



41ST ANNUAL MEETING

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE LEATHERCRAFT

BEACON MOTOR INN, JORDAN ST., VINELAND

MAY 3, 4, 5, 1991

Friday May 3	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Registration and Set-up Display Tables
	- 8:00 p.m.	Judging - Fellows Only
	- 8:00 p.m.	Lois MacPherson is having a Hands-On Demonstration in the Hospitality Room #301. Lois will be guiding you in making bracelets. Hope you Participate! All you need is a sharp knife, edge beveller, & ruler
Saturday May 4	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Coffee, Registration, and Membership
	- 10:00 a.m.	Annual Business Meeting Including: * Business of the past year. * Election of Officers. * Presentation of Fellow and Associate Award. * Branch Competition Award. * Appraisal of Weston Trophy Articles. * Question Box.
	12:00	Lunch in the Sands Room
	1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	DEMONSTRATIONS: Boxes by Bruce White Pastels on Leather by Betsy Rennie, FCSC.
	2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Coffee Break and Draw for Prizes.
	3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	DEMONSTRATIONS: Wallets by Ruth Haig, FCSC. Colour Dye and Dry Brush by Bill Whittingham.
	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Sale of Leather and Tools in 301 Hospitality Room.
	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Cash Bar.
	6:30 - 10:00 p.m.	Annual Banquet, Awards and Entertainment. after 10:00 p.m. Dismantle Displays. Hospitality Room will be open.
Sunday May 5	11:00 a.m.	FREE WINE TOUR at the Vineland Estates on Moyer St. Take Prudhomme Exit onto Victoria Ave. Halfway up the Escarpment - First Right hand turn is Moyer Ave. Gladys Riddell is donating a Tea Set of 6 Ceramic dishes for a Special Draw, each ticket is \$2.00. Johnson Products have donated Care and Household products for a Special Draw. Each ticket is \$1.00.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This, the 41st year of C.S.C.L. has had a variety of problems. I had to be away on Business for about three months; I wish to thank Jack Meharg for sitting in for the meeting that I missed. You did a good job Jack! I also wish to thank Ruth Haig and Lea Love for all the guidance during this first year. What a pair of friends to have, they are the greatest!

Despite Ontario's crazy weather patterns, most of the Guild Representatives were able to get through for nearly all the Executive meetings, to bring us up to date on the various guild activities. A job well done!

The two Co-Editors of the Canadian Leathercraft, Lois MacPherson and Betsy Rennie started by issuing us a ultimatum - no articles no bulletins. It must have stirred some people up because they have had four very successful bulletins this year. Again, Well done Girls.

Our membership is down again this year in almost every Branch. We have teacher to teach the newcomers and we have projects going on in all the branches; some are big and others small, all beautiful pieces of leather work. How do we attract the younger people? Not necessarily the under 20 group, although there is hope that they will return after a few years if they have done leather. Where are the 25 - 50 groups; we have some in each Branches' area, but not living up to become members. Why Not? Is the craft too expensive? No. Other crafts cost more to maintain and buy supplies. We as a group and as individuals will have to be the contact persons. Anyone who shows an interest, talk to them, be prepared to teach and show these people how they can get into the Leather Craft. As a hobby or even as work to them in this day and age. The new Leather hobbyist/worker are out there, we have to get take them by the hand and steer them to the Branches and C.S.C.L. I think our project for 1991-1992 should be "Each one, Teach one". New members are out there, lets bring them in now! Lets have the guild grow!

Don Macleod, President 1990-91.

MINUTES OF THE 40TH ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by our President, Ruth Haig at 10:00 a.m., April 28, 1990 at the Elmhurst Inn, Ingersoll, Ontario. Madeleine Mitchell, President of the Woodstock Branch, extended a warm welcome to everyone.

The motion to adopt acceptance of the 1989 Annual Minutes was moved by René Hackstetter, seconded by Jack Meharg.

