

35th ANNUAL MEETING-CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE LEATHERCRAFT
The CONTINENTAL INN - Barrie, Ontario

Friday evening, April 26th - Sunday morning, April 28th, 1985

- Fri. Apr. 26: 7:00-8:00 p.m. Registration & Set Up Displays
8:00-10:00 p.m. Judging for Salon and Craftsman Ribbons
- Sat. Apr. 27: 9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee
10:00 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING: Election of Officers, presentation of Fellow & Associate Awards, Branch competition and appraisal of Weston Trophy articles, presentation of Life Memberships and Question Box
12:30-1:30 p.m. Buffet Lunch
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- 2:00-3:00 p.m. DEMONSTRATIONS
Design Concepts (part 1) Carol McLean
Figure Carving Karla Van Horne
Freeform Boxes Dave McPherson
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. Coffee Break and Draws
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. DEMONSTRATIONS
Design Concepts (part 2) Carol McLean
Air Brush Techniques Lillian Kay
Moulded Leather Wall Loreen Manuel and
Decoration Beula Reynolds
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sale of Leather and tools - Draws
- 6:30-9:30 p.m. Banquet, Awards and Entertainment.
Speaker- Donald Stuart
Songs by Bruce Owen
- 9:30 p.m. Dismantle Displays
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- Sun. Apr. 28: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Dining Room
9:00-11:45 Discussion of the replies to questionnaires, regarding the future of the C.S.C.L. and changes required.
- 12:00- Lunch.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome members, guests, and friends to the 35th anniversary of the Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft. Today as we meet, deal with business, renew acquaintances and watch and listen to splendid demonstrations, let us take a few moments to reflect on the C.S.C.L.- the society that holds us together in the common bond of creating fine pieces of leather art. We are at a crossroads today in our organization, but let us remember the forward-thinking group of leathercrafters who formed the society 35 years ago. The objectives of the C.S.C.L. were scribed in the Constitution and I would like to quote just two of the objectives:

- (1) To encourage creativity in design;
- (2) To establish a high standard of craftsmanship by improved standards in teaching and judging.

In 1985, as in 1950, I believe those are pertinent and relevant objectives. On Sunday morning Fred Brown, Chairman of the Council of Fellows will reveal to you the results of the survey presented to the C.S.C.L. members through a questionnaire circulated this past winter.

During the 1984-85 session your Executive Council met 6 times. As of September 1984, I have taken the chair for Jack Meharg.

In looking at the year in review I am reminded of two C.S.C.L. workshops. In May '84, Masks-with Rae Anderson and in Nov.'84- Desk Blotters with Fred Brown, F.C.S.C.L. The fruits of their labour are apparent on the exhibition tables today!

On July 5, 1984, Leather '84 opened at the Scarborough City Centre. This very successful exhibit included 60 articles created by 21 members.

Some of you may have expected to find information pertaining to the 1985 C.N.E. sale in your registration package. At our November Executive Meeting, a motion to discontinue participation at the C.N.E. was carried. The vote found 10 for the motion and 2 against. During the discussion preceding the vote, it was decided that we seek better arts and crafts sales to market our fine leather articles. Please forward any information re quality sales that you might have to either your Branch President or Executive Council.

I would like to mention that during the 1984-85 season we have lost a few members- Emma Knowles, Evelyn Austin, John Trop, Alvin Haig, Emma Rothenberg and Winnie Coombs. Our sympathies go out to their families and friends. Also, some members have been stricken with illness and we wish them future good health.

C.S.C.L. members and their work have received well-deserved publicity in recent months. A beautifully produced exhibition, "Image '84", featured works by Hamilton members and among the jurors was Woodstock's Carol McLean, F.C.S.C.L.

Lillian Kay, A.C.S.C.L., was highlighted in a Toronto Star article and she was kind enough to put in a plug for C.S.C.L.

