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Walter Muma, son of CSCL founder Robert Muma presents “A Life Lived Creatively”

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Notes from the Editor...

All the planning and preparations are complete, all the worries and glitches are put aside and the goal becomes "Celebrate 60 years of CSCL". These are the thoughts I had, along with my team, on the afternoon of the 14th of May, 2010. Woodstock Branch CSCL was hosting the Annual Weekend at the Quality Hotel in Woodstock. Not only was it to be an Annual, but it was the 60th Anniversary...the Diamond Anniversary, of an organization I have been associated with for 35 years. Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft was started in 1950 in Toronto. Those crafters wanted a society distinctly Canadian - they were already skilled leather workers and they wanted to teach and share and further their love of leather. In the earliest editions of the bulletin "Canadian Leathercraft", names like Deane Russell (1st President), Robert Muma (Treasurer), Reta Lamour (started the lending library and drafted the constitution) worked tirelessly to gather leathercrafters into branches and organize huge sales at the Canadian National Exhibition, Central Canada Exhibition, and the Pacific National Exhibition. Early in 1952, the Society mounted a travelling Exhibition that crossed Canada for four months.

When I joined CSCL about 1975, a number of the Charter Members were still active - I learned turned edges and skiving techniques from Fred Brown FCSCL, Helen Wheaton FCSCL showed me glovemaking, Robert Muma shared his subtle colouring and tooling. Up and comers were Ruth Haig FCSCL blowing away the competition with a leather Lunch Box, Carol McLean FCSCL receiving her Fellowship the same year (1975) I got my first Salon Ribbon. Irva Ford FCSCL, the Hamilton President, working her shift at the CNE and calling me with a suggestion on how to improve an item I had submitted.

As the years passed, new "stars" filled the CSCL Annual Display tables - Sean Dalgetty FCSCL, Nancy Durham FCSCL, Karla Van Horne, Lillian Kay, Joyce Scruton ACSCL, Peter Grove FCSCL, Hilda Chynoweth, Bill Whittingham, Silva Fox, Bruce White, Jack Meharg, Loreen Manuel, David McPherson FCSCL, and many others.

We started the CSCL Leather Quilt, made by members, in 1990, at the 40th Anniversary, and brought it along to the 60th; it is newly restrung, and about 20 new pieces have been added. Some members are no longer with us, making it all the more special. The quilt is just another way that CSCL continues to honour its members and their skills.

"Canadian Leathercraft" is your source of information about CSCL and it's members. Check out the CSCL website at www.canadianleathercraft.org

As always, if you have questions, comments, or even a future article for this newsletter, contact your Editor, Madeleine Mitchell at madean@execulink.com

CSCL Memberships were due April 1, 2010 –but Tracey wants your name!

Contact Tracey Howard at 705-426-4663

Email to turkette74@hotmail.com

Or see your Branch Treasurer

Highlights from Executive Council Meetings...

April 2010 highlights-

- New Award categories for the Annual will include a **Jewellery Award** from Dorothy McPherson and Marion Kehoe, a **Non-Traditional Piece Award** from the late Hilda Chynoweth, and a **Wearable Award** from the Toronto Branch, and **Hard Sculpture Award** from the Mississauga Branch.
- Bookmarks for advertising “**LEATHER 2010 : CONTAINMENT**” Have been produced and will be available at the Annual for members to distribute. Opening Ceremony at OCC will be held Thursday, August 26, 2010 from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the OCC Gallery. All Welcome! Further details follow.
- the Lamour Lending Library will be collected at the May 28th Meeting –Branch Presidents please note.
- Tracey Howard, Membership Chair reported a total of 80 members in CSCL.

May 15, 2010 highlights-

- CSCL fund for Education will provide the fee for the Guest Workshop on Sunday, May 16 at the Annual.
- New Slate of Officers for the CSCL Executive Council for 2010-2012 presented. To be moved and approved at the Annual General Meeting.
- Barbara Chynoweth and Phyllis McHale authorized to review the Treasurer’s Books.

