



42ND ANNUAL MEETING

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE LEATHERCRAFT

BEACON MOTOR INN, JORDON ST., VINELAND

APRIL 24, 25, 26, 1992

Friday April 24	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Registration and Set-up Display Tables
	7:30 p.m.	Short Executive Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Judging
	8:00 p.m.	Lois MacPherson will demonstrate a small moulded items (card cases, etc.) using plexiglass forms.

Saturday	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 noon	Lunch - on your own
	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	DEMONSTRATIONS: Jessie Little - Colourama I Cliff McTavish - Hand Stitching
	3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break and Draw Tickets
	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	DEMONSTRATIONS: Jessie Little - Colourama II Bill Whittingham - Tool Sharpening
	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Sale of Leather Goods in Motel Room of Bruce White and/or Joyce Scruton.
	6:30 - 10:00 p.m.	Annual Banquet, Awards, and Guest Speaker after 10:00 p.m. Dismantle Displays. Hospitality Room will be open.

Sunday	10:00 - 12:00 noon	Jessie Little - Acrylic Colourama III Hands on Workshop in the Hospitality Room.
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Another year has passed since we last assembled. Our membership is a little like the Canadian economy - down. Let's hope they both recover the flourish in the very near future. Just about every club has lost some special friend this past year and they all will be missed by everyone. The Toronto and Hamilton groups have a few new members in the past few years; Mississauga has shrunk down to the bare number to operate as a club. On a positive note Mississauga has registered with the Mississauga Recreation and Parks board and will hopefully be getting some publicity with that group's Bi-ennial mail-outs that go out on an EVERY HOUSE basis. M.S.C.L. have a large, well lit room, and plenty of parking for their meetings and workshops. Just maybe this new approach will new some inquiry and inspire new members.

Internally we need more applications for Associates and Fellows, to be in line to carry on for the future. Let's face it, none of us are getting any younger, it's harder for us all to get around now than it was 20 years ago. It's more awkward to get supplies in some areas, because of store closures. There are ways around this, use the telephone more to order, or mail in orders. It can be worked out, and we do work these little obstacles out. So why can't we work out the problem of membership and come up with more people. Age doesn't matter, but young people would give us many more future years of attendance, especially if we can involve them in the offices of the various clubs and eventually C.S.C.L. Executive.

Let's hope we can attract more new members, particularly younger people. When I say young, not necessarily 20-30 year old's, they would be terrific, but maybe 30-50 year old's; age doesn't really matter. Interest and the desire to learn are the foremost qualities. Ability with the time to do the work, coupled with instruction from our current members could easily develop their interests and make them keen to turn out top quality work.

We should be open to a lot of new ideas. The world around us is certainly changing in leaps and bounds. Just maybe what was acceptable and functional a few years ago will not appeal to today's novice worker with leather. Coasters, key fobs and wallets still have a lot of appeal to everyone and are an excellent starting spot. People try to travel as lightly as possible these days, and even a perfect piece like a ladies' purse with gussets, clasps, and fancy tooled leather may be too heavy, and expensive for today's housewife and mother toting a child or carrying groceries, and driving a car. Today they seem to look for something lighter in weight, but still attractive and serviceable. They don't like moving things from one purse to another for special events or outfits, they say they don't have time. Perhaps we should look at this and come up with something special.

THE "I WANT ONE OF THOSE" IDEA.

Look around you, what are people doing, what are their requirements for doing it.

"I WISH I HAD SOMETHING THAT WOULD DO THIS OR THAT."

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We all hear this from time to time. At work, at play, in the house, just maybe the real answer is there, staring at us in the face. Let's keep our eyes and ears open and let any and all the suggestions roll in. Get an idea, doodle it out on paper, try and find all the flaws of construction and finishing, overcome them, one way or another. Try and come up with something new, required in the today world, make it work. With our total club membership as it stands, we could probably come up with at least 30 to 40 bright new ideas.

Our new treasurer has finally consolidated all of our many bank accounts into two accounts. One for Current Expenses; the other account is divided into sections, one for the Joan Hunter Memorial Fund, and one section for the Library Fund. My personal thanks to Lea Love, for all the running around and for getting this matter cleared up.

