

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

NEWS

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WEBSITE ADDRESS: WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG

Friday & Saturday, June 3rd & 4th

"Bless This House" Sampler - Catherine Theron (A Foley/Cornelius Teacher)

This luscious sampler is worked on 32-count Summerstraw linen with a collection of silk & cotton threads in a palette of reds, greens, blues, browns, grays, & golds. The finished design size is 10" x 13".

The outer border features an undulating strawberry vine. The inner scene features two homes, a variety of trees, birds, & three beeskeps. The biblical verses "Bless this house oh Lord we pray" & "May the Lord Bless you & keep you & make his face to shine upon you" are floating in the sky between the homes.

Stitches used include Queen Stitch, Double Running Stitch, Double Upright Cross with Backstitch, Diagonal Cross with Long Arm Cross, Stem Stitch, Spiral Trellis, Smyrna Cross, Buttonhole Stitch, Chain Stitch, Petit Point, Cross-Stitch Over One, Slanted Gobelin, Backstitch, Roman Stitch, and variations of Satin Stitch.

Location: Duncaster

Schedule for Friday:

9:30 AM to 12:15 PM	Class
12:15 to 1 PM	Lunch and Show and Tell
1 PM to 3:30 PM	Class

Schedule for Saturday:

9:30 AM to 12:15 PM	Class
12:15 to 1 PM	Lunch and Short Meeting
1 PM to 3:30 PM	Class

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

Here are directions to Duncaster: (Official address is 40 Loeffler Road, Bloomfield, CT)
(follow signs to the Aquatic Center)

From Rt. 84 Westbound [from Manchester]:

*Take Rt. 291, exit 61. Follow Rt. 291 to Rt. 218 exit. Take left onto Rt. 218. Follow for about 3 miles. Take right onto Rt. 189 and follow to the center of Bloomfield. Take a left on Rt. 178. Continue straight on Rt. 178 for 1.4 miles. To use the new front entrance, turn right onto Mountain Avenue and continue approx. ½ mile to entrance on the left into Duncaster. From the Loeffler Road entrance or the Mountain Avenue entrance, once on the campus, **visitors should follow the signs to the Aquatics & Fitness Center Entrance. Our meeting takes place in the conference room one floor above the entrance level (4th floor).***

From Rt. 84 Eastbound [from Farmington]:

*Take exit 41. Go left on South Main Street [which becomes North Main Street at West Hartford Center] for 4.6 miles to Rt. 185. Turn left on Rt. 185 for 1.8 miles. Turn right on Rt. 178. To use the new front entrance, after about ½ mile turn left onto Mountain Avenue and continue approx. ½ mile to entrance on the left into Duncaster. From the Loeffler Road entrance or the Mountain Avenue entrance, once on the campus, **visitors should follow the signs to the Aquatics & Fitness Center Entrance. Our meeting takes place in the conference room one floor above the entrance level (4th floor).***

From Rt. 91 [North or South]:

*Take exit 36. Go west on Rt. 178 for 4.5 miles to the center of Bloomfield. At the traffic light continue straight on Rt. 178 for 1.4 miles. To use the new front entrance, turn right onto Mountain Avenue and continue approx. ½ mile to entrance on the left into Duncaster. From the Loeffler Road entrance or the Mountain Avenue entrance, once on the campus, **visitors should follow the signs to the Aquatics &***

Fitness Center Entrance. Our meeting takes place in the conference room one floor above the entrance level (4th floor).



Saturday, October 15th - Creating Bargello Balls

Create a beautiful Christmas ornament, or just a happy hanging for the chandelier or a window. Have you seen the balls that are all the rage by home decorators that are placed strategically on a table or mantle? You can make a very special one that will be the highlight of a grouping in your home.

