



NEWS – June 2026

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What's Up This Month?

Dyeing Techniques – Ron, Syd, Karrie & Abby

Vinegaroon aka 'vinegar black' is a homemade chemical solution – primarily ferric acetate – used by leatherworkers and woodworkers to dye materials a deep, permanent black. Unlike pigment dyes, it causes a chemical reaction with tannins in the leather, meaning the color goes all the way through and will never rub off.

Shaving Crème dye is an incredibly easy, inexpensive dyeing technique used to create vibrant, custom tie-dye or marbled effects. The shaving foam acts as a floating canvas, suspending the dye so you can transfer beautiful, swirling patterns onto your leather pieces.

Airbrushing allows for precision in applying colors and creating detailed patterns. The paint is applied in thin layers which maintains the flexibility of the leather, preventing cracks or stiffness that can come occur with thicker paint applications.

Please join us June 20th at 3 pm at Mabuhay Leather Craft at Northwoods Mall, lower level at Center Court.

What to Bring:

Yourself and a friend or two! Some veg tanned leather to try these dyeing techniques. A show and tell item!

Washington Five Points - Display

Our IVLG Display will be here from June to mid-July.

2nd Qtr (Apr/May/Jun) Guild Project

Any pouch/carrying case that attaches to a belt.

Thank you to ...

- Ron for demonstrating best practices for various lacing techniques. Lacing conversion chart is available upon request.

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IFoLG BoG Meeting News

Next BOG Meeting July 19th @ 7 pm CST, Zoom link will be provided. Any questions, please contact Aaron A. or Ben.

IFoLG Show News - ivlg.org

2026 Show – “Traditional Meets Modern”

Embassy Suites, East Peoria, IL – Oct. 6-11

- You can register for the show, workshops, the banquet, volunteering, raffle, guild displays and more at ivlg.org.
- More Instructors now on board: *Abby Alms, John Amdall & Michael Francis have joined fellow instructors ...* Travis Coddington, Kathy Flanagan, Galo Garcia, Scott Gore, Erik Griffith, Deb Johns, Ann Johnson, Roz Kaohn, Christopher Kearns, Denny Lowe, Jim Linnell, Daniel Reach, and Daniel Rhodes.
- 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 – Master Leathersmiths Abigail Alms and Daniel Reach will showcase their “Antique Weapons”.
- Looking for Instructors, Vendors, Volunteers and Sponsors for this event – please contact Karrie at ilvalleylg@yahoo.com for more information.

Upcoming IVLG Meeting News

- July – 3 pm – Cobra Machine – John Am.

Welcome to New Members

- The Welch Family!

Mabuhay Leather Craft

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