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/signed/  
Al & Ann Stohlman, December 1997

Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op

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### Jerrod's Christmas Present for His Father

Jerrod is one of the people taking the Desert Leathercraft Group's Monday Night classes

in Pasco, WA. The work you see here was done entirely by Jerrod. He looks like a future Al Stohlman Award winner.

### Meeting Announcement

#### NEXT MEETING

**8th February 2009**

February - No Demo - Meeting at MacPhersons (see location on last page)

## Tandy's Newest Leather-crafter

This is **Jim Linnell's** granddaughter. Lindsay is Jim Linnell's daughter and when I first met Lindsay at the **Tacoma Tandy** store she announced to me that she was going to be 3 in "**Beceember**".

I renamed Lindsay and called her Missy, so "Welcome Missy Jr to the world".

Statistics:

**Analisa Marie Hurst**

1/12/009

10:10 AM

6 lbs. 5 oz.

19 1/4 in.

**Dusty Wert**



## Workshop Co-ordinator's Report

We've had to make quite a few changes to our workshop schedule.

It is with regret that we won't be having the **two painting classes** and the **Pacific Northwest Native Designs** workshops. Not enough people signed up to make the workshops viable.

We do have the workshop on **Embossing the Wood Spirit** with **Andy Stasiak** at the end of February. It will be Friday evening the 27th from 6p.m to 9p.m. then Saturday all day (28th) from 9a.m. to 4p.m. and Sunday the 1st March from 10a.m. to 5p.m. or whatever time we need to finish. The cost for this workshop is \$75.00 for the three days and will be at the **Tandy Shop** in **North Seattle**. Andy said all materials will be supplied and he suggests we bring the following tools:

- ▶ Mallet
- ▶ Figure carving bevelers
- ▶ Scalpel
- ▶ Multi Blade knife (if you do not have a multi-blade knife - call Norm)
- ▶ Ball Modeler
- ▶ Modeling spoons
- ▶ Large Ball Modeler (again - if you do not have - call Norm)

If anybody is interested that has not signed up yet can come to me at the next meeting at **MacPhersons** and sign up then. There is space for 2 more people.

At the end of March (28th) we will have the workshop with **Andy Stasiak** on **Covering a Frame with Leather**. I haven't talked to him yet, but, I suspect it will be a frame large enough to put the wood spirit in. The cost of this workshop will be \$25.00 per person plus the cost of materials.

*Like to remind everybody that February's meeting will be at MacPhersons in Seattle and the doors will be open at 1.00p.m. so we can browse and buy before the meeting and again after the meeting.* There will be no mini-demo before the meeting.

At the March meeting we will have **Andy Stasiak** doing the pre-meeting **demo on Sharpening tools**. Should be very interesting and informative.

If anybody has any queries about the workshops, give me a call on (425) 438 1709. See you all at the meeting.

**Len Madison**  
Workshop Co-Ordinator.

## 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 blended wax.

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

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

**Bob Stelmack**  
Richland, WA

## Paula's Demonstration on Inverted Carving

The demonstration for the January PSLAC meeting was given by **Paula Marquis**. It was on **Inverted Carving**. She also had some practice pieces cased and with the pattern already cut with the swivel knife.

First, when deciding to do an inverted carving select a clean piece of leather, without any scratches, wrinkles, smudges, or other blemish. Then make sure that your fingernails are cut very short and smoothly filed on the ends. Take off your watch, roll up your sleeves if wearing a long sleeve shirt. You want nothing to touch the leather to leave any kind of mark or smudge.

When cutting the pattern lines with the swivel knife, be very careful to follow the pattern lines, and if by chance you move off the line, make sure that it is on the side of the line which is going to be beveled. Any mark or smudge on the leather is there to stay.

When beveling, only the outer lines of the pattern are beveled on the inside surface. The rest of the pattern is beveled and tooled in the normal fashion. Watch the transition points where the beveling goes from inside





to outside the cut line. This should be a very little over on both sides so that there

It was a very interesting demonstration, and may progress



is a smooth transition, not an abrupt one. After all the beveling is completed, smooth the beveling halo with a modeler. Tool and finish the inside of the pattern in the normal manner.

into a full day workshop.