Ruth Haig, F.C.S.C.L. read her welcome message including the minutes from the first Annual Meeting. Viola Harris has all the programme's of the International and will submit them to Kevin Armstrong for the Archives.

Congratulations received for our 40th Anniversary were read, including letters from Bob Muma, Gertrude Hilder, Bob Seaberry, Leather Warehouse, and Phil Lavine, Capital Findings.

The By-Laws and Constitution of the C.S.C.L. were revised and reprinted in 1990. Each new member is entitled to a copy with their membership. Guild members are entitled to one as well. Annual membership is still \$20.00.

The Larmour Library books are to be picked up by the branches. The C.S.C.L. Reference Library is available for your perusal at the Ontario Crafts Council head-quarters, 35 McCaul St. Toronto, Ontario. Many duplicate books have been acquired. The Fellows decided the duplicates should be sold. The prices are as follows: Hard-covers \$5.00; Softcovers \$2.00; Pamphlets \$.50. The monies to be used in the library acquisition fund.

Past bulletins are available. Thanks to Ray Potter, who has bound a complete set of bulletins. A file listing all C.S.C.L. history and slides have been compiled. Also, the Archives' information is on computer.

Ruth Haig thanked all the C.S.C.L. Executive for their untiring efforts in making the 40th Anniversary exciting. Special thanks go to: Dorothy Muma for collating the By-Laws; Jessie Little; Kevin Armstrong, our Archivist; René Hackstetter, our Librarian; Jim Rennie, for designing the C.S.C.L. By-Laws cover; and Betsy Rennie for compiling the 40th Anniversary Annual Report.

A Life Membership will be presented to Ray Potter by Fred Brown at a later date.

Dorothy Muma, Chairman of the Council of Fellows presented the awards. Fellow Standing - Betsy Rennie; Associate Standings - René Hackstetter, and Cliff McTavish, who also received the Zalitis pin for highest marks.

Don MacLeod read the history of the Weston Trophy and presented the winner of the Weston Trophy to Mississauga with an average of 82.1%. Commentary and appraisal of Weston Trophy pieces were done by Jessie Little, and assisted by Lillian Kay.

A Past President pin was presented to Ruth Haig, by Madeleine Mitchell. Dorothy Muma presented Ruth with a parting gift, a crystal vase.

Madeleine Mitchell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the new Executive Council for 1990-1991. Our President is Don MacLeod from Mississauga, Ontario.

An invitation for the 1991 Annual was extended by Hamilton Branch, May 3, 4, 5, 1991 at the Beacon Motor Inn, Jordon Station, Ontario.

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New Business

Wickett & Craig Tannery is moving to the U.S.A. in June 1990, however Bob Seaberry will still operate the Leather Warehouse from 100 Bayview, Toronto, Ontario until further notice. Garnett Dyes are available through Joyce Scruton and Harold Brister.

Policy on C.S.C.L. selling used tools, 30% of all tools and leather sales to be given to C.S.C.L.

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary, we are having a Photo session of all people present at the Annual.

Question Box Panel was Fred Brown, Jessie Little, Bea Austin, and Betsy Rennie.

Ruth Haig invited everyone to attend the demonstrations in the afternoon; to enjoy their lunch and the weekend. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Muriel McKnight,
Recording Secretary

EDITOR'S REPORT

This is the Canadian Leathercraft's 40th Year! We, the editors, are glad to be a part of it. It was our first year at the job and we hope you enjoyed every issue.

At least we didn't have to keep our (threat?), there were no skimpy issues. Thanks to ALL the people who contributed to make this past year a success for us.

Please keep the **ARTICLES** coming for the bulletin. At present we have no articles to print for the next issue, so please help us out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Rennie and Lois MacPherson,
Editors, C.S.C.L.

