

# Raw Hide Gazette

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## Apologies for a Late Issue

By the time this issue is mailed out to postal PSLAC members, the meeting will have come and gone. This comes at an inopportune time. We have recently gone through period of diminished attendance at the Issaquah Senior Center. As you may or may not know, the meetings started by alternating among the members homes and in the beginning the group was smaller and a meeting in a members home was OK.

As we started to grow we tried to locate a fixed place to hold the meetings and used the community rooms of apartment dwellings of members that had free access to an apartment meeting room. We started at my place in Tukwila, but quickly grew out of room. We moved to **Linda's** Community area and finally wound up at **Woody's** large community meeting building.

Now that Woody has moved across the mountains we located a very nice, large community center in Issaquah. It seems that membership has dropped some recently and one of our directors, **Fred Nachbar** is taking an initiative to canvas some of the members to see what suggestions they have to make the PSLAC monthly meeting more attractive to more members. If you have any ideas or suggestions to improve the meetings please feel free to contact any of the PSLAC directors (anonymous comments

are also welcome):

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- Bob Stelmack**, email: stelmack@nwlinc.com

Feel free to complain, even without a constructive suggestion. We would like to make the PSLAC meetings pleasurable for all.

In the mean time, keep pounding those cow hides and as Charles says: *"The definition of Leathercraft: making smaller pieces of leather out of bigger ones"*.

Cheers,  
**Bob Stelmack**



Carved Pumpkin at the Puyallup Fair

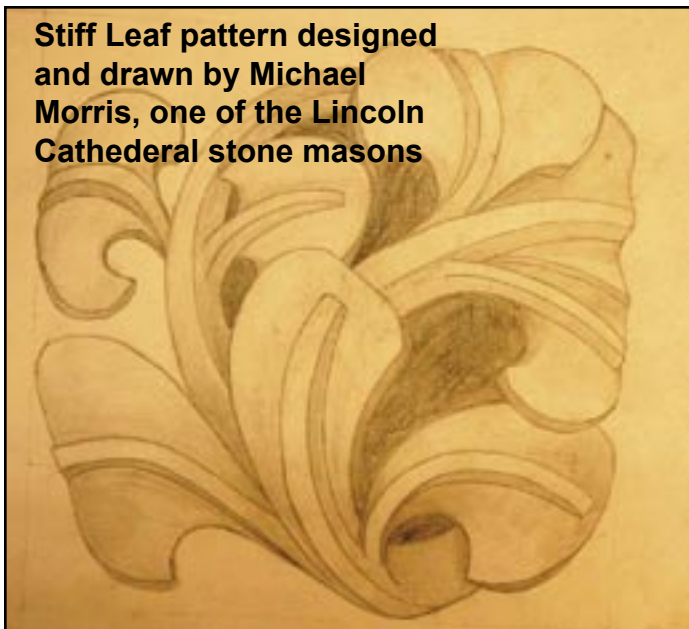
### Meeting Announcement

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Sunday,  
October 14th  
at  
Noon-5pm**

(see map on last page)

Stiff Leaf pattern designed and drawn by Michael Morris, one of the Lincoln Cathedral stone masons



Stone mason tool area



Stone mason tools



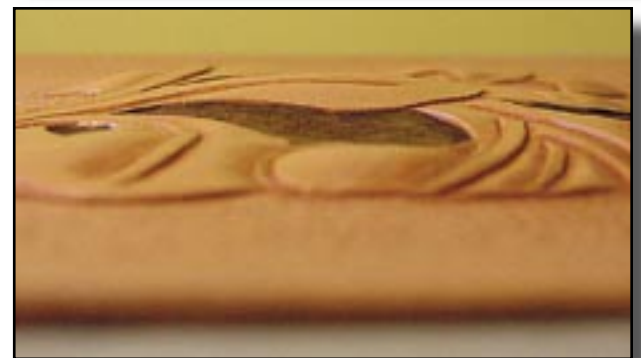
Stiff leaf stone in process

## Lincoln Cathedral Stone Mason Workshop

This was the inspiration for a gift I made for a friend and workmate here in Lincoln, UK. Ron just turned 60 and I thought that something “ancient” was in order—the “stiff leaf” stone pattern found uniquely in England’s stone work around the 1300’s. So I made the four ring binder on the following pages.

