

Rawhide Gazette

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The **next meeting** of Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op will be held, as usual the last Sunday of the month, **March 31st, at 2:00pm** at the Foster Greens Apartment, Information Center (Recreation Center), 13865 - Interurban Ave., Tukwila, WA. This is our semi-permanent location for ALL future meetings.

Directions:

From the North — take I-5 South to exit #156 (Tukwila exit) and Turn Left on to Interurban going South under the freeway

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From the South — take I-5 North to exit #156 (Tukwila/Hwy 599 exit) and take first Right exit off Hwy 599 Turn Right on to Interurban going South under the freeway **then..**

Go South on Interurban to the Foster Greens Apartments (less than one mile). The last small building on the right is the Information Center (Recreation Center) where the meeting room is located. Note: Parking is a problem at the apartment complex, but there are several businesses and restaurants 50 to 100 ft. south that might be used.

PSLAC February Meeting Minutes 2/25/96 - Tukwila by Barbara Hennessy

- Andy Stasiak will enclose a copy of membership roster with the next newsletter. Requires members inputs for the type of work they do.
- Duram from Leather Factory would like to attend the April meeting.
- The retail store Michael's will not give a 10% discount, as previously reported, unless you take along an "old fart"

senior citizen like Bill!

- Anacortes Art Festival is a very big opportunity. A booth costs \$50.00 with samples to be sent for evaluation. Has to be in by the end of March. Bill has five folks for his booth already. Others interested in putting a booth together - contact Bill.

- Alfredo Compos, a horsehair braider is being contacted by Bill to get him to display his work at a meeting. Alfredo recently sold one of his horsehair quirts at an auction for \$4,000.00!

- **Demonstration:** Bill showed daytime construction, patterns, and tool design book. Bill also showed his edging technique using a slicker made from beeswax impregnated canvas. The edge is first applied with liquid glycerin soap applying the first slicking with the canvas, then the edge is coated with gum tragacanth - slicked again and finally lightly coated with neat-lac.

- **Demonstration:** Fred Nachbar showed his technique for leather Christmas Post Cards that were featured in the Nov/Dec 1995 issue of The Leather Crafters & Saddlers Journal. The pictures in the magazine did not do the cards justice. Fred discussed the use if the model tooling and dyeing methods he used.

- **Demonstration:** Ken showed an ancient dying technique most often used on silk - Batiking

1. Coat leather with melted paraffin (Caution: paraffin is HIGHLY flammable) with a paint brush. To melt paraffin place tin can in hot water. Don't make wax too hot - experiment

2. When cool bend leather gently to crack wax.

3. Use dauber to apply dye over entire surface and let set for a couple of minutes.

4. Place 4 pieces of newspaper over work. Apply hot iron to newspaper. The wax will be absorbed into the paper leaving only the dye that worked into the cracks in the wax. Experiment with your iron - too cool and the wax will not melt into the paper. Too hot and paper catches fire! (editor's note: I will bring to the next meeting a ten page article I found in Orlando that details the above steps and has some extra tips — Bob)

If you missed the meeting you missed

some striking leather batiking.

- Election of Don Betts to replace expired term of Jan Stasiak for a two year term.

Uncle Bill's Corner

March... Ain't it nice??? Exactly five (5) more months to prepare for the Fair. (For all you newcomers) THE PUYALLUP FAIR. Last year we had over 70 entries. That was up from five entries one year. The Puyallup Fair means a lot to the CO-OP. That is one way that we help LEATHERCRAFT. Last year we had our first JUNIOR division. Now that is proud time. You have heard the phrase "take a kid fishing..". I will go one better than that, teach a kid Leathercraft. As the schools are always saying: "They are our future - Leathercraft future". If you are connected with Scouts or any school - help them to have the youngsters enter the fair. And do NOT let the kids show you up! Enter the fair this year!!!

By the way, most of the tips I put in the newsletter I have learned from the gallery of Stohlman Books. Read the books!

I received a call from The Leather Factory last weekend it seems I made a mistake in the last Newsletter. Osborne Tool Company will not sell direct to you (Unless you wish to open a store.) But, the Leather Factory carries a big assortment of Osborne products. I am out of catalogs for the Leather Factory, but they will gladly give all the information you need for a toll free call to 1-800-822-8437.

