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Calendar

Saturday, June 3 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids
Tuesday, June 6 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – North Liberty Public Library, 520 W Cherry St, North Liberty
Tuesday, June 13 5:30 - 6:45 pm 6:45 - 7:00 pm 7:00 - 7:30 pm 7:30 - 8:30 pm	Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Skype Log in to Skype (6:00 pm); social/stitching time Board meeting Business meeting Study topic – Fantastique
Sunday, June 18 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – Create Exchange, 615 Center Point Rd NE, Cedar Rapids
Wednesday, June 21 1:00 - 4:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Please let Joyce Pencook know by Monday, May 19 if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227.
Saturday, July 1 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids
Saturday, July 8 1:00 - 1:30 pm 1:30 - 2:00 pm 2:00 - 4:00	Monthly meeting – North Liberty Library and Skype Social/stitching time; log in to Skype Chapter business meeting Study topic – TBA
Sunday, July 16 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – Create Exchange, 615 Center Point Rd NE, Cedar Rapids
Wednesday, July 19 1:00 - 4:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Saturday, August 5 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids
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Wednesday, August 16 1:00 - 4:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Sunday, August 20 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Stitch-In-Public – Create Exchange, 615 Center Point Rd NE, Cedar Rapids

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



Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2023

Members Present: Robin Rossignol, Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Heidi Parker, Karen Rajtora (Skype), Jamee Klein (Skype) and Connie Rosene. (No guests)

President Robin Rossignol called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM at the North Liberty Library and via Skype.

Minutes from the April 2023 meeting were approved as published and archived.

Treasurer Lori Barton sent in a report that our current balance = \$1,564.35. The Knights of Columbus check has not been cashed and Lori will look into that. We will need volunteers to audit the books at our next meeting on June 13.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No new members.

Stitch-in-Public Events:

- The next Stitch-in-Public event at the Cedar Rapids Public Library will be on June 3. One at the North Liberty Library tba.
- Czech Museum: The next Stitch-in-Public session at the Czech National Museum is Wednesday, May 17 at 1 PM. Contact Joyce Pencook.
- Create Exchange: Kareen plans to be there on Sunday, May 21 at 1 PM.

Old Business:

State Fair: Entry applications are live. Time to think about entries. Robin and Cindy have not heard back from the Fair Board about Make-It-Take-It project or assistance with displaying needlework.

Hearts for Hospice: A few members are working on hearts.

New Business:

Robin reports that we have \$90 in our account at Create/Exchange. We should discuss how to use it at the next meeting.

- Option #1: Donate a portion to Create/Exchange's teachers' account.
- Option #2: Offer to teach a class at one of the libraries or the Rec Department and use our credit to prepare free/reduced cost kits.
- Option #3: Open it up for use by any of our members.
- Option #4: Prepare kits to donate to Ronald McDonald House or a local Hospice for residents there to use.
- Others may have ideas to present as well.

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 5:30 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 7:00 pm. These meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus, 1620 E Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA and on Skype. Meetings in December, January, and February will be held on Zoom only, starting with Zoom login/social time at 6:30 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 7:00 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 Skype.

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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2022-2023 Officers

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Treasurer Lori Barton (lmbtb13@gmail.com)

Chapter website: <https://www.blueribbonang.com/>

May 13, 2023, Minutes (continued)

Robin would like to know what projects/classes we want to do for the next 1-2 years. Ideas include:

- Kit for a silk gauze project
- Bookmark using blackwork with overdyed threads
- Dragonfly in the 2023 March/April issue of *Needlepointers* (**please read the instructions to see if you really want to stitch it**)
- *Needlepoint Now* 2015 Nov/Dec issue – a Kurdy Biggs Christmas design on perforated paper.
- Counted canvas piece *It's a Mystery* from *Needlepoint Now* March/April 2016. The mystery will be using an overdyed floss that you will pull from a paper bag.
- Robin's chicken scratch pattern
- Beaded needleinders
- Possible Hardanger or pulled thread project
- Pattern darning
- Plastic canvas
- Other suggestions?

Since there was no other business to bring before the group the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13 (6:30 PM) at the Knights of Columbus Hall and via Skype.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rosene, Secretary

Program:

Cindy presented some ideas for blackwork for our current project "Fantastique" by Elizabeth Almond.

Suggested stitch references:

- "The Art of English Blackwork" by Jane D. Zimmerman
- "Reversible Blackwork" by Ilse Altherr
- "The New Cross Stitcher's Bible" by June Greenoff
- "Blackwork Patterns" by Laura Perin
- "Book of Embroidery" by the Royal School of Needlework

Nametag

Since we have new members, it is time to start wearing our nametags at meetings and when we are stitching in public.

Officer Candidates

The Nominating Committee has a full slate of officers to propose for 2023 - 2024. The election will be held during the annual meeting in July.

- President - Robin Rossignol
- President Elect - Jamee Klein
- VP Membership - Kareen Strumpel
- Secretary - Shanel Slater
- Treasurer - Heidi Parker

Nominating Committee: Connie Rosene, Kareen Strumpel, and Robin Rossignol.

Blue Ribbon ANG Website

Our website (<https://www.blueribbonang.com/>) has a Members Only page. When you go to the website, you'll see a Log In button to the right of ANG. Click on that and follow the instructions. Cindy Baldwin must approve access. Once you are approved, the last page on the website is Members. Click on that to add information about yourself.

Hover over Members and you'll see Files. You'll see several folders, including Study Topics. Patterns and information for past study topics are saved here. Anyone can create folders and add files. If you have questions, ask Cindy.

The current membership list has been added to the membership information folder if you'd like an electronic copy.

