

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

# NEWS

*March 2017*

WEBSITE ADDRESS: [WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG](http://WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG)

*Attention, attention: It's time to renew your membership.*

*See coupon at the end of this newsletter.*

*Please send in your check and information by May 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Annual Meeting and Huge "Show and Tell"  
Midnight Star Part II at Duncaster



This is the piece that we will be working on at this meeting. Bring your instruction booklet and supplies so that we can solve any problems that may have been encountered.

Please come with lots of show and tell. Let's see what you have been working on during these winter months, even if it is still unfinished. Any other information you would like to share is of interest to us all.

**Studio Time option:** If you don't plan to work on this project, you are very welcome to come and stitch on your own pieces and join us for lunch.

**Location:** Duncaster Senior Residence, Bloomfield, CT

## Schedule for Saturday:

10 AM to 12 :15 PM

12:15 to 1 PM

1 PM to 3 PM

Midnight Star

Lunch, Annual Meeting & Show and Tell

Midnight Star

A [coupon](#) is provided for you to register for lunch for this meeting.

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## “My Peaceable Kingdom” Sampler - Catherine Theron and Studio Time Opportunity



Worked on 30-count vanilla linen, this lovely, “peaceable” sampler will provide hours of pleasurable stitching. The top section features a lady in her garden complete with dogs, lilacs and bee skeps. The center has a colonial home reminiscent of the houses in Williamsburg, VA, “alphabet trees”, a family, pets and plenty of birds. The center bottom area has an over-1 village scene surrounded by the wild woods and various woodland creatures. The piece is outlined by a flowing strawberry border.

Stitches used include long arm cross, Smyrna cross, stem, diagonal satin, padded satin, petit point, colonial knot, straight, spiral trellis and several others.

A myriad of colorful silk and cotton threads are used to create this scene. All threads are included in your kit.

Finished size is 17 ½” x 19 ½”.

Location: **Duncaster Senior Residence** in Bloomfield, CT

Time: Class will take place from 9:30 to 4:30 pm

**Studio Time option:** If you don't wish to take the class, you are very welcome to come and stitch on your own pieces in the hallway (there's a bright natural light alcove near our meeting room) and join us for lunch. An opportunity for "me time" to work on your own projects!

A [coupon](#) is provided for you to register for this meeting.

Saturday and Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Phillips Grant Class in Marlborough, MA

## "Illuminated Elegance" with Tony Minieri

NER is excited about the upcoming canvas embroidery (needlepoint) workshop with Tony Minieri. The class will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, 2017 at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Marlborough, MA. The hotel is conveniently located at the intersection of Route 20 and I-495, two exits north of the Mass Pike (I-90). The classroom is large, with floor-to-ceiling windows on one of the long walls. Sleeping rooms are \$119/night plus tax. The class fee is \$173, which covers the kit and lunch both days.

[Click here](#) to read the detailed information brochure with sign-up information for this class. Registration closes on August 1<sup>st</sup>. All registrations received by May 1<sup>st</sup> will be treated equally, and registrations received after May 1<sup>st</sup> will be processed in the order that they are received.

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 TBA

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## Basket for NER Seminar

Our CRVC basket for the seminar in April is being prepared, and our theme is "Vacation Getaway." If you have any ideas, unused kits or other items that might be appropriate, please drop them off at [Thistle Needleworks](#) by April 1<sup>st</sup> (that's no joke!) or contact any board member. Our email addresses are on our website.

## Announcing the next Group Correspondence Course offered by NER

CIRCLE WITH BLUE FLOWER: BEGINNING SILK AND METAL THREAD COURSE

Teacher: Margaret Kinsey

NER is paying all registration fees associated with the class. Each student pays only the cost of the instruction booklet and supplies, plus \$10.00 towards the postage costs.

The cost of the class is \$60, which includes the \$50.00 text fee and the \$10.00 postage fee. An optional kit

is available at a cost of \$70. Supply list is available on the EGA GCC website. You are responsible for providing all other supplies.

Registration deadline is **March 15, 2017**. Booklets will be received by the group leader approximately 8 to 10 weeks after that. A registration form for the class is below, with the specific details about the class following the form.

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## CIRCLE WITH BLUE FLOWER: BEGINNING SILK AND METAL THREAD COURSE

Group Correspondence Course Registration form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**EGA Membership Number (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

The registration deadline is **March 15, 2017**.

Please send this form along with a check in the amount of \$60.00 (and kit fee if you choose) made payable to "**NER EGA**" to:  
Susan Polumbo, 65 Wren Drive, Suffield, CT 06078-1817

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### **Circle with Blue Flower: Beginning Silk and Metal Thread Course**



**Circle with Blue Flower** is a study in silk and metal thread, designed for the beginner, inspired by the illuminated letters created in medieval times. Embroidery techniques for this piece have come down to us through Western Civilization. The reference notebook for this course is extensive, including color images and discussions of silk and metal threads, definitions of stitches and diagrams of some, a section on tools, a brief history of silk and metal threads, and "How To" sections with pictures for framing up and detailed information for finishing the completed embroidery. The embroiderer will be working with real metals as well as imitation metal threads. Stitches include couching techniques using pearl purl, twists and silk thread; satin stitch over padding of parchment and cord; and satin stitch using flat silk and purls. The outline stitch is worked in rough purl. Chipping will be explored.

**Teacher:** Margaret Kinsey

**Project:** Framed picture

**Size:** 10" x 10"

**Fabric:** Silk satin

**Threads:** Pearl and rough purl, flat silk, silk couching thread, twist, Elizabethan twist, gold braid #8, and Japan gold

**Colors:** Blue silk on white fabric with gold

**Proficiency Level:** Beginner

**Prerequisites:** None

**Time:** Six months, five meetings

**Fee:** \$175 per group

**Text:** \$50 per student; stitching instructions in outline form, many colored pictures and diagrams, and extensive reference material, comb-bound



**Supplies (approximate):** \$70, optional kit available from teacher.

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**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (All members are welcome)**

Tues., Mar. 21<sup>th</sup> at [Thistle](#)    Tues., May 9<sup>th</sup>    Tues., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>    Tues., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

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**CRVC Program Registration Form -- Midnight Star Part II on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Duncaster**

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

**"Midnight Star Part II at Duncaster"**

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch (\$12)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

CRVC Program Registration Form -- Sampler with Catherine Theron on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Duncaster

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

Make check payable to CRVC-EGA. The deadline for signing up for this class is May 15, 2017.

Deposit of \$50 is due at registration. Payments may be in full or installments may be arranged.

"My Peaceable Kingdom with Catherine Theron"

\_\_\_\_\_ Kit fee (\$250) plus class fee (to be determined but approx. \$40-\$60)

\_\_\_\_\_ Studio Time (no fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Saturday (\$12)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

CRVC-EGA Membership

\$57. Primary Membership

\$15. Plural Membership (NER)

\$18. Plural Membership (not NER)

For a membership card, please enclose a SASE.

Amt. Pd. \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Pd. \_\_\_\_\_  
(keep as your receipt)

CRVC-EGA Membership and Address Change Form

The membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. If you are joining after September 1, please contact the membership chairman for prorated dues.

Mail your completed form to: Suzanne Newton, CRVC-EGA Membership, 14 Madison Lane, West Simsbury, CT 06092.

Make check payable to CRVC-EGA. Enclose SASE for membership card.

\_\_ Address Change

\_\_ CRVC Primary Membership (\$57)

\_\_ Plural Membership, Primary Chapter in New England Region (\$15)

\_\_ Plural Membership, Primary Chapter *not* in New England Region (\$18)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_