

# Raw Hide PSLAC Gazette

"Without question, the Raw Hide Gazette is by far the best and most informative and comprehensive Guild publications of all of them! You are to be commended for your very fine and professional efforts. Keep up the good work. With admiration"/signed/ Al & Ann Stohlman, December 1997

Copyright © 2010 by PSLAC, All Rights Reserved

Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op

December 2010

## Hide Highlights

Page:

- 1 Hawaiian Leather
- 3 PSLAC-East Craft Shows
- 4 PSLAC-East Monthly Class
- 5 Bobby Rose's Holster Class
- 6 Workshop Report
- 7 Upcoming Events



### Hawaiian Leather

Recently we spent a week in Hawaii on the big Island. In the village of Naalehu I saw

#### Meeting Announcement

#### NEXT MEETING

**Sunday, December  
12th**

*(See map on last page)*

a shop, Wildbull Leatherworks. Naturally, I had to stop and look in. Shop was closed, Sunday. But, the stop was not wasted, as a block away is a fantastic bakery, claims to be the southernmost bakery in the US. Then, across the street a restaurant claiming to be the southernmost restaurant in the US.

A couple days later we were back, and this time the shop was open. I met the owner **Ronald Scharf** and his apprentice **Shaunlee Blaine**. Ron was born and raised in Nebraska, moved around for a while, and spent quite awhile in Medford, Oregon. When he retired, he liked the weather in Hawaii, and moved there.

He taught himself leather work and saddle making and set up shop. He does very little tooling, maybe some corners. He does do some border stamping and basket weave, but his clients just can not afford the expense of tooling, as this is a rather depressed area. He does quite a bit of repairs on saddles and tack, lots of damage and mold from the wet weather.

Shaunlee is apprenticing to become a saddle maker. While I was there she was fitting a pattern to the seat of the saddle that she is making.

While he doesn't list it, if the bakery and restaurant can claim to be the southernmost, I think that he can also claim to be the southernmost saddle maker in the US.

South Point, the southernmost spot in the US is 12 miles off the highway down a narrow paved road, until you get close to the point. There it turns in to a very powdery red dust. The remains (some foundations and walkways) of a WWII Army training camp are at South Point. It is the dry season, and everything is either brown or grey. There were a few horses



and very few cattle in the pastures. I imagine it would be a whole lot different during the wet season. Very short and windblown trees are there. The point is surrounded by short cliffs. We only saw one spot where

there was access to the water, but we could not get close, as I would of wiped out the undercarriage of the rental car on the rocks. I don't think they would of appreciated that. Fortunately, that night it rained where we were staying and pretty much washed the dust off the car.

**Norm Lynds**





## PSLAC-East Craft Shows

How many times have you heard the phrase “Leathercraft is a dying art”?

**Woody Collins** and I went to two craft shows in November trying to dispel that rumor. The first was held at **Central Valley H.S.** in the **Spokane Valley** where I ran into a woman who is working hard to dispel that same rumor about her craft.

**Ioana Frunza Rodgers** does absolutely fabulous work with lowly eggs. These eggs are called **Ukrainian or Pysanka Eggs** and are better known nowadays as Easter Eggs, They originated in Eastern Europe during early Pagan times as a celebration of surviving the Winter and were shown in the Spring as a symbol of the coming fertility or rebirth in the fields. Ioana gave me some information on the meanings and history of the decorations and colors but there too many variations to do her work justice so the best thing I can do is give you a link to go to for some history.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pysanka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pysanka)

The following week, we went to the **University H.S.** show in the **Spokane Valley** where customers were very elusive. Quite a few vendors left with nothing to show for their efforts. We feel fortunate that we managed to pay for our booth and some of our gas.

### Ken Bush

White Rose Leather  
11923 E. Fairview Ave.  
Spokane Valley, WA 99206  
whiterosex@aol.com  
509.926.2087



Photo 1: Woody demonstrating the craft for customers at the CV show.



Photo 2: Pillows from my earlier sewing phase. I got the idea for the designs while vacationing at Kalaloch and watching the wind blow sand around pebbles on the beach.



Photo 3: We met fellow vendor Ioana and her Ukrainian eggs at the Central Valley HS show.



Photo 4: Notice the intricate detail in her eggs. I believe she uses duck eggs. You have to see them up close to appreciate.

