



NEWS – February 2026

IVLG – SPREAD THE WORD!

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What's Up This Month?

Wallet Making – Part 2 - Abby

Please join us and to learn how to make a wallet. Design your wallet and make the exterior to start your wallet project and continue by glueing and then stitching it together.

Please join us February 21st at 3 pm at Mabuhay Leather Craft at Northwoods Mall, lower level at Center Court.

What to Bring:

Leather (2-3 oz / 3-4 oz), thread, needles, stitching chisels, liner – bring your own or available for purchase at Mabuhay and yourself and a friend or two! A show and tell item if you have one.

New Guild Sign

Guild Sign Pieces can be picked up at Mabuhay. Please remember to tape the back of your piece to help prevent stretching so it will fit on the guild sign.

IVLG Guild Display Area

This area is looking great. As you complete new items, please consider rotating your display items to keep our display area looking sharp. Located in our meeting area at Mabuhay.

1st Qtr (Jan/Feb/Mar) Guild Project

Wallet

Join the Guild

- Please remember to spread the word and bring a friend to our guild meetings.

IVLG Dues 2026

- Please remember to pay your 2026 IVLG dues.

Upcoming IVLG Meeting News

- Mar 21st – 3 pm – Lacing – Ron

IFoLG NEWS

IFoLG BoG Meeting News

BoG Meeting – Jan 18th – The BoG approved moving the annual IFoLG Show from October to June - the Monday after Father's Day starting in 2027 and gong forward. Ann Johnson, from Ozarks, was appointed the IFoLG Communications Chair.

IFoLG Show News

2026 Show – “Traditional Meets Modern”

- Embassy Suites, East Peoria, IL – Oct. 6-11
- – <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/internationalfederationofleatherguildshow2026/> - Cutoff date – 9/14/2026
- Saturday - October 10th - Free public events: Competition Room Viewing, leather workshops and an onsite blacksmithing demonstration. Please share with your family and friends!
- Saturday - October 10th - People's Choice Award – with Abigail Alms and Daniel Reach who are both Master Leathersmiths. They have selected their competition focus to be “Antique Weapons”. Each attendee will receive a ballot to sign and check left or right to cast a vote for the artist who has created their ‘favorite’ and the artist with the most votes will be crowned the winner.
- Competition, Workshops, Vendors, Hospitality Suite, Guild Displays, Raffle and Golden Raffle and more details to follow.
- Looking for Instructors, Vendors, Volunteers and Sponsors for this event – please contact Karrie at ilvalleylg@yahoo.com with information.

Thank you to ...

- Abby for explaining the wallet making process. Looking forward to seeing your finished wallets at our next guild meeting.

Mabuhay Leather Craft

is pleased to share that IVLG Members receive a 5% discount on the purchase of leather hides!