Speaking of the Leather Factory - Durham Hefta and Kevin White, the managers of the Spokane Leather Factory, are planning to be here for the April meeting. We all were Tandy managers at the same time: Larry Riekema (Tacoma Tandy), Kevin, Durham, and myself. Lordy, you should here the War Stories! Anyway, if you want to meet them (it is worthwhile) be there!

This will be Andy Stasiak's last time (see related Good-bye Story) as Newsletter Editor-in-Chief. Never thought I would say this: "Andy, you

did one heck of a job! And not just with the Newsletter, but as a member of the Co-Op too". As I have said before: "You (Andy) do good as a recruiter. And too, you were sincere when it came to the Co-Op". I know that everyone joins me: "Andy and Jan - I wish we had a lot more of you in the Co-Op! (Hope you get your Tandy Store soon.)

Bill's DRESSING & DYES Resources:

CAROUSEL Farm
Dept. LC Rt. 1, Box 582-E
Kerneysville, WV 25430

Angelns Shoe Polish Co.
(Ph. 310-836-3314)
8640 National Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230

Fieging Co.
(Ph. 414-271-3769)
PO Box 04125
Milwaukee, WI 53204-0125

LEXOL
(Ph 1-800-241-6996)
PO Box 7229
Marietta, GA 30065

LCI Leather Coating, Inc
(Ph. 214-341-2187)
11262 Loe Lane
Dallas TX 75229

I am going to do something that I seldom do. LEXOL Products are just about the best leather care products on the market. I never had any fear that I was making a mistake when recommending LEXOL for leather care. But as always, try a little where it won't show to see if it will do what you want.

When I had Murrays Leather Manufacturing I first came in contact with LCI dyes and cement. I will go to bat for their dye. I have never seen better. And their TAN dye is the most beautiful that I have ever seen. LCI dyes penetrate exceedingly well and do not tend to blotch. I always used them in an airbrush and it was for overall covering. They work better than average with a dauber. Their cement is par with commercial BARGE cement. The smallest amount they will sell is a

gallon.

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DONOTFORGETTHEPUYALLUP FAIR.

For those of you that have not paid their dues for the new year - I would suggest that you do so. Especially you Charter Members. Do not lose your charter member status. Support your Co-Op. You stand to gain a lot by staying with the Co-Op. Also enlist a new member.

I have to bring up something that I don't like but it is necessary. I have been informed that some are abusing the wholesale policy with Tandy and Leather Factory. This is a wonderful privilege that the Co-Op was able to obtain for the membership. Actually it has been one of the big draws of joining the Co-Op, but it is something that can be easily taken away.

The paper work (cost of sales tickets, clerks time, bookkeeping, etc.) far exceeds what some members have purchased on one sales ticket. So far both companies have been very nice about it, but companies do operate on profit. It was suggested at first a \$20.00 minimum, but we have settled for a \$10.00 minimum. Now I am putting words into Leather Factory's mouth, but since we are late with the Newsletter I will check with them for the next letter if this is OK. Wholesale prices are very valuable so please don't abuse the privilege.

Bill Churchill

My Story by General Seymour

I was first introduced to leather work while in the Air Force. One of the guys in the radar maintenance shop where I worked was doing wallets and holsters. I was in need of a wallet so I asked him to show me how to do it. We were limited on tools and had only a modeling spoon and a background tool. With these "tools" I was able to produce a reasonable floral pattern and was hooked. I went on to make a motor-cycle belt and then shipped out for the States. This was in 1958-1959.

Never returned to leather work until about 1981 when I had to have reading

glasses and could not find what I wanted for a case to hold them on my belt. While looking for leather I found the Tandy Store in Burien - it was run by non-other than Bill Churchill. Bill threw out the line and I took it hook, line and all. Over the next year I took the basic class with my two children and also the advanced class and Churchill received more of my paycheck than I got to keep. From there on I have done many different things in leather. I have not done saddles and prefer not to do belts. As of this time, I will do most custom work that one might desire - except saddles and belts.

Custom Leather Products

by

General Seymour
(Ph. 360-893-6759)
Orting, WA

Co-Founder: Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op

GOOD-BYE!

by Andy Stasiak

Dear Friends — WOW, what a year. By the time you read this, Jan and I will be in Fort Worth, Texas. Boy - when they move - Tandy moves fast. I received a call about noon on Wednesday, by 3:30 Jan and I had agreed we would go (it took Jan about 33 seconds) and arrangements were made for the truck to move all our stuff. What a sight - our motorhome with my pickup hooked to it and a 26 foot U-Haul truck with Jan's car hooked to it and off we go to Texas. Well, as I'm writing this we haven't actually left yet but can you imagine - I'll let you guys know how things went on the trip after we arrive in Fort Worth. Jan and I want to thank all of you for enriching our lives with your friendships. We will be keeping in touch and plan to maintain our membership while we are away. Just think, the Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op is expanding across the country.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be the editor for the Rawhide Gazette for the last year. I really enjoyed it and had a lot of fun.