“**LEATHER 2010: CONTAINMENT**”

Celebrating 60 years of Leatherwork at the Ontario Crafts Council Gallery

**990 Queen St., West
Toronto, ON**

**You are Invited to the Exhibition Opening
at the OCC Gallery**

Thursday, August 26, 2010

5:30 to 8:30 pm

Show continues through September 19, 2010

Gallery Hours (closed Mondays)

Tuesday – Friday 11am –5pm

Saturdays 11am – 6pm

Sundays 12Noon – 5pm

CSCL's 60th Anniversary Annual Weekend Report

May 14, 15, 16, 2010

Hosted by the Woodstock Branch CSCL

at the Woodstock Quality Hotel

Back in 1950 when CSCL began, Louis St Laurent was Prime Minister of Canada, and the Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup! (against the Montreal Canadiens)

About 40 CSCL members spent a lovely May weekend at the Woodstock Quality Hotel at the 60th Annual Weekend of Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft. Madeleine Mitchell, President of the Woodstock Branch CSCL, and her team of local members welcomed CSCLers from Hamilton, Mississauga, Toronto, and Norland.



During the 60th Annual General Meeting

As the Friday evening fell, Branch Display tables were set up, friends embraced, and the CSCL Fellows and Associates prepared to Judge the amazing leather articles at the 60th. Marion Kehoe, member of Woodstock CSCL for over 50 years, demonstrated her "Creative Jewelry" to an enthusiastic crowd in the Hospitality Suite. Marion's "Potato" Jewelry fascinated the group. Snacks and conversation followed. Saturday May 15, 2010 began with Phyllis McHale, President of CSCL opening the 60th Annual General Meeting of CSCL. After a welcome from Madeleine Mitchell, President of the Woodstock Branch CSCL, Phyllis presented her President's Report followed by Annual Reports by Executive Officers and Committees, including the Treasurer's Report. The new Slate of Officers for 2010-2012 was presented, noting some new faces. See the complete list on Page 10. If you wish to receive a copy of all the Annual Reports, please contact Barbara Chynoweth, at bardell@slstream.net or 701-45 Balliol St., Toronto, ON M4S 1C3.

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming Biennial Exhibition **LEATHER 2010:CONTAINMENT** opening August 26th at the OCC Gallery in Toronto.

This year three Branches entered the Weston Trophy Branch competition – Mississauga, Woodstock and the Winning Entry from Hamilton! Congratulations to Rob Regan, Laima Sellmer, Amy Kenny, and Lester Pinter. See the photos of their pieces on Page 8.

Ribbons were next on the agenda and Lauch Harrison ACSCL, presented Participation Ribbons to everyone who had articles judged on the Display Tables. He then went on to present Craftsman and Salon Ribbons, the complete list is included in this issue.

Nancy Durham FCSCL reminded members that the CSCL Question box is available for asking questions about leather crafting as well as concerns about judging concerns and CSCL standards.

Following the Lunch Break, Lauch Harrison ACSCL demonstrated “Sharpening an Awl” and answered questions about tools and their maintenance. Lauch has a wealth of knowledge that he generously shares. Hamilton Branch even donated a Stitching Horse for a Special Draw.

During the afternoon break–Ticket Draws, the always fun time, took place – with members swooping up the many treasures they could not live without! Many Thanks from the Woodstock Branch for the wonderful Special Draw items from Tundra Leather Hamilton, Tandy Leather Factory Mississauga, the CSCL Branches, and CSCL Members.

Sean Dalgetty FCSCL came to Woodstock’s rescue and presented his Workshop on making a “Needle Case” during the second session of the afternoon. Another workshop leader couldn’t make it and Sean, kindly filled in and did a great job –Thanks Sean!

Some outside guests visited in the late afternoon as the workshop was wrapping up.

The evening activities started with mingling and music in the Joe Boyle Room. A duo composed of “Banjo Jim and Tuba Tom” entertained prior to the start of the Annual Banquet. CSCL Members and guests celebrated 60 years with food and fun, more draws, and the Special Awards Presentations. David McPherson FCSCL presented these prestigious prizes to deserving CSCL crafters. The list is enclosed in this edition.

Outgoing President Phyllis Mchale was presented with a gift by incoming CSCL President, Barbara Chynoweth.

More entertainment followed by Banjo Jim Groulx and Tuba Tom Elliot. With lots of toe tapping and spoons clacking...



Della on the Spoons with Banjo Jim

Carol McLean FCSCL was called on to introduce our Special Guest Walter Muma presenting “A Life Lived Creatively”.

