

27th
ANNUAL MEETING

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE LEATHERCRAFT

THE VICTORIAN INN
STRATFORD, ONTARIO

APRIL 22, 23, and 24, 1977

HOST BRANCH - WOODSTOCK

Friday, April 22

7:00 p.m.

Registration in Lobby-Christine Kingston
Set up displays in Victorian-Dickens rooms

9:30 p.m.-11 p.m.

Judging for salon & craftsman ribbons

Saturday, April 23

- - - -9 a.m.

Breakfast on your own

9:00 to 10 a.m.

Registration in Lobby
Membership in Victorian-Dickens rooms

--- Jean Hunter

Draw tickets on sale

--- Kay O'Riley

9:30 to 10 a.m.

Coffee in Victorian-Dickens rooms

10:00 to 11:30

Business meeting in Victorian-Dickens
rooms; election of officers; presenta-
tion of Fellows & Associates; branch
competition awards; appraisal Weston
Trophy articles.

11:30 to 12 noon

Mock Panel of Adjudicators

12:30 to 1 p.m.

Lunch in dining room - Draws

1:30 to 3 p.m.

Demonstrations in Victorian-Dickens rooms

3:00 to 3:30

Draws and Break

3:30 to 5:30

Demonstrations

6:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:45 p.m.

Entertainment-Victorian-Dickens rooms
Speaker - David Darbyshire
Socializing & Viewing Displays

9:30 to 10:30

Dismantle Displays

Sunday, April 24

- - to 9 a.m.

Breakfast on your own

9:15 a.m.

Bus Tour

(Room check out time is 12 noon)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

First of all I want to welcome everyone to our 27th annual meeting. You know, when you think about it, 27 years is quite a long time for a group to stay together and be as active as we are. Unfortunately, each year we lose valued members and the past year has been no exception. Our sympathy goes out to those who have been affected in this way.

You will find in your annual reports, the minutes of the 26th annual meeting, as well as committee reports, branch reports, etc., which I would like you to read at your convenience - and so speed up this business meeting.

My husband and I had the pleasure of a visit with our first national president on a trip to the west coast following last year's annual, and though I did not know Deane Russell and his wife previously, we were made to feel most welcome and thoroughly enjoyed our visit. Of course, the real purpose behind the visit was to present Deane with his Past President's pin.

I have noticed that our membership has stayed at the same figure for the past couple of years, which I think means we need some new blood in the Society. So, let each branch make a concentrated effort to gain new members in the coming year, including some young folk who would help the older ones carry the load. One of the benefits of belonging to the Society and accepting positions on the executive council is the opportunity for friendship and association with so many people, one would otherwise never meet - people of outstanding ability and dedication to the Society.

There have been four executive council meetings during the year and through the co-operation of all members of the council in carrying out their assigned duties, it has seemed a very easy year - for which I sincerely thank them. I would especially like to thank my two retiring secretaries for all their efforts on my behalf.

Staffing the booth at the C.N.E. in the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies building proved to be a problem in 1976. However,

the schedule was finally completed and it was once more a successful event. We have been invited to participate as a guest exhibitor again in 1977. I would ask everyone (who possibly can) to volunteer to help promote good craftsmanship in leather; this can be done by your willingness to demonstrate part of the time the day you are present in the booth. Promoting good leathercraftsmanship is the prime purpose behind our being given the privilege to participate. The opportunity to sell articles is a bonus.

We are planning our 5th Biennial Exhibition in 1978. When these plans have been finalized, you will be notified. You can start thinking about your project now and be ready when the time comes.

There have been three bulletins published this year with Toronto, Woodstock and Barrie being responsible for them. And, Belleville is now working on the fourth.

Let's work together to make 1977-78 a productive year for our Society.

Respectfully submitted,

May Corbett

MINUTES OF THE 26th ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 30, MAY 1 AT
WEST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO.

This annual meeting was hosted by the Hamilton Branch.

The President, May Corbett, called the meeting to order and introduced Hope Drysdale, the President of the host branch. Hope welcomed members and guests to the 26th Annual Meeting of C.S.C.L. and pointed out that this year would mark the beginning of our next 25 years of accomplishments.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were accepted as circulated on a motion by Phyllis Brown, seconded by Fred Brown.

A motion to adopt the various reports as recorded in the Annual Report was made by Jean Newton, seconded by Gladys Riddell.

The President, May, thanked all those who had acted as her Executive during the past year, for their loyal support at meetings and for their assistance at events such as the C.N.E. Sale and Leather '76. She also thanked those who represented C.S.C.L. at meetings of affiliated organizations.

