



CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

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Simsbury Display

While Kathryn Lord, our Outreach Chair, was mounting the November CRVC display in Granby, Barbara Butterworth, the Art Coordinator for the Simsbury Public Library, happened by. She admired the pieces, and said they never had anything like that in Simsbury --- would we like to put up an exhibit there in 2023?

We settled on May. We will be gathering pieces in April, starting at the April 1, 2023 Annual Meeting at **Thistle Needleworks**, and returning them in June, including at the June 10 meeting, also at **Thistle Needleworks**.

The space in Simsbury is larger than in Granby and is entirely within locked cases that are 54 inches tall with many movable shelves. This is a chance to show off some of our larger pieces! There's plenty of room for smaller work, of course, and the cases are deep enough for stand-ups and 3-D items.

Since this is a space new to us, the only "theme" will be your favorites, pieces you are especially proud of, whether they are EGA classes or commercial kits or your own designs, no matter when they were finished (up to 6 pieces per member, more if small). We need for each piece the title, designer, stitcher, and any comments you would like to share about it. Since we have plenty of room here, we especially invite members who have never shown pieces with us before to do so now. And if anyone really really wants to have their "Iris" from last year's Zoom workshop in the display, contact Kathryn early to hold the space!

If you would like to participate but can't be at the April or June meetings, contact Kathryn Lord directly at hglord@cox.net or Lisa Green at klisagreen@yahoo.com to arrange pick-up and drop-off. The Post Office works well, too; get in touch if you want to go that route.

**Saturday, February 4th, 2023
and
Saturday, March 4th, 2023**

Zoom class with Celeste Chalasani

"Tidal Treasures"



Some of Celeste's fondest memories are of walking along the beach picking up sea shells. As the waves gently roll in, you can search the sandy beach to see what treasure you might discover. Each shell is a mystery, a question of what sea creature once inhabited it. In this class, we will create our own tidal treasures: a starfish needle minder, a sea urchin pin cushion and scallop needle book.

Kit includes instructions, silk shantung, silk dupioni, Weeks Dye Works stranded cotton threads, Mill Hill Antique Glass Beads, Ultrasuede, finishing materials and needles. Students to provide 4" and 6" embroidery hoops, 10" x 10" Evertite frame or stretcher bars with brass tacks and tightening tool, 6" ruler, white tissue paper, tweezers, masking tape, scissors for cutting

paper and felt, mechanical pencil or similar, straight pins, cream colored sewing thread, needle threader, and usual stitching supplies. Magnification and lighting is highly recommended.

Skill Level: Advanced

Schedule for the day:

10 am - 12:30 pm	Zoom class
12:30 pm - 1 pm	Lunch
1 pm - 3:30 pm	Continue Zoom class

Saturday, April 1st, 2023 Annual Meeting

Our program will be in person at [Thistle Needleworks](#). We will have lots of **Show and Tell**. We plan to start a piece by Caela Conn Tyler called **Just for Fun!**



"**Just for Fun! A Study in Textures**" was a cyber class by Caela Conn Tyler back in 2002. You can do the piece in her colorway or choose your own from your stash. We will provide complete instructions. We will also continue with this piece at our June meeting.

Linda Berry stitched it and saved the detailed instructions with large scale diagrams and the emailed lectures and colored pictures sent with each lesson. You feel like Caela is right there with you supplying helpful hints on both materials and stitches. Stitches include whipped back stitch, Katie's Stitch, free-form needle weaving, web stitch, attaching beads, irregular eyelets & pulled coil, Rhodes circle, diamond darning pattern, flat diamond stitch,

cushion cross corners, whipped spiders, diamond eyelets, Smyrna cross, looped ribbon and beads, filet stitch, large woven star, and loop stitch.

The piece is stitched on Congress cloth 12" x 12" (design is 6" diameter) using DMC Six-Strand Embroidery Thread #353, Décor #1514 (or Trebizond), Marlitt #1042, #8 Pearl Cotton #353, Delta #0-2, Zeta #0-2, Medici #8139, Silk Ribbon #167, Spring II #324S or Gumnuts Poppies #823, and YLI Fine Metallic #R-10.

A [registration coupon](#) is provided for this meeting. The deadline is March 15th. Schedule for the day will be announced shortly.

Saturday, June 10th, 2023

Our program will continue working on **Just for Fun!** Schedule for the day will be announced shortly.

Saturday, October 1st, 2023

Our program will be an EGA group correspondence course. Further information on the project will be decided in Spring, 2023.

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

Zoom Class with Wendy Moore "Kimono Imperial Ornament"



This delightfully sophisticated ornament finishes as a 4"x4" Mini-Kimono. As an ornament, this kimono highlights a beautiful Bargello pattern in Imperial gold, red, and blue. Using DMC Floche, Kreinik metallics, DMC & ThreadworX over-dyed floss, and a few beads, this kimono will make an impression. You will explore how wonderfully the Bargello pattern fits into the kimono and stitch a unique variation of an octagonal Rhodes stitch. The kit will include the canvas, all the threads and beads, instructions and photos. Student will provide 8" stretcher bars (2 pair), laying tool, frame or frame weight, usual stitching supplies, and light and magnification if desired.

A [registration coupon](#) is provided for this meeting. The deadline is October 1st.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS via Zoom

(All members are welcome)

Contact Judie Solomon ([see website](#)) if you want an invitation to these meetings

March 7th, 2023, May 2nd, 2023, September 12th, 2023, November 7th, 2023

CRVC Program Registration Form

"Just For Fun!" -- April 1st, 2023

Either email Linda at lindaberry343@gmail.com or mail completed form and check to:
Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Deadline: March 15th, 2023

"Just For Fun!"

_____ Please send me a copy of the instructions (email)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____

CRVC Program Registration Form
"Kimono Imperial Ornament" with Wendy Moore -- December 2nd, 2023

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Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002
Deadline: October 1st, 2023

"Kimono Imperial Ornament" with Wendy Moore

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

_____ \$55 non-member kit fee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____

CRVC-EGA Membership

- \$57. Primary Membership
- \$15. Plural Membership
(NER chapter)
- \$18. Plural Membership
(not NER chapter)

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 and check 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 \$** _____