



NEWS – March 2026

IVLG – SPREAD THE WORD!

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What's Up This Month?

Lacing Demonstration by Ron

Ron will demonstrate lacing techniques – the dos and don'ts and what works best for the different types of lacing.

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

What to Bring:

Lacing that you would like to try, lacing stitching chisels, needles and leather. A show and tell item if you have one.

New Guild Sign

Guild Sign Pieces ...

- can be picked up at Mabuhay,
- should be taped on the back to help prevent stretching so it will fit on the guild sign, and
- should be returned to Aaron or Abby.

IVLG Guild Display Area

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

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 16th – 3 pm – Zipper Demo – John Am.

IFoLG NEWS

IFoLG BoG Meeting News

BoG Meeting – 2026 Competition information will be presented at the April 19th BoG Meeting. If you have any questions for the BoG, please contact Aaron A. or Ben so that your questions can be asked and answers received.

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 helping guild members to make their own wallets ... hope to see some wallets on display at Alpha Park Library in May!

Mabuhay Leather Craft

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