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Hamilton Wins 2011 Weston Trophy, David McPherson presents to Laima Sellmer, Amy Kenny, and Laurie Lloyd of the Hamilton Branch. Absent –Rob Regan, Bob Freeman

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Notes from the Editor...

Well, leave it to the Hamilton Branch of CSCL to make the 61st Annual Weekend something to remember! How about the location !? A castle – Dundurn Castle, sitting on the shore of Lake Ontario. We actually had displays and our workshop in the Coach House, and the Hayloft served as the meeting hall and banquet site. Sean Dalgetty FCSCSL and Lauch Harrison ACSCSL and their Hamilton members made the Annual enjoyable and rewarding. Read about more of the details of the Annual in this issue.

New Awards and categories were highlighted at the Annual, as well as the number of new members who took them home. See the Ribbon and Award Winners lists on Pages 6, 7, 8 with some pictures.

Barbara Chynoweth reported back in January 2011 that the Toronto Branch had closed. In my last editorial I reminiscenced that CSCL had other Branches that had also folded. I actually forgot two branches –Belleville and Tillsonburg. Thanks to Marilyn Harry for emailing me about Belleville. Marilyn also wrote an additional article about Neat's Foot Oil, after reading Peter Grove's piece in the Winter Newsletter. It seems Neat's Foot does more than condition leather. You'll find out what in this issue.

At the Annual this year, we had three exceptional donations. David Darbyshire the husband of the late Hilda Darbyshire FCSCSL donated a case of leather tools and supplies and Beula Reynolds ACSCSL donated two original Robert Muma Books . Both Hilda and Beula were former Woodstock Branch members. See who got these special gifts as well as the handmade Awl created by Lester Pinter of the Hamilton Branch.

As another Annual ends another Annual planning begins...it will be Mississauga's turn to continue the tradition in 2012.

"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

It's not too late to join CSCL...

CSCL Memberships (April 1st –March 31st)

Contact Tracey Howard at 705-426-4663

Email to turkette74@hotmail.com

Or your Branch Membership Chair

Highlights from Executive Council Meetings...

On hiatus, we'll report more in the next Newsletter

Wanted to Buy...

I 'm still looking for an " Eastern Star" logo stamp. If anyone has one they'd be willing to sell. I 'm very interested, as the local Chapter wants to find one. I know they were made years ago but are not available anymore.

Thanks,

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Canadian Leather Crafters Celebrate 61 Years



Dundurn Castle, Hamilton, Ontario

The Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft (CSCL) recently celebrated its 61st anniversary at a Castle! Dundurn Castle's Coach House in Hamilton Ontario was the location for the Annual General Meeting and all the fun and learning when leather crafters get together. Sean Dalgetty FCSC, President of the Hamilton Branch hosted the Spring weekend and although the weather was rainy and windy, the atmosphere indoors was welcoming.

The General Annual Meeting was presided over by President Barbara Chynoweth.



Secretary/Treasurer Della Chynoweth and CSCL President Barbara Chynoweth

Not only did Hamilton branch of CSCL host the events they won the Branch Competition for the Weston Trophy, second time in two years. Salon and Craftsman Ribbons and the Annual Awards recognized some of the best leather done by both the experienced and the newer CSCL crafters. CSCL has been adding new awards in the past several years and encourages everybody to submit entries.

Chairman of the Council of Fellows and the Board of Selection were available for discussion of judging criteria all during the weekend that proved to be a "hot topic", even at the AGM.



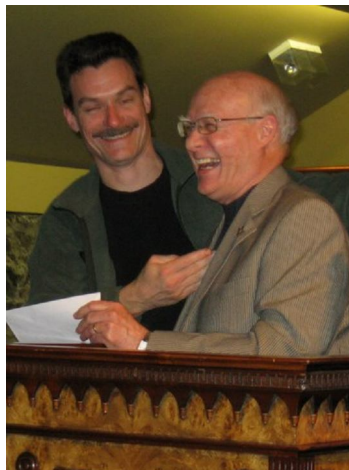
Hamilton's winning Entry of 5 articles

Lauch Harrison ACSCL, who has been part of the judging contingency, presented an informative talk on "What the Judges Look For " Friday evening. On Saturday afternoon, Rob Regan discussed "Safety in the Workshop" –who would have known crafters have to be so safety conscious? Meanwhile, a workshop to make "Leather Covered Book Ends" got members involved in the construction and design of book ends that allow for plenty of creativity. Madeleine Mitchell and Nancy Durham FCSCL had participants cutting, colouring, and assembling their projects.