I would like to see some of these monies become fluid in the near future, to become what they were initially intended to be, a memorial to members of the past, let's have a trophy for best piece in the show, originality of design, best club table, best novice worker, most improved novice worker, or even members choice at an Annual or Bi-ennial; you name it, but let's give some encouragement to the members old and new, and the clubs, and let's do it soon. Let's give the membership something special to work for, so they can truly be proud.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Macleod, President C.S.C.L.

MINUTES OF THE 41st ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Saturday May 4, 1991

Place: Beacon Motor Inn, Jordon Station, Vineland, Ontario.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. by President, Don Macleod. Minutes were recorded by Kevin Armstrong.

1. Welcome:

Muriel McKnight, President of the Hamilton Branch, extended a welcome to everyone. She expressed her appreciation to the many members of her guild for all their hard work on this Annual.

2. Minutes:

Moved by Fred Brown and Seconded by Harry Wendland that the minutes of the 40th Annual Meeting be accepted as written. Passed.

3. Attendance:

Registration of 53 members.

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4. President's Message: As printed.

5. Guild Reports:

Reports of Hamilton, Mississauga, Toronto, and Woodstock as printed.

Report of Norland read by the President.

6. Election of Executive:

On behalf of Ruth Haig, Madeleine Mitchell presented the report of the nominating committee. Nominations for the position of Treasurer: Lea Love was nominated by Jack Meharg and seconded by Lois MacPherson. There were no other nominations. Nominations for the position of Corresponding Secretary - none. The following corrections were made to the report, as printed.

Delete Helen Wheaton as a Director. Add Madeleine Mitchell as a Director.

Carol Bromley is the new President of Norland Branch.

Moved by Muriel McKnight and seconded by Phyllis McHale that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as amended. Passed. The new Executive was introduced. The President expressed his thanks to Ruth Haig and Madeleine Mitchell.

7. Treasurer's Report:

The statement was prepared by the Auditor, Lea Love. "Liabilities" should read as "Expenses". Workshop expenses should be \$265.00 not \$215.00 Moved by Jessie Little and seconded by Jack Meharg that the Treasurer's report be accepted as amended.

8. New Associate:

Fred Brown introduced the newest Associate, David McPherson.

9. Weston Trophy:

The history of the Weston Trophy was read by Bill Whittingham.

The results were as follows:

1. Hamilton 85.7% (Betsy Rennie, David McPherson, Ruth Haig, and Muriel McKnight.)

2. Mississauga 83.9% (Cliff McTavish, Lea Love, Lois MacPherson, Bill Whittingham, and Don Macleod.)

3. Toronto 81.1% (Bruce White, Cal Lucas, Jessie Little, Fred Brown, and Jack Meharg.)

4. Woodstock 80.9% (Nancy Durham, Madeleine Mitchell, Loreen Manual, Dorothy Stanton, and Buella Reynolds.)

The critiques were read by Betsy Rennie and Hilda Newitt held up each piece.

10. Life Membership:

Ruth Haig was presented with a Life Membership by Joyce Scruton.

11. Joyce Scruton reported 64 paid members.

12. New Business:

The meeting discussed ways and means to reduce the cost of the Bulletin and/or raise additional revenue. It was suggested that life members either pay full membership or the cost of their Bulletins. The last time the C.S.C.L. raised membership dues, membership dropped by 40 members. A motion to increase membership dues was tabled for further thought. A change in the Bulletin format would reduce costs, but the new format would not be compatible with the current format for binding purposes. No motion was made.

Ruth Haig will conduct a workshop on leather mache on Saturday May 24, 1991. The President of Mississauga, Bill Whittingham, handed out a questionnaire asking what kind of workshops the members would like at the next Annual. He also asked each branch to prepare a mascot or insignia for the next Annual. At least 4 members of each guild should work on it.

13. Question Box: 1 Question.

Moved by Lea Love and seconded by Jack Meharg that the 41st Annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin W. Armstrong.

