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Meeting Announcement

NEXT MEETING

8th March 2009

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

**Sharpening tools
with
Andy Stasiak**



Dragon Carving by Paula Marquis and the Dragon Coloring by Jackie Holliday—classes cancelled due to insufficient sign-ups. Please support your PSLAC Workshops and retain quality local workshops like these.

PSLAC East

We are starting the leather classes again now that everyone has gotten through the holidays.

The first class is this coming Saturday at the **Spokane Leather Factory** (W. 28 Boone) and they will continue as usual on the second Saturday of each month. Each class has two sessions. The morning session is from 10 AM to Noon and the second session is from 1 PM to 3 PM. You can attend either or both sessions.

During this coming Saturday's class, Stan will be teaching various techniques of sewing. If you have any of the following, please bring them as it will help keep the class on track. These are leather needles, thread, awl, groover, stitching wheel, bee's wax or paraffin and finally small needle nose pliers.

My part in the class will be to work with those of you who still have to finish your kit projects and when time, I will also be Stan's Gopher.

As an incentive to attend classes, PSLAC has arranged with **Ivan Sampson** to give away one of his **Fantastic Motorized Leather Burnishers** at the **PSLAC BBQ** this summer. To qualify for the drawing, your name will be put in a hat each time you attend one of our classes. The more classes you attend, the more chances you have to win.

Stan actually has one of these burnishers and will bring it to this Saturday's class for a demo so you can see what a deal it will be.

Be prepared to bring suggestions of what kinds of projects you want to see happen in class.

Reservations for the **Chan Geer** classes in June are still open. If you plan on attending either or both classes, please sign up now as Chan has to plan what supplies he needs to bring. See the attached for more information on his classes. If you want to see an actual example of the finished album, the Spokane Leather Factory has one of Chan's finished albums on display. We need at least 10 attendees or we will have to cancel the class.

Also consider **Bob Beards** class in August. Tentatively he will be teaching wearable leather Jewelry. I will have more information on it later.

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PSLAC-East Class of 2009

This past Saturday, we had standing room only for our first PSLAC-East class of 2009. As usual, **Stan McConnell** and I split the duties. Stan demonstrated various sewing techniques as well as burnishing edges using **Ivan Sampson's Fantastic Motorized Burnisher**. Since it was Valentines day, I downloaded **Jim Linnell's Sheridan Heart** from **Tandy's** latest email flyer and used it for the tooling part of the class

Cheryl Utley (Leather Factory manager) donated an **ECO-FLO** kit with daubbers for a door prize. **Bee Natural** also donated **Rudy's Tack and Saddle Conditioner and Finisher**. Both winners were pleasantly surprised when we pulled their names from a hat during one of our breaks..

Speaking of hats, here's a list of the people attending our class who want their names tossed in the hat for Ivan's burnisher.

1. Stan McConnell
2. Ken Bush
3. Woody Collins
4. Jackie Holliday
5. Steve Camp
6. Haley Rutledge
7. Kenny Berg
8. Debbie Berg
9. Todd Foster
10. Matthew Foster
11. Rob Price
12. Kathy Benditen
13. Steven Stannard
14. Haley Lundeby
15. Lynda Lundeby
16. Jim Clark
17. Laurie Clark
18. Bob McCoy



Some of the folks ready to tool. I was remiss in remembering their names except for **Todd Foster** and his son **Matthew**.



Except how could I forget **Haley Lundeby** and her mother **Lynda** who were new to us last year. Even though she was a beginner, **Haley** took **Chan Geers** class last summer and loved it. The big orange jug is my water bottle (tippy cup) which my wife bought me since I have a tendency to spill a lot.



Stan demonstrating sewing techniques.



Steve won the Rudy's Tack and Saddle Conditioner. He's going to use it on his farm and will report back next class on how he likes it.



Stan and Jackie seeing if Steve Camp was paying attention.



Matthew Foster won the ECO-FLO kit. Since he's the new kid on the block, we will make sure he has to use it in our next class.



Woody's latest Eagles.

PSLAC-East Class of 2009 Pictures

Chan Geer classes in Spokane this Spring

We are having **Chan Geer** to come to **Spokane** and do two workshops for us. The **Sheridan Style Pattern** and **Photo Album** classes in Rathdrum Idaho (25 miles east of Spokane). The pattern class is one day June 11, 2009 followed by the 3 day album class June 12 - 14 2009. See the attached for picture of album and additional information. Take both classes and get a reduced rate.

