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/signed/
Al & Ann Stohman, December 1997

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Dal Hoover's latest leather slip-on bookcover with inlaid photograph of the book's subject matter.

Workshop Co-ordinator's Report

For the first meeting for the year **Paula Marquis** will be doing **Inverted Carving** and this will be from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. The meeting will be from noon to 2.00p.m. which will include socializing. For those who want to do some hands on, Paula suggests your bring leather (favorite thickness), stone, mallet, bevellers, pear shaders and such like. Of course, don't forget your water dish and sponge.

We have a lot of great workshops lined up, but, it seems that the economic crunch has put three of them in some doubt. Where

Jackie Holliday, Bob Stelmack and Karen Stelmack are concerned, we have to have \$500.00 per day for each of them and that will mean that we will need a full class of 10 people for each workshop in order to make the workshops viable. They each need this amount to cover travelling, accommodation and food costs. If we get 10 people signed up for each of these classes it will only cost each person \$50.00 which is very reasonable for a one day workshop.

The workshops we are looking at are the **Coloring of the Dragon** with **Jackie Holliday** on April 25th. On June 13th it would be **Karen Stelmack** and **Painting the Lion Portrait**. Then on July 25th the

Meeting Announcement

NEXT MEETING

11th January 2009

*Mini-Demos (Start at Noon) followed by the General Meeting (Starts at 2PM).

Inverted Carving with Paula Marquis

(*This month only the meeting is first, then the Demo)

Pacific Northwest Native Designs with
Bob Stelmack.

It would be a shame to have to cancel any of these workshops as each of these workshops would give us a lot of extra knowledge and expertise to improve our leather working abilities. We know how good Jackie is and her and Paula picked the Dragon for the specific purpose of exploring the various ways to enhance and use the **Daniel Smith** Interference, Iridescent and Duochrome colors, giving a whole new outlook on making our work outstanding.

Many of you are not familiar with Karen's abilities, but, while she and Bob were still in England, Karen took some art and painting courses there and has painted a lot of Bob's leatherwork. Some of the results can be viewed on our web site www.pslac.org in the Members Section. A good opportunity to learn a whole new range of techniques.

Of course, we all know how good Bob is with his Pacific Northwest Native Designs. We've seen his efforts in the RawHide Gazette for a number of years. He's done a lot of preparation work already for this workshop to make it both informative and challenging. His aim is to give us ideas, patterns and teach us how to develop our own individual patterns and ideas.

If Jackie doesn't come, Paula will still go ahead and do the carving class of the Dragon as she has drawn up the tracing patterns and supplied them to Jackie and each person can use their carving in any way they wish including having a try at coloring it themselves.

Where Karen's Lion is concerned, Paula said she would not do the carving class as this was Karen's personal painting and felt it would not be fair to use Karen's Lion for a carving class if Karen was not coming to do the painting class.

If a carving class was still to go ahead on May the 30th, Paula said she would take suggestions and look for another subject for that carving class.

I want to get names and sign-ups for these three classes, as we will have to let Jackie, Karen and Bob know the situation as soon as possible. It would not be fair to leave them hanging until the last minute as they have to organize their trips and schedules.

Please let me know at the January meeting what we want to do.

Keep in mind that in February there will be no pre-meeting demo and the meeting will be at **MacPhersons** in Seattle at 2.00p.m. MacPhersons always keep the shop open after the meeting so we can all browse and purchase to our heart's content and they give us a good discount.

Ken Madison
Workshop Co-Ordinator

Emerald Valley Leathercrafters News

Merry Christmas everyone. Sorry I did not get this out sooner. I did not make last month's meeting due to life and family. Our next meeting is Saturday, December 27th. Hope you can make it, but if not, that's understandable. We will be doing a demo on the meandering tools and other items. Come to the meeting you will see. Bring all your standard tools and some practice leather.

We are coming into a New Year and I look forward to it. We need all of your input. We need to know what is it we want to learn and what projects we want to do. This guild is not exclusively about the "western" thing. As some put it: "We do leather". It is about leather and making things. We will be doing other things that don't have anything to do with leather, but can have leather incorporated into it. We look forward to **Beci's** demonstration in January where she will introduce us to **Pine Needle Basketry**. Those of us who saw her lovely creations at the last meeting understand the potential for combining different mediums like her pine needles and leather. I'm sure this will give us some good ideas and some new skills.

