

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

NEWS

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Just a reminder....Let Lisa Green know at klg7641@comcast.net if you have a new email account.

Saturday, October 14th (please note this change.....)

In scheduling the October meeting, we didn't notice that Columbus Day weekend is the first weekend of the month. So.....please note that we are now scheduled to meet on Saturday, the **14th** instead of the 7th. We will be meeting at the **Duncaster Senior Residence**, parking in the area off of Mountain Avenue in Bloomfield, CT.

At this meeting, we are planning to investigate the basics of blackwork. We will provide you with linen fabric and a notebook of instructions. You may work the many motifs in sampler form or cut these samples apart and insert them in the notebook as a permanent reference for future projects. For this study, all you will need to bring is a skein of floss (your choice of color), a small hoop (4" or 5"), and the usual stitching supplies. **To help us prepare, please send in the registration coupon so that we can have your materials ready for you.** Remember to bring something to show and tell, whether it is something new you are beginning or something you have just completed, and on the registration coupon, please check if you wish to order a box lunch (\$5). You are welcome to bring your own lunch if you prefer. As always, you are more than welcome to attend if you only wish to join us and stitch on your own project.

Schedule for the Day: 10 am to 3 pm

10 AM to 12:30 PM	Blackwork study
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM	Lunch, show and tell and short meeting
1:30 PM to 3 PM	More motifs

Program: "The Basics of Blackwork"

Here are directions to Duncaster:

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.***

84 Eastbound from Farmington:

Take exit 41. Go left on South Main St. [which becomes North Main St. 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.**

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 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.**

Saturday, December 2nd - Our Holiday Meeting

In the morning, we will stitch very small decorations to adorn a small tree. This will be our gift to Duncaster to thank them for their generosity to us and to add to their holiday décor. Questions about the blackwork patterns will be discussed, and we will offer lunch. The meeting will take place at the Duncaster conference room.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Saturday, February 3 Saturday, April 14 Saturday, June 2

Future Board Meetings (All members are welcome)

Tuesdays Sept. 12, Nov. 14, Jan. 9, Mar. 13 & May 8

Crewel World

Sep 23, 06 thru Feb 25, 07

Crewel work is any embroidery worked with lightly twisted, two-ply, worsted wool yarns that are dyed in deep, vibrant colors. Using stem, long and short, couching, and filling stitches, large areas can be quickly covered in colorful designs, making crewelwork suitable for large pieces like bed furnishings and wall panels. These and other wool embroideries—a chasuble, a toddler's dress, a sampler—dating from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries—introduce a beautiful and bountiful "crewel world."

at right: Mary Sarah Titcomb, *Adam and Eve*, eighteenth century. Linen. Purchased with funds from the J.J. Goodwin Fund, 1934.276.



Is anyone interested in seeing this exhibit at the Atheneum? We are offering the following date: **Saturday, November 11th**. At the end of the newsletter is a [coupon](#) to fill out if you wish to join us for this outing. We will be in touch with you about a meeting place and time as soon as we know of your interest. The current plan is to visit this display in the late morning and stop for lunch at the Museum Cafe.

Stitching Getaways: The following is the schedule for the **West Side Day** group. They will meet in the months that we do not have a chapter meeting, and a focus for each meeting is listed below:

September 12

November 14 Visit to Atheneum exhibit or Bead Encased Cabochon explanation by Linda Berry

The **West Side Day** group will be meeting from 10 AM to 1:30 PM at Suzanne Newton's house in West Simsbury. Bring along your lunch and a project you are working on and/or any project you would like to share. **Please email or phone Suzanne at sfnjsn@sbcglobal.net or 860-658-2037 if you plan to attend.**

Pequot Colony - The New London Library has been undergoing major renovation starting in October of 2005. Rather than trying to find another room where they can meet, they have decided to have their stitch-ins at various members' homes. The schedule for September and October is as follows:

September - Anne Connerton's

October - Stephanie Thorp's

Barb Crum's house will be backup for any month that the hostess named isn't available. Doris will be a backup for Barb, especially in the winter.

