

30th ANNUAL MEETING
CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE LEATHERCRAFT
SUN VALLEY MOTOR INN, Belleville, Ont.

Friday evening, April 18th - Sunday morning, April 20th, 1980
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Friday	7:00 pm	Registration - Irene Girling
April 18th		Set up displays in convention room
	9:30-11:00 pm	Judging for Salon and Craftsman ribbons

Saturday		
April 19th	9:00 am	Breakfast on your own
	9:00-10:00 am	Registration (Cloughley)
		Membership in convention room - Kay
		Draw tickets on sale - Vera Ferrara
	9:30-10:00 am	Coffee in convention room
	10:00-12:00 am	Business meeting in convention room; election of officers, presentation of Fellows and Associates; branch compet- ition awards; appraisal of Weston Trophy articles; Helen Wheaton outlines Fellow and Associate requirements; Question Box.

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch on your own, and draws

1:30-3:00 pm DEMONSTRATIONS:

- 1-Gladys Riddell - Picture Framing
- 2-Howard Brock - Carving
- 3-Marian Kehoe - Flower Making

3:00-3:30 pm Coffee break and draws

3:30-5:00 pm DEMONSTRATIONS:

- 1-Carol McLean - Covered Bottles
- 2-Helen Wheaton - Saddle Stitching
- 3-Hope Drysdale - Book Covers

6:00 pm DINNER - guest speaker

9:00 pm SALE

9:30 pm Dismantle displays

Sunday	9:30 am	Breakfast on your own
April 20th	10:00-11:00 am	Films

** Room checkout time is 2 o'clock **

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to the 30th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft.

I often wonder what the charter members think of what we are doing with their brain child - rather child of their hearts, for where else would you find the amount of thought, energy and dedication that was put into the forming of our society. We do have many such loyal members today. I have appreciated the friendly fellowship all members have shown me, and being president these past two years has truly been a great honour for me. I thank all members of the executive council for their so very cheerful help and co-operation during my term of office. This past year there have been five well-attended executive meetings held at Harbourfront, Toronto. It takes dedicated workers - some drive over one hundred and twenty miles to attend the meetings and this year two of the meetings have necessarily been long ones - and then drive all that distance to arrive back home at 2 or 3 in the morning.

Is it too much to ask each and every member to make some contribution to your society - better craftsmanship, new designs, techniques, articles for Canadian Leathercraft, support of branches, work at the C.N.E., entries for the biennial exhibitions and attending workshops. Above all else, we ask you to enjoy the fellowship and friendly exchange of ideas that are so much a part of every leathercraft meeting.

1979 at the C.N.E. was quite successful. The workers are to be congratulated on a job well done. We have been asked to participate again this year. The Arts, Crafts and Hobbies building has been completely rebuilt inside for the 1980 season. Our booth will be in approximately the same spot, but there have been many changes to make the place more attractive and convenient for the exhibitors as well as for the public. There is to be another banner contest this year with three prizes in each group: (1) C.N.E. or Arts, Crafts and Hobbies, (2) Your own craft, (3) General. Remembering the banners of 1978, this should be quite a challenge.

Ontario Craft Council has appointed an affiliates representative, Stephen Dryden. There have been several meetings with Stephen and O.C.C. staff and a much better understanding of each others ideas and needs has been achieved.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, mailings of the Canadian Leathercraft were delayed this year. Every one should have received their four copies of the year by now. Our sincere thanks to the editor, Margaret

Monteith, for doing such excellent work under trying conditions.

In March we held our first general workshop - not exactly a workshop - it was a Design Weekend with William Hodge. Mr. Hodge had done a lot of preparatory work in adapting his teaching to leathercraft. The general feeling of those who attended was that if they went home and did their homework, "Design" would start to work for them as well as for the gifted few. A weekend in the fall and another in the spring have been booked at Harbourfront, Toronto, for workshops. What they are to be about hasn't been decided yet. Would all members, especially the members-at-large, send in their requests for consideration? Dates will be announced in our next bulletin.