**Norm Lynds**





### Correction from last month's news letter

- 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

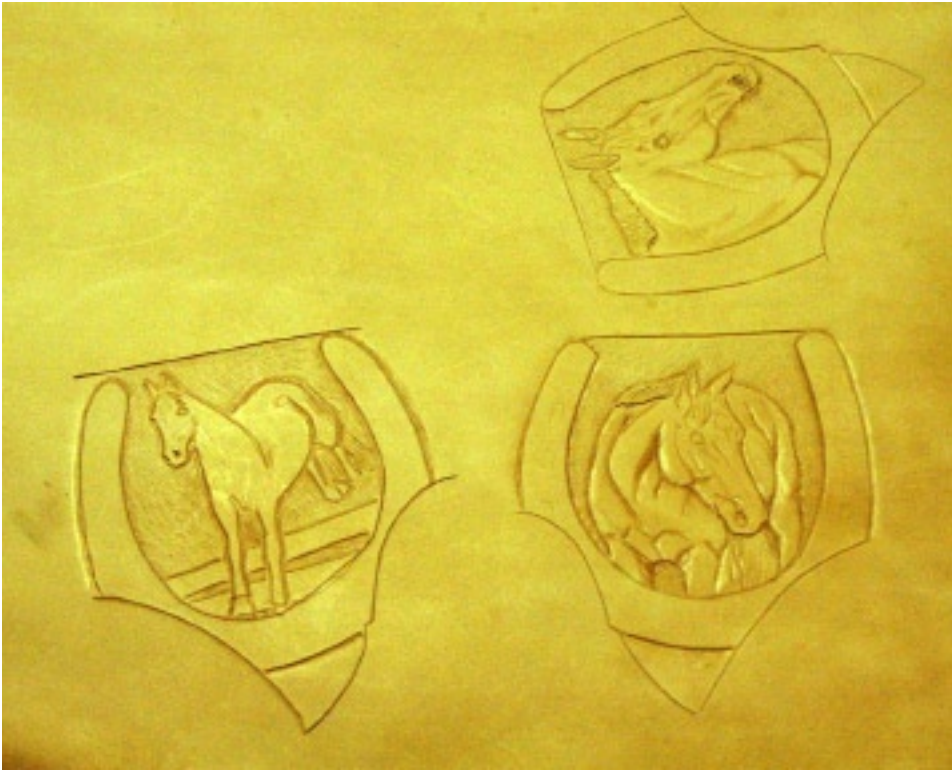




## Desert Leathercraft Group's Show-and-Tell

- 1-4 Ron Ginder's first wallet
- 5 Larry Sterling's stirrup leathers (The leather was from two different pieces so the leather took the dye differently. Larry says after a few time through the barn dropping, they will match.)
- 6 Larry Sterling's practice piece
- 7-8 Jessica's first hair-on-hide belt.





**Jessica's  
Practice  
Piece**





# 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).

February - No Demo - Meeting at MacPhersons.

March - Sharpening tools with Andy Stasiak.

April 5th - (Week early due to Easter Sunday) - Finishing with John Wickstrom. More demo than work.

May 3rd - (Week early due to Mother's Day) - Beader Blade Demo with Andy Stasiak

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 at Len's home.

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 -

May 30th -

June 13th -

July 25th -

August - (early) - Bob Beard - Necklace, date to be confirmed. Three day workshop.

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.

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**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  
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# 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.

February - 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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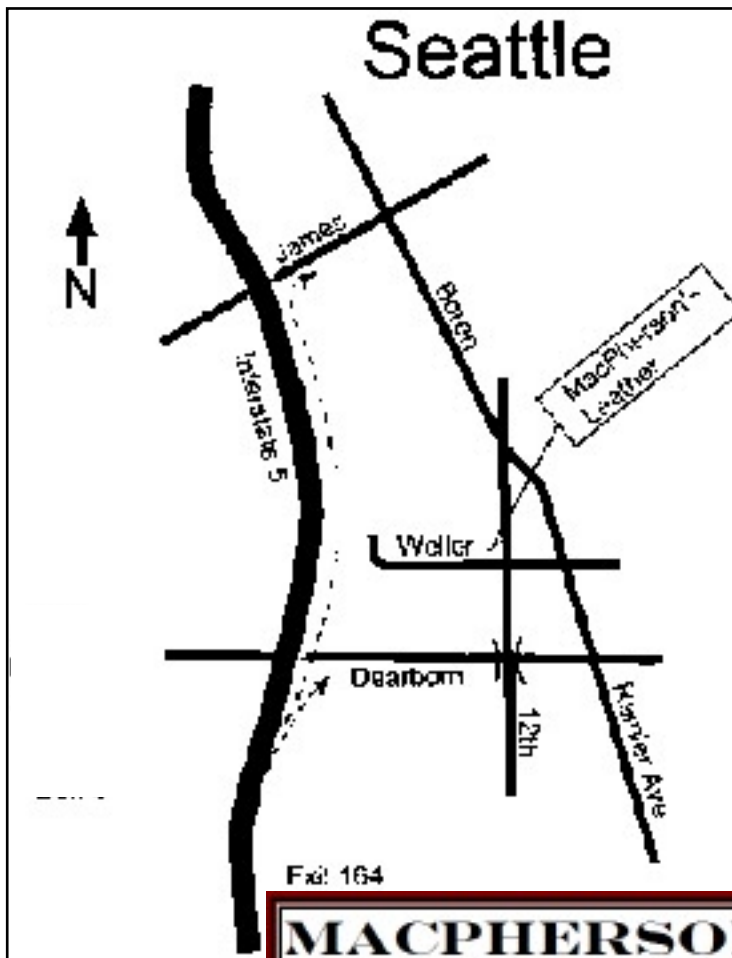
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