

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE LEATHERCRAFT

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 21, 22, and 23, 1978

HOST BRANCH - TORONTO

Friday, April 21

- 7:00 p.m. Registration in Lobby - George McPhail/Itsuko Yasui
Set up displays in Ambassador Room
9:30 - 11 p.m. Judging for salon & craftsman ribbons

Saturday, April 22

- to 9:00a.m. Breakfast on your own
9:00 to 10a.m. Registration in Lobby
Membership in Ambassador Room - Hope Drysdale
Draw tickets on sale - Jack Meharg/Ralph Whately
9:30 to 10a.m. Coffee in Ambassador Room
10:00 to 12:00 Business meeting in Convention Hall; election
of officers; presentation of Fellows &
Associates; branch competition awards; appraisal
Weston Trophy articles.
Draws
12:30 to 1 p.m. Lunch on your own

Demonstrations

- 1:30 to 3 p.m. Dave Elliott - Top weave on belts.
Carol McLean - Macrame with Leather
Dorothy Proctor - Glove making
Noel Bee - Inverted Carving
Madelaine Mitchell - Miniature articles
3:00 to 3:30 Coffee Break and Draws
3:30 to 5 p.m. Alvin Haig - Morocco Wallets
Fred Brown - Desk Pad in Leather
Beula Reynolds - Moccasins in Leather
Vera Farrara - Lamp shade for leather lamp
6:30 Dinner
7:30 to 8p.m. Entertainment - Ukranian Ilorion Dancers
8:00 to 8:30 - Haruyagi Japanese Dancers
(in Ambassador Room)
9:00 to 10p.m. Dismantle Displays

Sunday April 23

- to 9 a.m. Breakfast on your own
9:15 a.m. Bus Tour of Pioneer Village

(Room check out time is 1 O'clock)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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I extend to everyone a warm welcome to our 28th annual meeting. In order to save time, your attention is directed to the minutes of the 27th annual meeting held in Stratford and also to the reports of the various officers and committee chairpersons.

Once again, it has been rather difficult to arrange executive meetings due to the severe weather. However, we did manage to have 6 meetings in order to keep the wheels of the Society rolling. At this time, I wish to thank those members of the Executive Council for their assistance and dedication to the work taken on by them. Some of the jobs are very time-consuming, I know, and I really appreciate their efforts. I am sure the general membership does, too.

We had a successful sale and demonstrations at the C.N.E. during 1977. And we will be participating again in 1978 - which is a special year, being the Centennial of the C.N.E. It would be appreciated if all members working in the booth this year would dress in period costumes. If you don't know of one you can borrow, there is lots of time to make one up. Let us assist the booth convener by offering our help on as many days as possible. If you have never worked in the booth, you do not know what you are missing.

This is the year of our "Biennial Exhibition" to be held in November at the Etobicoke Civic Centre. I hope everyone is busy planning his/her outstanding piece of leatherwork as we cannot have a show without the special effort of all the members. These exhibitions were one of Irva's pet projects, so let us all put forth an extra effort this year as a tribute to Irva.

We are delighted to welcome into our Society a new branch from Southern Ontario - Windsor. We hope they will find their association with us both helpful and enjoyable.

I thank those members who represented me at the O.C.C. meetings of affiliated groups. I am sorry I have not been in a position to attend but I always knew the Society was well represented.

To those branches who lost valued members through death, and those members who lost loved ones through the year, I express our deepest sympathy. It seems as we get older we are saddened more often.

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Our librarian, Jessie Little, and her assistant, Jean Hunter have worked very hard this past year to give our members-at-large the chance to participate in the "Larmour Memorial Library" - so, be sure to see Jessie before heading home, thank her and Jean personally, and take some good reading material with you.

I have enjoyed my term of office as your president and wish to express my thanks to everyone for their willingness and dedication to the work undertaken by them.

I wish the incoming president, Beula, every success.

Respectfully submitted,

May Corbett,
President.

MINUTES OF THE 27th ANNUAL MEETING C.S.C.L. 22 April, 1977
Host Branch - Woodstock, held at the Victorian Inn,
Stratford, Ont.

The very comfortable Victorian Inn at Stratford formed the setting for the 27th Annual Meeting of C.S.C.L. The general meeting was called to order by the president, May Corbett. She then introduced Carol McLean who welcomed all those present on behalf of the Woodstock branch members who hosted the 1977 meeting. Carol thanked the others who had worked with her in making preparations and announced that there would be a guest demonstrator this year in the person of Mr. Lonshlager who represents Norton Products Ltd. Mr. Lonshlager will demonstrate the proper way to care for our tools, using Norton sharpening stones.

