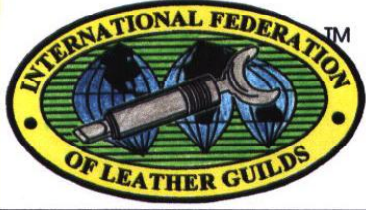
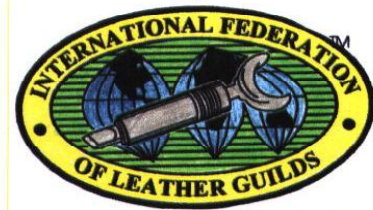


The International Federation of Leather Guilds Inc.



Newsletter



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Are You Ready For Summer?

Did the winter go as fast for you as it did for me? It would have, had you had been in Florida enjoying the sunshine and warm weather, along with doing leather demonstrations at two fairs, and a fine art show, having the fun of teaching the art of leathercraft to people for their first time, that and working with the scouts, along with tooling and selling a couple of pictures, a guitar strap, some billfolds, and some other things, well you get the picture. That hardly left enough time to fish and play golf. But then you have to keep you priorities straight, so you make time.

Have you started your projects for the IFoLG show in Columbus, Ohio? You had best get busy! The Show, "Magic of Leather" is September 26th, 27th, and 28th and will be hosted by the Buckeye Leather Guild. It's time to get your hotel reservation at the Columbus Airport Marriott at 614-475-7551. Make sure you ask for the special International Federation of Leather Guilds rate of \$109.00 per night. Tell them you are attending the show, so the Buckeye Guild receives credit for the room nights. For more information on the show, and to download a show packet go to, <http://www.buckeyeleathercrafters.org>

Note for Secretaries and Treasurers

Other reminders connected with the show: Each guild should send to the Host Guild a list of members; this makes your members eligible to enter the competition. Please let them know if your guild will not set up a display at the show.

(Article IV Membership of the Policies & Procedures -Section 3.A - Guilds who know prior to the show that they will not have a guild display a the show, shall notify the Host Guild and the Executive Director of the fact and reason sixty (60) days prior to the show) Send your member list to: **Carol Martin, 414 Hiler Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228**

IFoLG Membership Dues

Article IV- Membership, of the Polices & Procedures

Section 4 - Member Guilds will pay annual dues of one dollar (\$1.00) per capita based on the membership of their Guild thirty (30) days prior to the annual show, as shown on the list submitted to the host guild.

Your Treasurer should send a list of members along with a check in the amount of One Dollar (\$1) per member. This list and dues should be sent to International Federation of Leather Guilds Treasurer, no later than August 28th;

Monica Nibbe, 534 East 37th Avenue, Lot 100, Hobart, Indiana 46342

Guild News

I have received newsletters from several guilds and all are busy teaching and doing leather classes and demonstrations. Guess what, every guild that is geared up and operating in this mode has increased their membership. Not by a little but by a lot.

The Leather Guild

I got a note from Sandi Taylor, of The Leather Guild, located in Southern California. She tells me they have a website at www.theleathercrafterguild.com & another at www.myspace.com/theleathercraftguild Look them up. They set this up at the April meeting to promote leathercraft and reach leathercrafters worldwide. (Sounds like a great idea to me) They will be doing a leather demo for 2 days at the Valley Fair in Saugus, California in June, as well as a demo at the Southern California Fair in Perris later this year. They invite the public to view members' work at each of their monthly meetings.

Gateway Leather Guild

Ben Bass, President of the Gateway Leather Guild reports the Youth Chapter of the Gateway Leather Guild had their first meeting with 8 youths attending and had a good showing of adult members, teaching. He also reports his guild is ready to start focusing on hosting the 2010 IFoLG Show in St Louis.

Alex Madson, Asst. Director Reports on The Calumet Area Leathercrafters Guild Spring Show "Spring into Action, or Come Help Us Beat A Dead Cow" April 25th to 27th in Michigan City, Indiana

It was fun meeting old friends, and catching up on what had happened since the International Show in Fort Worth.

There were a number of vendors present at the show, setting up and doing demonstration of their products.

The raffle table and hospitality room were both huge successes.

Monica Nibbe, President of the Calumet Guild, was in charge of the competition room, which received 160 entries. The judging on Friday evening. went smoothly and fairly quickly. Thanks to all the people who helped with the judging and the scribes, and most of all the people who entered the competition.

Congratulations to all the winners, participants, vendors, and everyone who attended the show, and last but not least, all who made this show possible with their hard work. Thank you all...

Uncle Alex

Thank You Letter From Edd Lucas

To: The Director of the International Federation of Leather Guilds, Inc., the Board of Governors, and the Membership Guild Members.

As time progresses and we traverse in and out of life's valleys and mountains, there are life-altering events that occur. This past October 20th, 2007, I experienced one of these life-altering moments. I was inducted into the International Federation of Leather Guilds, Inc., *Hall of Fame*. In a word, WOW!! This precious moment was by the hands and minds of the many individuals within our craft. To each of you, I am grateful for the honor that was bestowed upon me, and thankful and proud to be a member of this Federation.

We each have or will have any number of professions in life and any number of special interests. As we endeavor to succeed in any given life's work or activity, rewards for our effectiveness come to us in different ways. I have been blessed during my lifetime with several opportunities for recognized achievement. However, on the evening of that Texas October 20th, the *Hall of Fame* Honor was an insurmountable moment. The Federation Hall of Fame Award which you presented to me has not been equaled in my lifetime nor do I expect it to be surpassed within the remainder of my life.

The magnitude of this honor has been, and remains to this day, overwhelming. I am thankful and grateful for this honor and will endeavor to keep the respect of this "high hall" close to my heart and soul as a most treasured moment in my life. I hope and trust you will continue to allow me to serve you and the future goals of our International Federation of Leather Guilds, Inc.

With grateful respect,

Edd Lucas

Hall of Fame Inductee, 2007 International Federation of Leather Guilds, Inc.

As a member of the International Federation of Leather Guilds, *Hall Of Fame 1996*, I would like to echo Edd's words. This is the greatest honor the Federation can bestow on an Individual, to be acknowledged for his achievements by his peers. I, like Edd, cherish this award.

If you know a person who is a member of a Federation Guild who deserves this award, send a résumé to the *Hall of Fame* Chairperson.

And that's all I got to say about that!

Ernie Wayman, Executive Director