CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

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Saturday, April 2nd

"Sewing Church Linens" - Pat Crane



Pat Crane has graciously agreed to present this program during the morning. She has been teaching linen construction since 1983. Following six years as Directress of the Connecticut Diocesan Altar Guild, she established a small business, "Linens by Pat", in 1996. From that time she has produced and continues to produce countless church linens, from the small utility items to custom-designed fair linens for altars, large and small. In 1999, she published, "With these Hands....A Practical Guide to Sewing Church Linens." The book was expanded and reprinted in 2004. Now, following its third printing, her book continues to be a valuable and complete reference for sewers of church linens.

During the program, Pat will share stories about her sewing for churches experience. In addition to talking about her work, she will present a "Show and Tell" of her recent display for the CT Altar Guild. This includes several examples of her work and her book. For those who are interested, copies of her book will be available.

Reunion in April

After lunch, we would like to have a large show and tell. Please bring your projects, finished or unfinished, that you have worked on since last April or **bring a favorite from the past**. We'd also like to see class pieces you have taken this year or exciting pieces you would like to share.

Schedule for the day:

10 AM to 12 noon Morning program

12 noon to 12:45 PM Lunch and short meeting

12:45 PM Reunion in April

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

A coupon for registration is at the end of this newsletter.

Here are directions to Duncaster: (Official address is 40 Loeffler Road, Bloomfield, CT)

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 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).

NEW ENGLAND REGION SEMINAR

Pining to Stitch, April 15-17, 2011

The Southern Maine Chapter and New England Region EGA is proud to invite you to attend NER Seminar 2011 'Pining to Stitch' April 15th-17th 2011 at The Eastland Park Hotel, Portland, Maine. If you have any questions regarding this event, please check http://www.newenglandregionega.org or contact Seminar 2011 Chairman Barbara Hepburn at Brit45@roadrunner.com (207-583-2821).

Friday and Saturday, June 10th and 11th

"Polar Shadows" - Caela Conn Tyler

Caela is a nationally known teacher who will be coming to us from Denver, Colorado. In addition to being a lovely lady, she is a wonderful teacher and designer.

Polar Shadows, a frosty Norwegian scene, will present students with opportunities to experience several approaches to canvaswork; traditional canvaswork stitches, embroidery, exposed canvas patterns, and some unique layering using tulle and silk organza. Overdyed and hand-dyed cottons and silks, Burmilana, Accentuate, and iridescent beads offer significant contrasts, yet result in an overall subtle composition.

Contrasting textures, subtle interacting hues, and varied stitch techniques, along with touches of glitz and glitter, will truly entice students while remaining well within the realm of the intermediate proficiency level.

Please note that the deadline for signing up for this class is May 1st. A <u>coupon for registration</u> is at the end of this newsletter.

Time: Class will take place from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm.

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



"Polar Shadows"

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (All members are welcome)

Tuesday, **April 26th** Tuesday, **September 13th** Tuesday, **November 1st**

Stitching Getaways: The next meeting of the **West Side Day** group will be on April 26th 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 – Anyone who is interested can call Doris Boas at: (860) 572-8441 or Stephanie Thorp at: (860) 536-0912.

Dues: You will be receiving a membership renewal notice soon. Please note that dues should be paid no later than May 15th. You will lose your subscription to **NeedleArts** if they are not paid by that date.

CRVC Program Registration Form April 2 nd at Duncaster
Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Make check payable to CRVC-EGA .
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CRVC-EGA Membership CRVC-EGA Membership and Address Change Form \$55. Primary Membership The membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. If you are joining after \$15. Plural Membership (NER) September 1, please contact the membership chairman for prorated dues. \$18. Plural Membership (not NER) 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. For a membership card, please enclose a SASE. __ Address Change __ CRVC Primary Membership (\$55) Amt. Pd. __ Plural Membership, Primary Chapter in New England Region (\$15) __ Plural Membership, Primary Chapter not in New England Region (\$18) Check # Name: Date Pd. (keep as your receipt) Address: City, ST,ZIP _____ _____Email:_____ Phone: Primary Chapter: Membership No. _____ Total Enclosed \$____