In February 1985, the Hamilton Group was again busy, this time at "Textures" in Hamilton. A tribute to the late Irva Ford, F.C.S.C.L., a past president of C.S.C.L., was presented with articles of her work on display, as well as an album full of pictures and memories.

Since its formation at the last Annual Meeting, the new Mississauga Branch has become a vital and active part of the C.S.C.L. Harold Brister and his group are to be commended. We will miss both Barrie and Belleville as C.S.C.L. Branches, as of today, but will welcome all the remaining members as members-at-large.

As we move into a new year, I would like to tell you about some of the events your Executive has planned for you.

We are presently in the process of mounting a travelling exhibition co-sponsored by C.S.C.L. and the Ontario Crafts Council. Partial funding has already been received from the Ontario Arts Council. Very soon each member will receive a Call for Entry and more details. I would like every able member to participate in this exhibition. We're going to show Ontario high calibre leather articles. Joan Foster, of O.C.C. has been most helpful and supportive. What we need from you is your work.

A workshop on "Design" has been scheduled for your pleasure on May 25/85 at St. Martin-in-the-Field Anglican Church, Toronto. Carol McLean, F.C.S.C.L., will conduct this instructive workshop. All members welcome.

During this coming year I have a personal commitment to C.S.C.L. to help rejuvenate the Society through increased exposure to the public, (such as our upcoming travelling show), and by enticing new members with the romance of leather.

In conclusion I would be remiss if I did not thank a few people. First of all, thanks to Fred and Mary Patterson for agreeing to continue as editors of Canadian Leathercraft. Secondly, to Fred Brown and the Council of Fellows for looking deeply into the problems facing CSCL and proposing solutions.

And lastly, Thank You to the Executive Council. Without the guidance and kindness of each of the members, I would not be here today.

Now, let's all work together for another 35 years!

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine Mitchell,

Acting President, C.S.C.L.

MINUTES OF THE 34th ANNUAL MEETING- Apr.14, 1984.

-Ethel Finkle Auditorium, Woodstock General Hospital.

Registration and display set up, as well as judging for Salon and Craftsman ribbons, was carried out Fri. evening, April 13.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by our President, Jack Meharg. Madeleine Mitchell, President of the Woodstock Branch, welcomed everyone.

The President's report was read by Jack Meharg, who pointed out that our main problems throughout the past year were financial, with the C.N.E. unfortunately producing a loss of over \$200., due to slow sales, rental costs, replacement of equipment, etc. Plans are underway to once more be at the "Ex" and we hope for better results. Jack also pointed out the interesting workshop programme for the year, with a Leather Covered Bottle workshop a past success, and a Mask workshop with Rae Anderson upcoming on May 26th. Leather'84 will be the highlight of the summer, with opening ceremonies on July 5 at 8:00 p.m. at Scarborough City Centre, Hwy #401 & McCowan Rd.

Members were reminded to try and find storage space for our C.N.E. booth equipment, to save considerable storage space. Correspondence included a thank you letter from Olivia Smith, who was much missed at the meeting.

Associates: The Associates certificate was presented to Margaret Hunter by Fred Brown, along with the Zalitis pin for high marks.

New Guild: Mississauga Society for Creative Leathercraft was welcomed by Jack Meharg, with the founding executive listed: President -Harold Brister; Vice-President -Paul Kitchener; Secretary -Joyce Scruton; Treasurer- Lea Love. Good luck from all to this new Branch, making our Society now 7 Branches strong.

Honourary Associate: Tom Swafford, St. Joseph, Missouri, was made an Honourary Associate for his long years of participation in the C.S.C.L.

Weston Trophy: Madeleine Mitchell presented the Weston Trophy to Toronto Guild, who had scored an average mark of 86.8%. Congratulations.

Life Memberships: Mae Corbett and Jack Layton were presented Life Memberships by Membership Chairman, Hilda Chynoweth.

Nominating Chairman: Hope Drysdale presented a full slate of officers and executive council members for 1984-1985.