Don't wait until the last moment to sign up as Chan has to know ahead of time how much leather and supplies he needs to bring.

The first is a one day class (\$100) where we have three options (please let us know which one you prefer)

1. Learn how to create your own Sheridan style patterns.
2. Learn how to do different methods of basket weave.
3. Tool a Sheridan style wallet pattern which you can use later to create your own wallet.

The second is a three day class (\$200) on making a photo album. Chan set this up to appeal to different skill levels. You can tool as much or as little as you want. There are 4 different corner patterns where you can tool from 1 to four corners as well as mix and match any of the 4 corner patterns. You can also put a name or other tooling where the basket weave is in the center between the 4 corner patterns. It's open to your own creativity.

Attached is a picture of the photo album that Chan tooled for display at the Leather Factory in Spokane. I opened it out so you could see both sides. It looks even better in person so check it out after I leave it at the Leather Factory next Wednesday.

If you take both workshops, the combined cost of the workshops is \$275. Since we will be having the classes at the **Rathdrum Lions Club**, we also will be charging each participant an additional \$5 per day for room rent. If more than 10 participants sign up for a class, the room fee to each participant will be reduced accordingly.

We are tentatively scheduling the workshops

for either June 11 to 14 or June 18 to 21. If you would prefer a different date let us know immediately as we have to schedule the Lions club in advance.

FYI: We are also in contact with **Jim Linnell** to see if we can get him scheduled here sometime this year as well. More later if we succeed.

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PSLAC South Breakfast Meeting

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

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 is a 3 day class following the pattern class and focuses 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. You will have a choice of 4 different floral patterns from easy to advanced and can mix and match them.

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:

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: Bring your own stamping tools plus a 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 assortment of Sheridan style tools for sale.

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Bob Beard Wearable Leather Jewelry Class

Just got off the phone with **Bob Beard**. We hope to schedule his wearable **Leather Jewelry Class** in late July or early Aug. Again, just like Chan's class, we need advance notice from you so we can actually schedule the class. Please let me know if you want to take his class. Here are some pictures that indicate the possible class project.

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Workshop Co-ordinator's Report

Easter is not far away and **we are having our April meeting a week early** - that is on **April 5th** - because of Easter Sunday falling on our regular meeting day. The mini-demo for this meeting will be with **John Wickstrom on Finishing**. This will be more demo than work, so bring notepad and pencil. John always gets such good results on his work. We should get a lot of information and guidance so we can improve our projects too.

The All-day Workshop at the end of March (Saturday 28th) will be **Covering a Frame with Leather**. **Andy Stasiak** will be conducting this workshop and he does a really great job on his frames. The frame we'll be doing will be the correct size to fit our Wood Spirit into. Sign ups for this workshop will be at this month's meeting. The class will cost \$25.00 plus the cost of materials. It will be at the **Tandy shop on Aurora Avenue from 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m.**

At the moment we are looking at the possibility of having **Carol Gessel** do an all-day workshop in October and Making a Pair of Chaps (chink style with fringe). This workshop will be at Carol's place at Monroe. I would like to get an idea of how many people are interested in this workshop, so please let me know at the meeting.

Barbara told us at the last meeting that there is another **Scout event at the Pacific Raceway in May** and she would like some help with demonstrations at the event, so anybody interested talk to Barbara at the meeting.

At the May meeting **Andy** will do the demo of **How to Use and Get the Best from your Beader Blade**. Bring some leather, water dish, sponge, mallet, swivel knife, beveler and your various beader blades as well as a set of dividers.

At the **June** meeting we'll have our **Picnic, Garage Sale and the Bill Churchill Award**.

Also, at the end of June (Saturday 27th) we are looking at an all-day workshop with **John Wickstrom on Making and Designing a Leather Folder**. At the moment we are not sure of the venue for this workshop. Will have more information in the near future.

If anybody has any questions or wants to sign up for workshops, give me a call on (425) 438 1709.

Len Madison
Workshop Co-Ordinator.

The Bill Churchill Children's Leather Program 8th Annual AWARD Nomination Form for the Year 2009

PSLAC Mission is...

- To further the enjoyment of leather and to help others learn more about the real joy of leather - working as a group and sharing ideas and knowledge of leather, its uses and how to use it. To pass on this knowledge to others and then have them pass it on to the new members who come later.
- Form a fellowship with peers, young and old, expert and non-expert, anyone who has the love of leather.
- To show and demonstrate to people outside the Co-Op leather in all forms and try to help them to become interested in leather...to share...time and talent, with all others in the Co-Op -- especially the young.