Plans have been made for our 1980 Exhibition. This will be opened at the Woodstock Art Gallery on November 14th, closing on December 6th. The exhibition will then move on to Barrie, and hopefully Toronto and Hamilton will be able to find a gallery to house it for a short period. We hope every one is busy planning his or her outstanding piece of leather work. Let us all make a special effort. Jurying will be on October 24th.

At our February 28th executive meeting, there was much discussion of the needs of the members-at-large. We have received two requests from ex-executive council members, (one of whom is a member-at-large) for copies of our executive minutes. It was agreed that since not all members would be interested, and the cost of mailing being prohibitive, we will, on written application from a member, send them a copy of the minutes. This will be on a yearly basis only. We would hope that these members would supply some input in the form of constructive suggestions.

Once again, I thank all members of C.S.C.L. for the hard work they have done this past two years - also your friendly words of encouragement have been sincerely appreciated.

I wish the incoming president every success.

Respectfully submitted,

Beula Reynolds

MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL MEETING, April 21, 1979:

The 29th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft was held at the Continental Inn, Barrie, Ontario.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Beula Reynolds. Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as circulated, on a motion by Kay Cloughley, seconded by Jack Meharg. Motion of adoption of all reports as circulated was made by Olivia Smith, seconded by Gel Brigden.

The President read her report.

Correspondence: Lorna Robson read a letter from Belleville Branch inviting us to Belleville for the 1980 annual meeting.

Library Chairman, Jessie Little, congratulated those who used the books. We have 363 books on hand, and only four were missing. Norland, Windsor and members-at-large are to pick up books at this meeting, and each branch are to pick up their book boxes.

Council of Fellows: Helen Wheaton, chairman - Helen reported no applications for Fellow or Associate standing. A review of the requirements is to be published in Canadian Leathercraft.

THE WESTON TROPHY, as usual, was the highlight of the meeting. Jack Meharg called on Hamilton Branch as winners of the 1979 trophy. Hamilton was first with 92%, Woodstock second with 86.3%, Toronto 3rd with 84.5%, and Barrie 4th with 83.8%. Appraisal of the articles was done by Carol McLean, assisted by Jessie Little. Members submitting articles were asked to include a short resume with their work. There are times when this helps judges, especially in their decisions regarding practical uses.

Exhibitions Chairman, Clara Cavanagh, reported on the 1978 biennial exhibition. Members who had work accepted were presented with exhibition ribbons.

Life Memberships were presented by Kay Cloughley. This is one way we have of showing our appreciation of people who have, in past years, laid the groundwork that we enjoy today:

MAE MacKINNON, widow of Don MacKinnon, who inspired a great many in the field of leathercraft. He was a teacher, was famous for lifelike portraits and scenic pictures done in leather. Mae, herself, is an expert in glove making and was responsible for much of the ground work that took place before the C.S.C.L. was established. Charter member June 1950.

JEAN NEWTON became a member in 1951, associate in 1954 and a fellow in 1957. Jean has held office as chairman of Toronto branch, president of C.S.C.L. and chairman of I.A.L.C. She has won awards from the C.N. Handcraft Guild, C.N.E., P.N.E. and C.S.C.L.

WINNIFRED COOMBS became a member in 1951. She has always been a hard-working member of Toronto branch, and was responsible for the organization of several annual meetings held at Woodgreen Centre. She served on the executive council for several years and held the position of membership chairman for several years.

FRED BROWN became a member in 1953, associate in 1960 and fellow in 1963. Fred has served on the executive council for many years, was president for four years. He is a teacher of leathercraft, and famous for his 3D tooling and turned edges, and has won many awards for his work. His position as the manager of the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies building at the C.N.E. each year is only one indication that Fred is interested in all phases of craft work.

Jack Meharg, vice president, presented the Norland Branch. We welcome this new branch - they are an enthusiastic group and will be a definite asset to C.S.C.L.