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were accepted as circulated on a motion by Fred Brown, seconded by Anne Hook.

A motion to adopt the various reports as recorded in the 1977 Annual Report was made by Ruth Haig, seconded by Hope Drysdale.

The president, May Corbett, thanked those who had acted on the Executive Council or assisted the Society in many ways during the past year. The various branches were exhorted to seek out new members. May told of her visit to the home of a charter member and the first president of C.S.C.L., Deane Russell. Mr. Russell was presented with a past president's pin in recognition of his great contribution to the Society.

Sherle Bottrill, corresponding secretary, read a letter from a member, Howard Brock of McKees Rocks, Pa., U.S.A. who regretted his inability to be with us this year.

As usual, the highlight of the meeting came with the presentation of the Weston Trophy to the branch obtaining the highest percentage for a display of five articles made by different members. Beula Reynolds, 1st vice president explained the origin of the trophy, and made the presentation to Gladys Riddell, president of the Toronto branch. Gladys introduced the five persons who had completed the articles which won for their branch, with an average mark of 88%. The competition was keen and the winners were closely followed by the Hamilton and Woodstock entries. Nora Huyck, assisted by Olivia Smith, gave the descriptive

commentary on the Weston Trophy articles. There were no members trying for their Associate or Fellow standing this year.

Helen Wheaton, past president, presented the following slate of officers for the coming year -

Past President	- Helen Wheaton
President	- May Corbett
1st Vice President	- Beula Reynolds
2nd Vice President	- Evelyn Burgess
Treasurer	- Dorothy Muma
Recording Secretary	- Joy Findlay
Corresponding Sec'y.	- Pam Frith

There being no further nominations from the floor, the above positions were declared as filled on a motion by Fred Brown, seconded by Anne Hook.

Members of the Executive Council (a maximum of 15 members)

Bea Austin	Jack Layton
Gel Brigden	Jessie Little
Fred Brown	Carol McLean
Clara Cavanagh	Marg Monteith
Hope Drysdale	George McPhail
Jean Hunter	Olivia Smith

There being three vacancies on the Executive Council this year, nominations were called for from the floor -

Jack Meharg, a Toronto branch member, was nominated by
Anne Hook, seconded by
Gladys Riddell.

Muriel McKnight, a Hamilton branch member was nominated by
Hope Drysdale, seconded by
Beula Reynolds.

Madeline Mitchell, a Woodstock branch member was nominated by
Kathleen O'Reilly, seconded
by Ruth Haig.

Closure of nominations was moved by Anne Hook, seconded by
Evelyn Burgess.

The ex-officio members of the Council are as follows:

Chairman, Council of Fellows - Anne Hook
Teaching Standards and Archivist-Robert Muma
Membership Chairman - Hope Drysdale
130 Yonge St.
Hamilton, Ont. L8N 1V6

The following branch presidents are also members of Council:
Barrie - Emma Knowles Toronto - Gladys Riddell
Belleville-Laura Bush Woodstock- Beula Reynolds
Hamilton -Irva Ford

The president welcomed the new members to the Executive Council and thanked those who had given loyal service over past years.

Jessie Little, Chairman of the Library Board, called for donations of books from members or any of their friends who are no longer actively working in leather. If you have some books or know of someone who might be interested in donating some for the use of others, please contact Jessie Little, Snelgrove, Ont. L0P1M0. Clarice Packham, a member well known for her beautifully constructed gloves, had brought some books to the Annual for this purpose. Jessie also reminded the branch librarians that we now have a very complete library of books on leathercraft and other crafts for circulation to the various branches on a rotation basis. From time to time new books are added to the boxes and these must be added to the lists attached to the lid of each box. Any books that are returned too late to be put in the proper box must not be inserted in any other box. They must be returned to the librarian so that they can be returned to the correct box.

We also have some reference books which are too large or heavy to be included in the circulating boxes. A list of these books will be circulated at a later date. Jessie has done extensive work with the members-at-large and hopes to work out a system so that they also will have access to the library. Jessie was thanked for her devoted and excellent service as librarian by Kay Cloughley on behalf of all the C.S.C.L. members.

Announcements included the dates and locations of various summer programs and workshops of interest to the leathercrafters. Bulletins from past years are available again this year at 3 for \$1.00. Draw tickets will be on sale during lunch and

coffee breaks.

Gladys Riddell announced that the Toronto branch was making up an order for Mission Grain leather to be ordered from Norbert Steffan, Buffalo. This leather will cost \$2.25 sq. ft. plus Ontario sales tax, plus duty, plus U.S. exchange. Any branch or member interested should contact Gladys as soon as possible.

