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February Meeting at MacPherson's

The next meeting is on for MacPherson's, Sunday February 13, 2005 from 1pm to 4pm. Craig will have the doors open at 1pm for browsing and SHOPPING. With the meeting beginning a 2pm and there will be sometime for shopping after the meeting. There will be no demo at this meeting.

Barbara Lourdes

Curious about how to do an expert job with the basketweave stamp?



See Jeff Mosby's Basketweave Picture Tutorial in this issue.

2005 Leather Arts Tour

New Year's Greetings to all!

I am sending the latest information regarding the **2005 Leather Art Tour**. If you are interested in further information or a reservation form, send me your name, complete address and phone number and I will send one to you in the mail.

The details for the 2005 Leather Arts Tour are:

Dates: June 5 - 12, 2005

Place: White Stallion Ranch, Tucson, AZ

Price: \$1,650 per person, which includes room and board (3 incredible meals a day, sharing a room with one other person), all horseback rides, 6 days of leather classes from three teachers (Bob Beard, Bill Gomer and Jeff Mosby), all entertainment at the ranch which includes tennis courts, a swimming pool, hot tub, and free airport transfers from the Tucson airport.

Additional pricing information for the week are as follows:

Each student sharing a double room —\$1,650.00

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A non-refundable \$300 deposit must be received by February 28th to reserve your space.

Meeting Announcement

February 13th at 1pm-4pm at MacPherson's

(see last page for map)

• Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op

Past Leather Art Tours have been wonderful experiences, with students engrossed in innovative leather projects, including more than enough time to enjoy the great facilities, scenery, make new friends and at the same time, have a great time. We are continuing that tradition this year and hope to give those who attend fond, lifelong memories and friends.

The **White Stallion Ranch** is a Marlboro Ranch and is a 5 star facility. It is situated on 3,000 acres in the **Sonoran Desert** just ten minutes from **Tucson**.

If you send me your address, the packet I am sending will include a brochure from the ranch with more details and pictures.

Please let me know if I can answer any further questions. I hope you can attend! We look forward to meeting you!

Ann Waters

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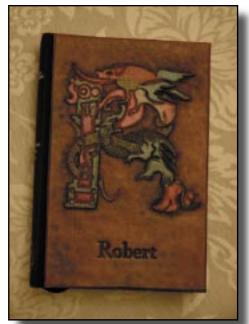
Norm Lynds' LC&SJ Article

Congratulations to Norm on his acceptance of the Round Knife Sheath article in the Jan/Feb 2005 issue. The LC&SJ offers a lot of articles on leather crafting, but not too much on the tools to use on the craft. If you are interested in getting your articles published in the LC&SJ, the Jan/Feb 2005 issue has the desired requirements and the general topic areas. Also, Norm provided us with the LC&SJ proposed issue themes for the future magazines. Here are the ones for this calendar year:

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Issue	Theme	Due Date
15/3	Double-rigged Sawbuck Saddle with breast and breeching collars	3/18/05
15/4	Diamond hitch/ Mountain scenery in leather	5/20/05
15/5	Leather gloves for working	7/22/05
15/6	Rifle scabbards/ Hats	9/23/05
16/1	Quirts & Sandwich Pokes	11/18/05

Zoomorphic Leather Book Cover

Just finished a gift for a friend's birthday that started out









as a simple practice piece of Celtic Zoomorphic Illuminated Lettering. The letter "R" was scanned from a book and enlarged for carving.

It has been so long since I just sat down with those leather tools that I soon found out how rusty I was. The swivel knife cuts were poor and the tool stamping was irregular, but as I once told **Bill Churchill**: "Every piece of leather I color or carve becomes a finished project".

This was said just before Bill was going to demonstrate some technique on my almost finished hibiscus flower.

So what do I do with this piece of leather? Well, it seemed to be almost the size of a book that I was going to give as a gift to my friend Robert, so I got out my trusty lead printing type and embossed his name on the leather and used contact cement to adhere to the cover of the book. A similarly sized piece was adhered to the back cover and then trimmed to match the cover dimensions.

