.00 ea.
(206) 839-3038

Tippman Aerostitch for sale

Brand new machine, \$2800 invested. asking \$2500. Give me a call, lets make a deal.

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