Bob Stelmack has agreed to take the job over and I know you will support him as you did me.

Keep working that leather and lets do better at the fair this year.

See you guys,
Jan & Andy Stasiak

My Expertise by Rachel Kiefer

I make small leather items such as: key fobs, ornaments, card pard, leather ornamental pins, billfolds (occasionally) and belts (very seldom).

I have done a few larger items such as: clock faces or small embossed plaques.

I don't really have the time or inclination to do larger numbers of even small items. I would consider doing one or two if needed.

Greetings from the new Editor by Bob Stelmack

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you as the new newsletter editor. I have some big shoes to fill and with Andy's somewhat rapid departure - not much time to learn. Andy is a "proactive" and "dynamic" personality and I am somewhat "laid back". I will depend much more on your input to allow this newsletter to be a vehicle to collect and distribute leathercrafting tips, issues, and news about our Co-Op and other activities to participate in. I do have a confession that may crop up from time-to-time. This is I am slightly dyslexic and even with spell checker - what gets printed might be more amusing to read than it was intended. If you have any additions or corrections to the newsletter please contact me at: Bob Stelmack, 13820-56th Ave S., #301, Seattle, WA 98168-4779, phone 206-431-5166. Or if anyone is on the "Internet" I can be reached at: Rstelmack@aol.com

I hope you find something useful in each newsletter.

Bob S.

Tip o' month by Bill Churchill

When I first met Al Stohlman he "tried" to show me the benefits of a

HEAD-KNIFE. I looked, I was fascinated, I even tried it and forgot it. I met Deb Laudadio and she practically carried hers around in her teeth so she would not be without it. She even has a custom one made. So — again I tried it. I studied Al's book on TOOLS and started using one. "I WON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT MY HEAD KNIFE". I honestly do not know how I ever got along without it. I will never be able to skive skiver like Al Stolman, but I do foresee the day I will have to skive skiver, if and when I do then I'll work on it. Read and study the book on tools. (The front cover is not a photograph of a bunch of tools — it is a photograph of a CARVING of a bunch of tools.)

1-800-"leather" by Bob Stelmack

Here are a sampling of some 1-800-numbers I picked up off the WWW. Taken from the AT&T 800 Phone Index on 03/25/96@12:02

Leather:

800-533-3412 A Retail Network (US)
800-447-4820 Absolute Leather (Orlando FL)
800-237-2600 Action USA (St Petersburg FL)
800-645-2537 Aker Leather Products (Chula Vista CA)
800-232-8689 Alamo Uomo (Elk Grove IL)
800-521-5152 American PD (Beverly Hills CA)
800-221-8228 American Portfolio (Bronx NY)
800-562-3919 Amity Leather Products (West Bend WI)
800-722-4848 Angelus Formulations (Culver City CA)
800-722-8598 B & J Leather (Ft Worth TX)
800-323-0555 Baker Western Wallets (Seattle WA)
800-557-2729 Bearpaw Trading Post (Pingree ID)
800-541-3264 Bee Natural Leathercare (Battle Ground WA)
800-634-4502 Big Bend Saddlery (Alba TX)
800-732-6936 Border Leather (Chula Vista CA)
800-228-9042 Brunson Leather (Dawson Springs KY)

