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# Special Guild Meeting

Tuesday February 11th

**Come and watch a master show how it is done.**

## Bill Gomer



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## LONE STAR LEATHER-CRAFTERS NEWSLETTER

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# *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Many thanks to all of our members for my being elected to be your new President. You can rest assured that I will do my very best to provide the leadership needed to take the Lone Star Leathercrafters Guild to new heights. I am fully aware of the fact that any leader of any organization cannot accomplish much without the help of the membership. So I am looking forward to working together with all of you to accomplish our goals.

Congratulations to our new officers: Dave Smith, First Vice President, Mary Odom, Second Vice President, Gary Smith, Secretary Treasurer and Carl Suvaco, Program Chairman. I am looking forward to working closely with these key people to propel our guild forward.

Some of the goals I have in my mind for the future are:

1. Recruiting: To make a concerted effort to publicize our guild and increase our membership through producing and distributing brochures, making appearances (demonstrations) at public events, bringing in our friends, neighbors, co-workers and more.
2. Education: To improve the contents of our meeting activities at our monthly meetings by way of long term planning and advertising and to increase member participation. To organize special classes for members.
3. To increase our participation in National and International Leathercraft Shows such as the International Federation of Leathercraft Guilds, Midwest Federation of Leather Guilds as well as shows in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.
4. To organize special activities and meetings, such as: Field trips to Nocona, Waco, Yoakum, and others. Arrange for meetings and demonstrations with world-class leather artists.

In order to make our general meeting more fun and entertaining, we have created a special executive meeting every month on a day about two weeks prior to the general meeting for the purpose of taking care of business and planning for the next general meeting. The executive meeting date will be February 15 at 3:00 PM at Hide Crafters. Any and all members are invited to these executive meetings.

Thanks again for the honor of serving as your President. I am looking forward to future with much anticipation to the privilege of leading one of the best guilds in the world, if not best.

George Hurst



## **Will Ghormley - Maker**

### **Old West Cowboy Leather**

Old West Cowboy Leather isn't just a way to make a living for Will; it's a way of life. He first started making cowboy gear as a young working cowboy in southwest Colorado. He learned how to make saddles by repairing saddles and tack on the ranch where he worked.

His love is history and our country has lead him to an extensive study of our nation. The passions have made him an authority on leather and horse gear of the Old West.

Will is a maker of all sorts of historical cowboy gear including, holsters & gun belts, cowboy cuffs, saddle bags, canteen covers, rifle cases, spur straps and more. He is also the builder of the kind of saddles used in the early 1800's. Recently, Will has made several historically accurate saddles as used in the Texas Revolution that will be used in a Hollywood production of the event.

As you might expect from viewing the picture, Mr. Ghormley is also a master artist using leather as his medium.

**This art will be on display at the February 11th guild meeting. Be sure to bring your camera and take pictures of this and other art that is on show.**

## Work Shops

Melody D. Snow will be conducting a 1/9 scale Huntseat Saddle Workshop on Friday, March 21, 2003 in Hide Crafters Leather, Fort Worth, TX. The class will last one day and run from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Participants will construct a Traditional sized (1/9”) Huntseat Saddle. Cost for the class is \$40 and covers supplies, preliminary kit preparation to save class time, and instruction. A list of required tools will be provided at time of registration. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Snow is an experienced miniature saddler/tackmaker. She has been crafting and selling her tack for over 20 years. She has written articles and kits on making miniature tack. She has also taught previous workshops/seminars at Breyerfest (Lexington, KY), Lone Star Live (Fort Worth, TX), and at the Texas State Fair (Dallas, TX).

Workshop participants wishing to fill out the weekend may attend Lone Star Live, a model horse show, March 22-23, 2003. LSL is part of the Tarrant County Horse-O-Rama (an educational event including a real horse show) held at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum Complex.

Registration deadline for the 1/9 scale Huntseat Saddle Workshop is Feb. 21, 2002.

For registration packet, send long SASE with 2 stamps to: Melody D. Snow, PO Box 595, Lillian, TX 76061. You may also request a packet by email IF you can accept .doc attachments by emailing melsnow@hpnc.com.

For information about Lone Star Live, contact the showholder, Sue Stewart, directly. email: SuePStewrt@aol.com, or send SASE to Sue Stewart, P.O. Box 50508, Denton TX 76206. contact: Melody D. Snow, PO Box 595, Lillian, TX 76061

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## Fort Worth Leather Trade Show - Work shop Information

Call 817-430-1154 for more information

Becky Moon -- Pillow making Friday class -cost is \$75.

Carmen Allen -- Western rodeo style carving 4 hour session -cost is \$50

Chuck Smith -- Western flral holster and spur strap 3 days -cost is \$300.

George Hurst -- Carving Oak leaves -cost is \$75.

George Hurst -- Basketweave stamping -cost is \$75.

Jeremiah Watt -- Pattern layout and carving -cost is \$100.

