



CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

February 2026

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Here are the 2026 activities -- Please mark these dates on your calendar

Saturday, March 7, 2026 -- CRVC Workshop

"Zelda the Zebra" with Toni Gerdes - second session - on Zoom

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 -- CRVC Board Meeting at 10 am

on Zoom -- contact [Judie](#) for Zoom link (open to all members)

Saturday, April 11, 2026 -- CRVC Annual Meeting

"Stitches Get Stitched" with Rachael Palmberg

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 -- CRVC Board Meeting at 10 am

on Zoom -- contact [Judie](#) for Zoom link (open to all members)

Saturday, June 6, 2026 -- CRVC Meeting & Stitch-In

"Zelda the Zebra" Recap -- in person at [Thistle Needleworks](#) and on Zoom

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 -- CRVC Board Meeting at 10 am

on Zoom -- contact [Judie](#) for Zoom link (open to all members)

Saturday, September 19, 2026 -- Virtual Region Day -- information to follow later

Saturday, October 3, 2026 -- CRVC Meeting & Stitch-In

Intro to NER Challenge -- information to follow later

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 -- CRVC Board Meeting at 10 am

on Zoom -- contact [Judie](#) for Zoom link (open to all members)

Saturday, December 5, 2026 -- CRVC Meeting & Stitch-In

Don't wrap your stitched holiday gifts until you show them to us today!

CRVC Meetings and Stitch-Ins --

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, March 7th, 2026 "Zelda the Zebra" with Toni Gerdes



The second session of this workshop will be on Zoom from 10 am to 4 pm.

There will be a 1-hour question-and-answer session with Toni Gerdes at 10:30 am.

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

Annual Meeting

"Stitches Get Stitched" with Rachael Palmberg

This meeting will be in person at [Thistle Needleworks](#) in Wethersfield, CT and on Zoom.

Schedule for the day to include:

10 am to 12 pm	Stitches Get Stitched
12 pm to 1 pm	Lunch
1 pm to 3 pm	Annual Meeting, Show & Tell, Stitches Get Stitched program continues

Rachael is a young, up-and-coming stitcher with an artistic approach to surface embroidery.

The day will begin with a presentation by Rachael showing a number of her recent embroideries and explaining the process of their creation. She will review how she chooses the fabric and how it inspires the design. She will review how she chooses the threads and how they will enhance the design. She will review the stitches and how they make the design come to life.

After this presentation, Rachael will guide each of us through the process of creating our own decorative piece. Attendees/participants should bring a piece of patterned fabric about 10" square, a 5-8" wooden hoop, sharp needles, and a variety of threads (cottons, silks, wools, metallics, or blends) and/or embellishments. Rachael will also bring some fabrics and beads from which you may choose, if you prefer.

We will take a break for lunch around noon -- bring your own or join us for take-out. After lunch, we will have a brief meeting and election of officers and Show & Tell before continuing our stitching with Rachael.

Although there is no fee for this day of creativity, please use the registration coupon at the end of this newsletter to let us know that you will be attending in person so we can arrange space for everyone.

If you wish to view Rachael's presentation and/or attend the business meeting via Zoom, contact [Judie](#) before April 9th for the Zoom link.

In the business meeting, we will elect officers for the 2026-2028 term.

The slate to be presented is:

President: Deb Milvae
Vice President/Program: Lisa Green
Vice President/Membership: Linda Berry
Secretary: Tere Foley
Treasurer: Linda Berry
NER Rep: Kathryn Lord

Nominations from the floor are welcomed and will be accepted.

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, June 6th, 2026

"Zelda the Zebra" Recap & Stitch-In

In person at [Thistle Needleworks](#) and on Zoom. More information to follow later.

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

Intro to NER Challenge

Information to follow later.

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, December 5th, 2026 Stitch-In

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All members are welcome to attend the **Pequot Colony Stitchers** meetings.

These meetings are held irregularly via Zoom at 10am on the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Stephanie at least 3 days in advance at StephThorp@sbcglobal.net for links to these Zoom meetings.

All members are welcome to attend CRVC Board meetings.

These meetings are held via Zoom.

Contact Judie at least 24 hours in advance at JudieStichr@aol.com for the links to these Zoom meetings and other CRVC Zoom meetings.

Members -- send pictures of your finished pieces to [Judie](#) to be included in the next newsletter

CRVC Fund-Raising

The remaining books from the dissolved CRVC library, as well as other books and needlepoint canvases that have been donated to the chapter, are now available for purchase. [Click here](#) to view/order the available items.

CRVC Program Registration Form

"Stitches Get Stitched" with Rachael Palmberg -- April 11th, 2026

In person at **Thistle Needleworks** and on Zoom

Mail the completed form to:

Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002

or email to lindaberry343@gmail.com

Deadline: April 9th, 2026

"Stitches Get Stitched"

I will attend in person

I would like to attend via Zoom -- please send me the link

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____