Walter's parents, Robert and Dorothy Muma were well known in CSCL as founding members, excellent resources of CSCL history, and dedicated Judges for many years. Walter spoke eloquently of his father's love of crafting, art, nature, especially mosses. He was able to interconnect his heritage with his own passion for nature. Walter's adventures throughout Canada were illustrated with thrilling images and descriptions of nature that were inspiring, humorous, and creative. Lauren McPherson thanked Walter for his excellent presentation.

60th Anniversary Cake was served and closed the CSCL Annual Banquet. Members reminisced as the display tables were taken down.

Guest Workshop leader, Vivian Hutcheson of Shakespeare, ON, presented "Creative Gilding on Leather" ON. About 20 CSCL members tried a new technique of applying silver, gold, and variegated gild foil to leather samples that were embossed. Thanks to Peter Grove. Vivian guided members through the various steps and provide a list of where to acquire resources for trying more gild on leather projects.

Vivian Hutcheson owns the "Green Cottage Gallery" and a must see in Shakespeare.

See you all in Hamilton next Spring for the 61st Annual!

Officially, the Annual weekend ended after the workshop but some hardworking members moved on to the judging for the biennial exhibition, **LEATHER 2010:CONTAINMENT**. Mark your calendar for the August 26th opening and presentation of Awards.

Thanks to the Woodstock Branch team, for your help and support during the Annual Weekend:

Loreen Manuel, Marion Kehoe, Nancy Durham, Lauren McPherson, Joanna Malec, Carol McLean, Janice Sloat, Nancy Wilson, David and Dorothy McPherson.

Special Thanks to Peter Grove, Sean Dalgetty, Lauch Harrison, Liz Howard, all the CSCL Branch Presidents for making a very special 60th Anniversary for CSCL.

Do You Want to Add a 60th Anniversary Quilt Square?

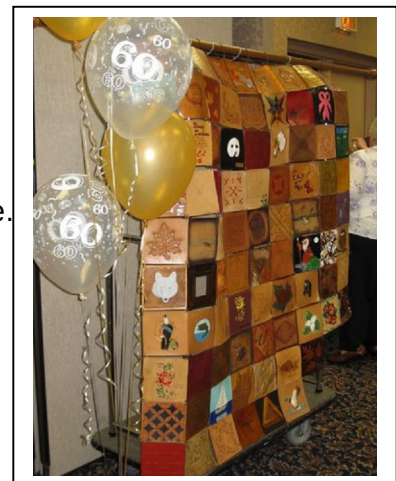
Your unique square can **still** be added to the "CSCL Leather Quilt" for the 60th Anniversary.

Start with a piece of leather, at least 3oz weight, cut a 6"X6" square. Then let your imagination go wild!

When your quilt square is complete:

Punch a small hole in each corner, (about ¼" from the edge)
Sign your name and the date on the back of your square.

You can send your square to Madeleine Mitchell, 17 Light St., Woodstock, ON N4S 6G7



CSCL Leather Quilt at the 60th Annual

CSCL's 60th ANNUAL Ribbon Presentations

SALON RIBBONS 13 RIBBONS TO 9 MEMBERS

SEAN DALGETTY	BLUE AND BLACK BOOTS
	COVERED CLOCK BOX
PETER GROVE	BLACK BOOTS
	CARVED RING BINDER
CINDY MAGURA	GLOVES WITH BURNED DESIGN
DAVID MCPHERSON	BLUE BOX
DOROTHY MCPHERSON	PANDORA'S JAR
MADELEINE MITCHELL	MASK
LESTER PINTER	ROSE TOTE BAG
	SCISSOR CASE
	SHOULDER BAG
	LIDDED BAG
ROB REAGAN	STACK-HANDLED KNIFE & SHEATH



Sean Dalgetty's Clock Box

CRAFTSMAN RIBBONS 26 RIBBONS TO 19 MEMBERS

	JUNIOR
DARREN BURGER	STACKED LEATHER BIRD
	NOVICE
PAT BULLOCK	GARDEN TOTE NON-DYED
AMY KENNY	PEACOCK BELT
ROB REGAN	BLACK SHOULDER BAG
	STACK-HANDLED KNIFE & SHEATH
	RED BOTTELL
LAIMA SELLMER	QUILT SQUARE