Correspondence -

- (1) A letter of thanks was received from the minister of West Plains United Church for the invitation extended to him.
- (2) A letter from Fred Brown in his capacity as manager of the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies building at the C.N.E. He acknowledged our acceptance of the invitation to participate at the C.N.E. again this year, and reminded us that demonstrations are a valuable and important part of any booth.
- (3) A thank you letter from Carol McLean who was presented with the Best Craftsman Award at Leather '76.
- (4) The International World Craft Council will meet July 6 to 12th, 1976 in Oaxtepec, Mexico. There both traditional and modern crafts will be displayed and demonstrated. In conjunction with the above a photography competition is being held with prizes for both black/white and colour slides.
- (5) A letter from the Canadian Craft Council, Ottawa, with a draft of a letter which they recommend each craft-person write to their M.P. This letter would encourage the M.P. to endorse a motion to do away with Federal Sales Tax on craft supplies for those craftsmen selling directly to retail outlets or those earning \$3,000.00 a year or more from the sale of crafts. Viola Harris was able to enlarge on this concept for us, so that we could better understand the principles involved.

The highlight of the morning came when the Weston Trophy was awarded to the Hamilton Branch. Beula Reynolds, Vice President, C.S.C.L. (in charge of branches) gave a brief outline of the origins of the trophy and made the presentation to Hope Drysdale, President of the Hamilton Branch, who accepted on behalf of her membership and those directly involved in the making of the prize-winning articles.

The appraisal comments on the articles submitted for the Weston Trophy were made by Nora Huyck. The results were as follows:

Hamilton	88.8%
Toronto	85.4
Woodstock	84.6
Barrie	77.8

There were two Associate Awards made by Anne Hook, Chairman of Council of Fellows, to Hope Drysdale and Dorothy Stanton. Dorothy Stanton of Forest, Ontario was awarded the Zalitis Pin for the highest marks as an Associate entrant.

Irva Ford, assisted by Olivia Smith, made the presentation of certificates and ribbons for those whose work was shown at Leather '76. These awards were not available at the time the show was held earlier in '76.

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Helen Wheaton, presented the following slate of officers -

Past President	- Helen Wheaton
President	- May Corbett
1st Vice President	- Beula Reynolds
2nd Vice President	- Garry Walsh
Treasurer	- Dorothy Proctor
Recording Secretary	- Kay Cloughley
Corresponding "	- Sherle Bottrill

Members of Executive Council (a maximum of 25 members)

Bea Austin	Jessie Little
Gel Brigden	Carol McLean
Fred Brown	George McPhail
Evelyn Burgess	Marg. Monteith
Clara Cavanagh	Dorothy Muma
Irva Ford	Sadie Roebuck
Marion Kehoe	Olivia Smith

(above are 14 council members with one position open)

Chairman, Council of Fellows - Anne Hook, who will be assisted by her Sec'y. Carol McLean

Teaching Standards
and Archivist

- Robert Muma

Membership Chairman

- Jean Hunter, Snelgrove,
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Moved that nominations close .. Fred Brown, seconded by
Jack Maharg

Moved that the above slate be accepted .. Phyllis Brown, seconded
by Hope Drysdale

Announcement - there was a change in the demonstration
program with Frank Torry covering ashtrays 2:30 to 3:30.

An invitation to visit Woodstock for the next Annual was
made by Beula Reynolds, President of that branch.

The date for the next Executive Council meeting was set
for the 28th of May.

A panel of experts led by Fred Brown then considered a
series of questions related to leather that had been sub-
mitted by attending members. The difficulty of obtaining
good metal findings, to combine with leather, and the
scarcity of 5/64 lacing were discussed with some suggested
sources given.

A method to remove the "talc" that rises to the surface of
split suedes was given - brush dry cornmeal onto the
surface and when the suede is brushed off or vacuumed, the
white talc should disappear too. A light spray of silicone
should prevent this from reappearing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ruth Haig.
Those assembled enjoyed a luncheon provided by the church
ladies, followed by an afternoon of demonstrations.

Dinner was served by the ladies of West Plains United
Church.

Irva Ford presented the speaker for the evening, Huld
Gutekunst from Buffalo. Huld gave a very interesting
and challenging talk.

The evening was pleasantly concluded with entertainment by
the June Sommerville youthful choir of bell ringers. Later
the Golden Seniors' ten member orchestra was a delight and
had all toes tapping.