Past President	- Hope Drysdale
President	- Jack Meharg
1st Vice President	- Madeleine Mitchell
2nd Vice President	- Ruth Haig
Recording Secretary	- Kay Cloughley
Corresponding Secretary	- Lillian Kay
Treasurer	- Jean Pickering

Directors: Bea Austin, Laura Bush, May Corbett, Margaret Hunt, Hilda Chynoweth, Jean Hunter, Jessie Little, Muriel McKnight, George McPhail, Ray Potter, Fred Patterson, Joyce Scruton, Olivia Smith, Gladys Riddell.

Chairman of Fellows	- Fred Brown
Teaching Standards	- Robert Muma
Archivist	- Carol McLean
Editor	- Mary Patterson

Branch Presidents:

Barrie	- Kay Cloughley
Belleville	- Irene Girling
Hamilton	- Audrey Gorton
Mississauga	- Harold Brister
Norland	- Phyllis McHale
Toronto	- Ralph Whately
Woodstock	- Jean Pickering

Question and Answer Panel: Jessie Strain, Bea Austin and Fred Brown answered a number of questions from members.

Business meeting closed with K. Cloughley announcing that Barrie Branch and Executive Council would host 1985 Annual.

Following buffet luncheon, the afternoon demonstration session took place, from 1:30 to 4:30, interrupted by a coffee break and prize draws being made.

The afternoon demonstrations were as follows:

Acrylic Dyeing and Medallions - Ruth Haig
Round Braiding and Decorative Stitches- Edith Melchior
Tools and Sharpening - Walter Mickey
Gloves - Helen Wheaton
Making Homemade Stamping Tools - Dave McPherson
Coupon & Credit Card Holder & Cheque Book Cover- Jean Hunter
Filagree Leather - Bea Austin
Picture Frames - Velcro Fastener - Laura Bush
Handstitching Variations - Karla Van Horne

Sale of tools and leather was held.

Dinner was served accompanied by Hawaiian music, and a Hawaiian style meal was enjoyed.

Fred Brown, Chairman of Fellows, resented the following Craftsman and Salon Ribbons.

Salon Awards

Clara Cavanaugh	- Green Coloured Bottle
Marg. Hunter	- Steerhide Handbag
Lillian Kay	- Gnome
Loreen Manuel	- Sunflowers, Butterfly Wall Decoration
Carol McLean	- Checkerboard
Gladys Riddell	- Chest of Drawers

Craftsman Awards

Bea Austin	- Handbag, One-piece Tan Purse
Harold Brister	- Large Knife Case
Laura Bush	- Brown Morocco Wallet, Photo Album
Clara Cavanaugh	- Green Covered Bottle, Inlaid Book
Hilda Chynoweth	- Handbag
MaryAnne Crawford	- Pocket Secretary
Hope Drysdale	- Covered Bottle
Sharon Gogischwili	- Leather-bound Book, Stationery Holder
Ruth Haig	- Small Covered Bottle, Rectangular Box, 2 Belts
Jean Hunter	- Chequebook Cover
Marg. Hunter	- Belt, Soft Handbag, Steerhide Handbag
Joey Hutcheson	- Decorative Bowl

Craftsman Awards (Continued)

Nora Huyck	- Handbag
Lillian Kay	- Gnome
Jessie Little	- Weather Station
Loreen Manuel	- Pins, Sunflowers, Butterfly Wall Decorations
Carol McLean	- Checkerboard
Jean Pickering	- Picture Frame, Floreated Picture Frame
Beula Reynolds	- Trug Gathering Basket
Gladys Riddell	- Chest of Drawers
Karla Van Horne	- Black Clutch purse, Carved Wallet, Covered Canteen, Lanyard

Entertainment

Carol McLean presented a beautiful and interesting slide presentation of Hawaii and the quilt assembly and display there in which she took part a short time ago.

Photo Albums of past events were on hand throughout the day for members to enjoy and do some memory browsing through.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April 17, 1984 to March 21, 1985.