So please, give us your input even if you can not make the meeting. What class would you like to take or teach?

I want to thank **Scott** and **Kathy** for stepping in for me. It was very much appreciated.

Hope to see you all soon at the meeting. Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gary
President Emerald Valley Leathercrafters

Chan Geer's Sheridan Style Photo Album Class and Pattern Class

The pattern class is a 1 day class and focuses on creating your own Sheridan style patterns.

The photo album class follows the pattern class and is a 3 day class focusing on creating a finished photo album. Sheridan style carving, basket weaving, buck stitch lacing, assembly and finishing will be explained, demonstrated and practiced during this course.

Leather, colors, and finishes are included and

will be supplied for the students.

All skill levels in leather craft are welcome. This project is designed for a moderately experienced beginner as well as the master crafts person.

Dates/Times:

Pattern class:

Jun 11, 2009 (Thursday)

Photo album class: Jun 12–14 2009
(Friday/Saturday/Sunday)

Time: 9 AM to 5 PM Thursday,
Friday and Saturday, 10 AM to 2
PM Sunday

Location:

Lions Club in Rathdrum, Idaho. Easy to find, just 25 miles east of Spokane, WA via Trent Avenue (Hwy 53) or take I90 to Hwy 41 exit just east of Post Falls, ID and head north for 7 miles. Hwy 41 turns into Hwy 53 at light in Rathdrum. Go past High School and Super 1 Foods on right hand side then look for bright yellow bldg just east of Pine Grove Cemetery on left hand side. About 3 city blocks from light.

Cost:

Pattern class: \$100 plus \$5 room rent. A \$50 non refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot.

Photo Album class: \$200 plus \$15 room rent. A \$100 non refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot. Take both classes and the total cost is reduced by \$25.

You can pay either by check or PayPal. To pay by check, make the check payable to **Ken Bush** and send it to me at the address below. If paying via PayPal, go to www.paypal.com and send the payment to whiterosex@aol.com. Be sure to indicate that the payment is for Chan's class(s). If the classes are cancelled for any reason, your deposit will be returned or your payment refunded via PayPal.

Tools: You will need the basic seven tools (camouflage, beveler, pear shader, veiner, mule foot, seeder, backgrounder), swivel knife, mallet and marble or stone for tooling. If you don't have any Sheridan style tools of your own, Chan will be bringing an assort-



ment of Sheridan style tools for sale.

Facilities: The Lions Club has 6 RV sites with electrical and water hookups available for \$15 per night. Let us know in advance if you want one of these reserved for you. The Cedar Springs Bed and Breakfast (www.cedarsprings-bb.com) is located near Rathdrum. Call Ellen Larson at 888.441.9585 for accommodations and mention that you are taking the leather class

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Chance to Win a Motorized Fantastic Leather Edge Burnisher by Ivan Sampson



Starting with the January 2009 meetings of PSLAC, PSLAC East and the Desert Leathercrafters Group, everyone who attends the monthly meeting will be put into a drawing for a **Fantastic Leather Edge Burnisher with Motor** (115V, 1725 RPM, 1/8 HP, 1/2" arbor only) and 3 bars of blended

wax. Instructions on use will be included.

The drawing for the Motorized Fantastic Leather Edge Burnisher will be held at the June meeting of the PSLAC group's annual **Bill Churchill Award** and Bar-B-Que.

Each meeting from January to May 2009 will send **Bob Stelmack** (stelmack@nwlinc.com) a list of members to be included in the drawing.

We hope this additional benefit will improve the face-to-face sharing at the meetings.

Good luck to all!

