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Al & Ann Stohlman, December

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**Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op** 

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# Puyallup Fair Details

www.thefair.com/

#### **DIVISION C**

#### **LEATHERCRAFT**

Entry dates for this Division are Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23 between 9am and 4pm or Sunday, August 24 between noon and 6pm.

Return dates are Tuesday, September 23, 9am to 8pm and Wednesday, September 24, 9am to 6pm.

If you have won the Grand Champion in this division within

the last 5 years, you must compete in the Teacher/Professional Division.

All articles must be the handwork of the exhibitor and finished within the last two years. Entries will be judged for design, technique and overall appearance. No pairs or sets accepted

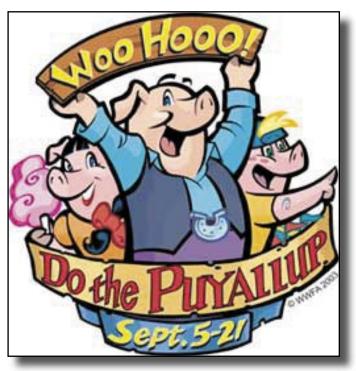
#### **ADDITIONAL AWARDS:**

Best in Adult Division - Purple Rosette, plus \$100 premium,

Best in Category - Ribbon (no premium)

JUNIORS (Under 16 years of age)
NO CLASS PROJECTS!

**ADDITIONAL AWARDS:** 



Best in Junior Division - Purple Rosette, plus \$25 premium

#### Class/Description

1800. Pictures

1805. Household Items

1810. Pocket Items

1815. Wallets

1820. Belts

1822. Native American Style Items

1825. Other Items

#### ADULTS (16 years of age and older)

#### Class/Description

1850. Pictures

1855. Tooled Sportsman Carriers

1860. Tooled Carrying Cases

1865. Tooled Handbags

1870. Tooled Pocket Items

1875. Albums, Scrapbooks

#### Meeting Announcement

**NEXT MEETING:** 

Summer Break (see you in September) 1880. Wallets

1885. Belts

1890. Household Items

1895. Stamped Items

1900. Jewelry

1905. Wearing Apparel

1910. Untooled Items

1915. Braiding

1918. Native American Style Items

1920. Other Leathercraft

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#### ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

Best in Division - Purple Rosette - \$100 premium

#### Class/Description

1950. Pictures

1955. Large Tooled Article

1960. Small Tooled Article

1965. Leather With Other Medium

1970. Wearing Apparel

1975. Untooled Articles

1977. Native American Style Items

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# Rumor—Tandy Leather Coming back to the Pacific Northwest

Rumor has it that Tandy Leather will be opening 2 stores in the Puget Sound area. Best guess is that the Grand Openings are planned for September.

Best chances for locations would be in North Seattle and Tacoma, so who might the Tandy Leather store manager be?—How about the old manager **Larry Riekena?** Stick around for the latest news in the September issue of the RawHide Gazette.

#### **Lambie Leftovers**

I get a catalog from this company and have bought from them several times. I just bought some of their wool scraps at \$1.95 per pound:

Natural sheep skins complete with the tanned hide and thick (maybe 1") wool. They aren't too big, so maybe they are lamb. What we have are cutting scraps, so each piece is a circumference with three or four nice large sections, each bigger than your hand, and a good deal more of strips ranging from perhaps 1" to 4" wide and up to, say, 2 to 3 feet long joining the bigger bits together. Since animal size and cut outs vary, we do not make any promises about the dimensions. However, they run about 1/2 lb. per pelt and we will ship you 1 lb. Soft, fuzzy and natural cream color. You should be able to get several great buffing cloths plus trim for the king's robe in the school play out of each piece.

#### URL is:

http://www.sciplus.com/singleItem.cfm?terms=7720&cartLogFrom=Search

They are very good for finishes etc., but the sale ends on August 11. They have a \$10 minimum and shipping charges.

Maybe some folks can get together a minimum order.