Bank Balance as of April 17, 1984 \$ 49.20

Receipts:

Memberships	\$1325.00	
Interest	10.34	
Leather '84	285.00	
C.N.E.	2952.94	
Annual Meeting - Surplus	84.20	
Draw Fund	90.75	
G.I.C. Bond cashed	1000.00	
Workshops	135.00	
Sale of past bulletins	113.00	
Exchange on U.S. money	2.24	
Associate and Fellow Fees	16.00	
Toronto Branch share of flowers		
sent to O. Smith	23.27	
Professional Stamp	10.00	
		<u>6047.74</u>
		<u>6096.94</u>

Payments:

Postage	251.96	
Printing, stationery-Bulletin	717.47	
Telephone	20.46	
Annual Meeting	532.16	
C.N.E. -Expenses	869.66	
-Sales	2139.08	
Workshop	100.00	
O.C.C. Subscription	50.00	
Lillian Kay- Attendance at		
O.C.C. meeting	77.50	
Return of Life Memberships	10.00	
Publicity	44.58	
Bank Service Charges	7.75	
Storage of glass cases	100.00	
Purchase of trailer-		
springs and steel	173.36	
Purchase of stapler & supplies	8.75	
		<u>5508.77</u>
Balance as of March 1, 1985		<u>588.17</u>

Bank Balance as of March 1, 1985	588.17	
Interest on G.I.C.	172.50	
Exchange on U.S. Funds	<u>2.98</u>	<u>763.65</u>
Total Bank Balance Mar.21/85		<u><u>763.65</u></u>

	<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	
Bank Balance	763.65	
M.L.A. Fund	638.00	
Interest on M.L.A. Fund	41.17	
G.I.C. cashed Mar.7/85	<u>1000.00</u>	
	<u><u>2442.82</u></u>	*

* A reduction of \$ 503.64 from last year *

	<u>C.N.E.</u>	
<u>Sales</u> (includes \$100.00 starting cash)	<u>2952.94</u>	<u>2952.94</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Amount paid to members	2139.08	
Storage (6 months @ \$45. per mth)	270.00	
Insurance	80.00	
Sales Tax	205.05	
Receipt books	47.25	
Miscellaneous supplies (including starting cash of \$100.00)	<u>267.36</u>	<u>3008.74</u>
Net Loss		<u><u>55.80</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Pickering, Treasurer.

Audited and Approved April 1985

George McPhail	Olivia Smith
Auditor	Auditor

COUNCIL OF FELLOWS:

On March 23, 1984, the Council of Fellows met at the home of Bob and Dorothy Muma. At this time, judging of applications for Associate and Fellow standing took place. There was also judging for the Weston Trophy Branch competition. The meeting was chaired by Fred Brown.

Marg. Hunter successfully completed her Associate standing, and was also awarded the Zalitis Pin for high marks.

Three branches competed for the Weston Trophy; Hamilton, Toronto and Woodstock. The Toronto Branch were fortunate in being named the winners of the Weston Trophy competition.

As well as the above judging, this meeting of the Fellows was considered their Annual meeting, and all relevant business was dealt with at this time.

The Council met on the evening of Fri. Apr. 13, at the Ethel Finkle Auditorium, Woodstock, Ont., (Woodstock General Hospital), for the purpose of selecting the Craftsman and Salon Awards.

The Council of Fellows also met at the home of the Muma's on May 25, 1984, this time for selection of articles from those submitted for display at Leather'84.

The final meeting of the Fellows for the year was on Sept. 28, held once again at Dorothy and Bob Muma's home. This was a "trouble-shooting" meeting, called for the purpose of taking an all-over view of our Society as it stands at the moment, and hopefully suggesting means of improving it. Out of this came the questionnaire which was mailed to all members in February of 1985.

Discussion re the answers received through this questionnaire will take place at the Annual Meeting, 1985, on the Sunday morning following the Annual General meeting.

Fred Brown consented to remain as Chairman of the Council for the 1984-1985 session, and Jean Hunter retained the duties of Secretary.