Our 26th annual meeting was an enjoyable event, thanks to Hope Drysdale and the Hamilton branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Cloughley
Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOR YEAR 1976-1977

Number of Branch Members	144
Members-at-Large	60
Sustaining Members.....	<u>3</u>
Total Membership	207
Honorary Life Members	9
Honorary Fellows, and Fellows	16
Honorary Associates, and Associates	38
New Members	18

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hunter
Membership Chairman

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 16, 1976 to
MARCH 22, 1977

<u>RECEIPTS:</u> C.N.E.	\$ 6,249.81	
Leather '76	59.65	
Memberships	805.00	
Annual Meeting	113.63	
Draw Proceeds	164.00	
Sales, Canadian Leathercraft	6.00	
Bank Interest	54.44	
Dues received for Toronto Branch	8.00	
Interest, Michigan Artisans Fund	54.24	
Stamp Fees	7.00	
Interest on Reserve Fund	100.00	\$ 7,621.77

DISBURSEMENTS:

C.N.E.	5,362.12	
Leather '76	157.58	
Canadian Leathercraft	642.15	
Annual Meeting	255.17	
Draw Fund-Entertainment	50.00	
-Draw Tickets	3.50	
Postage	11.59	
Ontario Crafts Council	50.00	
Canadian Crafts Council	50.00	
Grants to Branches	125.00	
Storage	100.00	
Insurance on showcases	35.00	
Bank service charges	19.09	
Miscellaneous	61.05	6,922.25
Surplus for year		699.52
Starting balance		2,163.89
Bank Balance March 22, 1977		2,863.41
Allocated Funds in Bank Balance:		
Interest on Michigan Artisans		
Fund (for awards)	145.16	
Draw Fund	276.50	421.66
Working Balance to start new year		\$ 2,441.75

NOTES: 1) In addition to above bank balance, we have \$1,000 invested in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate with Canada Permanent Trust, representing surplus funds, interest being used for current expenses.

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Financial Statement (NOTES) - continued

- 2) The money turned over to C.S.C.L. by the Michigan Leather Artisans (\$638.00) is invested in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate and the yearly interest is accumulated in allocated funds in the general account.

Respectfully submitted.

George McPhail
Acting Treasurer

Dorothy Proctor
Treasurer

Dorothy Muma and Olivia Smith
Auditors

COUNCIL OF FELLOWS

The 1976 Annual Meeting of the Council of Fellows was held on April 9th, at the Studio of Mr. & Mrs. R. Muma, 118 Hazelton Ave., Toronto.

PRESENT: Fred Brown, Clara Cavanagh, Irva Ford, Anne Hook, Nora Huyck, Carol McLean, Dorothy Muma, Robert Muma, Gladys Riddell, Olivia Smith and Helen Wheaton.

Chairman, Anne Hook, presided at the meeting.

WESTON TROPHY: Four branches competed, Barrie, Hamilton, Toronto and Woodstock. The trophy was won by Hamilton with an average of 88.8%.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Dorothy Stanton was elected to Associate membership with an average mark of 85.4%. She was presented with the Zalitis Pin.

Hope Drysdale was elected to Associate membership, with an average mark of 79.7%.

FELLOW MEMBERSHIP: There were no entrants.

At the business meeting, Anne Hook was re-elected Chairman of the Council of Fellows. Carol McLean was appointed Secretary, to succeed Jessie Little who resigned because of illness in the family.

Four Fellows attended the World Crafts Conference in June, 1977 in Oaxtepec, Mexico - Irva Ford, Anne Hook, Carol McLean and Olivia Smith.

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Council of Fellows (continued)

All available Fellows (seven) met at the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Building at the C.N.E. on Tuesday, August 12th, to receive and adjudicate the work for the sales booth.

23 craftsmen sent in 2,137 articles of which 1,649 were sold.
(Compare: in 1975

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A location for the 1978 Leathercraft Exhibition is still pending.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hook

Chairman, Council of Fellows

PUBLICITY REPORT

This past year saw some C.S.C.L. members journey to the World Crafts Council in Mexico, carrying our name abroad. It was a delightful experience for those attending and a petition was submitted asking that leather be included at the 1978 W.C.C. in Japan. We felt that the lack of leather demonstrations and programming did nothing to promote the craft. Our wishes were submitted to the programme coordinator hoping for leather in 1978.

The prospective member's information sheet has been updated and copies ordered for future use in the hope that it will explain our Society's aims and purposes.

One other way, to publicize our organization, is by individual members entering into competitions and promoting fine leathercraft.

Many branches have had individual displays in their own areas. One of the most common remarks heard is, "I didn't know you could do that with leather". It makes one proud of C.S.C.L.'s teaching standards. Teaching members of C.S.C.L. also promote both fine leather and the Society in their classes, and hopefully introduce students to a branch of C.S.C.L. in which to further their learning.