NOTICE OF MOTION: Take notice that the following motion will be made at the Annual Meeting:

"That Article XII section I of the By-Laws of the Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft be amended to read as follows: **ALL CHEQUES ISSUED BY THE SOCIETY SHALL BE SIGNED BY ANY TWO OF THE TREASURER, THE PRESIDENT, THE RECORDING SECRETARY, AND SUCH OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS AS DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.**"

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The C.S.C.L. maintains an archives, which is the memory of the organization. It contains minutes, reports, materials relating to Annuals and Bi-ennials, correspondence, photos, etc. As with anyone's memory, it is stronger in some spots, and not so strong in others. If you have any material, of any kind, that relates to the C.S.C.L., its affiliates, the IFLC, or individual members of the C.S.C.L. that you do not want, please forward it to me, just in case it might be something that we have currently "forgotten".

Respectfully yours,

Kevin W. Armstrong, Archivist.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Comparative Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ending March 30, 1992.

INCOME		1992		
Dues 1992 - 1993	\$1432.80			
	<u>40.00</u>	\$1472.80	\$1449.61	\$ 23.19
Annual 1991 - Income	579.16			
Less Expenses	<u>262.35</u>	316.81	(40.00)	357.32
Donations		110.00	175.00	(65.00)
Interest		53.49	103.83	(50.34)
Gel Brigdon Estate		19.00	357.67	(338.67)
Fellow and Associate Fees			30.00	(30.00)
Ontario Craft Council			<u>50.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
		<u>\$ 1972.10</u>	<u>\$2125.68</u>	<u>\$(153.50)</u>
EXPENSES				
Bulletin	\$ 653.91			
Less - Advertising Income	20.00			
- Sales of old issues	<u>4.00</u>	\$ 629.91	\$1419.07	\$ (789.16)
1992 - Annual - Advances				
- Space	200.00			
- Ribbons	100.00			
- Report	<u>50.00</u>	350.00	200.00	150.00
Stationery		250.53		205.53
Miscellaneous Expenses		145.17	253.63	(108.46)
Use of Church		100.00	100.00	
Workshop - Expenses	185.00			
- Income	125.00	60.00	125.00	(65.00)
Membership Ont. Craft Council		75.00		75.00
Leather '92		30.00	150.00	(120.00)
Refreshments		40.96		40.96
Advertising		16.20		16.20
1991 Awards			250.00	(250.00)
Weston Trophy			250.00	(250.00)
Gifts and Flowers			99.47	(99.47)
Income in excess of expenses		<u>319.33</u>	<u>(721.57)</u>	<u>1040.90</u>
		<u>\$ 1972.10</u>	<u>\$2125.60</u>	<u>\$ (153.50)</u>

Bank Balance March 31, 1991 --	\$ 2843.63
Bank Balance March 31, 1992 --	<u>\$ 3162.96</u>
Increase	<u>\$ 319.33</u>

C.S.C.L. SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Michigan Artisans -- Capital	\$ 638.00
-- Interest	673.04
Jean Hunter Memorial Fund	612.58
Draw Account	596.02
Larmour Library Account	<u>1101.99</u>
	<u>\$ 3621.63</u>

Interest not yet posted	5.14
Balance as per Bank Book	<u>\$ 3626.77</u>

General Account

Balance as per C.S.C.L. Books	<u>\$ 3162.96</u>
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Cheques Outstanding		
#12	\$ 175.00	
#13	<u>1.74</u>	<u>176.74</u>
Balance		<u>\$ 3339.70</u>

Editor's Report

Lois MacPherson and I have done this job for two years now. We have been lucky enough to get enough articles for the Bulletins without delving into past issues. Lois and I have been typing everyother issue to share the job. We still do not have any articles for future issues, but we are getting just enough to cover the present Bulletin. At least we know the government is interested because we got a notice from them asking for the second copy of certain issues.

This past year, we've had several good articles: David Windeyer had an article on the Portmanteau; David and Dorothy McPherson gave us an article on their coverage at the Niagara Guild; Ruth Haig sent me an article on A Busman's Holiday from Arts Beat; Betsy Rennie wrote an article on Machine Garment Sewing; Muriel McKnight wrote a Page

good article on Hamilton's 35th Anniversary; Don Macleod wrote an article on a Personnel Card Case. Lois and I would like to thank all the people who contributed to make this year easier for us. Thank You!

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Rennie, Editor.

BRANCH REPORTS

HAMILTON

The first meeting of the new season, the guild did Trays as a mini workshop. At our November meeting, Ruth Haig held a full day workshop on Credit Card Holders using blocks of wood or plexi-glass. The leather was moulded over the form onto the back piece of leather. It was a successful event with 12 members present. Three of these were from other Branches.