An invitation to hold the next Annual Meeting in Toronto was extended by Gladys Riddell, the president of Toronto branch.

The next executive meeting will take place at the home of Fred and Phyllis Brown, 9 Nashland Avenue, Islington, Ontario on May 27th, 1977.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned. Carol McLean introduced Fred Brown, Anne Hook and Helen Wheaton who acted as a mock panel of judges from the Council of Fellows who met to judge articles submitted for the Weston Trophy, Associate or Fellow standing. By means of a flip chart we were given a demonstration of the marking system applied to each of the articles to be judged. May Corbett thanked those who participated in this part of the meeting.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Irva Ford, seconded by Jack Meharg.

After lunch a full afternoon of demonstrations provided an opportunity for members to learn new techniques or review old ones by attending the wide variety of demonstrations given.

The delicious dinner was followed by a period of entertainment provided by a pianist and his friend who lead us in a singsong and musical game interlude. The guest speaker, David Darbyshire, was introduced by Sherle Bottrill. He gave a talk on the experience of his wife Hilda and their family while living in West Irian (New Guinea). To illustrate his talk he showed slides taken during their residence there, and Hilda assisted by showing some of the artifacts and crafts from the area. This was truly an interesting and informative end to a great day.

Those who were available on the Sunday morning were treated to a bus tour around some of the historical and interesting sites of Stratford, including a closer look at the Stratford Shakespearean Theatre and a local Pioneer Museum. Kay Cloughley

Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOR YEAR 1977 - 1978

For the year 1977 - 1978 we had a total of 214 members distributed as follows:

Members at large	60
Branches - Barrie	14
Belleville	18
Hamilton	38
Toronto	37
Woodstock.....	22
Sustaining Members	8
Honorary Life Members	12
Windsor Members	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>214</u>

We have 34 Associate members and 18 Fellows.

We look forward to officially welcoming Windsor members as our newest Branch to-day.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope C. Drysdale
Membership Chairman

SUMMARY OF C.N.E. SALE, 1977

Twenty-eight members submitted 2,124 articles for sale

1,738 of these were sold.

Total sales (not including provincial tax) \$6,236.20

Commission of \$1,247.69 to C.S.C.L.

Value of two small articles missing - \$5.50

Filling out of the entry forms and tags has improved. However, special care must be taken to see you have the price on tag to correspond with price on entry form. Also, if you enter 15 articles on entry form, see that you have 15 articles, not 14 or 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Cavanagh

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 23, 1977 to MARCH 1, 1978

Bank balance forward \$2,863.41

Receipts:

Memberships	\$1,100.50	
"Canadian Leathercraft" sales	8.90	
Annual Meeting	1,296.45	
Exhibitions	6,628.95	
Reserve Fund Interest	100.00	
Michigan Leather Artisans Award Interest	54.24	
Bank Interest & Exchange	76.05	
		<u>9,265.09</u>
		<u>12,128.50</u>

Payments:

Exhibitions - C.N.E.	5,643.29	
"Canadian Leathercraft"	658.32	
Annual Meeting	1,406.47	
Deposit re Annual Meeting 1978	200.00	
Postage & Stationery, general	66.97	
Printing	261.80	
Storage	100.00	
Branch Grants	125.00	
Insurance	40.00	
Transfers of Local guild memberships	18.00	
Flowers	21.25	
Telephone	9.44	
Ontario Grants Council Membership & Directory	53.00	
Bank charges	3.60	
		<u>8,607.14</u>

Bank Balance March 1, 1978		<u>3,521.36</u>
		<u>12,128.50</u>

Allocated funds in Bank Balance:

Interest on Michigan Leather Artisans Fund (for awards)	199.40	
Draw Fund	313.66	
		513.06
Working balance to start new year		<u>3,008.30</u>

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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- 2) The money turned over to C.S.C.L. by the Michigan Leather Artisans (\$538.00) is invested in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate with Canada Permanent Trust, and the yearly interest is accumulated in allocated funds in the general account.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Muma
Treasurer

George McPhail
Auditor

COUNCIL OF FELLOWS

The 1977 Annual Meeting of the Council of Fellows was held on Friday, March 25th at the Studio of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muma, 118 Hazelton Ave., Toronto.

PRESENT: Clara Cavanagh, Irva Ford, Anne Hook, Dorothy Muma, Bob Muma, Olivia Smith and Helen Wheaton.

Chairman, Anne Hook presided at the meeting.

