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Calendar

Tuesday, February 8
 6:00 - 6:30 pm
 6:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sunday, February 13
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 16
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, March 8
 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 6:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12
 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 6:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 20
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 14
 1:00 - 1:30 pm
 1:30 - 2:00 pm
 2:00 - 4:00

Wednesday, May 25
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Monthly meeting on Zoom

Log in to Zoom; social/stitching time
 Business meeting
 Study topic – Progress on Projects Half Done (PHDs)

Stitch-In-Public – Create Exchange, 615 Center Point Rd NE, Cedar Rapids

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Please let Joyce Pencook know by Monday, February 14 if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227. Masks are required.

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Zoom

Log in to Zoom (6:00 pm); social/stitching time
 Business meeting
 Study topic – Introduction to Pulled Thread Embroidery

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Zoom

Log in to Zoom (6:00 pm); social/stitching time
 Business meeting
 Study topic – Autumn Fireworks

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Monthly meeting – North Liberty Public Library and Zoom

Log in to Zoom; social/stitching time
 Business meeting
 Study topic – Snowflake Perforated Paper Ornament

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

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Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/Blue-Ribbon-ANG-102362961642607>

February

Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2022

Present: Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Lori Barton, Karen Rajtora, Dee Hill, Jamie Randall, Joyce Pencook, Heidi Parker, and Connie Rosene

President Kareen Strumpel called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM

New member Heidi Parker was introduced, she was interested in joining a group that focuses on needlepoint along with other needle arts. All members introduced themselves to her.

Minutes from the November 2021 meeting were approved as amended and placed in archive (motion Robin Rossignol, second Dee Hill) Motion carried. Minutes from December 2021 meeting were approved as published and placed in archive (motion Lori Barton, second Robin Rossignol). Motion carried.

Treasurer Lori Barton reported that the current balance is \$880.42. No changes from last month. Dues received recently will be reflected in next month's report.

Reports:

Committee Reports:

Membership: Cindy Baldwin reported that we currently have 18 members (4 unpaid dues). She has sent reminders to them.

Czech Museum: Joyce Pencook reported that our next Stitch-in-Public event at the Museum is scheduled for January 19. Cindy Baldwin and Robin Rossignol will plan to be there so that we keep our commitment to the Museum.

Workshops: Robin Rossignol has selected a cross stitch pattern to use for future beginner education workshops.

Old Business:

Linn County Fair: Kareen Strumpel reported that she will need to step aside from this commitment due to health difficulties. Joyce Pencook volunteered to step in for Kareen since the Fair Board members are helpful and cooperative. Robin Rossignol suggested that we plan projects geared to adults (possible future members). Robin will provide projects from past Make-it-and-Take-it items from State Fair.

Create Exchange: Kareen Strumpel reported that the store owner invited us to provide a Stitch-in-Public session the second Sunday in February (Feb. 13). They are open 12-4 PM. We will arrive soon after noon and leave around 3:30. This time has been identified as busier store traffic hours.

Future Projects: Cindy Baldwin suggested that we meet in person for the March meeting since the pulled thread button project is best done hands-on. The meeting will also be held via Zoom for members who are out of town/state.

April and June meetings will work on Autumn Fireworks. The May meeting will be a pilot class for Robin Rossignol to introduce the Snowflake project for this year's Make-it-and-Take-it class at State Fair.

The Blue Ribbon Chapter of American Needlepoint Guild, Inc. (ANG), invites interested individuals, regardless of expertise, into membership. Dues are \$20 per year payable to the Chapter. You must be a current ANG member to belong to the Chapter. ANG membership information can be found at <http://www.needlepoint.org/membership.php>.

Guests and visitors are welcomed.

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except May, July, and October) starting with a social time at 5:00 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 6:30 pm. These meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus, 1620 E Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA and on Zoom. Meetings in December, January, and February will be held on Zoom only, starting with Zoom login/social time at 6:00 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 6:30 pm.

Meetings in May, July, and October will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month starting with social time at 1:00 pm and the formal meeting beginning at 1:30 pm. The Saturday meetings are held at the North Liberty Public Library, 520 W. Cherry St, North Liberty, IA and on Zoom.

Board meetings will be held in September, December, March, and June.

The Blue Ribbon ANG Newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for submission of items is the 20th day of each month.

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New Business:

We will plan a road trip to Fiberworks Needlework Shop in Waverly to select threads for our Autumn Fireworks project. The date is TBA but should precede our April meeting.

We discussed the idea of a 5-year anniversary (officially December 2021) exhibit. It was suggested that we look into showcases at various libraries (North Liberty, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Coralville). We may look at an exhibit at Plum Grove in Iowa City in the future, possibly 2-3 years.