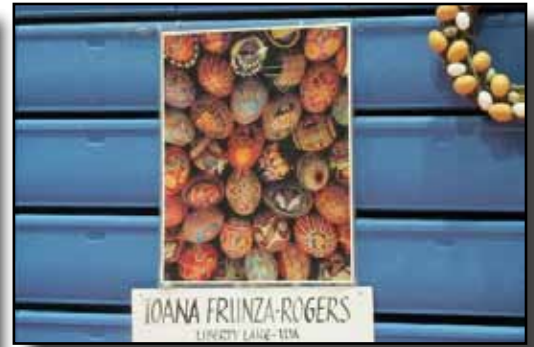


Photo 5: Ioana teaches the art of Ukrainian Eggs locally.



Photo 6: Woody and I during a brief calm at CV.



Photo 7: More of my phases at the U-Hi show. Obviously the major influence after my sewing phase comes from Chan Geer and his Sheridan style carving and basket stamping. Holsters are becoming my latest phase.



Photo 8: Woody hard at work as usual. Notice! no customers in the background. Except for a brief lunch hour crowd, it was pretty much deserted.



## PSLAC-East Monthly Class

While Woody and I were at the University craft show, **Stan McConnell** presented a class on the **American Beauty Rose** at the PSLAC-East 2nd Saturday class at the Spokane Leather Factory. This time about 18 attendees showed up and almost swamped Stan. Fortunately **Steve Camp** and **Louie Reedy** were among those showing so Stan put them to work helping with the class.

Photo 1: Louie Reedy helping a group at the round table.

Photo 2: Stan with part of his group.

Photo 3: Steve Camp assisting another student. Normally he is not this shy so you will have to guess what he looks like.

Photo 4: There are three separate classes going on at the same time. Thanks to Louie and Steve for assisting Stan.

### Ken Bush

White Rose Leather  
11923 E. Fairview Ave.  
Spokane Valley, WA 99206





## Bobby Rose's Holster Class

I got a call from **Chan Geer** while he was doing a class in Portland Oregon. One of the attendees in Chan's class was **Bobby Rose** who taught holster making on the coast and Chan recommended that we consider Bobby for a holster class up here in Spokane. After seeing Bobby's work I scheduled a class for late November which is always a risk because of the unpredictable weather. The class consisted of several phases. First Bobby talked about the history and requirements of holster making. Then he showed us how to make a pattern for any type of gun using a simple manilla folder and whatever gun you had handy. To keep everybody on the same page, Bobby supplied his own finished pattern for a Ruger which we then cut out and assembled. Finally he ended by showing us his method of finishing. All the while he interspersed his instructions with tips and techniques that were valuable in perfecting our own techniques.

It snowed the last day of the class and later got down to 2 degrees (F) above zero. I hope everyone made it home safely.

Photo 1: Some of Bobby's work.

Photo 2: One of Bobby's albums obviously made with Chan's influence.

Photo 3: The class was designed for making a Cheyenne style pattern for a revolver. My apologies if I slowed down the class but I don't own a revolver so I brought my 9mm pistol instead. Here is a sample of how a finished Pancake concealment holster should look.

Photo 4: Lots of notes were taken.

Photo 5: First aid being administered after Bobby brushed lightly against his head knife. Talk about sharp..

Photo 6: Bobby applying his pattern to leather.

Photo 7. Some of the Rowdies in the class

Photo 8: More Rowdies

Photo 9: Even more rowdies.

Photo 10: We gathered around Bobby's table for a lot of the instruction.

Ken Bush  
White Rose Leather  
11923 E. Fairview Ave.  
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

whiterosex@aol.com  
509.926.2087



## Workshop Report

The last meeting for the year. The year has passed very swiftly despite the fact that we did not have very many all day workshops. The economy seems to have slowed that down. Hopefully we can have more workshops next year with a better economy and generate more enthusiasm.

There will be no club give-away in the December meeting, but, we will have a gift exchange. This was mentioned two months ago and everybody was reminded last month, so we should all have our gifts made and wrapped ready to bring to the meeting. For those who do not wish or have time to make something and still wish to join in the gift giving, purchase of a gift (not exceeding the value of \$20). This gift exchange of course is not compulsory and anybody not wishing to join is still expected to come to the meeting so we can all enjoy each other's company.

Just want to remind everybody to bring the **box pattern** that was handed out last month and leather and all the necessary tools so that we can commence the project, which can then be completed bit by bit at each meeting.

**Paula** will publish the pattern in the January **RawHide Gazette** with ideas and instructions for making the box for all our members everywhere to make and then send in photos of their finished product. Those photos we can then put in the RawHide Gazette for everybody to enjoy seeing the various results that can be attained from a simple pattern.

See you all at the meeting.

**Len Madison**

Workshop Co-Ordinator.

# Upcoming Events

## Western Washington (Seattle/Tacoma/Everett) PSLAC CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

- General Member's meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of each Month, (1:00pm 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.