May Corbett, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers:

Past President	- May Corbett
President	- Beula Reynolds
1st vice president	- Hope Drysdale
2nd vice president	- Jack Meharg
Treasurer	- Dorothy Muma
Corresponding Secretary	- Lorna Robson
Recording Secretary	- Madeleine Mitchell

Moved by May Corbett, seconded by Carol McLean that these positions be declared filled. Carried.

Members of the executive council:

Fred Brown	Kay Cloughley	Bea Austin
George McPhail	Carol McLean	Mary Patterson
Peggy Weaver	Margaret Monteith	Fred Patterson
Olivia Smith	Ruth Haig	Laura Bush
		Jessie Little

Moved by May Corbett, seconded by Muriel McKnight that nominations be closed for executive council. Carried.

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

Archivist and Teaching Standards - Robert Muma
Chairman of Council of Fellows - Helen Wheaton

Branch Presidents:	Barrie	-	Joy Findlay
	Belleville	-	Margaret Hunt
	Hamilton	-	Muriel McKnight
	Norland	-	Hilda Chynoweth
	Toronto	-	Gladys Riddell
	Woodstock	-	Madeleine Mitchell
	Windsor	-	Dan Oullette

Officers and members of executive council were introduced by May Corbett.

The president then announced the program for the rest of the day, and thanked Barrie Branch for their very efficient handling of all details.

The Question Box provided a lively exchange. Fred Brown, Nora Huyck, Sadie Roebuck and Jessie Little were on the panel.

During the afternoon, demonstrations on box covering, inlay and onlay, variations of flower design, spatter dyeing, belts, nature tan etc., moccasins, and saddle stitching kept every one engrossed.

After a delicious dinner, the guest speaker, Mr. Lloyd Cook, gave a very interesting talk on animal conservation and identified the beautiful skins he had on display. A surprising number of questions kept him busy for some time after his talk.

This was followed by a sale of private member's tools, leather, etc., and the taking down of displays.

Sunday morning a number of slides on salon pieces were shown. It was interesting to see the work of former years.

Members of Barrie Branch are to be congratulated on providing us with an interesting and inspiring (and comfortable) week end.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Burt

COUNCIL OF FELLOWS:

The 1979 Annual Meeting of the Council of Fellows was held on March 30th, 1979, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muma, 118 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

Chairman Helen Wheaton presided. Nine Fellows were present. Minutes were recorded by the secretary, Carol McLean.

Weston Trophy: Four Branches competed - Barrie, Hamilton, Toronto and Woodstock. The trophy was won by Hamilton, with an average of 92%.

Associate Membership: No applications were received.

Fellow Membership: No applications were received.

The Fellows met again on the Friday evening of C.S.C.L. Annual Meeting with (9) Fellows present. Two Fellows judged for Salon Swords, with six articles selected. A board of selection was appointed of five Fellow members to jury for Craftsman Awards, with thirty (30) articles selected. Ribbons were awarded at the dinner on Saturday night. (List of awards was published in Canadian Leathercraft, Summer 1979).

On August 15th, 1979, a meeting was held at the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Building at the C.N.E. for the purpose of screening articles submitted for sale at the C.N.E. Eight (8) Fellows were present. (For further particulars, see report of the C.N.E. sale).

Again I would encourage the members of C.S.C.L. to try for Associate or Fellow standing. I know you are out there. Why not try? I do mean you.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Wheaton, FCSC
Chairman, Council of Fellows.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD March 6, 1979 to March 17, 1980:

Bank Balance forward March 6, 1979 \$ 3,021.06

Receipts:

Memberships	\$ 855.00	
Exhibitions	7,623.93	
Sales of Bulletin	46.35	
Annual Meeting (net)	321.03	
Rebates	100.00	
Investment Interest - General	200.00	
Interest - Award Fund	59.02	
Bank interest & Exchange	122.97	9,328.30
		<u>\$ 12,349.36</u>

Payments:

<u>Exhibitions</u>		
Sales	\$ 6,182.26	
Boxes for pins	19.06	
Insurance	50.00	
Accounting	50.00	
Petty Cash	100.00	
Supplies	160.84	
Telephone	3.49	
Award	50.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	117.75	\$6,733.40

"Canadian Leathercraft"

Postage	70.58	
Printing	525.15	
Typing	112.00	707.73

Annual Meeting

Postage	35.00	
Awards	93.51	
Photos	20.00	
Printing	135.62	
Telephone	31.09	
President's Expenses	42.00	357.22

General Expenses

Postage & Stationery	64.81		
Printing	92.62		
Workshop	207.00		
Storage	100.00		
President's expenses	25.80		
OCC Publications	15.00		
OCC Membership	50.00		
Anne Hook Award Fund	50.00		
Insurance	40.00		
Telephone	30.04		
Bank charges	<u>1.00</u>	<u>676.27</u>	8,474.62

Balance on hand March 17, 1980

3,874.62

\$ 12,349.36

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT, March 17, 1980:

Allocated Funds in Bank Balance:

Interest on Michigan Leather Artisans
Fund (for awards)
Draw Fund

230.05

366.67

596.72

Working Balance to start new year

\$ 3,278.02

- 1) In addition to above bank balance, we have \$2,000.00 invested in Guaranteed Investment Certificates with Canada Permanent Trust, representing surplus funds, interest being used for current expenses.
- 2) The money turned over to C.S.C.L. by the Michigan Leather Artisans and the International Assembly of Leathercraftsmen (\$638.00) 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

Olivia Smith, Auditor

MEMBERSHIP REPORT for year ending March 31, 1980:

Branch Memberships -

Barrie	12
Belleville	17
Hamilton	23
Norland	13
Toronto	44
Windsor	8
Woodstock	20

Included are -

Honourary Life	11
Fellows	15
Associates	30
Sustaining Members	6

Members-at-large 41

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You will notice that our membership has fallen from the total of 205 members last year at this time. It is regrettable that we have lost some valuable and active members through illness and death. In order to keep our organization growing and thriving, all branches and individual members should be constantly and actively seeking new members for C.S.C.L.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Cloughley, Membership Chairman.

EDITORIAL REPORT:

Another year has gone by and 3 issues of "Canadian Leathercraft" have been published. I hope the fourth issue will be mailed before the Annual.

I would like to thank every one for their co-operation and hard work in preparing these issues. It has been a struggle with the mail this year.

Information or suggestions for "Canadian Leathercraft" would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Monteith, Editor.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

"Make It With Leather" published information about C.S.C.L. and the annual meeting at Barrie in the July 1979 issue. Reports of the 1979 annual meeting were mailed to all affiliate craft magazines.

Announcement of "Leather 80" at Woodstock has been sent to C.C.C.

I have taken black and white photos of the Workshop at Harbourfront with Mr. Hodge, and hopefully I will have a more complete pictorial report to present for 1980-81.

For best results, publicize C.S.C.L. at your local level. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel McKnight.

LIBRARY REPORT 1979 - 1980:

The Members-at-Large Library was not used during the past year. Your executive decided to make this box of books the "Norland Box". These may be obtained from the librarian at the annual meeting.

During 1980 your library committee will remove from the boxes a number of unused books. This will enable the committee to add new books and keep the weight down.

Your committee would like to thank the branch librarians for their efforts.

The committee for 1979 - 1980 consisted of: Chairman - Jessie Little
Treasurer - Fred Brown
Jean Hunter
Olivia Smith

Balance on hand, \$510.34

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie M. Little, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE C.N.E. SALE, 1979:

Twenty-five people submitted 2,485 articles, of which 1,944 were sold for a dollar value of \$7,179.20, giving a commission of \$1,435.94 to the guild.

Thanks to all members who participated, and especially to our members-at-large. It is only through your participation that the sale is a success.

There will be another banner competition in 1980. Get busy on your ideas and get involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Drysdale.

BRANCH REPORTS: -

BARRIE:

Four business and four workshop meetings were held.