Ann and Lauren at the Book Ends Workshop

Saturday evening, following the fun of the draws and work of the demonstrations, allowed CSCLers to enjoy a sumptuous Banquet and presentation of the Special Annual Awards. David McPherson congratulated winners and on, at least one occasion, was totally surprised by the winners reaction...we'll leave at that David.



Sean Dalgetty FCSCL & David McPherson FCSCL, Chair of the Council of Fellows

On Sunday morning, Peter Grove FCSCL talked and demonstrated the use of a multitude of tools from his outstanding collection. If ever there is a question about using a tool or the quality of a product, Peter is the man you want to consult.



Peter Grove talking Tools

Currently, CSCL has three branches in Ontario and members-at large throughout the country. In the last year, two Branches have folded, but the remaining three branches have added new members thanks to Membership Chair, Tracey Howard and CSCL Vice-President Rob Regan who challenged Branches to a Membership drive.

The quarterly newsletter, "Canadian Leathercraft" is available to members and a website is available at www.canadianleathercraft.org as well as access to the many skilled and generous crafters in the guild.

The 2011 Annual Weekend of CSCL will be remembered for the unique setting as well as the wonderful leather craft displays, the many ribbons and awards, the laughter, and as always, the friendly people.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine

Another Use for Neat's Foot Oil

From Marilyn Harry, (by email)

Member-at-Large and former Belleville Branch Member

Regarding the article on Neat's Foot Oil - it is very good for sore muscles and joints on a human, personal experience. Our family originally heard of it from a chiropractor in Marmora. My mother was complaining about her fingers hurting and starting to curl up (she was told she just had to live with it). The chiropractor sent her to the drug store to get some neat's foot oil and dab a bit on each knuckle several times a day. In a very short time, her fingers had straightened out and the pain was gone. Needless to say, it became a staple on our family's medical shelf. Last year, I developed bursitis in both hips and during the night it was especially painful, so I reached for the neat's foot oil and the aloe vera gel to help get me through the nights. I over used it eventually more than my skin would absorb and it soaked into my clothes, seats and chairs until I realized I was using too much. I backed off the quantity at the time and the oil was eventually absorbed in the upholstery and washed out of the clothes. The sheets had to be sprayed with spot remover, but it worked. As with everything, neat's foot oil needs to be used with caution and not necessarily work for everyone, but it did for our family.

Editor's Note: Marilyn concludes with "Keeping fair to middlin'." and *don't let the things you can't do Stop you from doing the things you can do!*

CSCL's 61st ANNUAL Ribbon & Award Presentations

APRIL 2011

Thanks to David McPherson FCSCCL Chairman of the Council of Fellows for providing the following lists.

SALON RIBBONS 16 RIBBONS TO 15 MEMBERS

JUNIOR

JULIA MALEC LEAF PICTURE

GENERAL

LINDA COURTNEY FALLING WATER HOUSE

BRIAN HOLAHAN VEST AND CHAPS

KNIFE AND AMMO CASE

AMY KENNY BELT (HONOURABLE MENTION WRIST BAND)

