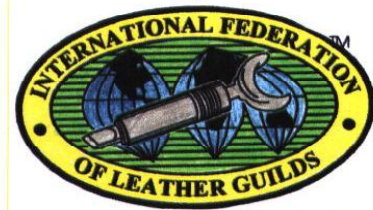


The International Federation of Leather Guilds Inc.



Newsletter



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Annual Federation Show

Where will you be on September 26-27-28, 2008? I for one will be in Columbus Ohio visiting with friends and enjoying the International Federation of Leather Guilds annual show and Competition hosted by the Buckeye Leathercrafters Guild of Central Ohio.

I sure hope you can attend; it looks like they have a great lineup for the workshops, and some great instructors teaching. If you want to learn more about the show and get a list of mini-workshops along with an enrollment form, go to the Buckeye Leather Guilds web site at www.buckeyeleathercrafters.org

Have you have sent your guild dues to the IFoLG Treasurer along with an up to dated list of your members? Don't forget to also send one to the Buckeye Leathercrafters Guild, this year's host guild. If your guild intends to have a guild display, please let the host guild know, so they will know how many tables they will need for the display room. One on the things I look forward to each year is the competition for the best guild display. The competition should be keen this year; who will take home the Traveling Trophy for Best Guild Display?

One more reminder, remember to elect two lucky members of your guild as delegates to the Board of Governors Meeting on Sunday morning. Coffee will be provided.

Chaplain's Committee

Last Year at the annual 2007 International Federation of Leather Guilds show hosted by the Lone Star Leather Guild, I was approached by a member of Lone Star Leather Guild and asked if they could conduct a small non-denominational service prior to the Board of Governors meeting. I said if it was prior to the scheduled BOG meeting, I had no objection.

After the show I felt we should have a Chaplain Committee to send Sympathy cards to families of members who had passed away. And Get well Card to Guild members suffering an illness.

I also felt a voluntary non-denominational service on Sunday morning that would be sanctioned by the host Guild would be a good idea. I also feel there should be an invocation before the banquet/awards dinner.

Almost everyone I talked with thought it was a good idea. This past year two guilds took exception to this committee. I received letters from the Mid-America Leather Artist Inc., and the Bluegrass Leather Guild, stating their objection to having this type committee and conducting a religious service on Sunday morning, even though the service was, and would continue to be non-denominational and voluntary.

I also received letters from a number of other guilds, stating their support for this type committee.

By the way the service in Ft Worth was well attended, and neither myself nor the person conduction the service received anything but praise from everyone who attended

My hope is that this subject will be fully explored in the future. At that time my hope is that we can get a better consensus as to the wishes of the member guilds pertaining to the disposition of this committee, and to a service on Sunday morning.

Logo

I received a letter asking for permission to use the International Federation of Leather Guilds' logo on a commercial business enterprise. I would like to clear up where and when the IFoLG logo can be used. The International Federation Logo can only be used by the Member Guilds of the Federation on their literature in conjunction with their logo; the Federation logo must be smaller than the member guild logo. The Host guild has used the Logo during the year they host the annual show. On IFoLG elected officer's calling cards and stationery, during their term of office. We don't have provisions for it to be used for any commercial business or enterprise. Any use of the logo not listed in the IFoLG Policy & Procedures see (Article X-Logo), is not authorized.

Election Year 2008

This is an even year and on even years the Executive Director and the Treasurer's offices are up for election. This year we have had only one person nominated for each office. Edd Lucas from the Central Indiana Leathercrafters Guild has been nominated for the office of Executive Director. Monica Nibbe, Calumet Area Leather Guild, the present Treasurer was nominated to retain that office. Both Edd and Monica are well qualified to hold these offices. Both have my support.

I am very disappointed in the fact we only had these two people nominated for Federation officers. I would like to urge more guilds and members to become active in the Federation; it's your organization and it needs your help and support to remain healthy and growing.

Next year, 2009, we shall be electing a Secretary and an Asst. Director. Talk to your guild members and try to pick someone who would be willing and able to fulfill one of these jobs.

I have chosen not to run for reelection as Executive Director this year, because I don't feel anyone should hold an office in the Federation past 6 years.

It's Fair Time

Things are really hopping here in central Indiana, The Indiana State Fair is drawing record crowds and the Central Indiana Leathercrafter Guild and the Hoosier Leather Guild, along with members of the Calumet Leathercrafters are taking advantage of the big crowds at the fair to promote leather craft. Someone from one and most of the time 3 or 4 members of one of the guilds are doing leather demonstrations in the Family Arts building. This is an annual event for the guilds, and has resulted in a number of people becoming interested in the art and joining one of the guilds. Not only that, everyone has a great time talking to people about the art of leathercraft.

I hope you guild has the opportunity to get out and do some leathercraft demonstrations, as I have said one or two times, well maybe more than that, this is a great way to enroll new members in your guild. Besides it's a lot of fun teaching someone the basics of leather art.

Now you know why the paper is late and short. I have been out to the Fair, jumbo tenderloins, cotton candy, deep fried Pepsi, corn on the cob, and leather Demos, I ask you: can it get better than this?

**And that is all I got to say about that
Ernie Wayman, Executive Director**