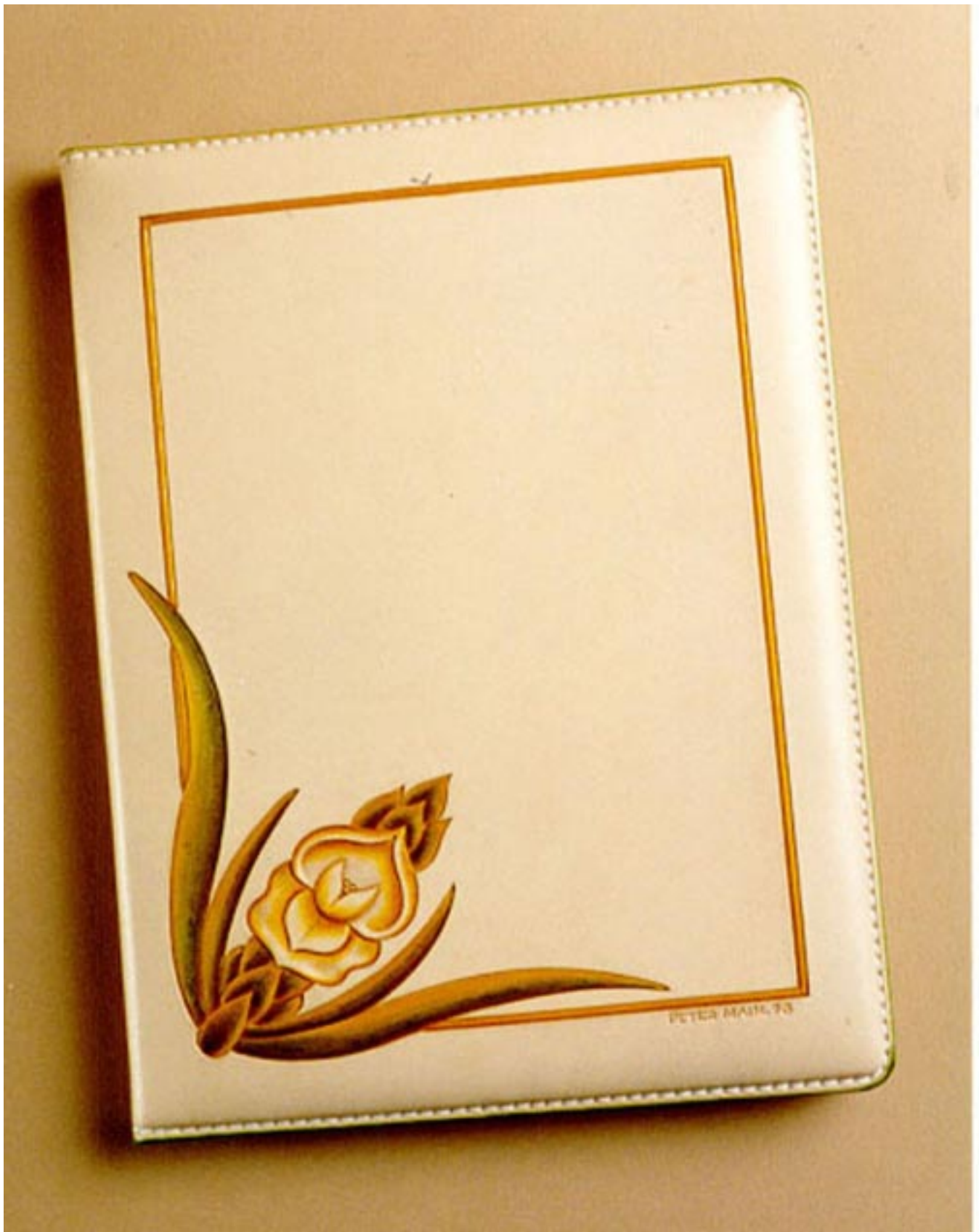
Jim Linnell -- Leather working round table (Free)

Ron Ross -- Sheridan style carving -cost is \$50.

## **Ft. Worth Leather trade show**

### **February 18-23**

The Lone star Leather guild has accepted an invitation to participate in this show which has been put together by Dale Grabowski. We will need to have members let us know what days and times that they can be available to work at the show. This will be a good opportunity to show the people of Texas the talents of the local leather crafters. See you at the show.



**Peter Main's work shows the art of simplicity of design.**



Charollete King you make some fine vittles for our meetings.  
The members wish to thank you for every thing you have done.



| Date          | Event                        | Location   | For Information |
|---------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| February 11   | Lone Star guild meeting      | HideCrafters,<br>7936 Camp Bowie<br>Ft. Worth, Tx. | 817-878-5797    |
| March 18 - 23 | Western trade show           | Reno, NV   | 888-289-6409    |
| May 13-18     | Rocky Mountain trade<br>show | Sheridan, WY                                       | 888-289-6409    |

**lonestar@eaze.net - the Guild's official E-mail address**

**The next executive guild meeting is 15 of Feb. at 3pm at Hidecrafter's in Ft. worth. The subject is long range plans. All members are invited. Let us know your desires. If you can't attend send us E-mail with your thoughts to make the Lone Star Guild better. What do you want to see and what would you like to participate in? Your the one the guild is for so be part of it.**

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