ROD MARTINEZ STARFISH STAND

DOROTHY MCPHERSON "BUTTERMILK" HORSE

LESTER PINTER NOTEBOOK

ROB REGAN SADDLE BAGS

LAIMA SELLMER ROSE

KAREN WEBER HANDBAG

ASSOCIATE

LAUCH HARRISON STATUE

FELLOW

SEAN DALGETTY BOOTS

PETER GROVE GUITAR STRAP

PAUL KITCHENER LEATHER 2010 SIGN

DAVID MCPHERSON TRIANGLE BOX

CRAFTSMAN RIBBONS 41 RIBBONS TO 22 MEMBERS

JUNIOR

JOANNA MALEC EARRINGS

THOMAS WILLERT CUFF

JAMIE ? CAT IN THE HAT

GENERAL

KEN BOROSKI SADDLE

PAT BULLOCK SANTA

FROG

BEAR

FLOWER

LINDA COURTNEY FALLING WATER HOUSE

BRIAN HOLAHAN VEST

CHAPS

KNIFE AND AMMO CASE

KNIFE CASE

CUFFS

AMY KENNY FISH BELT

PITCHERPLANT WRISTBAND

LAURIE LLOYD PHOTO ALBUM

ROD MARTINEZ BROWN WRISTBAND

COBRA BELT

STARFISH STAND

BLUE BOX

GAMER BELT

DOROTHY MCPHERSON	COIN BOX
BOB PHISTER	POINSETTA BROOCH, CUFFS
LESTER PINTER	NOTEBOOK
ROB REGAN	SADDLEBAGS
LAIMA SELLMER	WOOL CARDING PADDLES
	ROSE WALLET
KAREN WEBER	BROWN AND ORANGE HANDBAG
	RED BELT
SANDRA WILLERT	BELT BUCKLE

ASSOCIATE

LAUCH HARRISON	BOTTLE
	BOTTLE
	STATUE

FELLOW

SEAN DALGETTY	BOOTS
PETER GROVE	GUITAR STRAP
PAUL KITCHENER	CLIPBOARD
	LEATHER 2010 SIGN
DAVID MCPHERSON	"DIMINISHING" 3 HALF-CIRCLE BOXES
	TRIANGLE BOX

SPECIAL AWARDS**IRVA FORD MEMORIAL AWARD FOR BEST MOULDED PIECE (\$50)**

RODRIGO MARTINEZ	STARFISH
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BETTY HEACOCK AWARD FOR A NEW OR NOVICE CRAFTER (\$50)

BRIAN HOLAHAN	VEST
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BEST GENERAL MEMBER WORK (\$50)

KAREN WEBER	HANDBAG
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OCC DESIGN AWARD – 1 YEAR CRAFT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

RODRIGO MARTINEZ	STARFISH STAND
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BEST IN SHOW (\$50 AND BRONZE ZALITIS PIN)

PAUL KITCHENER	LEATHER 2010 SIGN
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LONDON LEATHER AWARD FOR BEST JEWELLERY (\$20)

PAT BULLOCK	FLOWER PINS
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TORONTO BRANCH AWARD FOR BEST WEARABLE PIECE (\$20)

SEAN DALGETTY	BOOTS
BRIAN HOLAHAN	HONOURABLE MENTION – VEST AND CHAPS)

BEST NON-TRADITIONAL PIECE (\$20)

LINDA COURTNEY	FALLING WATER HOUSE
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JUNIOR AWARD (KIT OF TOOLS)

JULIA MALEC	LEAF PICTURE
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WESTON TROPHY

HAMILTON BRANCH	
BOB FREEMAN	BRIEFCASE
AMY KENNY	BELT
LAURIE LLOYD	PHOTO ALBUM
ROB REGAN	SADDLE BAGS
LAIMA SELLMER	WALLET

Do You Want to See More?

For pictures of the Special Award Articles and many more images from the CSCL's 61st Annual Weekend contact madean@execulink.com for an invitation to view an online album.

PARTICIPATION RIBBONS TO ALL WHO ENTERED WORK FOR JUDGING 26 RIBBONS FOR A TOTAL OF 87 ENTRIES

JUNIOR

JOANNA MALEC
JULIA MALEC
THOMAS WILLERT
unknown

ASSOCIATE

LAUCH HARRISON
JOYCE SCRUTON

FELLOW

SEAN DALGETTY
PETER GROVE
PAUL KITCHENER
DAVID MCPHERSON

GENERAL MEMBER

PAT BULLOCK
KEN BOROSKI
SHEENA BURGER
LINDA COURTNEY
BOB FREEMAN
BRIAN HOLAHAN
AMY KENNY
LAURIE LLOYD
ROD MARTINEZ
DOROTHY MCPHERSON
BOB PHISTER
LESTER PINTER
ROB REGAN
LAIMA SELLMER
KAREN WEBER
SANDRA WILLERT



Linda Courtney's "Falling Water"



Cuffs by Brian Holahan



Norland Branch Table Display



"Starfish" Stand by Rod Martinez



Junior Award "MapleLeaf"