***Change in Start time and order of the meeting and demo:***

**General Meeting (Start at 1PM) followed by the Mini-Demos (Starts at right after General Meeting) .**

**All-Day Workshops.**

-----  
***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  
-----

## Eastern Washington (Tri-Cities or Spokane) CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

**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"

**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.**

Class is at the Spokane Leather Factory. W 28 Boone in Spokane. Our new hours will be 10 AM to 1 PM. No more split sessions. Contact Ken Bush for time, date (normally the second Saturday) and details:

Ken Bush  
White Rose Leather  
11923 E. Fairview Ave.  
Spokane Valley, WA 99206  
whiterosex@aol.com  
Phone: 509.926.2087



# PSLAC Members Only Advertisement Page

Any PSLAC Member can advertise leather related products or services, subject to approval. Just send your text, picture and/or logo to [stelmack@nwlinc.com](mailto:stelmack@nwlinc.com)



## MARQUIS UNIQUE LEATHER ARTISTRY, LLC

I make almost anything that can be made from leather and can be sewn by hand. A lot of my works are 'bespoke items', meaning, one of, individual custom requests, ranging anywhere from books and folders to rifle scabbards, holsters and golf bags, fully carved and stamped, and any and all articles in between, which also includes moulded bowls and pictures.

Phone: (206)-523-6295

E-mail: [marquispg@aol.com](mailto:marquispg@aol.com)

[www.marquisuniqueleather.com](http://www.marquisuniqueleather.com)



Black Horse Leatherworks & Saddlery specializes in high quality & unique custom western tack and apparel. We make some English items such as Schooling chaps & Stall items. We make all our leather items one at a time, by hand per our clients specifications.

C.E. Gessell, Owner

*Our Motto: If you can imagine it... we can create it!*

## Fantastic Leather Burnisher

- ▶ New and Improved
- ▶ Faster than ever
- ▶ Cuts burnishing time by 90%
- ▶ Improves quality and appearance
- ▶ Consistent finish in a single pass
- ▶ New products available



For more information call 509-946-4247  
View our eBay Store:  
<http://stores.ebay.com/scentofleather>  
Visa & Mastercard orders accepted by phone

**New Edge Finishing System Available**

## DIAMOND P LEATHER SHOP PHIL O'NEILL

Saddlery: New, Used-Repair  
Custom Made Leather Goods  
25051 - 180 Ave SE, Kent WA 98042  
Hours By Appointment Or By Chance  
(253) 631-9770

This Is A One-Man Outfit  
All Custom & Repairs Are Crafted By Myself  
E-mail: [wsubarbara@gmail.com](mailto:wsubarbara@gmail.com)

## Custom Maker Stamps Grey Ghost Graphics By Jeff Mosby

Custom maker stamps, laser cut acrylic templates and custom tapoffs for the leather craft field. Custom cut from your artwork at reasonable rates!

P.O. Box 30268, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
(866) 205-9810 or (843) 903-4788

[www.greyghostgraphics.com](http://www.greyghostgraphics.com)



## Norm Lynds, Toolmaker

Mallets, Modelers, embossing tools, lifters and others on request

Phone: (425) 357-1001

E-mail: [sagerat2003@yahoo.com](mailto:sagerat2003@yahoo.com)

**Leather Big Book Covers**  
[www.leatherbigbookcovers.com](http://www.leatherbigbookcovers.com)  
by Bob Stelmack,  
Desert Leathercraft LLC



# Leather Company Advertisement Page

Support our sponsors and take advantage of the PSLAC Membership Discounts...

## Tandy Leather Factory

*Offering Members wholesale club discount to PSLAC members*

The Leather Factory #21 PORTLAND  
Toll Free: 888-277-3360  
13221 NE Whitaker Way Portland, OR 97230

Tandy Leather #126 SEATTLE  
Toll Free: 866-220-9698  
14713 Aurora Ave N Seattle, WA 98133

The Leather Factory #09 SPOKANE  
Toll Free: 800-822-8437  
28 W Boone Ave Spokane, WA 99201

Tandy Leather #124 TACOMA  
Toll Free: 888-222-0510  
13819-C Pacific Ave South Tacoma, WA 98444

## FERDCO



In the US - Contact Ferdco Toll Free  
@ 1-800-645-0197  
International - 1-208-689-3006  
Fax - 1-208-689-3008  
E-mail - ferdco@smgazette.com

*Offering a discount to the PSLAC members of a 10% off of any parts and supplies ordered and 2% off of any equipment (sewing machines ,etc.)*