Dale Buckenberger

# UFO (Unfinished Fair Object) Day

The UFO day is the 9th of August, the time is 10:00 to 5:00 on Saturday. Time to finish that Puyallup Fair project!

# Entry Form for the Puyallup Fair

Drop off can be done at MacPherson Leather or contact Ken Eriksen or General Seymour and we will do our best to get them entered.



# **Quil Ceda Tanning Wants Your Help**

The Quil Ceda Tannery wants your help. They have many customers that come in for custom, specialized leather jobs that Quil Ceda does not do. They would like to have your name and speciality to refer the customer to. Just contact the below and tell them that you saw this in the RawHide Gazette produced by the PSLAC.

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# **Entering Your Project in the Puyallup Fair**

To enter your project in the PUYALLUP FAIR the following dates are <u>ABSOLUTE</u>
TO ENTER IN PERSON

Hobby Hall at the Fair: Entry dates for this Division are Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23 between 9am and 4pm or Sunday, August 24 between noon and 6pm. If you CANNOT make it to the Fair, bring or mail your entries, prior to the entry dates,

to

#### Ken Eriksen at:

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#### **General Seymour** at:

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OR

#### **MacPhersons Leather** at:

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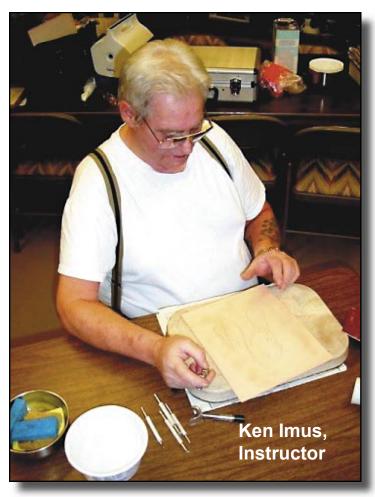
# WE HAVE TO HAVE YOUR ENTRY NO LATER THAN 20 AUGUST 2003 YOU HAVE TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH ENTRY.

NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE NUMBER: CATEGORY:		(see Fair informa	- - ation)
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□ I AM A PROFESSIC	NAL	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	SIGNATURE
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SIGNATUR	E	Date:	

Remember you can only enter only one project in each catergory.

WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PROTECT YOU PROJECT.

(Note: If you want your project right after the Fair, include return postage. Otherwise we will return your project at the PSLAC Meeting following the Puyallup Fair)



Pictures by Debbie Evans

## Ken Imus' Basset Hound **Embossing Workshop**

After a hiccup and stutter with the change of weekend, Ken's Workshop got off with a flying start on Saturday morning at 9.00a.m. with the usual two members arriving at 10.00a.m.

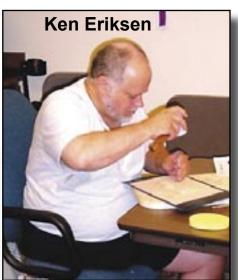
Ken brought in a couple of samples for us to look at and get us encouraged and fired up with future possibilities.



The eager little beavers for the day were Barbara, Debbie. General, Len, Norm, Tiny, Harry, Ken (Eriksen, that is) and yours truly (Paula).

Ken had done quite a bit of preparation work which got us well on our way. The leather was all cut to size and the tracing pattern already done. It was a bit of a scramble to start with everybody looking for water and containers and squirting a bit of Pro Carve in the water. Then we all settle down to work by carving and stamping the dog (Bassett Hound, from an old Al Stohlman pattern).

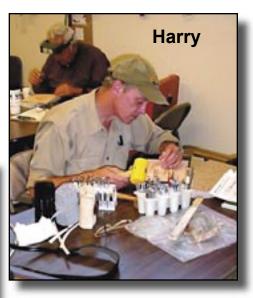
That pretty much took us up to lunch time.