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Publicity (continued)

The enthusiasm with which an individual member talks of his/her organization effects the impact on the general public and this is the very best way to further our cause on a local level - - - by showing our love for the Society and its aims.

Happy Leather Working!

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McLean, F.C.S.C.L.

LIBRARY REPORT 1976-77

The Larmour Memorial Library which began its circulation with 132 books now has 250 books.

These were exchanged three times during the past year.

Last Fall the Library was the recipient of a very special gift from Mr. Deane Russell, a former president of C.S.C.L. This was a valuable book titled "Black Jacks and Leather Bottels". This will be summarized for the Bulletin.

Your committee would appreciate donations of books, titles and suggestions.

The committee for 1976-77 consisted of:

Jessie Little, Chairman
Fred Brown, Treasurer
Anne Hook
Sadie Roebuck
Olivia Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie M. Little,
Librarian.

LARMOUR LIBRARY BANK BALANCES

March 18, 1977	Premium Savings a/c	\$ 729.75
" " "	Checking Savings a/c	75.84

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Brown
Treasurer

SUMMARY OF C.N.E. SALE, 1976

Thirty-three members submitted 2,137 articles for sale
1,649 of these were sold

Total sales (not including provincial tax) \$ 5,750.90

Commission of \$1,150.18 to C.S.C.L.

Value of missing article - \$1.75

Thanks to the members for making the bookkeeping simpler.

I again ask members to carefully ckeck that they have corresponding prices on tags and entry forms. Correspond-
code, number and price of article should all be written
on one side of tag.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Cavanagh

EDITORIAL REPORT

Another year has gone by and four issues of
"Canadian Leathercraft"
have been published.

I would like to thank everyone for their co=operation in
getting these issues together.

If you have suggestions to offer, they would certainly
be appreciated. Remember, "Canadian Leathercraft" is
what you make it.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Monteith
Editor

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This space left for your use in making notes, should you wish to do so.

BARRIE BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

Regular meetings of the Barrie branch are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at St. Monica's School on Steel Street, Barrie.

Eight meetings were held in all, with an average attendance of eleven members.

'76-'77 began on September 8, the first of two meetings in September - strictly business.

September 25th the Barrie branch entertained the Belleville members at a bottle workshop chaired by Carol McLean. It was most rewarding, and all expressed pleasure with the outcome. All shapes and sizes of bottles were covered making quite a colourful display.

At our October meeting all present made owls for a mobile as instructed by Kay Naftel.

On November 13th our annual Christmas sale was held at Georgian Mall and again this was a successful effort by the members and as a result, our treasury was enriched.

In January we held two meetings as is our custom to make up for lack of meeting in December. January 5th, Garry Walsh demonstrated how he made a pattern for a carrying case using a cassette tape recorder as an example.

On January 26th Clara Cavanagh began instructing the members in the construction of a ring binder. As this was a lengthy process, a second workshop was held on February 9th to complete the project.

Due to stormy weather, only six members attended the regular February meeting. The program planned was not available, so a fun evening of sculpting leather was enjoyed thanks to Sherle Bottrill and Kay Cloughley.

Our annual barbeque was enjoyed by all who attended at the home of Helen Anderson, Longford Mills in June. The usual Christmas fun workshop and potluck dinner for members and

spouses was enjoyed at the residence of May and Clarence Corbett.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Knowles
Secretary

Incoming '77'78 executive:

President - Emma Knowles
Secretary - Kay Naftel
Treasurer - Sharon Walsh

BELLEVILLE BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

Belleville branch meets first and third Monday evenings from September till June. Our attendance has been smaller than usual this year, due to illness, some on holidays and moving away. We have a membership of 19.

We have had a busy year. Our second meeting each month took the form of a mini-workshop conducted by a member. We have made Quinte wallets, slipperette holders, poinsettia pins, mice key chains and mice bookmarks, name pins, and also had a demonstration and discussion on sharpening our tools.

A nice day was had in June, taking the form of a picnic at Vera Farrara's trailer.

In September four members made a return visit to Barrie for a wonderful weekend of friendship and a workshop on covering bottles, conducted by Carol McLean.

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Belleville report (continued)

In October Dave Elliott conducted an enjoyable all day workshop for our members on oak leaf pins. He also gave us many tips as well as answering the many questions on problems we have encountered.

November saw three of our members travelling to Woodstock for another enjoyable weekend and workshop on covering boxes with Clara Cavanagh conducting.

We assisted two days at the C.N.E. Four of our members demonstrated, one day, at our Quinte Exhibition. Vera Farrara is setting up a display and demonstrating at the Local Hobby and Science Fair, April 1st and 2nd.