The edge close to the spine was beveled to a 45 degree angle the make sure the covers open all the way without any interference and the edges were dyed to match the cover color. The edges were painted with PVA glue (several thin coats) to give it a continuous edge and give it a slicked look. The carving was also polished with Navy Blue shoe dye, before the finish was applied, to make it look older. Robert was pleased and another practice piece became a finished project.

Bob Stelmack Wellingore, UK

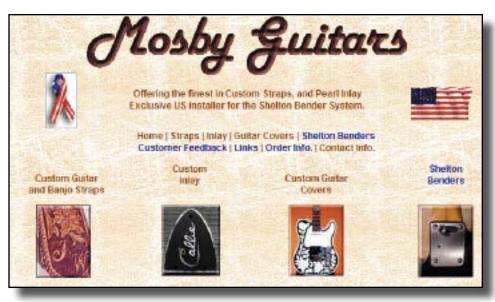
Jeff Mosby

Jeff kindly allowed us to print his Basketweave Pictorial Tutorial in our RawHide Gazette. So here is a little about Jeff Mosby and his business:

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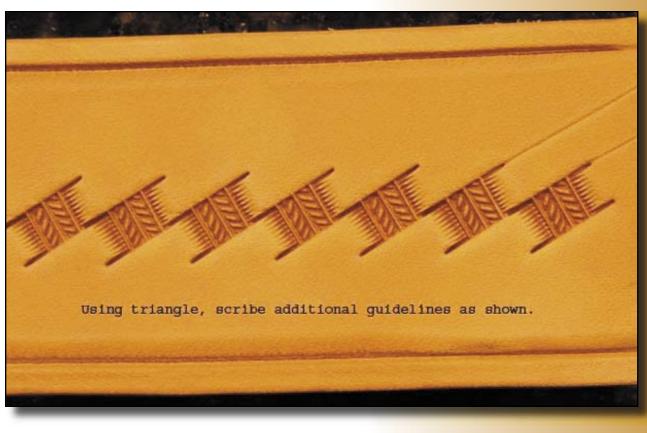




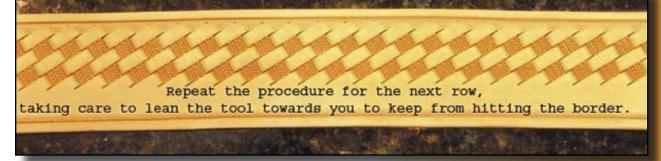


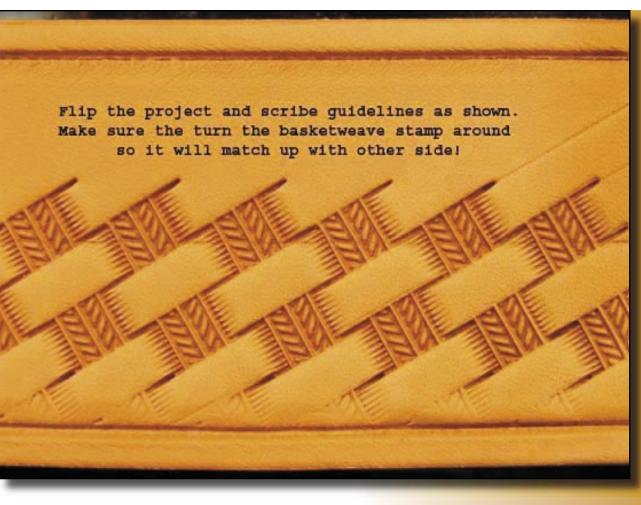
















Looking for a Stohlman Pattern

I have been trying to locate the wood carving patterns for the **Stohlman's** benches. There appeared to be 4 sets of plans for making the silhouettes. I have hit **Peter Main** up about them, **Worth Jackson, John King** (before he died), **Bill and Dot Reis** and none of them have been able to help me. I am now in the process of sending them out to the guilds to see if any of their members might have them or know where I could get them. I would appreciate any help that you could give me. I am enclosing a picture that details the information from the end of the article on building the benches.