Outside Washington  
1-800-343-9949

(206) 328-0855  
Fax: 328-0859

## MACPHERSON

*Leather Company*

Leather, Shoe Finding and Saddlery

*Offering a 30-40% off retail discount to the PSLAC members*

519 - 12th Avenue S.  
Seattle, Washington 98144



Toll Free:  
(800) 541-3264  
**Bee Natural  
Leather-  
care**  
*The ultimate in  
leather care prod-  
ucts*

P.O. Box 820803, Vancouver, WA, 98682-0018  
(360) 891-7178 , FAX: (360) 891-7166  
E-mail: [bnatura@pacifier.com](mailto:bnatura@pacifier.com)

## GLOBAL LEATHERS



Web site: [www.globalleathers.com](http://www.globalleathers.com)  
Telephone : 212-244-5190  
Fax : 212-594-7515  
E-mail: [globalleathers@usa.net](mailto:globalleathers@usa.net)  
Paul Crystal

*Offering a discount to PSLAC members*

## BRETTUNS VILLAGE LEATHER

Selling odd lots, miscellaneous overstocks,  
bargain leathers and leathercraft  
accessories, all from Maine, only online

Sides, Full Hides, Buckles, Key Rings, Laces, Thread,  
Tools, Rivets, Scrap Pieces, Elk & Buffalo Scrap

**Always Free Shipping in the 48 States**

[www.brettunsvillage.com](http://www.brettunsvillage.com)

## Steve Derricott



Twister D Products  
301 E. Bower St.  
Meridian, Idaho 83742  
(208) 884-3766 - Fax (208) 884-3767  
A Division of Gfeller Casemakers, Inc.  
[www.lacemaster.com](http://www.lacemaster.com)

*Offering a 10% discount to the PSLAC members*

## Leather, Suede, Skins, Inc.



261 West 35th Street  
11th Floor, New York, NY 10001  
Tel: (212) 967-6616  
Fax: (212) 564-5759  
[www.leathersuedeskins.com](http://www.leathersuedeskins.com)  
Email: [leather.suede.skis@att.net](mailto:leather.suede.skis@att.net)

*Offering a 10% discount to the PSLAC members*



## Dusty Johnson

PLEASANT VALLEY SADDLE SHOP  
1220 S. County Rd. 21  
Loveland, CO 80537  
Phone: (970) 669-1588  
Fax: (970) 669-1589  
E-Mail: [dusty@pvsaddleshop.com](mailto:dusty@pvsaddleshop.com)  
URL: <http://www.pvsaddleshop.com>

*Offering a 20% discount to the PSLAC members*

*RawHide Gazette*

**Editor / Publisher:** Desert Leathercraft LLC  
**Co-Founders:** Bill Churchill & General Seymour  
**Treasurer/Secretary:** Barbara Lourdes

The *RawHide Gazette* is published monthly (12 times a year). Address for information and correspondence: PSLAC, c/o Barbara Lourdes, PO Box 1144, Auburn, WA, 98071, USA, E-mail: [billing@pslac.org](mailto:billing@pslac.org)

The *RawHide Gazette* is provided to the Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op as a part of their membership benefits. Annual dues are \$24.00 USD per year.

All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and length. All articles submitted must be accompanied by name, address and permission of writer.

**Advertising Rates**

The RawHide Gazette now offers advertising space to interested parties. Ad spaces are as follows:

- 1/4 Page or Business Card ..... \$60 USD
- 1/2 Page.....\$110 USD
- 1 Full Page .....\$200 USD

These rates cover a six month time period. PSLAC members are entitled to a 25% discount. Leather companies supporting PSLAC are given free Business Card size advertisement, additional space at regular rates.

The Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op can be found at:

<http://pslac.org>



**Taking I-90**

**From Auburn:** come north on Hwy167, or I-5, then I-405 north, then onto I-90, going east:

**From Everett:** South on I-5 to 405 South, or to I-90, going east:

From I-90 get off on exit 17/Front St., and bear right onto Front Street. At the third stoplight, turn left onto E Sunset Way, then see below:

**Taking Hwy 18 from around Auburn to Issaquah**

Get on Hwy 18 going East, from Auburn, it's about 12 miles to Maple Valley, then at about 2 ½ miles after Maple Valley, look for the turn off to Issaquah Hobart Rd SE, turn onto ramp 276th Ave SE and go 0.6 miles, bear left onto Issaquah Hobart Rd SE. It's about 8 ½ miles from there to Issaquah.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**PSLAC**  
**c/o Barbara Lourdes**  
**PO Box 1144**  
**Auburn, WA 98071**  
**USA**