800-332-2833 Budd Leather Co (Inwood NY)
800-232-4606 Busch's Luggage & Leather Goods (Wichita KS)
800-962-2813 Buxton (Springfield MA)
800-874-1167 Caldwell/Moser Leather (New Albany IN)
800-327-5003 Canterbury (Miami FL)
800-521-0162 Carr Leather (Lynn MA)
800-884-2521 Carroll Leather Goods (Boone NC)
800-272-4223 Chace Leather Products (Fall River MA)
800-421-6171 Champion Turf Equip Co Inc (Los Angeles CA)
800-435-2220 Chicago Sole Leather (Chicago IL)
800-282-3443 Christian Leather Co The (Knoxville TN)
800-848-6810 Classic Western Co (Ponca City OK)
800-332-6242 Colorado Saddlery Co (Denver CO)
800-362-6911 Congress Leather (Kingsville OH)
800-356-1177 Conneaut Leather Inc/Bow (Conneaut OH)
800-331-3777 Continental Belts (Miami FL)
800-457-7560 Creations In Leather (Cody WY)
800-232-0027 Current Fashion Concepts (New York NY)
800-622-8786 Custom Made Leather Equip (Lexington KY)
800-962-3322 Daiyama Trading (Honolulu HI)
800-982-3883 Dashmesh Enterprise (Jamaica NY)
800-447-0832 Dynasty Overseas Mfg Inc (S El Monte CA)
800-331-4159 EM Intl (Vernon CA)
800-343-8120 Ebinger Brothers Leather Co., Inc. (Ipswich MA)
800-932-8926 Echelon (Dallas TX)
800-541-6720 Elpo Products (New York NY)
800-338-9985 Frieda's Say It With Eel Skin (Bristol VA)
800-345-2247 GML Products Inc (Birmingham AL)
800-342-7738 Garrett Leather Corp (Buffalo NY)
800-248-4279 Gary's Leather Creations Inc (Los Angeles CA)
800-421-6154 Golden Leather Co (Los Angeles CA)
800-423-2329 Goliger Leather (Ventura CA)
800-441-4600 Goliger Leather Co Inc (US)
800-447-2687 Grants Leather Imports (Rancho Cordova CA)
800-772-1427 Greers Whsle (Boone NC)