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

Membership Fees		\$ 1449.61
Gel Brigden Estate Proceeds	\$ 1102.49	
Expenses	<u>744.82</u>	357.67
Donations		175.00
Fellow and Associate Fees		30.00
Bank Interest		103.83
Sale of old Bulletins		<u>\$ 14.00</u>
		<u>\$ 2180.11</u>

LIABILITIES

1990 Annual Expense	\$ 772.90	
Less Income	<u>732.39</u>	\$ 40.51
1990 Biennial Leather Show		150.00
1991 Awards		250.00
Weston Trophy		250.00
Bulletins		1433.07
Workshop - Expenses	215.00	
Income	<u>140.00</u>	125.00
1991 Annual Advance		200.00
Donation to Church		100.00
Gifts and Flowers		99.47
Miscellaneous		<u>253.63</u>
		<u>\$ 2901.68</u>

SUMMARY

Expenditures as per detail	\$ 2901.68
Income as per detail	<u>2180.11</u>
Expenditures over income for period	<u>\$ 721.57</u>

The above statement is mathematically correct, but there may be some small discrepancies due to lack of supporting documents. Some of the expenditures were not approved by the Executive Committee, but there is no evidence of dishonesty. This statement in its present form was prepared by me (Lea Love).

Starting Balance - April 01, 1991	\$ 3565.20
<u>LESS</u>	
Deficit for period	\$ 721.57
Bank balance - as of March 31, 1991	<u>\$ 2843.63</u>
Bank Book	\$ 3013.63
LESS O/S cheques	100.00
	50.00
	<u>20.00</u>
	<u>170.00</u>
As of March 31, 1991	<u>\$ 2843.63</u>

In addition to the above bank account, we have a special bank account to cover the following accounts: Michigan Leather Artisans, the Draw Fund, and the Jean Hunter Fund. As of March 31, 1991 there was a total of \$2378.07 on deposit.

Respectfully submitted,
Lea Love

BRANCH REPORTS

HAMILTON:

The Hamilton Branch of the C.S.C.L. met seven times on the second Friday of each month, between April 1990 and March 1991 at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Emerson Street, Hamilton, Ontario.

Due to many people's illness, our November meeting was canceled.

The program was as follows:

- May - Pot Luck and silent auction.
- October - Mini-workshop on key cases, made of splits and coloured with pastel crayons by Ruth Haig.
- December - We had a Pot Luck, silent auction and draw. A display of members early work, C.S.C.L. slides were presented by Muriel McKnight.
- January - Phase 1 workshop on molded cases by Betsy Rennie.
- February - Phase 2 of molded cases by Betsy Rennie and planning for the Annual.
- March - We had an Election of Officers, and judging items for the Weston Trophy.
- April - We will be finishing projects.

Our programme convenor, Sharon Beasley continues to promote hands on programs. Also, a great deal of our meetings were devoted to planning the Annual.

Our Executive for 1991-1992 is:

- President - Betsy Rennie
- Vice President - Ruth Haig
- Secretary - Dave Windeyer
- Treasurer - Dave McPherson

Respectfully Submitted,
Muriel McKnight, President.

MISSISSAUGA

The past year has been one of many changes for the Mississauga Guild. An advertisement for new members in the Vooksville United Church bulletin met a very limited response, as did the changing of our meeting nights from Thursday to Monday evenings. Consequently, we are exploring different avenues to increase our membership, and Thursday has been reinstated as the evening of choice for our meetings.

On the leather front, work and illness severely decimated the ranks of our active leathercrafters, but we were still able to select a Weston Trophy entry for the second year in a row. Many of the projects we had originally slated for workshops this year proved to be too industrious, so it was decided that we will move back to a program in which we focus on new techniques in a small project format.

Major steps have been taken in preparation for the 1992 Annual, which promises to be an informative and fun event. All of the demonstrations will be offered in a workshop environment to assist interested parties learn new techniques with hands on application.

Until next year, the Mississauga Guild wishes you health, prosperity and happy leathercrafting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Whittingham
President M.S.C.L.

NORLAND

No report available.

TORONTO

Toronto Branch has had a busy year. Last year we explored the wider world of leather including the manufacturing of shoes, sculpture, and the historical uses of leather. This year, we decided to focus on aspects of leather that were perhaps more practical for our group.