At Christmas, Hamilton Leathercraft Guild celebrated their 35th Anniversary. This was well attended with nine former members such as Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and Winnie Comfort. There were slides shown of last year's Annual and some older slides. The Birthday/Anniversary cake was cut by Betsy Rennie.

For the next three months, the group worked on Lashed Boxes. Ruth Haig took us through this project. In January we started on a wood form block, putting our design in it. David Windeyer showed us how to make Mukluk Moccasins.

In December, Muriel McKnight and Betsy Rennie sat for a day at the TerryBerry Library with a table full of display pieces and some work which was for sale. There were many interested people that came by to look at our work. The Guild had two Library Displays, at the TerryBerry Library in January and at the Ancaster Library in March. June Sommerville writes to the local papers and cable network for free media coverage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Rennie, FCSCL, President.

MISSISSAUGA

In the Fall of 1991, the Mississauga Guild was saddened by the passing of Bob Myles. Bob was originally a member of the Barrie Guild. He then joined the Mississauga Guild early in its development. His humour and friendship are greatly missed.

In our continuing attempt to gain new members, we have registered the guild with the Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department and hope that this new exposure will garner some interest from the general public.

This year has been dedicated to the planning of the '92 Annual, but it has been decided that next year we will meet on the third Wednesday of every month, instead of our traditional bi-monthly schedule.

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We look forward to an active and productive year.

Executive 1992-93

President: Don Macleod; Vice President: Lois MacPherson;

Treasurer: Lea Love Secretary: Kevin Armstrong

Membership/Program Convenor/Librarian: Bill Whittingham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Whittingham, President.

NORLAND

After the convention in 1991, the members of the Norland Branch decided they should put more effort into working with leather.

We had our election of officers at the April meeting. Our past president Hilda Chynoweth, who was one of the original organisers of the Norland Branch was given the job of program co-ordinator.

A program was set for the coming year, These along with the patterns and instructions which would be needed were given to the members. The members were given scrap leather at the first meeting in the fall and instructed on the use of their swivel knives.

Material was bought by the club and kits made up, this way each member had what was required to complete the project for that meeting. This has really been working well.

This past year we had four people who wanted to try working with leather. They have attended our meetings, so far one has decided to join the C.S.C.L.. As club members we hope we can encourage more people to come out to our meetings. This year we rotated our meetings, having a meeting at each member's home. This seems to have worked well, too. The two full day workshops were held at Hilda's. All in all, we the Norland Branch have seen a productive year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis McHale.

TORONTO

Our theme for this year was Back to Basics! Finishing edges, dyeing, embossing, moulded gussets.

Jessie Little led us through change purses with and without gussets. Jessie also did an excellent demo on splatter dyeing.

Bruce White did a demo on hand sewing. We also had a talk on Pricing and Selling by Harry Wendland.

Next year, we hope to continue our Back to Basics theme.

Good Luck and Have a good summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce H. White, President.

WOODSTOCK

The Woodstock Branch of C.S.C.L. had an interesting year, meeting the 4th Thursday of the month. The Program for the year was:

June - Potluck picnic hosted by Edith Melchior-Hawkins, FCSCL, of Tilsonburg.

September - Planning meeting at Beula Reynolds to set program for the year.

October - Tool Sharpening, hosted and demonstrated by Edith Melchior-Hawkins.

November - Attended at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Hamilton for a workshop on

Lasted Credit Card holders by Ruth Haig, FCSCL.

December - Pot Luck, Christmas party and gift exchange, hosted by Beula Reynolds.

January - Ring Binders, Part I, Group project at Nancy Durham's.

February - Ring Binders, Part II, Group Project at Madeleine Mitchell's.

March - Weston Trophy selection and election of officers, at Loreen Manuel's.

April - Completion of projects and work on Logo/Mascot for the Annual.

Further plans are for a May workshop on Bracelets with Lois MacPherson, Date to be set later. Our Executive for 1992 - 1993 is:

President - Nancy Durham:

Past President - Madeleine Mitchell

Secretary - Beula Reynolds

Treasurer - Loreen Manuel

Librarian - Nancy Durham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Durham, President.

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

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Respectfully Submitted
Ruth M. Haig, FCSCL, Past President.