Of course, in between the carving and stamping there was the usual activity of getting coffee which Tiny had thoughtfully seen to, and the popcorn that Debbie brought along and then there were those yummies



that Barbara had baked. They went down very well and the most important thing that makes workshops such a great event (besides of course, the primary reason be-



ing the Embossing) to attend is everybody swapping ideas, how to's, checking out new tools everybody had, and old ones with new ideas for uses.

For a long time I'd been interested in embossing, but never quite had the confidence to tackle it, and I dare say many others feel the same way. I have to say Ken did a really great job and made it all look so easy

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and everything just fell into place. Not only has the workshop given me a confidence to go home and try a few experiments, but has given me a whole new range of ideas. I think most of us went home with the same ideas at the end of the two days.

Not only had Ken prepared the leather for us, he'd also had copies of the tracing pattern and photo-carve patterns of the Basset Hound for each of us and cut up X-ray film sheets for us too.

After lunch we got stuck into the exciting part that makes an embossed project what it is.

On the back of our projects we drew a black



line with a marker all the way around the outside bevelled line of the dog. That became our guide line for keeping the leather dust and glue within the required area.

Ken then showed us how to use a marble (or ball bearing), starting with a smaller one

around the outer edge of the dog. Then we moved on to the bigger marble and worked the inner areas that needed to be pushed out further, and other selected areas that needed more stretching. After that it was a matter of using tools with balls on the end to work and stretch from behind by hand to get the desired contours.

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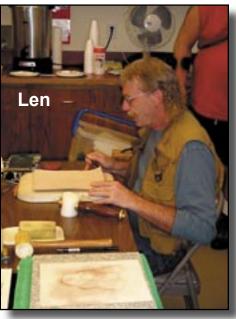


At this point I'm going to digress and say that I did not have the necessary tools with the ball on the end, but lucky for me Norm Lynd was there and he had made himself a few tools, which he kindly loaned to me, and they worked really beautifully. I also borrowed a couple of Rob Barr tools from Len and they also worked well. I've put in my order with Norm and he will make a few

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tools with varying sized ball heads which I'm looking forward to buying from him. He's also got a couple of other modelling tools in the pipeline which I've ordered from him. He makes some very nice tools and puts a good professional finish on them.

Ken mixed up the leather dust and rubber cement while we watched so we would know the quantities to make when we work at home. Then we stuffed our cavities to slightly overfilling and went back to

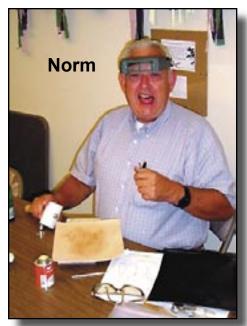


our seats to carefully work the mixture into the hollow and bring it all neatly within our black outlines.

Ken said this was as far as we could go for the day as the mixture had to set and harden somewhat and we would finish the next day (Sunday).

Either we were a very smart group or Ken is a very good instructor, but we finished and went home at 3.00p.m. Mostly, I guess Ken was a good instructor.

Because of my Sunday commitments, I knew that I would not be at the workshop until about 3.00p.m., I glued my X-ray sheet to the back of my leather when I got home and did some work on the contouring with a modelling spoon. But of course, Ken was right. It really needed to do some more drying, so I played with it on and off all



Pictures by Debbie Evans

evening.

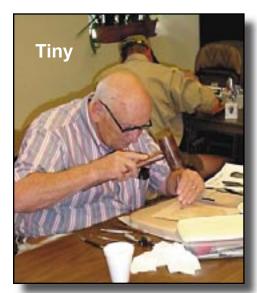
When I got to the workshop on Sunday, some amazing progress had been made and

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all the projects were looking great. One of the beauties of doing a workshop like this is that we all start out with the same pattern and amazingly none of the projects end up looking the same. Each has the individual personality of the person doing the work.

The day was spent detailing and putting the finishing touches on the contouring, then giving the dog hair so he wouldn't get cold. Watching Ken putting the hair on the dog



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with the **Bob Beard** hair blade made the job look so much more real, I think I'm going to have to get one of those blades. The blades fit into the swivel knife handle, so they are versatile and easy to use.