All members of the Council wish to take this opportunity to express their great appreciation to Bob and Dorothy Muma for their kindness in opening their home for these meetings, and parcel delivery of entries.

Respectfully submitted

Fred Brown,
Chairman, Council of Fellows

LARMOUR MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

After outstanding bills for \$136.62 are paid, we will have the following balance:

Working account	\$28.92
Premium Savings Acc't	<u>450.00</u>
Total	\$478.92

43 additions have been made this year:

- 8 assorted volumes Stohlman's Leather Cases
- 4 volumes Stohlman's Leathercraft Tools
- 3 donations from Anda Sipolins, Madeleine Mitchell and Ray Potter
- 5 copies "The Heritage Hands of Irva Ford" from Textures (Ruth)
- 5 copies "Image '84 (Ruth Haig)
- 30 copies Rex Lingwood's "Leather in Three Dimensions" donated severally by Muriel McKnight, Ruth Haig and Jean Hunter

We still haven't bound our copies of the C.S.C.L. Bulletin, although the boards and covers are all ready to go. We will make a summer project of this, hopefully, and send them along as they are completed.

Many thanks to all of the Branch Librarians who have done such a competent job of looking after the boxes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Hunter,
Librarian

Library Committee:

Jean Hunter, Librarian
Fred Brown, Treasurer
Jessie Little
Olivia Smith

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - for the year ending March 31, 1985.

Branch Memberships:

Barrie	7
Belleville	9
Hamilton	22
Mississauga	13
Norland	13
Toronto	30
Woodstock	10
Members at large	23
Life Members	<u>22</u>
TOTAL	149

Included are:

Life Members	22
Fellows	19
Associates	24
Honourary Associates	3
Honourary Fellows	2

Respectfully Submitted

Hilda Chynoweth
Membership ChairmanEDITOR'S REPORT

Once again we thank all those members who have helped so much in making our job an enjoyable experience. We had, as this year's reporters, Toronto, Woodstock, the Members-at-large, and our last issue for the year, ready for distribution at this meeting, is a joint effort of Toronto and Hamilton. This issue, scheduled to be prepared by Barrie unfortunately co-incided with preparations for the Annual Meeting, something this small but dedicated Branch has planned so completely and skillfully.

Due to changes in status of both Barrie and Belleville to Members-at-large status, our new schedule is as follows for the upcoming 4 issues: Summer 1985 (Annual meeting reports) - Hamilton Branch; Fall 1985- Mississauga Branch; Winter 1985-1986- Norland Branch; Spring 1985-Toronto.

We are still attempting to include all possible information in each envelope we must send out. Whenever possible, hand-delivery of Branch issues is attempted. It is now possible to omit sales tax on our type of publication printing costs, and our treasurer has applied for back credits for tax. All these measures are taken with the hope of reducing costs wherever we can. Thanks for all the help received.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Patterson,
Editor, Canadian Leathercraft.

LEATHER'84:

C.S.C.L. Biennial Exhibition was held at Scarborough City Centre, with the opening on July 5, 1984. The following awards were presented:

1. Ontario Crafts Council Award for Most Original Design-
-Box- "Birds In Flight" by Jean Hunter
Honourable Mention- Miniature Furniture
by Madeleine Mitchell
2. Mary Zatyko Memorial Award for Best Soft Leather Piece-
-Grey Bag - by Marg. Hunter
Honourable Mention- Suede Collar by Rini Troendle
3. C.S.C.L. Judge's Special Award
- Leather Jewel Chest by Gladys Riddell.
4. C.S.C.L. Executive Award for Most Functional Piece-
- Black & Grey Filagree Belt by Jean Pickering
5. Irva Ford Memorial Award for Best Moulded Work-
- Leather Canteen by Karla Van Horne
Honourable Mention- Moulded Brown Purse by Bea Austin
6. Anne Hook Memorial Award for Best Colour Work-
- "Water Babies" Picture of 3 Nudes by Lillian Kay

Judges of Awards:

Robert Muma, F.C.S.C.L.

