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# PRAIRIE STATES LEATHER GUILD

# NEWSLETTER

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## FEBRUARY RECAP

19 Members and 4 guests participated in:  
Repairing Cut and Scratched Leather  
also  
Making leather plates made a comeback  
  
Many thanks for the outstanding demos!

Also a Special Thank you to the  
Central Indiana Lethcrafters Guild  
for their presentation about their upcoming  
show "Make it in Leather" in April. Visit:  
[www.centralindianaleathercrafters.org](http://www.centralindianaleathercrafters.org)  
for details.

## FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION

When: Sunday, March 11, 2007  
Board Meeting: 12:30  
General Meeting: 1:30

Where:  
St. Paul's Church of Christ  
5739 S. Dunham Rd  
Downer's Grove, Il. 60516

## FEBRUARY RAFFLE WINNERS

Magazines - Geri and Dawne  
Leaded Bag - Joe  
Bent Nose Pliers - Judy  
File - Sande



Newsletter Suggestions, Comments, Critiques? - Contact Shawn Zoladz - [the\\_major@sbcglobal.net](mailto:the_major@sbcglobal.net)

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## HOSTS AND HOSTESSES

March : R. Wilkins - N. Woock  
April : R. Wyche - L. Zavala  
May : R. Zoladz - S. Zoladz  
June: D. Berglund - G. Bleifield

If you are unable to act as Host/Hostess, please  
contact Linda Zavala or Judy Singleton.

## DUES ARE DUE!

Just a friendly reminder to all who have not  
renewed their membership. Please remit to:

John Eisenbart  
4739 Greenwood St  
Skokie, IL 60076



Individual Membership: \$18/yr (\$21 outside US)  
Family membership (Husband & Wife): \$28  
Juniors (up to age 16): \$8

There is a \$3 discount if newsletter is received by  
e-mail

## TOOLIN' TIME AT FRAN AND TOM'S

Fran & Tom Vodicka's are generously  
hosting a tooling get-together at their place  
on March 10th, Saturday ( day before our  
guild meeting) from 10:00 am. 'til 4:00 pm.

Need directions? Call 630-567-4321.

Prairie States leather Guild is a non- profit organization fostering & promoting interest in the art of  
leather craft along with fellowship and assistance in the improvement of member's skills.

# **PSLG NEWSLETTER (CONT.)**

## **MARCH COMPETITION PROJECT**

Judging will take place at the March meeting for your entries of a Neckerchief slide / Napkin ring holder.

Project may be tooled or stamped.

Keep in mind, each time you enter in our annual guild project and you place (beginner , advanced & master) you work toward advancing your skill level within the guild.

Please visit:

<http://www.pslg.org/tutorials/neckerchiefslide/> for a suggested procedure on making your own.

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## **KNOW YOUR GUILD OFFICERS**

This is the hopefully the first in a series of officer bio's we will hope to be featuring in the upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Our newly elected Vice-President (Jackie Duncan) was more willing to share her information. So let's hear what she has to say!

She was born/raised in Michigan.

She holds a degree in Music from Univ. of Michigan (viola/violin performance; minor in keyboard - piano/organ and harp). Has taught group and private lessons for a number of years as well as regular performing.

Returned to the Midwest from the Pacific Northwest (Seattle) where she lived for 15 yrs. She has resided in Illinois for the past 12 yrs.

Hobbies include knitting, crocheting, sewing, tatting, beading, chainmaille, leather crafting.

She is a volunteer docent for the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum.

She is also a HAM radio operator - call sign KC9BJK

Currently she is licensed/active as a real estate agent and preparing for state exam in residential real estate appraising.

## **KNOW YOUR GUILD OFFICERS (CONT.)**

Her Goals for the PSLG:

- a) Continue the current traditions/participation in activities;
- b) Come up with ideas for exposing the craft to the youth of today & promote the craft for the future e.g. via personal interaction or flyers or mailings to schools - offering demos to art classes, for example;
- c) Have all the PSLG members take advantage of having a presence on the internet thru the PSLG for purposes of having their work showcased - great idea;
- d) Employ a "Each one bring one" - the concept of getting additional people to attend a guild meeting, whether adult or youth.



## **IN MEMORY OF:**

**George Ochanpaugh - Long time member, who served as treasurer for many years until 1998. Major, USAF Ret. Passed away Dec. 25, 2006 in Seneca, So. Carolina. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery.**

**Ria Carmelle - she along with her husband Jerry were long time members from the guild's early years. A native of Chicago, lived in St. Augustine, Florida for the past 17 years. Passed away last year in June.**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April 20 – 22, 2007**

**Central Indiana Leather Guild Show  
Clarion Hotel & Conference Center  
Indianapolis, IN 46214  
(317) 299-8400**

**October 18 – 21, 2007**

**IFoLG - Legends of Leathercraft 2007  
Green Oaks Hotel & Conference Center  
Fort Worth, Texas**