Bob Stelmack
Richland, WA

Rehandled Scalpel by Norm Lynds



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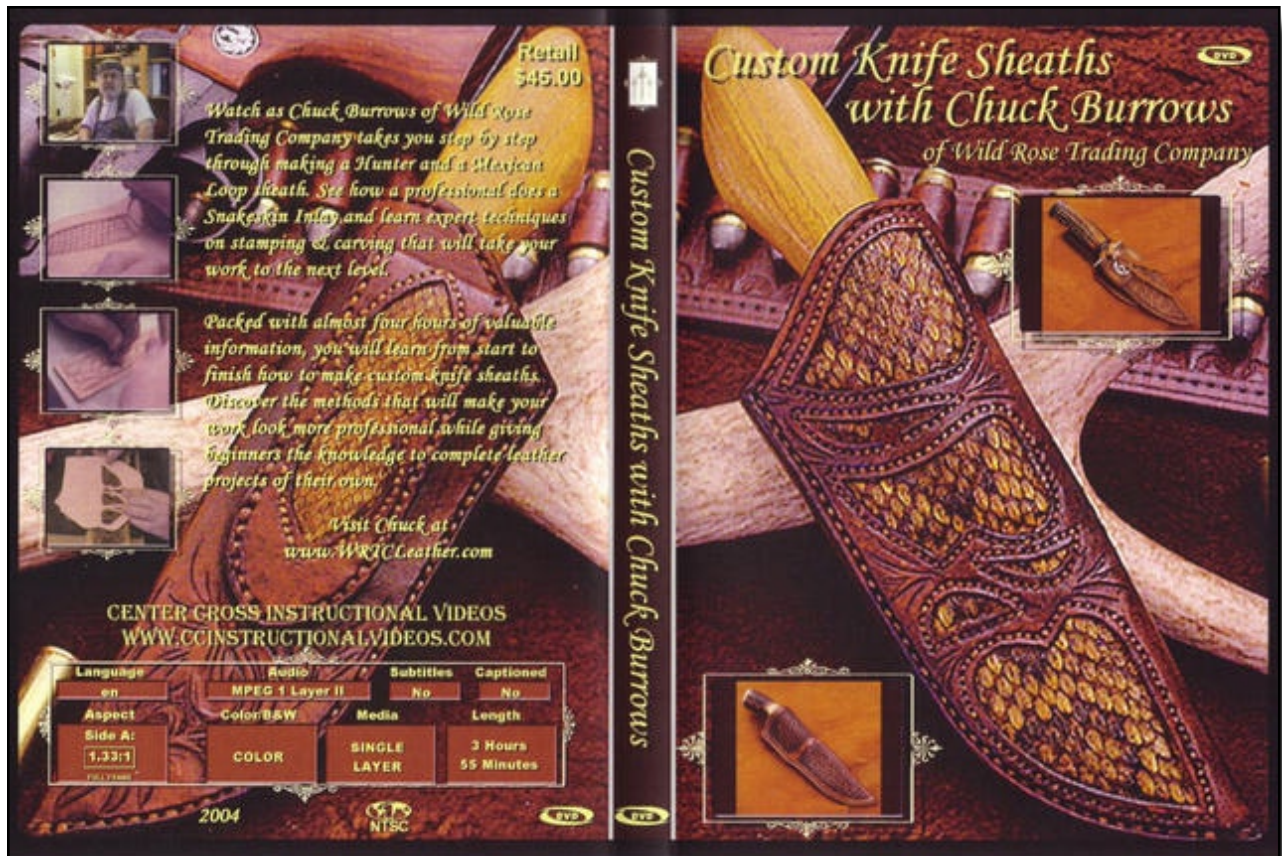
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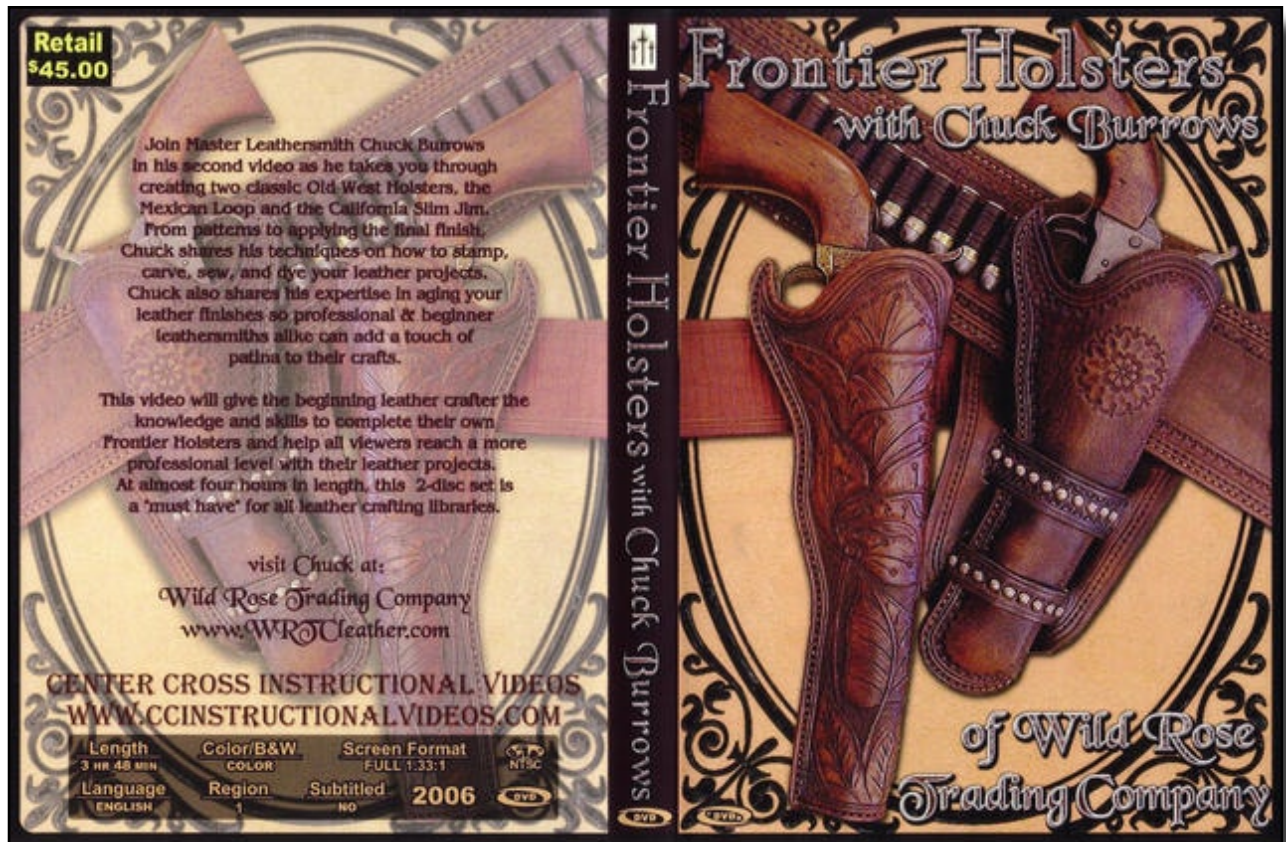
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Two New Chuck Burrows Instructional DVDs Added to the PSLAC Video Library