Paul Williams - Noted Canadian/International Leather Artist

The Exhibition Chairman, Jack Meharg, arranged for the show to be held in this outstanding new complex, and all those who worked to make this exhibition a success are thanked heartily. This of course includes all participants who supported this exhibition by submitting work, and Dorothy and Bob Muma who provided a space for judging and storing work.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Patterson
(Show Programme/Catalogues)

BARRIE BRANCH:

Seven meetings of the Barrie Branch of C.S.C.L. were held during 1984/85, with average attendance of six. At the first meeting after the Annual, Kay Cloughley demonstrated the making of a medallion pendant which she had seen demonstrated there. On Sunday June 10th, we gathered at May Corbett's to partake of our annual Picnic, which proved to be a pleasant event. On July 5, just 4 of us were able to attend the opening of Leather'84, which was held at Scarborough City Centre.

On Sept. 8th, Kay and Clara instructed us on the making of a cheque-book cover. On Oct. 27th they helped with the making of a belt.

The November 17th meeting pertained mostly to long -range plans for the 1985 Annual Meeting which is to be held in Barrie. This is to be jointly hosted by the Barrie Branch and the Executive.

On Saturday Jan. 5, 1985, we were joined by the Norland group, when Kay and Clara demonstrated the making of a purse. This was continued when we met on Jan. 26th.

By this time of the year, we realized that we must look for a new executive as our president, Kay Cloughley, had agreed to serve for just one more year, which was her third term in succession. A special meeting was called for Thursday Feb. 7th, to determine if Barrie could continue as a Branch. Unfortunately we were unable to obtain an executive, so we were eventually forced to cease to be a Branch of C.S.C.L. and will become Members at Large.

Respectfully Submitted

Joy Findlay,
Secretary, Barrie Branch.

Pres: Kay Cloughley
Treas.: May Corbett.

BELLEVILLE BRANCH:

Belleville Branch submitted their resignation as a Branch of C.S.C.L. early in 1985, and the Executive Council accepted their resignation with regrets. Members will remain as Members at Large.

HAMILTON BRANCH:

In Sept., Dave McPherson demonstrated his method of making stamping tools. Our Oct. meeting presented Sharon Gogischwili giving a workshop on ink-dyeing of end-papers, to be used in book-binding. The same method was shown to work well on calf skiver. December's Pot Luck supper and silent auction was followed by a presentation of slides of the Hebrides, by Betty LeWarne, President of the Hamilton Artisans Guild.

January meeting was devoted to a mini-workshop by Hope Drysdale, on Sponge Dyeing. In Feb., Muriel McKnight showed how to create crinkle leather for jewellery.

March was our election of officers, with the same slate carrying on for the next year. President Karla Van Horne also demonstrated round braiding at this meeting.

In April Bea Austin showed how to create folding change purses, and our May meeting will finish our season with both a Potluck supper and a showing of slides of the Queen Charlotte Islands by June Sommerville, part of a trip accompanying noted nature artist, Robert Bateman.

Many members attended 3 workshops. Two of these were by Fred Brown, who demonstrated bookcovers and desk pads and the third was by Karla Van Horne on Figure Carving.

Some of the Guild participated in Leather'84, CNE, and Image'84.

Respectfully Submitted

Audrey Gorton
President, Hamilton Branch.

MISSISSAUGA BRANCH:

Our Branch has completed it's first year as an affiliated branch of the C.S.C.L., and we are happy to report that the membership is maintaining a level of approximately 25, with an average attendance at meetings of 18.

Meetings are held twice a month, on Thursday evenings, at the Tandy Leather Store, Mississauga, with a new address, (as of the first of May, 1985,) at:
1900 Lakeshore Blvd. West., Mississauga.

All meetings are in the form of mini-workshops, with projects, on the whole, being completed in one session. Some items made this year include keycases, flower pins, and bookcovers, with larger projects being developed for the future as the members gain more skills in the craft.