WESTON TROPHY: Three Branches competed. Hamilton, Toronto and Woodstock. The Trophy was won by Toronto, with an average of 88%.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: No Associate Member was elected.

FELLOW MEMBERSHIP: There were no applications.

ANNUAL RIBBONS: Craftsman - Red - 31 awarded.
Trophy - Blue - Toronto
Salon - GOLD - none awarded

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: At the business meeting Anne Hook was re-elected Chairman of the Council of Fellows. Carol McLean was re-elected Secretary.

On Tuesday August 16th, all available Fellows, (7) met at the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Building, at the C.N.E. to receive and adjudicate the work for the Sales Booth.

LEATHER '78 This Exhibition will be held in the Etobicoke Civic Centre, in November 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hook,
Chairman, Council of Fellows.

LIBRARY REPORT 1977-1978

During the past year the Larmour Memorial Library has increased its circulation from 253 books to 353.

The library for Members-at-Large is now ready and books may be signed out at the Annual Meeting.

Miss Clarice Packham has donated ^{five} three excellent books on glove-making.

We have also received three books from Mr. Deane Russell. We thank these donors.

The Committee for 1977-1978 consisted of:

Jessie Little	Chairman
Fred Brown-	Treasurer
Anne Hook	
Jean Hunter	
Sadie Roebuck	
Olivia Smith	

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie M. Little
Librarian

LARMOUR LIBRARY BANK BALANCE

March 15, 1978	Premium Savings a/c	\$779.14
Cost of books 1977-1978		<u>350.00</u>
	Balance	<u>\$429.14</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Brown
Treasurer

EDITORIAL REPORT

I would like to thank the people who helped make it possible to publish four issues of "Canadian Leathercraft" this past year.

It is yours to contribute to according to your experience and interests. The more active you become in supporting "Canadian Leathercraft" the more value it will offer you and your fellow craftsmen.

Lets make it a success again next year. Articles, items of interest, etc. are always required publications. Why not prepare an article now? Articles are also being collected for a "member-at-large" issue -- more material is required.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Monteith

BARRIE BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

The regular meetings of Barrie Branch C.S.C.L. were held in St. Monica's School with an average attendance of eleven members. During the year 1977-1978 two executive meetings were held. In May, 1977 a demonstration was given by six members to a combined class of French Canadian and Ontario children at the Rama Public School near Orillia. Kay Cloughley directed the instruction of tooling, carving, pendant making, dye techniques and the owl mobile. Twelve members enjoyed the annual bountiful pot-luck dinner at Helen Anderson's home in July.

The Christmas party held December 11th took the form of a workshop at Clara Cavanagh's, followed by a pot-luck dinner at May Corbett's

During the year we were privileged to have demonstration-workshops by the following gifted craftspeople:

May - Jack Meharg of Toronto C.S.C.L. on belts and holsters with special emphasis on the use of the wooden belt stripper.

June - Anne Hook of Toronto C.S.C.L. the skill of making lino-cuts.

September - Paul Williams of Bethany, Ontario the unique art of sculptural leather pieces.

November - Fred Brown of Toronto C.S.C.L. his secrets on making a removable book cover.

February - Gary Walsh of Barrie C.S.C.L. the technique of constructing a case - i.e. - camera or binocular.

At our regular meeting in September, Kay Cloughley gave us a concise coverage of belt making and several belt blanks were cut on our newly acquired wooden belt stripper. In October, Clara Cavanagh demonstrated the making and designing of leather trays. Clara also covered the construction of wallet interiors and patterns were exchanged. In January, May Corbett demonstrated her technique on bottle covering.

In early November, we had a very successful sale at Georgian Mall. The percentage rebate realized from the sale provides funds for the Barrie Branch to entertain visiting craftspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Naftel
Secretary

1977-1978 Executive: President - Emma Knowles
 Secretary - Kay Naftel
 Treasurer - Sharon Walsh

HAMILTON ANNUAL BRANCH REPORT

The Hamilton Leathercraft Guild meets the second Friday of the month, at Terryberry Library, West Fifth St., & Mohawk Rd. W., Hamilton, Ontario.

Since the last Annual report, we have had seven regular meetings and Four Executive meetings.

April 77 - Mr. Rowatt of the textile industry provided a talk and demonstration of mixing powder dyes, and their application on leather.

May 77 - The library staff showed slides of the progress in libraries in Hamilton over the years. Craftsman ribbons won at the Annual meeting were presented to Irva Ford, Ruth Haig, Bea Austin, Hope Drysdale and Dan Hannington.

June 77 - The Guild traveled by bus to Caledon for a dinner at the church, and a tour of Daphne's studio.

