

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

September 2019

WEBSITE ADDRESS: WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG

Please note the new location for our meetings will be **Thistle Needleworks at 506 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield, CT**. The dates for meetings will be the first Saturdays of the even months (except August).

Directions to the store are on the Thistle Needleworks website.

Count-Down to CRVC at the Durham Fair!

As you know, we have been asked by the Needlework Department of the Durham Fair to have a presence there this year, September 26-29. We are planning stitch-ins from 3-6 pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and individual members can enter pieces finished in the last 3 years as exhibits.

For the stitch-ins, we will have a 2-person team there every day. We will assign teams to particular days at the Sept. 10 Board meeting at Thistle Needleworks. If you are certain you can be at the Fair and want to be on a team, but can't make it to the Board meeting, email me with your preferred day at hglord@cox.net by Sunday Sept. 8. Teams will be supplied with stuff to hand out and signage, and should bring a couple of finished pieces in different techniques for display and as conversation starters. Anybody who isn't able to commit ahead of time but wants to participate can just show up with something to stitch and hang out as long as they are able to. The Needlework building is near the center of the fairgrounds.

For entering as an exhibitor, here is a link to the needlework page with all the categories and requirements: www.durhamfair.com/exhibitors/needlework. This covers all needlework; embroidery is listed under "Hand Embroidery" and "Wall Hangings." You need to register by Sept. 14, and drop off articles at the Fair on Sept. 21 between 10 am and 4 pm. (one person can drop off other people's entries). Exhibitor Entry is free -- Cash prizes and ribbons are awarded -- Items are displayed in a secure, dry building -- Exhibitors are eligible to purchase a reduced 4 day entrance pass to the fair on the day they drop off their exhibits.

Hope to see you there - Kathryn J Lord, CRVC Prez

Saturday, October 5th, 2019 Autumn Fireworks

Location: [Thistle Needleworks](#) in Wethersfield, CT

Schedule for Saturday:

10 AM to 12:30 PM

12:30 to 1:30 PM

1:30 to 3:30 PM

Beginning piece

Lunch, Show and Tell and short meeting

Continued stitching

Since the chapter will pay for your fabric, please note on the sign-up form what color you would like so that it can be cut before class or choose your fabric ahead of time and let the clerks know that the cost of your fabric is to be charged to CRVC. There are many colors available, but only a few will be listed on the form.



This design by Ann-Marie Anderson-Mayes at www.beautifulstitches.com.au is offered as a gift to all stitchers. It is a great way to experiment with a range of canvaswork stitches using variegated thread and three coordinating solid colors. It will work beautifully as a bookmark, as decoration on a journal cover, or perhaps as a beautiful accent on a small handbag or iPad cover. We will supply the fabric and the directions, but you get to choose your colors, from your stash or at the store.

Here is some information from the instructions:

To complete this embroidery you will need:

Congress canvas measuring at least 12 x 28cm = 4.7 in. x 11 in. (this will give you a minimum of 3cm (1.2 in) extra fabric all around the stitched area which measures 6 x 21.5cm (2.4" x 8.5").

Size 24 tapestry needle

Small, sharp embroidery scissors

Your preferred embroidery frame (I like Q-snaps but please feel free to use your favourite framing system)

Embroidery threads: This project is ideally suited to choosing your own threads. I have included the threads I used, but you won't be able to replicate them exactly as the variegated silk is a one-off that I dyed myself. Choosing your own colours is very easy. All you need is a variegated thread and three coordinating solid colours. You can use stranded silks, cottons or a combination -- they will be equally effective. And your colour choices might transform this into Spring Fireworks or Beach Fireworks. The creative decisions are in your very capable hands. :)

Name Used In These Notes	My Colour	Your Colour
Variegated	My own hand dyed thread - 12 strand silk (red, yellow, green combination)	
Colour 1	Threadworx 10051 - 6 strand cotton (red)	
Colour 2	Au Ver a Soie No. 2533 - 7 strand silk (yellow)	
Colour 3	Au Ver a Soie No. 2125 - 7 strand silk (green)	

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

Saturday, December 7th, 2019 “Elegant Diamond” Box
Designed by Denise Pratt



At this meeting we will begin to stitch this beautiful box, following Denise’s clear diagrams and directions. She will prepare colors for the kits based on your preferences as noted on the registration coupon with lots of possibilities, not just those shown above. The primary diamond color is worked in variegated floss weight silk, such as Waterlilies or Silk ‘n Colors, and the effects are so much fun to produce. It may happen that we construct the box at the February meeting, unless you need to complete it as a holiday gift.