Some of the demonstrators that have worked with the group this past season include Karla Van Horne, Betsy Rennie, and Jean Hunter, (some attending several sessions), and we are looking forward to having Fred Brown with us in June.

Meetings are held year-round, with only a slight drop in attendance during the holiday months. Each meeting features a draw, and often a fun-auction, and much socializing following the workshop, with excellent home-made refreshments.

These draws and auctions, along with a large "stitching-horse" draw has left us with a substantial bank balance to work with in the future.

A group of members plan to attend the Annual Meeting in Barrie this year, to become more acquainted with others in C.S.C.L.

Next September we are looking forward to a project of "Glovemaking", which will prove challenging to all.

Respectfully submitted

Branch President:
Harold Brister

Joyce Scruton,
Secretary,
Mississauga Branch.

TORONTO BRANCH:

Our membership remained stable recently, except for an influx of members who later formed the Mississauga Branch. This is an active group, who will report on their own activities.

This year we inaugurated a Question Box which is used every second meeting night to get answers to perplexing questions from those who are Fellows and Associates. This idea has generated many various discussions. Business, then is conducted every second meeting.

October started our year with a panel on "Problems in Projects", and the Question Box. In November, Gladys Riddell gave a well-received talk on how to design your own projects. Our usual "Christmas Social" made for a good turn-out in December.

In January, Fred Brown showed a selection of slides of our leather creations and projects, a "Visual Night".

John Marsden showed us the use and care of carving tools and the carving of a Pine Cone design in February.

Our Election Night and Weston Trophy submissions night had each member judging the pieces submitted, using the C.S.C.L. standards sheet with a discussion of how the Fellows mark the pieces.

Still to follow this year is a "Hands On" Night in April; Saddlestitching in May, with Bob Sutton, and a "Soft Bag" demonstration in June by Marg. Hunter, followed by a short business meeting and the Question Box.

Respectfully Submitted

Ralph Whately
President, Toronto Branch.

NORLAND BRANCH:

We had seven meetings in the year- also three workshops. Six of us attended a workshop in Barrie in January 1985, making a pattern and a purse.

We had a workshop in June '84 with Jean Hunter making belts. All members present made belts, and with all of Jean's helpful hints and advice we can now make a belt on our own. At this workshop we had a potluck dinner and ended our meetings until the fall.

In April, Peggy Weaver demonstrated making a strop, and each member made one. In October and November Peggy demonstrated making mitts, and we each made our own pattern and a pair of mitts.

We missed our Jan. meeting as the weather was bad. Since then we have been working on our purse from the Barrie Workshop.

A new member has been gained who seems very interested in leathercraft.

Respectfully Submitted

Hilda Chynoweth.

WOODSTOCK BRANCH:

During the 1984-85 season Woodstock enjoyed the talents of some of our local members. In the fall, Syd Taylor demonstrated braiding techniques and guided members through the construction of a Turk's Head Knot.

The November meeting featured Edith Melchior, FCSCS, who showed us tool sharpening techniques and brought some tools and books to sell from another leathercrafter in the Tillsonburg area. Executive business was also discussed.

Our Christmas party at Folden's Corner was a warm, friendly evening that started with an excellent turkey dinner, (special thanks to Loreen Manuel), and was topped off by a slide presentation of Saudi Arabia. Carl Creamer spent over a year in the Middle East and recounted stories of the culture, geography, and economy that he found there.

Our January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Carol McLean, FCSCS, presented a detailed instruction of belt techniques, noting measuring for size, design, fastenings and finishing at our February meeting. A discussion also took place re Woodstock Branch. Our numbers are dwindling. We are finding, like other branches, that it is difficult to attract new members.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Pickering.

Woodstock Branch Executive 1985-1986.

President - Jean Pickering
Vice-President- Beula Reynolds
Secretary- To be announced
Treasurer- Beula Reynolds.