Name

Regards, Ben

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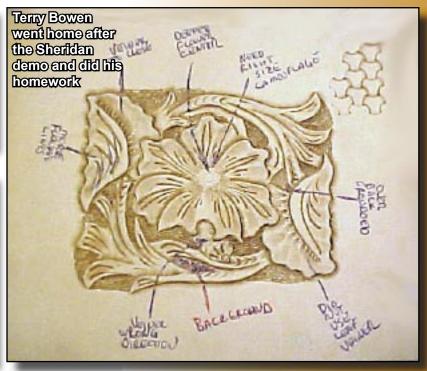




January Meeting







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Dusty's Stamping Stump

This is the remains of a cherry tree. When Rich had to cut the tree down, I asked him to give me a slice of it.

Then he drilled some holes in it for me, with a drill press. Wish that he would have made the holes bigger since I have bigger tools. I put suede on the bottom to keep it from scratching whatever it sits on.

Notice the durable dot snap. I riveted it on the sheath for the swivel knife and screwed it on the wood.

The swivel knife is snapped onto the tool rack and is always ready for use.

Dusty Wert







René Teaching Tours 2005

NOTED EUROPEAN LEATHER ART-IST RENÉ BERENDS OF MUNICH; GERMANY ANOUNCES HIS TRAIN-ING SCHEDULE FOR 2005.

After the very successful "World Teaching Tour" and several other teaching trips in 2004, René Berends has decided to continue teaching on a world wide basis. During the winter months January, February and March René tutored 6 seminars at his studio near Munich, of which the Dragon Bag seminar had to be split into two seminars again. As the interest in classes is widely existent and more doors open with each seminar or lecture / slide show and with participation in exhibitions, he has decided to do various trips to numerous countries around the globe this year. So far those scheduled countries will be Mexico, USA, Netherlands, the Baltic countries Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Australia and Norway. This itinerary will fill a period from April until September and it is likely that even more countries will be added to this list.

After a very satisfactory start on the market of the DVD/video "Making a Document Case" (produced by Hide Crafter Video Productions), George Hurst and René Berends have decided to make two more DVDs/videos and also a pattern pack on various construction projects.

In autumn René plans a teaching and promotion tour to the United States again. For those guilds, persons or institutions who are interested in setting up a seminar, please contact René at rene@leatherartforum.de More information on venues will be published on these pages in the future.

The venues for the seminars, lectures and exhibitions from April onwards will be:

- ► April 5 29 "Enterdete Kunst", solo exhibition in the Cultural Centre in Oberhaching
- ► April 15 16 "Leather Jewellery" Centro Historico, Mexico City



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- ► June 1 Oct. 2 Participation and Lecture/slideshow on the opening of the conference and exhibition "Scriptament" in Tallinn, Estonia
- ▶ June 6 15 Teaching and lecturing at various art faculties of universities in the Baltic countries.
- ▶ July 4 9 Three seminars at the conference "Dimensions in Leather" in Brisbane, Australia 1 "Red flying fox", a 3D embossed picture

2 "Various leather fixtures and fittings"

3 "Woven Bowl"

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► August 26 – 28 "Hunting Bag", Skinloeven, Hoenefoss, Norway