In September, Bruce White started our year by running a mini workshop on belt making. A knowledgeable craftsman, all agreed it was a good start to a new year. October saw René Hackstetter giving a talk on the construction of Photo frames.

In November, Cliff McTavish came to speak on the subject of colouring leather. He spoke on the theory of colour and gave us a practical demonstration. In the informal conversation that accompanied his demo, many helpful hints and solutions to various problems were discussed. It was another valuable meeting. During November, Fred Brown ran a workshop on the manufacture of photo albums. This too was an unqualified success.

December was the party month. A pot luck supper, good fellowship and cheer, and a sing song made this a happy time. It pays to have a musician in the group. January and February were to have been Jessie Little's months, but poor weather forced the cancellation of January's meeting. However, in February Jessie came and spoke about using the Muma style to decorate leather. She showed us how we might modify tools, and discussed a variety of ways to preserve our embossing. Again, this was a very useful and informative night.

As I sit and write this, I look forward to some events still to come. Ruth Haig is coming to do a mini workshop on wallet interiors. Negash, a professional leather designer is coming to speak to us, and Fred Brown will be showing some of us youngsters the finer points of skiving. There's so much to learn.

What direction will we take next year? At this point we are unsure, but there has been talk of making next year's meetings take more of a hands on approach. Only time will tell.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Briar.

WOODSTOCK

Following the 1989 Annual, the Woodstock Branch members started the planning of two major C.S.C.L. events set for 1990. The Annual meeting for 1990 was held at the end of April and the Biennial Exhibition on "Leather 90" scheduled for September at the Woodstock Public Art Gallery.

Needless to say, the small groups of leathercrafters had a busy year. Business meetings were interspersed with workshop demonstrations. "Lino Cut" designs and napkins rings by Beula Reynolds, ACSCL, along with an interesting method of molding skiver by Edith Melchoir-Hawkins, FCSCL were shown. 1990 ended with a Christmas

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party, hosted by Beula Reynolds.

In 1991 we have looked at some new ideas for fridge magnets or jewelry demonstrated by Madeleine Mitchell, and then together we made patterns for eye class cases.

The 1991-1992 officers for Woodstock CSCL is:

President	-	Nancy Durham.
Secretary	-	Madeleine Mitchell
Treasure	-	Loreen Manuel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Madeleine Mitchell, President.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

During the course of the past year, a number of additions have been made to the archives, and some of the gaps filled. But there are still omissions and holes in the collection. The archives will always accept new donations, no matter how small or large.

On behalf of the C.S.C.L. I would like to express our appreciation to Ray Potter for the binding in 3 volumes of the archive's collection of The Bulletin from Vol 1 #1 to Vol XXI #4. These volumes are on display for your inspection.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Armstrong,
Archivist, C.S.C.L.

LIBRARY REPORT

After two years of solid activity the C.S.C.L. Larmour Library is catalogued and organized. There are now three lists describing all items in the catalogue. The first is the Reference Library List, whose contents are stored at 35 McCaul in the O.C.C. Resource Centre. Second, is the list of circulating books. The third list is a complete inventory of the slide library.

This year marks the end of term for the present Librarian as other commitments are making their demands on my time. Each Friday I work until 9:00 - 9:30 P.M. and I will be unable to attend the executive meeting. Hopefully one of the Branch Librarians will take over, and complete the work which still needs to be done.

Two projects which I would like to see completed are the creation of an inventory of all the trade catalogues which we received by donation from Marg LaChapelle. Thanks Marg for the almost full run of 20-30 years of Tandy Catalogues! Secondly, a detailed list of the Hamilton Slides needs doing and should be added to the Larmour Slide Library list.

The circulating Library will require distribution at the Annual when we receive the final box from Mississauga Branch!

Best wishes for next year!

Respectfully Submitted,
René Hackstetter

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1991-1992

The proposed slate of Executive Council for Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft is:

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Respectfully Submitted

Ruth M. Haig, F.C.S.C.L.;
Past President.