800-634-9779 Gypsy Leather (Lancaster NY)	800-544-8669 Leather Warehouse (E Rutherford NJ)	(Hallandale FL)
800-532-8895 Hawkins Leather Co (Lancaster TX)	800-388-5328 Leathersmith The (Boulder CO)	800-322-1177 Waterhouse Leather (Boston MA)
800-633-6167 Heaton's Bonding Co (Toccoa GA)	800-831-9509 Leo G Stein And Co (Chicago IL)	800-932-8371 Weaver Leather Inc (Mt Hope OH)
800-457-7277 Herdsmen Leathers (Manchester Center VT)	800-634-3965 London David Kirk (Winchester VA)	800-872-6644 Western Pacific Gifts (Honolulu HI)
800-453-2847 Hide & Leather House, The (Napa CA)	800-545-1181 Long Hollow Leather (Franklin TN)	800-835-2979 Wichita Shoe Supplies Inc (Wichita KS)
800-732-6876 Himalaya (Ipswich MA)	800-433-2220 Mallory's Western & Leather Supply (Cleburne TX)	800-252-7259 Workman's Leather (Glenwood NC)
800-642-7511 Houston Leather Factory (Houston TX)	800-843-7792 Marin Harness & Leather Goods (Miami FL)	800-633-0396 Zack White Leather Co (Ramseur NC)
800-682-8909 IBS Sales (Holly Hill FL)	800-782-3374 Mascorro Leather Co (Los Angeles CA)	
800-972-2741 J V Leather Co (Memphis TN)	800-525-5629 Metaco USA Limited (New York NY)	Leather Goods - Wholesale & Manufacturers:
800-247-9737 Lackawanna Leather (Conover NC)	800-719-1999 Mitt Master (Bayonne NJ)	800-533-3412 A Retail Network (US)
800-421-7553 Lackawanna Leather (Hickory NC)	800-521-5208 Nassini (New York NY)	800-536-8830 Addis Leathers (US)
800-527-7364 Larsen Leathers (Riner VA)	800-368-7259 Old West Cowboy Boots (Stroudsburg PA)	800-222-7785 Ali Baba Imports (Honolulu HI)
800-248-8624 Leather Depot The (Big Bear Lake CA)	800-762-3580 PM Belt Corp (Brooklyn NY)	800-732-6936 Border Leather (CA)
800-332-2203 Leather Factory, The (Phoenix AZ)	800-537-3945 Panhandle Leather Co (Amarillo TX)	800-487-2376 Burde Leather Craft Sales Corp. (Jamaica NY)
800-548-6461 Leather Factory, The (Baldwin Park CA)	800-992-2098 Randy's Leather (North East MD)	800-266-9465 California Leather Goods (San Diego CA)
800-999-7371 Leather Factory, The (Fresno CA)	800-755-2041 Rawhide Custom Leather Shop (Lawrenceburg KY)	800-327-5003 Canterbury Belts Ltd. (FL)
800-772-2629 Leather Factory, The (Oakland CA)	800-221-7515 Rawhide Rose Inc (Grand Junction CO)	800-348-3323 Carroll Leather Goods Inc (San Diego CA)
800-525-8134 Leather Factory, The (Wheat Ridge CO)	800-538-6059 Rite Sole Corp (Wright City MO)	800-238-8870 Coast America (Bountiful UT)
800-877-2526 Leather Factory, The (Tampa FL)	800-762-4390 Roche Leather (Watsonville CA)	800-533-2263 Diamond Leather (Fairfield NJ)
800-247-5566 Leather Factory, The (Des Moines IA)	800-762-4287 Rolfs Leather Products (West Bend WI)	800-537-3020 First Mfg (San Luis Obispo CA)
800-984-7147 Leather Factory, The (Wichita KS)	800-232-6626 San Diego Leather Jacket Factory (Chula Vista CA)	800-578-2178 Giampier Limited (Northglenn CO)
800-257-4853 Leather Factory, The (New Orleans LA)	800-237-2724 Sarah's Leather Fashions (Kenmore NY)	800-345-0852 Has Been Ltd (Los Angeles CA)
800-632-9620 Leather Factory, The (Grand Rapids MI)	800-251-7472 Scholze Tannery (Chattanooga TN)	800-582-0064 Heavy Duty Leather (Catawba NC)
800-888-1993 Leather Factory, The (Springfield MO)	800-345-9959 Shoemaker Tex & Sons (San Dimas CA)	800-444-3383 Hide Design (San Francisco CA)
800-955-8878 Leather Factory, The (Albuquerque NM)	800-862-8956 Siegel Of California (Santa Ynez CA)	800-442-3269 Ice Box Sportswear (Pontiac MI)
800-472-3306 Leather Factory, The (Columbus OH)	800-232-4627 Skins & Leather Co (Dexter KY)	800-234-4888 Interdecor Leather Co (High Point NC)
800-233-7155 Leather Factory, The (Harrisburg PA)	800-338-8625 Sleepy Hollow Leather (Chesterton IN)	800-426-8812 Kings Leather Craft Inc (Murphy NC)
800-251-7782 Leather Factory, The (Chattanooga TN)	800-262-6946 Spider's Cycle City (Bradley WV)	800-786-0100 Leather Intl (Fremont CA)
800-200-2499 Leather Factory, The (El Paso TX)	800-535-9009 Spinneybeck Enterprises (Amherst NY)	800-762-3580 PM Belt Corp (NY)
800-433-3201 Leather Factory, The (Ft Worth TX)	800-349-8582 Thrashers (Northport AL)	800-752-8808 Priority Leather Co (Santa Ana CA)
800-541-2031 Leather Factory, The (San Antonio TX)	800-255-5568 Trapunto Corp (Canoga Park CA)	800-281-3197 Robert Leather Works (Manhattan NY)
800-448-9250 Leather Factory, The (Salt Lake City UT)	800-624-7642 Triple C Leather (Morgantown KY)	800-728-5184 Shamrock Leather (St Joseph MN)
800-822-8437 Leather Factory, The (Spokane WA)	800-927-1212 Ultimate Solutions, Inc.	800-632-7546 Skins (San Antonio TX)
		800-622-4022 St. Dennis Acc., Inc. (Burbank CA)
		800-492-2244 Sunset Leather Co. (Pacific Grove CA)

800-842-2254 Treasures Of The Earth (San
Diego CA)
800-543-6233 U.S. Made Leather
(Middleton MA)
800-952-5904 Upscale Leather (Douglas
MA)
800-828-1415 Walter Davoucci Inc (New
York NY)
800-673-1202 Zebra Leather Inc (Secaucus
NJ)

Leather Goods Manufacturers Supplies:

800-395-4378 Baker Products Inc (New
Rochelle NY)
800-345-2091 Bee Electronics (Broadview
IL)
800-541-3264 Bee Natural Leathercare Inc.
(Battle Ground WA)
800-487-2376 Burde Leather Craft Sales
Corp. (Jamaica NY)
800-424-1236 Desantis Holster & Leather
(New Hyde Park NY)
800-726-0994 Drueding Frank J (Peabody
MA)
800-258-5266 Ferdinand (Harrison ID)
800-582-0064 Heavy Duty Leather
(Catawba NC)
800-755-2041 Rawhide Leather
(Lawrenceville KY)
800-786-1212 Tri Cities Leather (Johnson
City TN)