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

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (All members are welcome)
Tuesday, September 10th at [Thistle Needleworks](#) at 10am Saturday, December 7th

GCC from NER

New Group Correspondence Course
White Iris by Mona Hill
Registration Deadline: Nov. 15, 2019

On this Group Correspondence Course you will stitch this stunning **White Iris** using white or cream Pearl Cotton on matching 32-count Belfast linen. The mat chosen for behind and around the piece adds the punch of color. Combining stunning June flowers, White Iris is a sampler of eleven **pulled thread patterns** worked inside surface embroidery of flowers petal edges. The surface embroidery emphasizes shaping the buttonhole stitch and the chain stitch to form leaves and petal edges. Chain stitch, outline stitch and satin stitch variations are used for flower stems. Some knowledge of compensation is essential in working the pulled thread patterns. This beautiful composition, done in surface embroidery enclosing areas filled with pulled thread patterns, has a spectacular lace-like quality.



Size: 9" x 9" design on 15" x 15" ground fabric

Fabric: 32-count Belfast linen

Threads: Pearl cotton #8 and #12

Colors: White or cream

Skill Level: intermediate

Prerequisites: Knowledge of compensation and the ability to work stitches from diagrams

Text: \$48 per student

Supplies: \$19.00 (approximate)

The cost of the class is \$58.00, which includes the \$48.00 text fee and the \$10.00 postage fee. Registration deadline is Nov. 15, 2019. Registration will be sent to National shortly thereafter. Booklets will be received by the group leader approximately 8 to 10 weeks after that. The group leader will notify you of the end date. This is a six month course.

White Iris by Mona Hill Group Correspondence Course Registration form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you are willing to be the group leader, please initial here: _____

_____ EGA Membership Number (required)

The registration deadline is Nov. 15, 2019. Please send this form along with a check in the amount of \$58.00 made payable to "**NER EGA**" to: Kate Thomas, 17 Richmond Rd. Fitzwilliam NH 03447

Boston Stitch Party

EGA 2020 National Seminar

*Proudly Offers the Following Seminar
Merchandise*

Counted Thread Name Tag

Stitched in Backstitch - Painting Optional

Kit contents

- 12 pages of instructions
- 32 count linen
- Coordinating Fabric
- 4 skeins DMC floss
- Needle
- Peltex 71F - Stiffener



\$18.50

Adaptation of the Boston Stitch Party Logo for counted thread and redwork, name tag design, and all diagrams and instructions by Denise Harrington Pratt.

Redwork Name Tag

Stitched in Backstitch, Outline or Stem Stitch – Coloring is Optional



Kit contents

- 8 pages of instructions
- High quality muslin
- Coordinating Fabric
- 4 skeins DMC floss
- Needle
- Peltex 71F - Stiffener

\$16.00

(See [NER website](#) for additional items and information)

Boston Stitch Party

EGA 2020 National Seminar

Order Form

ORDER TODAY

<u>Qty</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____	Name Tag - Counted Thread KIT	\$18.50	_____
_____	Name Tag - Redwork KIT	\$16.00	_____
_____	Project Bags - Set of 4	\$49.50	_____
_____	Project Bag - Large only	\$19.50	_____
_____	New England Map Tapestry Bag	\$35.00	_____
_____	Boston Stitch Party Needle Nanny	\$12.00	_____
	Shipping		_____
	Grand Total		_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZipCode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please Make Checks Payable to EGA Seminar 2020

Return Order Form with Payment to:

EGA Seminar 2020, c/o Barbara C. Hepburn, 828 Edes Falls Road, Harrison, Maine 04040

Tel: 207-583-2821 • Email: Barbarahepburn1945@gmail.com

CRVC Program Registration Form
"Autumn Fireworks" at Thistle Needleworks on October 5th

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Make check payable to CRVC-EGA.

"Autumn Fireworks"

_____ I plan to attend so please count me in for fabric
My color choice for fabric is White _____
Eggshell _____
Gray _____
Will get on my own _____
_____ Lunch (\$8)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone#: _____

CRVC Program Registration Form
"Elegant Diamond" Box at Thistle Needleworks on December 7th

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Make check payable to CRVC-EGA. Kits must be ordered by October 6th.

"Elegant Diamond" Box

_____ Kit Fee \$70
My favorite colors for kit are 1. _____
2. _____
_____ Lunch \$8

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: Linda Berry, CRVC-EGA Membership, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

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

- Address/Email 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 \$ _____