November 77 - We had a demonstration of double key case by Mildred Kemp.

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January 78 - Gladys Riddell demonstrated picture framing in leather.

February 78 - Dan Hannington demonstrated plug embossing, using the layered splits technique.

March 78 - Our Annual meeting and election of officers was followed by slides of the Irva Ford Collection.

Our Guild has been bereft of four valuable members during this semester, namely, Irva Ford, Art Brandereth, Marie Jonassen and Jim Cournyea.

We have had two Library displays, and many of our members participated in the Art Gallery Sale, The Artisans Sale, and the C.N.E. sale. Prize winners in the leather competition at the C.N.E. were Ruth Haig, Hope Drysdale, and Dan Hannington. Irva Ford received honorable mention at the OCC competitions at Glynhurst in Brantford, and two members were prize winners at the Rockton and Cambridge Fall Fairs.

1978 Hamilton Leathercraft Guild Executive as follows:

PRESIDENT, Mrs. Muriel McKnight (1-416-529-9194)

SECRETARY, Mrs. Lillian Beech, Smithville, Ontario.

VICE PRESIDENT, Miss Evelyn Burgess, (1-416-689-8137)

CC. Crafts Administration Mohawk Rd., Hamilton,

Mrs. Thilde Nevitt, Artisans Guild, Hamilton,

Main Library, Main St., Hamilton,

C.S.C.L. Mr. Frank Vigor, OCC representative, Guelph.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Haig

Secretary, Hamilton Guild

TORONTO BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

Our 1977-78 Season has been a varied one of interesting people and events and a most enjoyable one.

October 77 - A demonstration of leather and macrame by Carol McLean.

November 77 - A movie: Methods in Leathercrafting.

December 77 - A slide and sound presentation of "La Salle Expedition II" from Montreal to Gulf of Mexico in 1681-82 by Fred Leslie.

January 78 - Due to bad weather, our demonstration scheduled for the evening had to be cancelled.

February 78 - Jack Meharg spoke on "Nature Tan Leather".

March 78 - A sale and exchange of leather and craft tools.

April 78- Embossing with colouring by Jessie Little.

May 78- Flower making by Clara Cavanaugh.

June 78 - An evening of Larmour Slides.

Our attendance has been very good and quite satisfactory.

At the conclusion of each of our business meetings members meet socially over coffee and cakes.

PRESIDENT: Gladys Riddell
VICE-PRESIDENT: Jack Meharg
TREASURER: George McPhail
SECRETARY: Katherine Heal

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Heal
Secretary

BELLEVILLE BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

First of all we had an enjoyable time at the convention in Stratford as guests of the Woodstock Branch.

We were grieved to hear of the passing of Irva Ford and we know that other branches will miss her as much as ours. We feel privileged to have known such a gifted person.

During the 77 & 78 season we made a couple of owl projects. One was an owl mobile as demonstrated at convention last year. We also made brooches and pendants from various patterns brought in by our members.

We have done some recycling of empty juice cans into covered footstools using leather, suede, and other materials as desired.

We are now making lampshades from fibre glass, dried flowers and leather.

During the year, the members have been working on individual projects beside our group projects, covering such topics as gloves, purses, picture frames, attache cases, wallets, teaching senior citizens, etc.

We have tried to arrange a workshop with the Tandy manager in Kingston, but as yet we have not found a convenient time when he can come and we can have a good representation of members present. We will keep trying!

Throughout this year, we have called on the abilities of our own members as instructors for our projects.

We also attended the Exhibition: serving two days in the leather booth.

The Belleville Branch is looking forward to the '78 convention where we meet old and new friends and exchange old and new ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Harry
Secretary, Belleville

WOODSTOCK BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

Thanks to our Programme Committee, we have again had an interesting and varied year. Demonstrations included Lace Cutting, Butterfly Mobiles, different techniques for finishing belts and a class on mask making.

Helen Wheaton held a Glove workshop and Jessie Little came to Woodstock to show us some novel dyeing techniques. Demonstrations on Inverted Carving and Saddle Stitched bottles are still to come and we hope to have a Sandal workshop.

We also had a picnic and despite bad weather we held our Annual Christmas party.

Carol McLean had a mask accepted by the Ontario Craft Council for the South West regional competition which took place in the spring.

The highlight of the year for this branch was being the host for the 27th Annual meeting which was held in Stratford.

Our present membership is twenty-three.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kingston,
Secretary

The Executive is: President - Madelaine Mitchell
Secretary - Christine Kingston
Treasurer - Terry Burt-Gerrans