On July 29th we enjoyed a potluck picnic at the home of Clarence and May Corbett.

The following assisted in the booth at the C.N.E. Toronto Exhibition: Sherle Bottrill, Clara Cavanagh, Kay Cloughley, May Corbett, Emma Knowles, Lorna McVanel, Margaret Pratt, Russ Stevenson.

At our first workshop on September 15th, we were very pleased to have Gladys Riddell from Toronto, who very ably demonstrated photo framing. A follow-up workshop on this was held on October 15th.

In November, Clara Cavanagh demonstrated Cuir Bouilli. This was another excellent demonstration.

On December 9th, Joy Findlay, our president, entertained the members at a potluck supper held in her home - another happy occasion. Prior to the supper we visited the Simcoe County Museum to see the "Old Fashioned Christmas" sponsored by Simcoe County Arts & Crafts Association, where interesting displays and demonstrations were viewed.

We participated in the craft sale at the winter carnival in the Downtown Centre, Barrie, on the weekend of February 16 - 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherle Bottrill,
Secretary, Barrie Branch.

BELLEVILLE BRANCH:

We, of the Belleville Branch, welcome each and every one to this years' Annual and hope that you learn as much, and enjoy yourselves as much, as when we have attended other Annuals at other places.

In the Fall, we made handshaped bookmarks for the residents of one of our nursing homes. Also we enjoyed a workshop on Quir Bouilli with Clara Cavanagh instructing.

Since the coming of the new year we have made name tags for the Annual, as well as keeping busy on our own individual projects for display.

As in previous years, we spent two days at the C.N.E. in the C.S.C.L. booth.

In March, Laura Bush and Margaret Hunt attended the William Hodge workshop in Toronto.

We in Belleville are happy to host this Annual Meeting, and extend a hearty welcome to all who attend. Enjoy yourselves.

Our executive for 1979-1980: President	- Margaret Hunt
Past President	- Laura Bush
Vice President	- Irene Girling
Secretary	- Marilyn Harry
Treasurer	- Lorraine Moon

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Harry, Secretary.

HAMILTON BRANCH:

We meet on the second Friday each month from October through May, average attendance of 14 with 1 new member this year.

After the business meeting each night, Ruth Haig presented the following programs:

- March '79 - Election of officers and knife sharpening, Ruth Haig
- April - Bea Austin-Molding leather with heated ball bearing tools
- May - Jessie Strain - soft leather flowers
- June - pot luck supper and Lillian Beech-pattern organizing and helpful hints
- October - Our group and guests from other branches went to McMaster University where John Holmes demonstrated book binding and gold leaf work
- November - Muriel McKnight - poinsettias
- December - pot luck supper, silent auction and sing song, after which Christine Whitlock of Artisans Guild presented slides showing local artisans at work
- Jan. '80 - cancelled due to sickness and bad weather
- February - Ruth Haig followed through on Jessie Little's plug embossing and water soluble dye technique. Ruth worked on a prepared wallet back which was later drawn for.

Two workshops during the year were: May '79 - Dorothy Proctor, gloves
Nov. '79 - Carol McLean, covering bottles with leather.

Our branch took part in the Artisans sale in November.

During the C.N.E., we manned the booth several days and supplied articles both for display and sale. Also at the C.N.E. Hope Drysdale won 1 first, 1 second and 1 third prize; Alf Morris won 1 first and 1 third prize; Ruth Haig won 2 first, 1 second and 1 third prizes.

At the Rockton Fair, Jessie Strain won 15 prizes and at Galt 16 prizes; at Rockton Fair Hope Drysdale won 5 prizes.

June Somerville, Exhibitions convenor, kept our work before the public at the Terryberry Library, Westdale Library and the Ancaster Library.

The highlight of the year was Hamilton branch winning the Weston Trophy.

Our executive for 1980 - 1981:

Past President	- Muriel McKnight
President	- Lorna Robson
Vice President	- Ruth Haig
Secretary	- Lillian Beech
Treasurer	- Irene Kirkland

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Beech, Secretary.