If more information is needed, call Doris Boas at 860-572-8441, or email @ ndboas@sbcglobal.net.



"Region Day"

Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, MA

Saturday, September 30, 2006

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM.....

Morning session:

PART A: A tour of Pilgrim Hall Museum. Pilgrim Hall is home to the Loara Standish sampler, the earliest sampler made in America, embroidered by the teenage Loara Standish, daughter of Mayflower passenger Myles Standish c1650. The Museum also displays the needlework card table (c1750) embroidered by Mercy Otis Warren (1728-1814). The tabletop, worked in wool threads on canvas, depicts a game of Loo already in progress, with the cards and the mother-of-pearl counters (both round and in the shape of fish), surrounded by flowers

PART B: An up-close and personal look (front and back) at 6 American samplers. Pilgrim Hall Museum contains a small but extraordinary selection of samplers, from the 1700's Elizabeth Brewster sampler to an 1832 sampler recording the Pilgrim genealogy of Saba Cushman. The embroidered sampler is among the most significant of historic "women's

artifacts," representing a form of art, education, and pastime, one that endured for several centuries, which, through its evolution, can be examined for evidence of changes in women's lives.

Afternoon session:

A presentation by Elizabeth Creeden, one of the country's most talented designers and needleworkers in crewel. She will be sharing her current project: a 7 foot by 7 foot commissioned wall hanging of Alice in Wonderland. The hanging is being stitched in the Arts & Crafts style of May Morris, using silk on wool damask, a style of needleworking that hasn't been done in 100 years or so. The group will have the opportunity to view the wall hanging as a work in progress and then learn about the entire creative process, drawings through stitchery, with a discussion of both the milestones achieved and the challenges faced along the way. This is a unique opportunity to interact with a contemporary needlework artist.

EXTRA! EXTRA!Numbers are limited, so sign up early.....

The New England Region will subsidize this program. Therefore, the cost for the day is **\$45**, including lunch nearby at **Isaac's Restaurant**. Please register by filling out the form below:

NOTE: The deadline for registration is **September 23, 2006**

Name _____ **Chapter** _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Luncheon choice: _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu or _____ Broiled Scrod

Please make check for **\$45** payable to **NER-EGA**

Send to: Lisa Green, 14 North Drive, Simsbury, CT 06070-1214

SAVE THE DATES: April 20, 21 and 22, 2007

Needles by the Lake

NER's next seminar will be held April 20, 21, and 22, 2007 at the [Wyndham Burlington Hotel](#) in beautiful [Burlington, Vermont](#). More information for students will be available in the fall of 2006.

Friends of Counted Embroidery: Laurel Chapter is happy to welcome

Pat Houghton to teach her

Tulips and Stars Sampler

November 9, 2006 and May 10, 2007

10:00am – 3:00pm

\$50 members of FCE, \$60 non-members

CRVC Program Registration Form – October Meeting

Mail completed form to: Lisa Green, 14 North Drive, Simsbury, CT 06070.

The deadline for signing up for this class is October 10th.

____ I am interested in working on blackwork embroidery.

____ Please order a box lunch for me: My choices are as follows:

Deli Sandwich: ___ White ___ Wheat ___ Rye ___ Pump.

___ Turkey ___ Roast Beef ___ Ham ___ Swiss ___ American

Fixings: ___ Mustard ___ Mayo ___ Lettuce ___ Tomato

Fruit: ___ Apple ___ Orange ___ Banana

Beverage: ___ Coke ___ Gingerale ___ Water ___ Iced Tea

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Exhibit at the Wadsworth Atheneum

Mail completed form to: Lisa Green, 14 North Drive, Simsbury, CT 06070.

Deadline: October 20th

I am interested in attending this exhibit on Saturday, Nov. 11th _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CRVC-EGA Membership

\$47. Primary Membership
\$15. Plural Membership (NER)
\$18. Plural Membership (not NER)

For a membership card, please enclose a SASE.

Amt. Pd. _____

Check # _____

Date Pd. _____

CRVC-EGA Membership and Address Change Form

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 (\$47)
- 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 \$ _____