The **Bill Churchill Children's Leather Program Award** is designed to recognize PSLAC members who are caring on those principles of the PSLAC mission.

Nominations can be made by any PSLAC member and should be in writing. This form can be used, or any other written method is acceptable.

The nominations should give reasons and examples why they feel the nominee should receive an award.

- How have they helped further the craft?
- Are they active in PSLAC activities?
- Do they help promote leather craft by fair entries, demonstrations, etc.
- Have they helped generate interest in others to pursue the craft.
- Are they willing to share knowledge for the benefit of all.

The PSLAC directors will make the decision for each year and the award will be a once in a person's lifetime. The award will include a medal similar to the Stohlman award with a replica of Bill's hands and his axiom: C.O.P.I.

(confidence–observation–practice–imagination).

Send your **nominations by April 30th** to:

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WA, 98071, USA
...or... email to: stelmack@nwlinc.com

RULES:

1. The award may only be won once in a lifetime.
2. The Directors will evaluate the nominations and decide on a winner – one each year.
3. If one of the Directors is nominated, that Director will be replaced by another PSLAC member for the purposes of selecting a winning nomination.
4. The award will be give out at the summer PSLAC Annual Bar-B-Que.
5. Nominations will be due by April 30th.

**The Bill Churchill Children's Leather
Program
AWARD Nomination Form for the Year
2009**

(Give examples for each category):

▶ *How have they helped further the craft?*

▶ *Are they active in PSLAC activities?*

▶ *Do they help promote leather craft by fair entries,
demonstrations, etc.?*

▶ *Are they willing to share knowledge for the benefit of
all?*

***Previous Recipients of the Bill
Churchill Award:***

Woody Collins (2002)
Bob Stelmack (2003)
Dusty Wert (2004)
Ken Imus (2005)
Paula Marquis (2006)
General Seymour (2006
Special Recognition Award)
Dave Jensen (2007)
Jackie Holliday (2008)

Name of Nominator: _____

Date: _____

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).

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 - Summer Break / UFO Workshop / Meeting at Tandy, Seattle

August - Summer Break. No Meeting

September - Summer Break.

October -

November -

December -

All-Day Workshops.

March 28th - Covering a Frame with Leather with Andy Stasiak at Tandy in Seattle..

April 25th -

May 30th -

June 26th & 27th - (Friday and Saturday) Leather Folder design and make with John Wickstrom (venue possibly Tandy, Tacoma, to be confirmed)

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.

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"

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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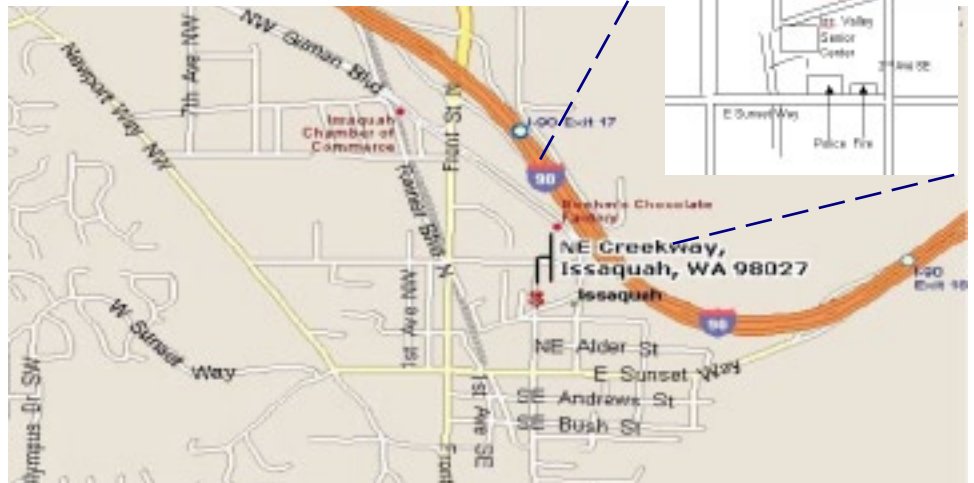
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Hobart becomes Front Street S, which takes you into downtown Issaquah. Turn right onto E Sunset Way, then see below:

After turning onto E Sunset Way:

go two blocks (past the Police and Fire Stations), turn left onto 2nd 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. **Address: 75 NE Creekway, Issaquah, WA 98027**

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