Debbie worked twice as hard as the rest of us as she not only did her dog, but also took lots of photos of the workshop. Then on Sunday **Jeff Bement** came in to see what we were all doing and kindly took a group photo.

I think I can speak for everybody that we all had a great workshop, a good time, good company and we should have more workshops.

Paula M. Marquis

recently acquired at an estate auction. The auction included items from the estate of a long-time resident of the Santa Barbara area of California. The item in question is an intricately carved belt that is signed "AL

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STOHLMAN". It contains numerous scenes including those depicting wildlife and fishing adventures. Since the estate also included Bohlin made buckles and vintage leather and wood working tools from the forties and fifties I am curious as to the value of this belt and how desirable a collectable it is. Any information that you could share would be appreciated.

Thanks, Jim Day

I wrote back to Jim: "I am copying this mes-



# Stohlman Belt? You be the Judge

Jim Day wrote to PSLAC asking about an item sold at an estate auction. Here is his letter:

I am seeking information on a belt that I

sage to Peter Main. He lives in Australia, but has had very close ties to Ann and Al Stohlman for many years. He also was very involved in setting up the Stohlman Leather Museum in Texas. If Peter doesn't have the answers you seek, then he certainly knows who can provide the information.

Also, since you mentioned leather tools, I am



including Ron Ross as a person who knows leather tools from the early days. "If Ron hasn't seen the tool, it hasn't been made".

Cheers, Bob Stelmack

So, with these pictures, do you think this is a Stohlman Belt? See Peter Main's answer later on in this newsletter.



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#### The Stohlman Belt Answer

Hello Bob.

....have received the photos from Jim and have confirmed that the belt is not an original.

In the 60's and 70's, Al made many belts for a gentleman who made embossing plates. These plates were (are) extremely good and captured fine detail of Al's work. Plates were made of belts, billfolds and purses and many of them carried Al's name cut with a swivel knife. These reproductions have fooled countless numbers of people over the years, thinking they had an original piece of work. Coloring was done on many of these pieces and was usually fairly crude by Al's standards...a lot of acrylic paint was used which is something that Al despised.

The buckle has a great value as I believe it is from the original Hollywood store in the days when Ed Bohlin was still alive and active. The Bohlin name is still used today, although it has changed hands many times.

Hope all is well with you,

Regards,

Peter

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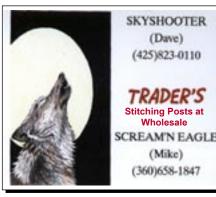
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From I-90 get off on exit 17/Front St., and bear right onto Front Street. At the third stoplight, turn left onto E Sunset Way, then see below:

#### <u>Taking Hwy 18 from around Auburn</u> <u>to Issaquah</u>

Get on Hwy 18 going East, from Auburn, it's about 12 miles to Maple Valley, then at about 2 ½ miles after Maple Valley, look for the turn off to Issaquah Hobart Rd SE, turn onto ramp 276th Ave SE and go 0.6 miles, bear left onto



Issaquah Hobart Rd SE. It's about 8 ½ miles from there to Issaquah. Hobart becomes Front Street S, which takes you into downtown Issaquah. Turn right onto E Sunset Way, then see below:

#### **After turning onto E Sunset Way:**

go two blocks (past the Police and Fire Stations), turn left onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, go past the old Senior Center building on your left, and a baseball field, then left onto NE Creekway, go almost to the railroad tracks. The new Issaquah Valley Senior Center is a brick building on your left, parking in front of it. There is also parking behind, from Sunset, turn left into the parking area, right before the Police Station (look for a large parking sign on your left), and follow it till you see a kids play ground. Tiny and I couldn't get in to see inside, but it's a brand new building and looks to have a great, large meeting room area and a couple of medium sized side rooms, one set up for crafts. Address: 75 NE Creekway, Issaquah, WA 98027

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