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PSLAC December Meeting



Show & Tell Items

- 1&2 John Wickstrom's latest portfolio
- 3 carved by John Wickstrom's Son-in-Law Dan Bierly. This is Dan's first project & it turned out very nice!
- 4 Rifle Sling by Norm Lynds





- 1&2 Wallet (front and back) by Don Ferguson
- 3 Pocket notebook by John Wickstrom
- 4 Flower press by Norm for daughter in law.
- 5 Practice piece by Mike Folet



**Making Rolled
Edges by Paula
Marquis**





December's mini demonstration on **Making Rolled Edges** was given by **Paula Marquis**. She had prepared several examples of in progress and completed edges.

She then demonstrated the steps of making each type of edge, with the material preparation, layout, gluing, turning the edges, cutting the feather edges, flattening the rounded corners, mitering the square corners, laying out sewing lines properly, and sewing. Care in proper preparation, layout, tensioning, and sewing were stressed to eliminate wrinkles or wavy lines in the end product. A very informative demonstration.

Norm Lynds

Upcoming Events

Western Washington (Seattle/Tacoma/Everett) PSLAC CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

- General Member's meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of each Month, (noon till 4.00p.m. approx.) unless specified below.
- Meetings held at Issaquah Valley Senior Center, 75 NE Creek Way, Issaquah. WA. 98027.
- February meetings are held at MacPherson's Leather, 519 12th St. S., Seattle WA.

Mini-Demos (Start at Noon) followed by the General Meeting (Starts at 2PM).

January - Inverted Carving with Paula Marquis.

February - No Demo - Meeting at MacPhersons.

March - Sharpening tools with Andy Stasiak.

April -

May -

June - BBQ Picnic, Garage Sale and Bill Churchill Award.

July - UFO Workshop/Meeting at Tandy, Seattle

August - Summer Break.

September - Summer Break.

October -

November -

December -

All-Day Workshops.

January 31st - Carving and Stamping a dragon with Paula Marquis (to be finalized)

February 27th, 28th & 29th - Embossing the Wood Spirit with Andy Stasiak (Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday)

March 28th - Covering a Frame with Leather with Andy Stasiak.

