

# RawHide Gazette

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/signed/

Al & Ann Stohlman, December 1997

Puget Sound Leather Artisans Co-Op

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## February PSLAC Meeting

Our February PSLAC meeting was held at the Cedar Grange in Maple Valley, WA. (see [www.pslac.org](http://www.pslac.org) website for directions). This month we had a great small project – a swivel knife holder (see the article in the

Perch skins I have.

**Norm Lynds** taught the class and did a great job of repeating instructions for those of us that were out of sync with the rest of the group.



A 5/8" punch could be used to cut the bottom piece of leather for the Zip-fizz container or an appropriate size if you are using another size of plastic tube although final alignment would have to be exact due to using contact cement.

We had some show and tell from **Gladys**,

December 2015 issue of the *RawHide Gazette*).

We may have made history since everyone completed the project during the meeting. I believe we turned out 15 holders between the 7 of us. I finished two and my wife complains constantly I am the "king of unfinished leather projects!"

The majority of us used 1-2 oz. leather, but Len used some fish skins he had from **Sea Leather** [www.sealeatherwear.com/](http://www.sealeatherwear.com/). His results were quite spectacular, I'm definitely going to make up a couple more using some glazed Salmon &







*Leo, John, Roger, & Debbie*

**Leo and John.** Paula also gave us a sneak peek at the project for next month. The pictures will give you some idea of the items but there isn't a replacement for actually seeing them in person.

I'd like to encourage any members that can attend the monthly meeting to do so. There is great sharing and fun and of course bring anything to share and questions to ask.

**Roger Kaiser**



*Paula & Len*



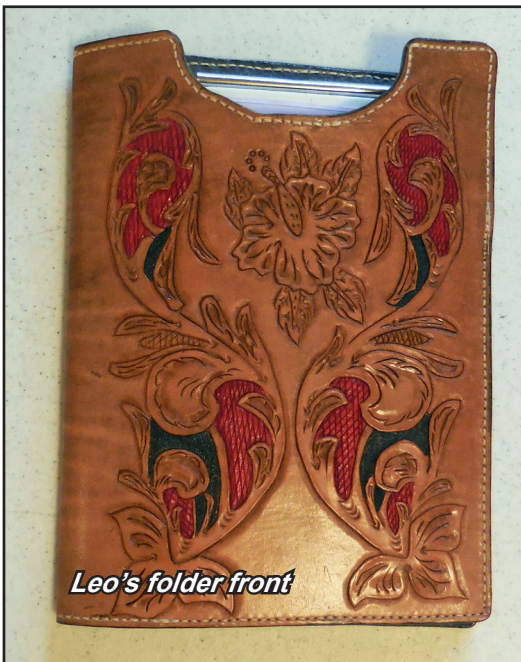
*John's folder back*



*John's folder, closed*



*Leo's folder front*



*Leo's folder back*



## Show & Tell

*Gladys's leather burning*





*Next months project front*



## Next Months Project

### Meeting Activities for March

The year seems to be passing very quickly, must be leap year, just leaping along!

We had a lot of fun last month making **Norm's swivel knife holder/protectors**. I think all of us make at least two and most made more. I mean, we all have more than one swivel knife, don't we? Nobody can get along with only one swivel knife!

I was going through the Internet the other month and came across an interesting combination card holder/wallet, and decided to try and make one. The first one I made too small, and didn't like the method of closure. Discarded that one, actually made the mistake of showing it to **Dusty** and she decided she could dispose of it better than I could.

Made another one the correct size and did a different closure, that worked a lot better and looked better too. Took that to the February meeting. Everybody liked it and it is the meeting project for March.

We are going to make it plain, no tooling or burning and with only cutting, gluing, sewing and edging, we should easily get the project done in one afternoon.



*Next months project back*

burned pattern put on it when it is finished and then sealing it.

This will be a fun and useful project.

During my wandering so through the Internet I also came across a very interesting site, it is free to sign up for their newsletters, and they have all sorts of good supplies and some VERY NICE leathers.

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

Enjoy going through the site.

See you all at the meeting.

**Paula Marquis**

Supplies to bring to the March Meeting:

- 6oz tooling leather (approx 2 square feet)
- Ruler/pen/pencil/silver pen
- Heavy paper for making a pattern to take home.
- Cutting board
- Gluing paper/contact cement
- Clicking knife/head knife
- Line 24 snap and setter/mallet
- No 2. Edger
- Burnished/edge dye and applicator.
- One of the pockets will need a piece of 3/4oz calf (firm).
- The other two pockets will need soft calf/pig/goat lining

For the sewing we will need the usual:

Thread (your choice of colour)

- Sewing needles
- Awl
- Stitching horse

The good thing with making a plain project and not putting a sealant on it, it can have a

## Brettuns Village Leather's DOTW

Each Wednesday BrettunsVillage.Com places a Facebook status to let everyone who has "liked" the <https://www.facebook.com/BrettunsVillage/> page for the DOTW (Deal of the Week). You can always just go to the <http://www.brettunsvillage.com/leather/dotw/dotw.htm> and check out the latest and some of the previous weekly deals.

The reason I am mentioning this is that **PSLAC members get a 10% discount and that also include free shipping and no WA State sales tax.** Well, you get free shipping even if you are NOT a PSLAC member.

I ordered the DOTW, for this week and it was (from the website):

### **Black Motorcycle Chap and Jacket Leather on One Whopper of a Sale!**

*We found these in a warehouse that belonged to a company that made and sold biker stuff - you know - jackets, head wraps, chaps - all that black leather stuff that seems to be so popular with the 'Wind In What's left of Your Hair' crowd. These sides and panels are very soft, 3.5-4 oz in thickness, chromium tanned and drum dyed, struck through. IMPORTANT: This leather has been stored folded for a few years, so there are wrinkles and fold lines that seem to flatten out fairly easily, especially if you stretch the hides a bit. Also, you'll find some dust on them, maybe a spot of bird poop, maybe some dirt or grime. They clean up easily, but that's the way they are. We have sides that run about 20-22 square feet each, or quarter hides that are about 10 sq ft each. Take your pick. On this new Deal of the Week Sides are \$60 if you just want one, or get three of them for \$150. The quarter hides are \$35 each, or get three for \$90. As always here at Brettuns Village Leather, which is the largest leather craft store in our building, USA shipping is included in our prices, and for this DOTW that includes HI, AK, PR, GU, and the Territories - anyplace that gets mail delivered by USPS.*

It cost me \$150, but with my 10% PSLAC discount it was \$135 and free shipping and no tax. That works out to be just a little over \$2 a square foot for 3.5-4 oz black chap leather. I see many book covers in my future...

**Bob Stelmack**  
Richland, WA



## Meeting Times & Locations

### **Western Washington (Seattle/Tacoma/Everett)**

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

### **Eastern Washington (Spokane) PSLAC East**

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

- Informal meetings held at Spokane Tandy Leather Factory Store, 1702 North Monroe Street, Spokane, WA 99205 Contact Ken Bush (509-294-1883) for time, date (normally the 1st Saturday) for details.

We are members of PSLAC East (Puget Sound Leather Artisans Coop). 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, indicating 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 [whiterosex@aol.com](mailto:whiterosex@aol.com) requesting to be on the PSLAC East mailing list.



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