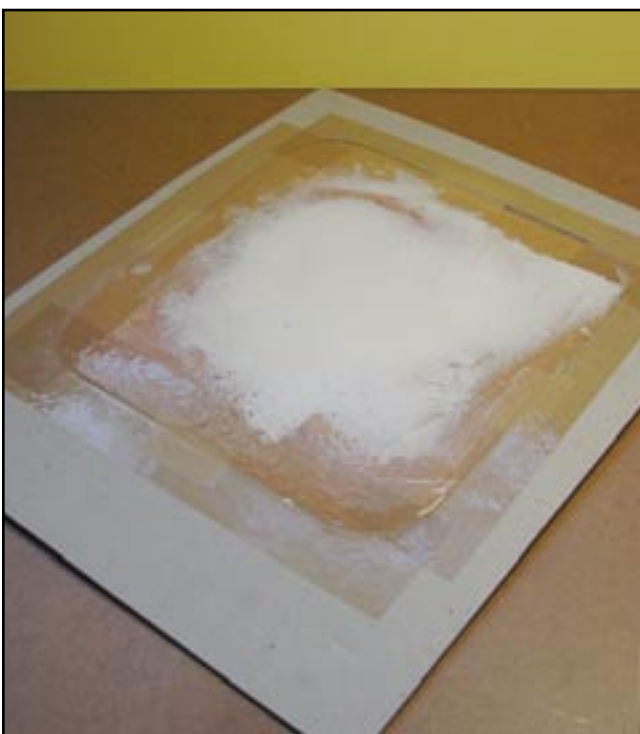
Shown here is Damon, an American trained in England, working on stone restoration at the Lincoln Cathedral. The tools looked much like a woodworkers tools, but much heftier. The mallets for the chisels looked like they might make good mallets for leather—had they been lighter.





## Stiff Leaf Binder

The original four ring binder was taken apart and the rings drilled out and saved for the reconstruction. The 6/7 oz. leather was cased, cut, tooled and embossed with Ken's "ball bearing" method. The leather was trimmed to fit a hole made in the cardboard cover of the binder and taped into place. The embossed backside was filled with bathroom caulk (RTV or Silicon Rubber) and leveled with a straight edge. The design was resisted with clear acrylic





All members would need to bring is some scrap cow hide, preferably somewhere between 4 to 6 ounce (not too thin, not too thick), needles, an awl, a stitching groover, and their favorite thread. I'll have some deer hide available to have them practice stitching on soft/stretchy medium. I'll also have some new poundo boards, to push the awls into, for folks to use, and extra needles, thread, awls, etc

**Ken Eriksen**

**Dusty's Workbench**

I'm sorry that I didn't have time to write about the fair. **Dave Jensen** was there 14 days out of 17 days at the fair. I think that is worthy of mentioning in the **RawHide Gazette**. Well I'm on the island now and things look so much better when I cross the bridge and enter the peaceful world we have here.

**Dusty on Harstine**

paint (or Tandy's SuperShene) and dyed with Tandy's Medium Brown Antique dye.

Using some furniture leather from a cloth clearing house, I choose a color to match the tooled leather. Of the three colors I had, the

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green leather looked the best.

The green leather was glued to the front, spine and back of the binder while some plain black leather was glued to the insides.

A scalpel was used to expose the tooled leather, but the scalpel cuts were not as clean as I would have like them to be. So, I used some black round leather thong to glue

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between the edge of the green leather and the tooled leather.

**Bob Stelmack**  
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**Meeting Demonstration**

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## Puyallup Fair Pictures

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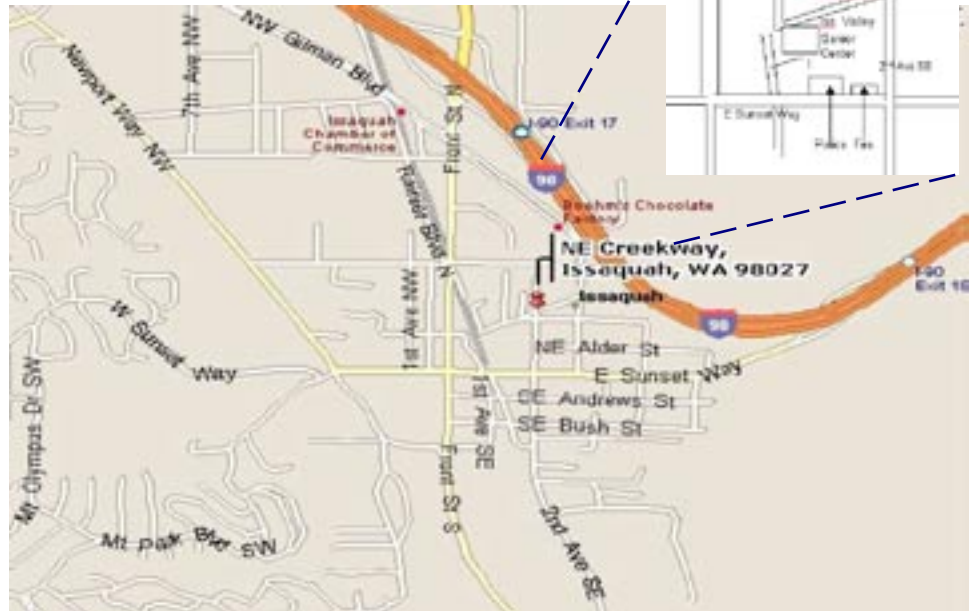
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