



CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER
NEWS

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**Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 Zoom Class with Terri Bay
"Earth Spiral"**



Earth Spiral is a 4 ½" long Ukrainian Whitework spiral ornament. Earth is a 12" long and one inch wide strip of diagonal rows of Ukrainian Whitework. It is then wound into a spiral and joined using Ukrainian Insertion stitches. It is worked on 28 count linen with two sizes of Cottage Garden thread pearl cotton. Some of the stitches are pulled double cable, eyelet and mosaic. This is a basic/intermediate level class.

Registration for this class has closed.

Class Schedule:

10 am to 12:00 pm	Zoom class with Terri
12:00 pm to 1 pm	Lunch
1 pm to 4:00 pm	Continue Zoom class with Terri

**Saturday, April 6th, 2024 Annual Meeting and
Group Correspondence Course -
"Jacobean Fantasy" by Kay Stanis**

We will have our Annual Meeting with the election of officers for 2024-2026 as well as starting our new Group Correspondence Course. We plan to have a "Project Swap" as well. Please bring any no-longer loved projects and we can swap with each other. Any projects not selected will be used for the fundraising efforts for our chapter. This meeting will be held at [Thistle Needleworks](#), Wethersfield as well as via Zoom.

Schedule for the day to include:

10 am to 12:00 pm	Annual Meeting, Show & Tell, Project Swap, Jacobean Fantasy
12:00 pm to 1 pm	Lunch
1 pm to 3:00 pm	Jacobean Fantasy program continues



Techniques include working Battlement couching, Burden stitch, chipping and "S"ing. Soft twist silks in solid and overdyes will be combined with braids, crimped purl, check purl, and pearl purl. For dimensional effects we will work the detached elements separately on sheer fabric in the creation of this exquisite embroidery. Students will be encouraged to use their own ideas in color and stitch interpretations.

Type of project: Picture

Size: 6" x 7.75" design on 12" x 12" silk foundation

Skill Level: Advanced

Technique: Silk and Metal embroidery on fabric with detached elements

Length of Class: Six lessons in 12 months

Supplies (approximate): \$80.00 for Materials, if provided directly by the teacher.

We will arrange with participants to purchase supplies once registered.

A [registration coupon](#) is provided for this Group Correspondence Course. Registration deadline is February 1, 2024.

Saturday, June 8th, 2024

We will continue our Group Correspondence class, **Jacobean Fantasy**, or you can work on any piece of your choice. We will have in-person and Zoom options.

Saturday, October 5th, 2024

We will again continue our Group Correspondence class, and will have an additional piece to work on.

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Class details are being finalized. We are planning a "Snow Day" theme with a variety of snow-related projects to pick and choose from.

Chapter News

Please welcome our newest members – Mary Elomaa and Winta Hay.

From our Outreach Chair, Kathryn Lord -- Pequot Colony Stitchers, down on the shoreline, has arranged with the Groton Public Library to mount a display of CRVC work in April 2024. It will be installed on April 1, 2024 and uninstalled on April 30, 2024. Anyone interested in lending their work for this exhibit is urged to let Stephanie Thorp (stephthorp@sbcglobal.net) know asap, and either to send your items to her (1227 Flanders Road, Mystic, CT 06355) or to [Thistle Needleworks](#) in Wethersfield, CT where Stephanie will plan to pick them up by March 25, 2024.

Please also send the following information to Kathryn Lord (hglord@cox.net) by March 1, 2024 so that she can make up the cards that will go with the displayed items.

- Stitcher's name
- Title of the piece, if there is one
- Designer's name, if known
- Publisher's information.
- Whether or not the piece was an EGA project.

Also please note that there is not suitable space for large pieces. Anything smaller than (horizontal) 18x12 or (vertical) 12x18 should work. It would be nice to show a variety of techniques as well as a variety of purposes; e.g., a couple of pillows, bookmarks, wall displays...we're very versatile!

After the exhibit has been dismantled, Stephanie will send your work back to you if you mailed it to her, or return it to **Thistle Needleworks** if that's where she picked it up.

From our ByLaws Chair, Kathryn Lord -- 2023 Bylaws Revision Approved. The results of the chapter-wide vote on the CRVC 2023 Bylaws revision are 15 voting "yes" and 9 abstentions among the members who responded. Thank you all! The Bylaws are making their way through the signature process now. And that is that until 2033!

From our Membership Chair, Linda Berry -- Beginning January 2024, members will renew their membership or join the Embroiders Guild of America on EGA's website. To join, go to the National EGA website "EGAUSA.org" and click "Join Us"; select Connecticut River Valley Chapter (CRVC) as your primary chapter. It is suggested that current members wait until April to renew their membership as additional information will be forthcoming.

CRVC Primary membership will be \$73 (National dues \$55, CRVC dues \$15, NER dues \$3).

Plural membership, Primary Chapter in New England Region - \$15

Plural membership, Primary Chapter not in New England Region - \$18

For questions, contact Linda Berry, Membership Chair, 860-521-9709 or lindaberry343@gmail.com.

From our Nominating Committee -- Following is our proposed slate of officers to be voted on at our April 6, 2024, Annual Meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor at our meeting.

President - Deb Milvae

1st Vice Presidents Programs/Education - Deb Milvae/Lisa Green

Vice President Membership/Treasurer - Linda Berry

Secretary - Tere Foley

Newsletter Editor - Judie Solomon

Representative to New England Region - Kathryn Lord

New England Region News

The New England Region has a new website! It is spiffy and easy to navigate. Check it out at www.ner-ega.org.

Save the Date! After a hiatus of a few years the NER Region Day is back, Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Plymouth Church in Framingham, MA. Plans are for a morning speaker, lunch, and choice of 3-4 small classes in the afternoon. More information is coming very soon. Region Day is always fun and informative, and a chance to catch up with far-flung friends.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS via Zoom

(All members are welcome)

Contact Judie Solomon ([see website](#)) if you want a Zoom invitation to any meeting

Meeting Dates for 2024: March 13th, 2024, May 7th, 2024,

September 10th, 2024, and November 5th, 2024

CRVC Program Registration Form
Group Correspondence Course – Jacobean Fantasy -- April 6th, 2024

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

Deadline: February 1st, 2024

Group Correspondence Course – Jacobean Fantasy

_____ \$35 member kit fee (Check made payable to **CRVC-EGA**)

_____ \$55 non-member kit fee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____