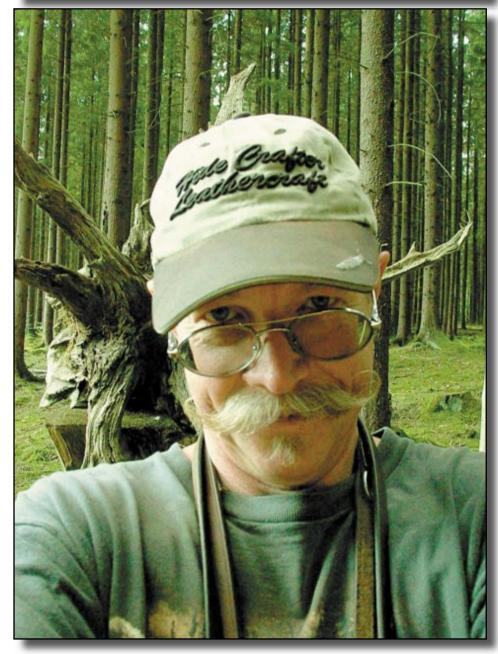
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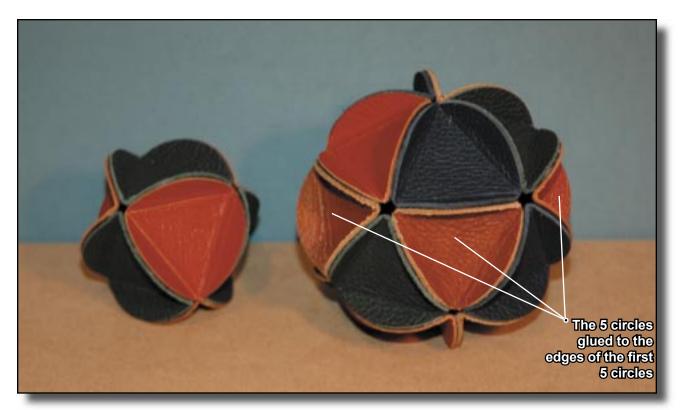
► Sept. 2 – 4 "Leather Jewellery", Erik Nimmo, Vang in Valdres, Norway

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folding.

The best way to glue the edges together was to use a glue stick. It allowed some movement before it set-up and then stuck quite well.

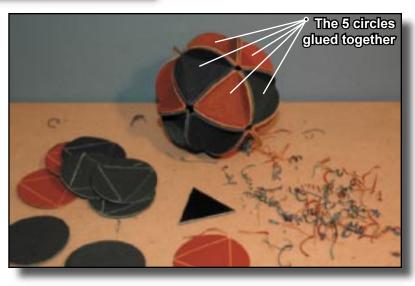
The smaller ball is 8-circles and the larger ball is 20-circles. The 8-circle ball was formed by first gluing up 4 circles into one hemisphere then gluing the two hemispheres together. The 20-circle ball started by gluing 5 circles together, followed by 5 circles glued to the free edges, then gluing a similarly formed piece together to form the ball.

Bob Stelmack Wellingore, UK

Christmas Ornaments

A little late (or very early) for Christmas, but here is an idea from my wife **Karen**. She had seen a program on TV where old Christmas Cards were recycled and made into ornaments for the next years Christmas Tree. The process was quite simple: circles were cut, a triangle scored to facilitate folding and the edges glued together.

Ah ha! Finally a way to use up those small leather scraps from bookbinding and other leather projects. I used the same process as Karen, with just a few changes. First, I glued all the scraps to a piece of black card stock paper to give the thin pieces of leather a little body. Then, instead of just scoring the triangle in the leather (using a triangle template), I used a stitching groover to cut the line for



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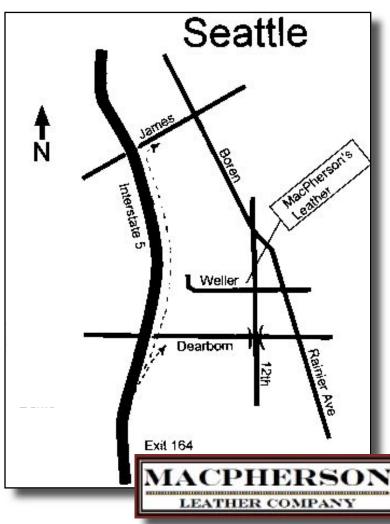
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