Executive - President: Laura Bush
Secretary - Marilyn Harry
Treasurer - Lorraine Moon

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bush
President

HAMILTON BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Terryberry Library. And we started our year off Right by winning the Weston Trophy. We had three workshops; two by Irva Ford on Cuir Bouilli and desk pads, and one "Finish Your Project", where we exchange ideas. There were eight meetings with an approximate attendance of 15 and demonstrations held at the close of these meetings were on Design, Turtle Pins, two-piece Handbag, Cornhusk Dolls, film on Silversmithing, Playing Card Holder, Key Case, and a combination Wallet-Pocket Secretary. We now have 34 members but were deeply saddened by the loss of Betty Henstridge and Lila Balaban, two really faithful people.

Displays of our work were at the Westdale Library, Connaught Hotel, and McMaster University Hospital Gallery. Members:

Hamilton report (continued)

participating in these displays received ribbons from our Guild.

Prizes and honors won by our members included: Irva Ford with her travelling show through the Canadian Crafts Council, prizes at the Great Mississippi Valley Fair, Iowa, U.S.A. and The Artisans' Guild Sale. Margaret Weldon won the Chatelaine Award at the C.N.E., Jessie Strain at the Guelph Fair, Hope Drysdale at the C.N.E. and Jessie and Hope at Rockton Fair won a considerable number of prizes.

Our members also participated in sales and exhibitions at the Mid Western Region, Toronto Dominion Centre, C.N.E., Guelph Creative Arts Association, It's Your Day, Gage Park, Mohawk College, Hamilton Art Gallery, Artisans' Guild Sale and the University of Guelph.

It has been another busy year.

1977-78 slate of officers: President - Mrs. Irva Ford
Vice " - Dan Hannington
Past " - Mrs. Hope Drysdale
Secretary - Mrs. Ruth M. Haig
Corresp." - Mrs. Lillian Beech
Treasurer - Mrs. Lydia Vincent

Respectfully submitted,

Hope C. Drysdale
President

TORONTO BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

The Toronto Branch has had an active, fun-filled season, with very good attendance, never falling below 21 members at any meeting.

In June, 1976, we held an Exhibition of Leathercraft at the Runnymede Library, - 8 members, 26 works.

We started our season with the October meeting; a combina-

Toronto report (continued)

tion of general business and a wedding shower for one of our members, Jerry Mills. Jerry has now moved out of Toronto, but is remaining as a member-at-large. In November, Carol McLean joined us from Woodstock and we had a great evening making corn husk dolls.

December was also an interesting meeting, with Jean Hunter demonstrating leather lace cutting. Unfortunately, our January meeting was cancelled, due to most inclement weather. February saw Dave Elliott conducting a fine demonstration on wallet interiors.

The following are yet to come:

March: Fred Brown will be giving a demonstration/workshop on 3-D work and turned edges.

April: Jessie Little will be showing the art of embossing.

May: A hobby night with all members participating.

June: Dorothy Proctor will demonstrate glove making.

1977-78 executive: President - Gladys Riddell
 Secretary -
 Treasurer - George McPhail

WOODSTOCK BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

Once again this has been an enjoyable year for the members of this branch. Since our new programme started in September 1976 we have held, to date, four business meetings, each followed by a demonstration. The average attendance at each meeting was approximately 12 people.

A demonstration on Mexican Braided Belts followed the September meeting and in October we watched John Marsden of Barrie branch demonstrate Pictorial Carving in his own individual way.

The C.S.C.L.'s donation of \$25.00 was used to help finance a fall workshop on "Boxes with Hinged Lids" conducted by Clara Cavanagh and attended by about 15 people.

Fred Brown's demonstration on "Removable-type Book Covers"

Woodstock report (continued)

followed the last business meeting of 1976. Many members enjoyed our annual Christmas party early in December.

Due to bad weather conditions, the first meeting of 1977 and a demonstration in Crinkle Dyeing by Hilda Darbyshire had to be postponed until the early part of March, so our first meeting took place in February with a demonstration on Pictorial Carving by another Woodstock member, Jean Racknor, who specializes in animal and hunting scenes.

Woodstock members helped to staff the C.S.C.L.'s booth at the Canadian National Exhibition and Carol McLean won first prize at the Western Fair, held in London, with her leather sculpture.

As you all know Woodstock branch will play host at the 1977 "Annual" which will be held in Stratford, so, on behalf of the Executive and members of the Woodstock branch, may I say that we all look forward to seeing you all in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kingston,
Secretary.

Woodstock branch 1977-78 executive:

President:	Beula Reynolds
Past " :	Kay O'Riley
Secretary:	Christine Kingston
Treasurer:	Carol McLean