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March 2015

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This is a picture of Akiko Okada and of course myself. We met at the Rocky Mountain Leather Show in Sheridan WY last May. She was the recipient of the Al Stohlman Award for leathercraft 2 years ago.

This is from Ken Bush and it looks like a really great workshop from an extremely talented lady. A good



Name card case

opportunity to pick up new techniques for tooling and working leather. If you are interested in going I would suggest calling for emailing Ken ASAP to make sure of a place in the class as I think this one will fill up quickly.

Paula Marquis

I found that she can adjust her schedule to come to Spokane this May 23 & 24 and teach her style of tooling leather provided enough people are interested. Her project would



either be a Name Card Case or her A5 panel for a wall hanging.

The class would be held as usual out at the Lions club in Rathdrum Idaho. The class would be two full days and include all materials needed. You would only have to provide your

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Next Meeting on
Sunday March 8th at
1:00 PM

*Meet at The Cedar Grange Hall
No. 534 at Maple Valley
(See last page for map
& directions)*

Akiko Okada leather class in May



own stone and tools. I will be posting full information as soon as I can and the cost will be \$240 per person.

If you are interested let me know ASAP as she has to make plans in advance in order to lock down prices for returning to Japan. Also indicate which project you would prefer. Either the Name Card Case or the A5 Wall Panel.

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A5 Panel examples (just one of these in the class)

Here are some pictures of Akiko's award winning work



Akiko Okada leather class in May



Workshop Report

WORKSHOP REPORT - MARCH 2015.

Spring has arrived, at least the beautiful weather of the past week has been screaming SPRING! So many trees are already blossoming.

OK down to business, the March workshop we will be doing the first part (tooling) of the Peter Main journal cover.

The following are the materials and tools that each person needs to bring to the meeting:

9" x 15" piece of leather 5oz is perfect, acceptable is either 4/5oz or 5/6oz tooling leather. It needs to be glued down with rubber cement to a piece of matting board.

Swivel knife (preferably with a shallow angle Peter Main blade).

Dish for water and a sponge

Stamping stone
Mallet
Plain Bevelers, medium and small.

Various sized modeling spoons, if you have Peter Main's modeling spoon that will be all that is needed. It's all Peter Main ever uses.

Paula has bought a quantity of the journals for the project at a cost of \$4.00 each. She said the ones Peter Main had were \$11.00 each. The ones Paula got were the same size, not quite as thick and not quite as fancy, but, still adequate for the job.

With all the tooling done at the March meeting and giving the leather time to dry, the first part of the coloring will be done at the April meeting, as well as cutting and assembling the small old style Australian coin purse. Also

needed will be sponges, paper towels and heavy paper to protect the table tops. For those who don't like getting dye on their hands gloves will be needed.

The coloring of the main panel of the journal will take all afternoon and will be done at the May meeting. Paula

techniques of Sheridan style tooling. Highly recommend this workshop. At the end of June Chan Geer will be in Spokane for his annual workshop, always fun and lots of learning. Then the first weekend in September Peter Main will be in Spokane for his annual workshop, not sure exactly what project yet, but, they



has purchased all the dyes necessary for this and everybody needs to bring their own brushes and pallets as well as paper towels and some heavy brown or white paper to protect the table tops. A no.5 round brush will be needed. Peter Main uses a separate brush for each color.

Since we are this far down the year we can look ahead a little more and mention that there will be no workshop at the June meeting as this is our annual social get together, garage sale and BBQ. Put it on your calendar bring your spouses and come and have a good time.

A couple more reminders about up coming events: Akiko Okada will be in Spokane at the end of May to do a workshop on her style and

are always worth attending.

That's all for now, see you at the meeting.

Len Madison
Workshop Co-ordinator

Well it's that time of year again, coming up on the Cascade Mountain Men Muzzle Loading Arms and Pioneer Craft Show at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington. This year it is on Saturday, March 7th from 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, March 8th from 9 AM to 3 PM. This is the largest show of its kind and has traders and demonstrators from all over the country. It commemorates Colonial America, to the Fur Trade era and up to the Civil War. It has traditional (pre-1840) muzzle loading firearms, gun parts, and accessories, shooting supplies, leather and fur goods, period clothing and camping gear, early and Native American crafts, primitive archery, trade goods, craft supplies, beads, art, and historical and how-to books. There are live demonstrations for blacksmithing, wool spinning, hand-weaving, wood carving and more. This is a very colorful event and can be good place to get some ideas for projects and supplies. Leatherworking will be mainly traditional, not a lot of carved pieces, but lots of bags and clothing made from deer, elk, and moose. There are usually some vendors that have brain tanned hides, as well. All the vendors dress-up in period clothing, and the folks from many of the local black powder shooting clubs dress up in their traditional garb, and make a day of it. Admission is \$5 per day and parking is free. I'll have some tables there and Andy Stasiak with north Tandy will have a booth. Come out and see us and have a great time. For directions visit: www.evergreenfair.org/site-map.htm

Other PSLAC news: we've had great demos after our short business meetings over the last four to five months. Coming up we're going to be making a folder with some of the tips and techniques that Paula

learned from a class last year, and a small wallet. I think Paula or Len will be discussing projects further, elsewhere in this RG. They'll both involve some layout, cutting, stamping, coloring and assembly. They look like really interesting projects with some good techniques to learn. Hope to see you all there at the upcoming meetings on the second Sunday of the month, at the Maple Valley Grange Hall.

Ken Eriksen



Western Washington (Seattle/Tacoma/Everett) PSLAC CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2015

General Member's meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of each Month unless specified below. 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM approx.