NORLAND BRANCH:

Regular meetings of the Norland Branch are held the last Thursday of every month. The executive meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month.

We have a membership of eleven.

In May we had a general meeting. In June some of the members went to Tom Spatafores in Coe Hill for a workshop. We did not hold meetings in July and August.

In September we had an executive meeting, and on September 20th held our general meeting. Hilda Chynoweth gave a demonstration on setting domes.

In October we held our executive meeting and general meeting. We made maple leaves for name tags and did spatter dyeing on paper. We had one new member join.

In November we had a general meeting and worked on articles for the convention. There was no meeting in December. There was a business meeting in January.

The weather in February was bad so there was no meeting. In March we had an executive meeting and the regular meeting with the election of officers.

Norland Branch Executive 1979 - 1980:

President	- Hilda Chynoweth
Vice President	- Peggy Weaver
Secretary	- Grace Graham
Treasurer	- Dorothy Brown

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Graham, Secretary.

TORONTO BRANCH:

This year has been marked by much success and several changes. The most noticeable change has been our move to Harbourfront for our monthly meetings.

The meetings themselves were well attended and consisted of:

October '79	- Many Hobbies, Many Tools	- Gel Bridgen
November	- Tools and substitutes	- Don Argue
December	- Patterns - The use of	- Dave Elliott
	- Making	- Gladys Riddell
January '80	- Leather and Dyes	- Fred Brown
February	- Tool, Pattern & Dye Sale	- Jack Meharg, Auctioneer
March	- Mexican Top Braided Belts	- Madeleine Mitchell
April	- Design Dyeing	- Mary Patterson
May	- Leather Garment Construction	- Mary Zatyko
June	- Filagree Leather	- Carol McLean

The many demonstrations were capably done and the samples used and shown were of the highest calibre. These people deserve a great deal of praise for their expertise and enthusiasm.

Our attendance has been quite stable at 20 to 25 members monthly.

C.S.C.L. had a weekend workshop at Harbourfront with Bill Hodges giving an interesting seminar on design which culminated with a discussion of the design elements used by members on the pieces they brought to the seminar.

The C.N.E. booth was well-staffed, and sales were higher this year.

Toronto Branch executive for 1979 - 1980:

President	- Gladys Riddell
Past President	- Robert Sutton
Vice President	- Jack Meharg
Secretary	- Ralph Whatley
Treasurer	- George McPhail

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Riddell, President.

WOODSTOCK BRANCH:

Since the 1979 Annual, Woodstock has had a very busy year. The highlights of the year were two very excellent weekend workshops - one with Jessie Little demonstrating plug embossing, and another with Clara Cavanagh where we learned how to make Cuir Bouilli containers. Several Woodstock members attended an enjoyable evening at the Hamilton Guild where Bea Austin showed us how to heat mold flower pins. In March 1980, several members attended the William Hodge design weekend.

During the summer months we met once for an open air picnic and social time. Members also worked at the 1979 C.N.E. booth.

At our regular monthly meetings we have enjoyed the following:

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| September '79 | - Carol McLean FCSC, small boxes with mitred edged |
| October | - Jean Racknor, carving techniques |
| November | - Helen Wheaton FCSC, What the judges look for? |
| December | - An entertaining evening with a lovely Christmas dinner and OCC leathercraft slides, followed by an amusing Laurel and Hardy film. |
| January '80 | - A past member, Sid Taylor (who now lives in Quebec), demonstrated his unique pendants set with polished stones. |
| February | - Madeleine Mitchell, miniature projects |
| March | - Edith Melchior FCSC, demonstrated round braiding |

Woodstock Branch Executive 1979 - 1980:

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| President | - Madeleine Mitchell |
| Secretary | - Kathleen O'Riley |
| Treasurer | - Terry Burt-Gerrans |
| Membership | - Madeleine Mitchell |
| Program | - Carol McLean |
| Phoning | - Kathleen O'Riley |
| Library | - Carol McLean |

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine Mitchell, President.