It was announced that State Fair entry information should be out in April or May with the deadline for registration late June. Cindy Baldwin will keep the chapter updated.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 on Zoom.

Members shared progress on PHD items.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Rosene, Secretary

March Study Topic

Robin Rossignol will teach the beginning pulled thread project that she has designed. You will need the following materials:

- 6 x 6 inch piece of 32 count linen
- 4 inch hoop
- Size 8 perle cotton to match or slightly darker than the linen. Alternate is #8 Kreinik braid in a matching color.

If you do not have the materials, Robin can make up a few kits. The kits will be fabric and threads only (you will need to provide the hoop) and the cost is \$5.00. Color options are antique lavender, pale blue, or white. The antique lavender is similar to DMC 3042 and the blue is similar to DMC 800. Email Robin at robin-ann-rossignol@uiowa.edu as soon as possible. to let her know that you need a kit and your color choice.



Robin mounted the needlework on a large self-cover button. Kareen Strumpel has a supply and will sell them for \$1.50 each.

If the weather is predicted to be bad for the March meeting, we will fall back to Zoom and delay this class to April.

Blogs

- Mindfulness and Needlepoint <https://popppointe.com/blogs/finishing/mindfulness-and-needlepoint>
- How to Analyze and Test Threads <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/how-to-analyze-and-test-threads/>
- Kansas City (KC) Needlepoint's Fiber Facts is a series of blog posts that describe several kinds of thread and how they can be used - <https://www.kcneedlepoint.com/blogs/fiber-facts>
- The Stitch Vault by KC Needlepoint is a similar series of posts that show stitches. You can page through the stitches or select by stitch type, e.g., background, composite, open stitches, etc. <https://www.kcneedlepoint.com/blogs/all-about-threads>
- How to Repurpose Items for Needlepoint <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/repurpose-items-needlepoint/>
- Free Art Nouveau patterns online <https://pintangle.com/2022/01/28/free-art-nouveau-patterns-online/> Looks like these could be used for cross stitch or needlepoint.
- Let's Talk Jessicas <https://bedeckedandbeadazzled.com/2016/07/lets-talk-jessicas-2/> (diagrams and descriptions) and a video Jessica Stitch - How To <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBseXMgkFCo>.
- Taking a goldwork class <https://sudukc.wordpress.com/2022/01/14/taking-a-goldwork-class/> This post is about preparing for the goldwork class but would apply to any type of needlework.
- Framing Needlework with Glass? <https://thegreatframeup.com/framing-needlework-glass/>
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Videos