• Meetings held at Cedar Grange Hall No. 534 at Maple Valley General meetings start at 1:00 PM followed by the mini-demos

Breakfast informal get-together locations:

North Breakfast >>> Last Friday of the month at 10:00 AM. Lake Forest Park Town Centre. 17917 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell, WA 98012 Bothell Way N, bordered by 170th N. & Ballinger Way N. Meet in the Third Place Books eating area

South Breakfast >>> 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM. Homestead. 7837 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409 (253) 476-9000

All Day-Workshop Schedule for 2015:

Mar 7-8 Cascade Mountain Men Muzzle Loading Arms and Pioneer Craft Show at Evergreen State Fairgrounds

Mar 8 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting - Journal folder tooling

Apr 12 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting - Journal folder coloring & Coin purse

May 3 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting - Journal folder coloring

May 23-24? Akiko Okada leather class in Spokane

Jun 14 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting - Garage sale and BBQ

Jun TBA Chan Geer workshop in Spokane end of June

Jul 12 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting.

Aug 9 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting.

Sep 5-6? Peter Main will be in Spokane

Sep 13 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting.

Oct 11 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting.

Nov 8 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting.

Dec 13 1:00—4:00 PM Cedar Grange General meeting.

Eastern Washington (Tri –Cities) Desert LeatherCraft Group (DLG) PSLAC CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2015

Tri-Cities Desert LeatherCraft Group Member's meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of each month unless specified below:

- Informal meetings held at Spokane Tandy Leather Factory Store, 1702 North Monroe Street, Spokane, WA 99205 (Call (509) 328-9939 for directions).

Eastern Washington (Spokane) PSLAC East PSLAC CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2015

PSLAC East Member's meetings are on the 1st Saturday of each Month unless specified below. 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM approx.

- Informal meetings held at Spokane Tandy Leather Factory Store, 1702 North Monroe Street, Spokane, WA 99205 Contact Ken Bush for time, date (normally the 1st Saturday) & details.

We are members of PSLAC-East (Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-op). The East is because we are East of the Cascade Mountains. We offer classes in leathercraft at the Spokane Tandy Leather Factory store. These classes are free and open to the public. An informational newsletter is sent out prior to each class with a short description of the class, whom the instructor will be and what tools will be needed. We also schedule ad-hoc classes which are announced in the newsletter. To be on our mailing list for class notifications, please send an email (including your full name) to whiterose@aol.com requesting to be on the PSLAC-East mailing list.

All Day-Workshop Schedule for 2015:

May 23-24? Akiko Okada leather class in Spokane

Jun TBA Chan Geer workshop in Spokane end of June

Sep 5-6? Peter Main will be in Spokane

Ideas for Future classes: Masks, Sporrans, Holsters – w/clip, Embossing, Celtic knot carving, Picture frames, Horse Tack

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A Word to Our Readers

Please send your tips for "Did You Know ...?". What we'd like are short items on tricks you have discovered while working with leather which might be helpful to your fellow artisans. It could be a type of material or a technique or some other item that you have found useful in your leatherwork and you would be willing to share with others. So if you don't have an article (which we would also gladly accept!) but you may have a tip or trick that you have found works please drop us a line at dblyman@yahoo.com. Please include your name and email address so we can let others know who you are. Thank you. David Lyman, Editor

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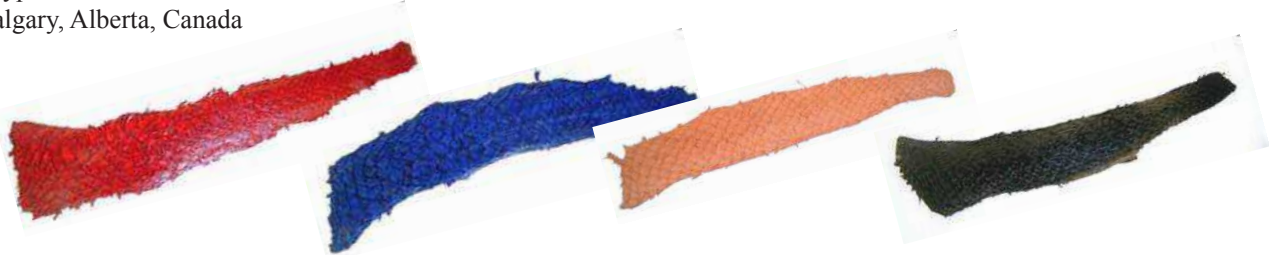
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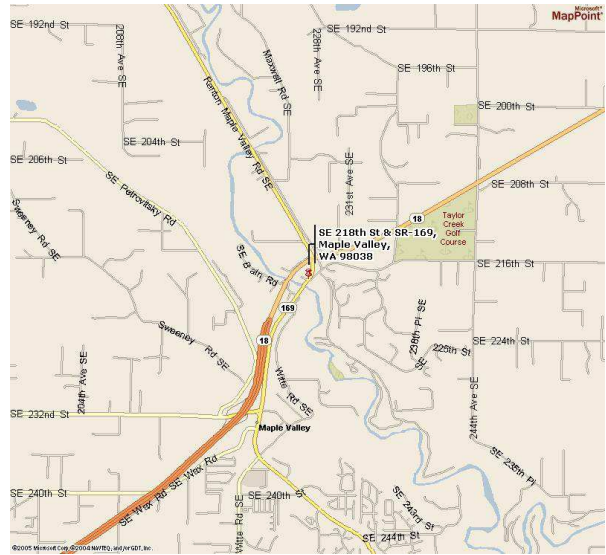
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