Workshop participants will provide four full skeins of cotton embroidery floss in the color of their choice -- one skein each of four values of the same color, very dark to very light -- and one card of FyreWerks or one reel of Balger 1/8" ribbon to coordinate, 7" x 12" stretcher bars, embroidery scissors, a laying tool, and magnification and/or light, if needed. Your kit -- priced at \$5.00 or less -- will include a 7" x 12" piece of 18-mesh canvas, a #22 tapestry needle, a Styrofoam ball for the finishing, and full instructions for both the stitching and finishing.

A [coupon](#) is attached to the end of this newsletter. The deadline for signing up is October 8th, 2016.



Saturday, December 3rd

Luncheon @ Seabury - Escape from the Hustle and Bustle
of the Holidays

Saturday, February 4th, 2017
Stitch-In

Saturday, April 1st, 2017

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (All members are welcome)

Location: [Thistle Needleworks](#) at 10 am

Tuesday, September 13th Tuesday, November 8th

Announcing the next Group Correspondence Course offered by NER:

Bargello Challenge by Gail Stafford

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 \$45.00, which includes the \$35.00 text fee and the \$10.00 postage fee. You will receive an instruction booklet (49 pages unbound, includes 10 color pages plus six separate enclosures) for the class. You are responsible for providing all other supplies.

Registration deadline is **June 18**, 2016. 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 on the next page.

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Bargello Challenge Group Correspondence Course Registration form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

EGA Membership Number (required): _____

The registration deadline is **June 18, 2016**.

Please send this form along with a check in the amount of \$45.00 made payable to "NER EGA" to:
Susan Polumbo, 65 Wren Drive, Suffield, CT 06078-1817

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BARGELLO CHALLENGE

Teacher: Gail Stafford

Bargello Challenge is designed for intermediate and advanced stitchers who want to create their own bargello samplers. There will be many decisions along the way, but the text is intended to guide students in making them.

Because each person will make different choices, it will be difficult to furnish an exact supply list for threads. Students may need to purchase their own threads; they may be supplemented by embroidery floss, pearl cotton, or other threads that may be readily available. The stitching can be done in a variety of threads: cotton, silk, Medici wool, metallic, rayon, soy, or other threads. Students can mix different types of thread in their sampler but Persian yarn is not recommended for this project.

Project: Framed piece

Size: Design area 9"x9" or 9"x11"

Supplies: 18-ct mono canvas, student's choice of threads



Colors: Student's choice, but it may be best to start with three color families of six values each

Skill Level: Intermediate to advanced

Prerequisites: Some experience with canvas embroidery

Time: Six months, six sessions

Text: \$35.00 (see description in registration form)

Approximate cost of supplies (2013): \$35-\$100, depending on the types of thread used.

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NEW ENGLAND REGION

"REGION DAY – NOW AND THEN"

Saturday, October 22, 2016

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Plymouth Church

87 Edgell Road

Framingham, Massachusetts

As you know by now, we have had to postpone the Phillips Grant workshop planned for this fall. It has been moved to the fall of 2018.

In its place, we are going to hold the NER – Region Day 2016. We are going back a way in our history to plan a region day similar to some from the "old" days. But, it will not be all old.

There will be a lecture from our immediate past regional director, Beth Lindsay, about appraisals – what are they, how are they done, what does one look for in an antique, etc.

After a catered lunch, three afternoon workshops will be offered. This is where the old and new really come to focus! The old is our three presenters – not that they are old! They have each been members of EGA for over 30 years. Their workshops are both old and new! Rosemary Carter of Merrimack Valley Chapter will be offering a beaded project. Pat Timpanaro, also of MVC, will be presenting a needlepoint project. Chris Gaugh of CRVC will be offering a counted project. More details will be coming soon. We, also, will provide space for studio time.

Registration forms will be sent out soon. Arrangements with a caterer need to be finalized. Costs to you will be for lunch and kits.

The NER Board looks forward to seeing you on October 22, 2016 in Framingham for a day of stitching and renewal of friendships in the crisp New England fall!

Susan Polumbo NER Education Chair

CRVC Program Registration Form -- Creating Bargello Balls on October 15th 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 October 8th.

"Holiday Ball"

_____ Kit fee \$5

_____ 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 \$ _____