Cindy Magura's Burned Design Gloves

	GENERAL MEMBER
KEN BOROSKI	HORSE CUFFS
BRIAN GORING	AVRO BELT
CINDY MAGURA	GLOVES WITH BURNED DESIGN
MADELEINE MITCHELL	MOULDED FLUTED BOWL
LESTER PINTER	ROSE TOTE BAG
	SCISSOR CASE
	SHOULDER BAG
	LIDDED BAG
KAREN WEBER	TRIPLE SHOULDER PURSE
JIM WILKES	GUITAR STRAP
MADELEINE MITCHELL	NAPKIN RINGS



Sean Dalgetty's Blue & Black Boots

ASSOCIATE

LAUCH HARRISON	BLACK JACK
JOYCE SCRUTON	RED TRAY

FELLOW

SEAN DALGETTY	BLUE AND BLACK BOOTS
COVERED CLOCK BOX	
PETER GROVE	BLACK BOOTS
	CARVED RING BINDER
PAUL KITCHENER	RAYSKIN FLASK
DAVID MCPHERSON	BLUE BOX

**PARTICIPATION RIBBONS:
TO ALL WHO ENTERED WORK FOR JUDGING
26 RIBBONS**

JUNIOR

DARREN BURGER
JULIA MALEC

NOVICE

PAT BULLOCK
AMY KENNY
ROB REAGAN
LAIMA SELLMER

ASSOCIATE

LAUCH HARRISON
JOYCE SCRUTON

FELLOW

SEAN DALGETTY
PETER GROVE
PAUL KITCHENER
DAVID MCPHERSON



Junior Members Darren and Joanna

GENERAL MEMBERS

KEN BOROSKI
SHEENA BURGER
MARYANNE CRAWFORD
BRYAN GORING
MARION KEHOE
MARY MACDONALD
CINDY MAGURA
DOROTHY MCPHERSON
LAUREN MCPHERSON
MADELEINE MITCHELL
LESTER PINTER
BARRY TAYLOR
KAREN WEBER
JIM WILKES

2010 WESTON TROPHY WINNERS:

HAMILTON BRANCH

ROB REAGAN
LESTER PINTER
AMY KENNY
LAIMA SELLMER

STACK-HANDLED KNIFE AND SHEATH
ROSE TOTE BAG
PEACOCK BELT
QUILT SQUARE



Rob Regan's Knife and Sheath



Amy Kenny's Peacock Belt



Laima Sellmer's Quilt Square



Lester Pinter's Rose Tote Bag

CSCL 60th ANNUAL Special Awards

BETTY HEACOCK AWARD FOR A NEW OR NOVICE CRAFTER (\$50)
 ROB REAGAN STACK-HANDELED KNIFE AND SHEATH

BEST GENERAL MEMBER WORK (\$50)
 LESTER PINTER ROSE TOTE BAG

OCC DESIGN AWARD – 1 YEAR CRAFT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP
 PETER GROVE CARVED RING BINDER

BEST IN SHOW (\$50 AND BRONZE ZALITIS PIN)
 SEAN DALGETTY BLUE AND BLACK BOOTS

LONDON LEATHER AWARD FOR BEST JEWELLERY (\$20)
 MARION KEHOE MOROCCO AND BRONZE NECKLACE

TORONTO BRANCH AWARD FOR BEST WEARABLE PIECE (\$20)
 CINDY MAGURA GLOVES WITH BURNED DESIGN

Do You Want to See More?

For pictures of the Special Award Articles and many more images from the CSCL's 60th Anniversary Annual Weekend contact madean@execulink.com for an invitation to view an online album.

An Era has Passed...

In our last issue of Canadian Leathercraft, Winter 2009-2010, we celebrated the 100th Birthday, on February 13th 2010, of the matriarch of the Chynoweth Family, Hilda Chynoweth.

With sadness we must report that Hilda passed away March 1st, 2010 in her 101st year. This year's Annual certainly missed Hilda. Daughters Phyllis McHale, Della Chynoweth, and Barbara Chynoweth paid tribute to their mother who among, her other accomplishments, organized the Norland Leather Branch of CSCL.



Hilda Chynoweth 1910 -2010

Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft

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