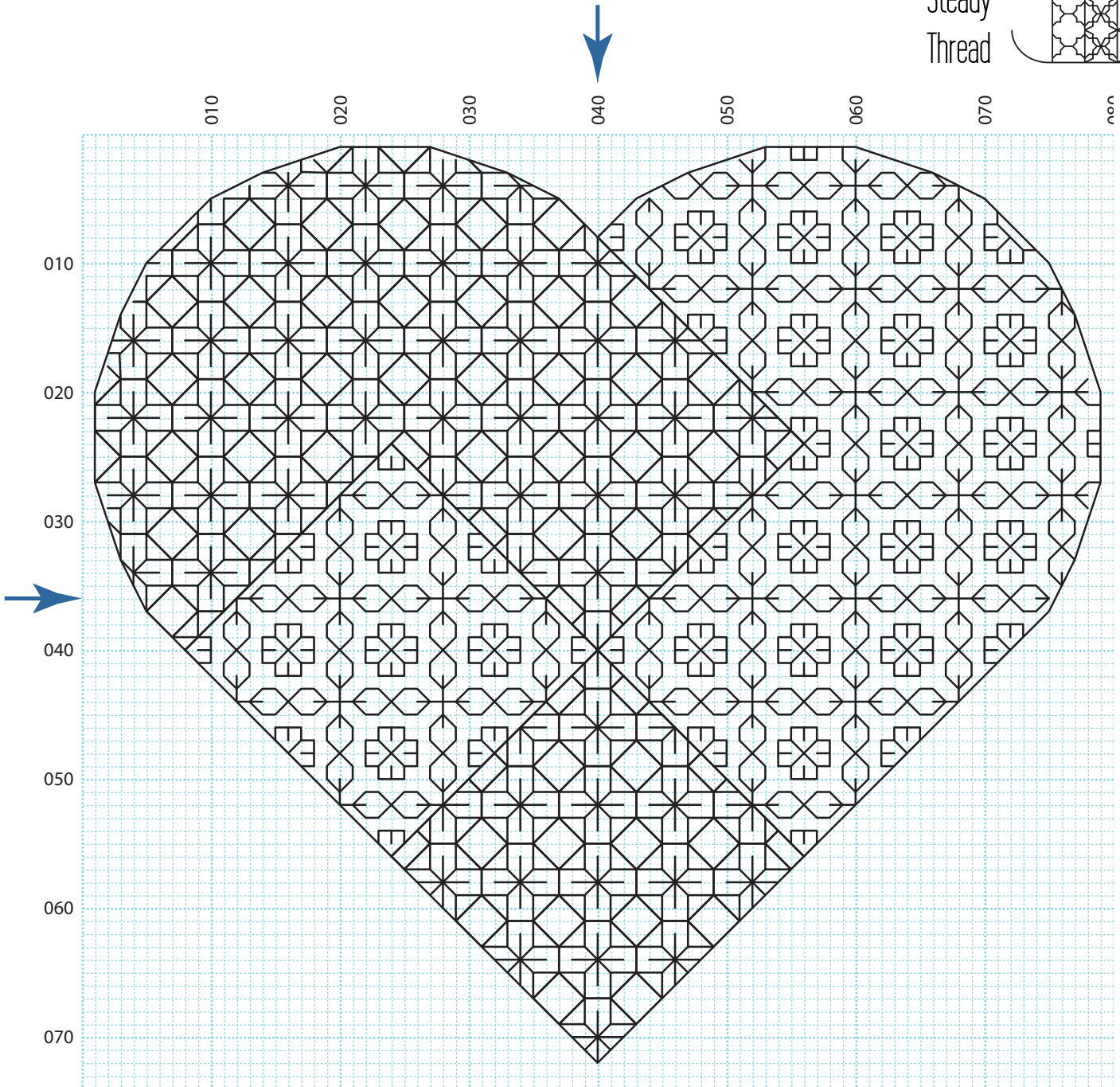
- Needlepoint.com videos <https://needlepoint.com/pages/videos> Includes How To videos and a Stitch Library
- DebBee's Designs has a YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg-jRFNPzSQdJS4odXAzS3w> Demonstrations of various stitches
- Darn it! - Teneriffe Lace fillings - creating solid pattern blocks on your medallions / How to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXrk-B7EjSg> Video from Gina-B Silkworks.

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Cross stitch as a medium to develop the author's interest in data visualization Crossing into Datavis <https://nightingaledvs.com/crossing-into-datavis/> This will be interesting to the math and chemistry nerds among us.
- Rebecca Conviser: Creative Expressions <https://davinciartalliance.org/rebecca-conviser> "ABOUT THE EXHIBITION: In 1998 Rebecca Conviser began making needle point tapestries in order to process her battle with breast cancer. The stitching helped Rebecca to recover her arm and hand strength, while the infinite range of beautifully colored yarns filled her with optimism. Weaving her life experience though the yarn, each tapestry became an homage to her life and the relationships she has formed along the way. The dramatic contrast of light and dark, the bold colors, the intricate patterns, all working together to tell Rebecca's story." Be sure to watch the video walkthrough to see closeups.
- A Quick History Lesson on Needlepoint: From Necessary to Noble to Novel <https://thornalexanderstyle.com/needlepoint/needlepoint-history-from-necessary-to-nobel> Interesting article.
- How To: Embroider Your Own Holiday Cards <https://www.dmc.com/us/p-free-patternshow-to-embroidery-on-paper.html> Examples are Christmas cards but this technique could certainly be used for Valentine's Day, Easter, other holidays, or no holiday at all.
- Gina-B Silkwork's website is <https://www.ginabsilkworks.co.uk/ginabshop/index.php>. She has a new book on Dorset buttons - <https://www.ginabsilkworks.co.uk/ginabshop/index.php/component/hikashop/product/dorset-ring-buttons-book> plus many more things to explore.

Editor's Note

Items included in the newsletter are ones that catch my attention in which I think the membership might be interested. I'm also happy to include news items or suggestions you send me, so please feel free to send things to me for inclusion in the next newsletter.
Cindy



Design size in stitches - 80 w x 72 h

Size on 14 count aida

14.5 x 13 cm


Size on 16 count aida

13 x 11.5 cm

Size on 18 count aida

11.5 x 10.5 cm

I hope you enjoy stitching this design. If you want to be part of a stitching community that can offer help, inspiration, tips and enthusiastic blackwork chit chat then join our facebook group, the blackwork embroidery appreciation society. You can also still join in with my free Stitch-A-Long, you can see some examples of the beautiful stitching done so far in this group in the SAL gallery on our website.

 The Steady Thread Blackwork SAL **FREE SAL** it's not too late to join in, it's blackwork and botanical!

Please share your stitching!

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