April 25th - Colouring the dragon with Jackie Holliday (to be finalized)

May 30th - Carving and tooling (embossing optional) Karen Stelmack's Lion's Portrait with Paula Marquis

June 13th - Painting the Lion's Portrait with Karen Stelmack.

July 25th - Pacific Northwest Native Designs with Bob Stelmack.

August - (early) - Bob Beard - subject and date to be confirmed.

August - 29th & 30th - Making a box with Peter Main at Len's home.

September -

October -

November, December - Workshops will be considered if there are enough subjects and requests.

Breakfast informal get-together locations:

North breakfast >>> Last Friday of the month at 10:00 AM at: Crossroads Restaurant, 1904 201st Pl. S.E., Bothel. WA.

South breakfast >>> The 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM at: Oscar's Restaurant, 8726 S. Hosmer St., Tacoma, WA, phone: (253) 548 2419

Upcoming Events (cont.)

Eastern Washington (Tri-Cities or Spokane) CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Tri-Cities Desert Leathercraft Group (DLG) Member's meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of each Month, unless specified below.

- Informal meetings held at 2532 Banyon St., Richland, WA 99352 (call Bob at 509-392-2589 for directions). Google map reference: +46° 16' 19.20", -119° 18' 32.40"

General Meeting, Demos and Workshops.

January - OPEN

FREE Leathercrafting Classes

Arrangements have been made to present a series of **Weekly Leathercrafting Classes**. Larry and Anni Stirling are making available a large section of their business office workshop to be used to teach leathercraft. The initial idea is similar to what the leather group in Spokane does, by teaching basics for those who want basics and to teach and share advance techniques for those who are interested.

We would start with a project (or bring your own) and the class would teach the basic tools, tool sharpening, casing, design transfer, swivel knife use, stamping, coloring, dying and finishing.

The classroom/workshop would be open from 5-8pm every Monday evening starting November 3rd at 1910 N 4th Ave next door to Blue Cross Animal Hospital (Stirling Imaging, Inc). There are no fees and no limits on class sizes. ALL are welcome and ALL levels of experience are expected. For more information call Ivan (521-1371) or Bob (392-2589).

Spokane PSLAC East Member's meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of each Month, unless specified below.

- Informal meetings are held at: the Spokane Tandy Leather Factory Store, 28 West Boone Ave., Spokane. WA 99201.

General Meeting, Demos and Workshops.

Now that summer is passing, we are starting up the **Tandy Leather Factory** classes again. The schedule is the same with a few small changes:

1. It is still held on the **2nd Saturday of every month**
2. We are splitting the day into 2 sessions. The first session will be from 10 Am to Noon and the second session will be from 1 PM to whenever everyone gets tired. Feel free to attend either or both sessions and please bring your ideas, wants and/or needs so we can have classes that will be of a benefit to all of you.

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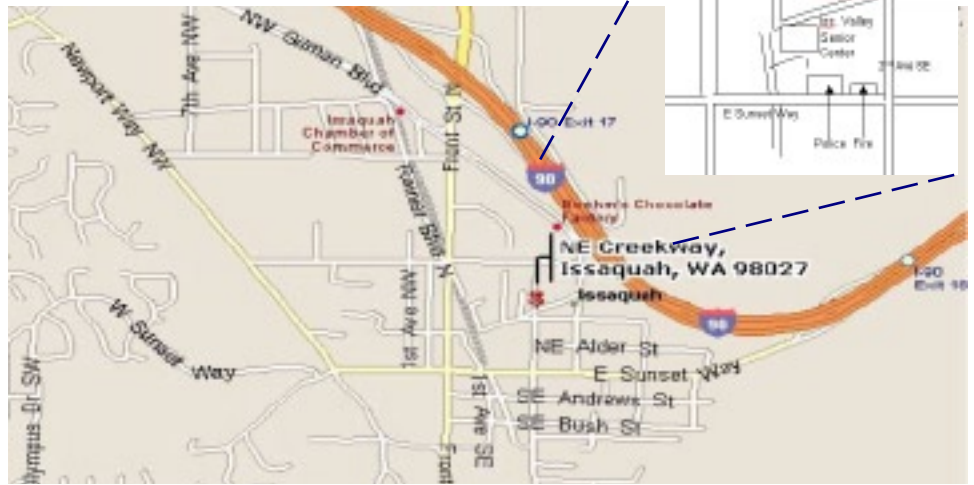
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