June Study Topic – Fantastique

Continuing to work on Fantastique, a pulled thread and blackwork design by Elizabeth Almond.

We will finish Fantastique with beading and stitching the stem and spirals.



Blackwork Resources

Websites:

- ◆ Welcome to blackworkembroidery.org! <https://blackworkembroidery.org/>
- ◆ Basics of Elizabethan Freehand Blackwork Embroidery <http://sidneyeileen.com/artisan-works/embroidery-articles-and-tutorials/basics-of-elizabethan-freehand-blackwork-embroidery/#.WiwTO9-nHIU>
- ◆ Elizabethan Blackwork. The Blackwork Embroidery Archives, Original Blackwork Patterns Inspired by Historical Sources <http://www.blackworkarchives.com/>
- ◆ Blackwork Journey, Embroidery Designs by Elizabeth Almond <https://www.blackworkjourney.co.uk/> **Many free patterns**
- ◆ Peppermint Purple - <https://peppermintpurple.com/>. **Free stitch-a-longs and good pattern selection.**
- ◆ String or Nothing: Ensamplario Atlantio – Blackwork Filling Collection PDFS For Download <https://string-or-nothing.com/2011/06/25/ensamplario-atlantio-blackwork-filling-collection-pdfs-for-download/> **Free**
- ◆ Blackwork/Strapwork Resources Here on String <https://string-or-nothing.com/2023/05/09/blackwork-strapwork-resources-here-on-string/> **Lots of great information!**
- ◆ Fill-in Patterns from Sixteenth Century Blackwork Embroideries <http://aeg.atlantia.sca.org/projects/howto/blackwork/index.htm>
- ◆ **For the chemistry/science nerds** - Periodic Blackwork <https://periodically.blog/category/home/periodic-blackwork/>. **The periodic table in blackwork, "...118 elements, a different and relevant pattern for each."**
- ◆ Stitchespiration blog and shop <https://stitchinspiration.com/>
- ◆ The Roots of Blackwork Embroidery <http://www.wkneedle.org/the-roots-of-blackwork-embroidery/>
- ◆ The Steady Thread - <http://www.wkneedle.org/the-roots-of-blackwork-embroidery/>. **Free stitch-a-longs and good pattern selection.**
- ◆ Urban Stitches, the home of peculiar blackwork - <https://www.theurbanstitches.co.uk/>

Books:

- ◆ The Art of English Blackwork (out of print [OOP]), Jane Zimmerman
- ◆ Blackwork Embroidery Patterns (OOP), Jane Zimmerman
- ◆ Blackwork Patterns, Laura J. Perin Designs
- ◆ Blackwork Embroidery: Techniques and Projects, Jen Goodwin
- ◆ Reversible Blackwork, Book 1 (OOP), Ilse Altherr
- ◆ Blackwork and Holbein Embroidery, Book 2 (OOP), Ilse Altherr
- ◆ Blackwork Companion, Book 3: Pattern Coordination (OOP), Ilse Altherr
- ◆ The Heart of Blackwork: A Study of Unconventional Blackwork Patterns for Contemporary Use (OOP), Ann Strite-Kurz
- ◆ The New Anchor Book of Blackwork Embroidery Stitches, Anchor book
- ◆ RSN Essential Stitch Guides: Blackwork, Becky Hogg (included in the RSN Book of Embroidery)

Future Study Topics

We'll talk about study topics for future meetings at the June meeting. Needle Pointers magazines are a good source for projects. If you see something you like, bring it to the meeting. If you have not kept your magazines, they are archived on ANG's website and you can print selected pages. You might also look at the stitch of the month archives. Needlepoint Now is another good source of inspiration and we have had good luck with getting permission to use projects from the magazine.

Iowa State Fair

Entries are open for the fair. Download the rules and information at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/enter-iowa-family-living>. The entry deadline is July 1 and delivery is July 29. If you have questions about how to classify your entries, please ask at the June meeting.

Blogs

- "Worn to a thread: the historical repurposing of fabric" <https://www.avleaembroidery.com/forum/notes-from-the-workshop/worn-to-a-thread-the-historical-repurposing-of-fabric>. **An interesting article about the value of textiles. From Notes from the Workshop in The Courtyard at Avlea on Avlea Folk Embroidery's website - <https://www.avleaembroidery.com/forum>. The Courtyard is a virtual stitching community that anyone can explore/join in.**
- American Needlepoint: Then and Now <https://www.mrxstitch.com/american-needlepoint/>
- Storing Needlepoint <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/storing-needlepoint/>
- Don't Underestimate the Stitch <http://www.needlenthread.com/2011/12/running-stitch-darning.html> **Pattern darning.**

- More about Dye Lots <https://chillyhollownp.blogspot.com/2023/05/more-about-dye-lots.html>
- Needlepoint Stitch Ideas for Round Objects <https://poppymonkneedlepointkits.com/blogs/the-5-minute-needlepoint-blog/needlepoint-stitch-ideas-for-round-objects>
- The F Word <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/the-f-word/> Good advice
- Ridgewood Needlework shop blog - <https://ridgewoodneedlepoint.com/blog/>. Check out New Stitch Monday posts for ideas for painted canvases.

Videos/Podcasts

- Avlea Folk Embroidery's How To page has several good videos, including how to do a drawn thread hem. <https://www.avleaembroidery.com/how-to>

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Textile Artist Chronicles Each Day with Stitches on Year-Long Embroidered Tapestry <https://mymodernmet.com/karen-turner-intuitive-daily-stitching/>

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

Library

The updated library list is below. Robin has the books and will bring them to meetings. The list is also saved to the Blue Ribbon website.

Title	Author Name	Description
Anchor Book of Canvaswork Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Canvaswork
Anchor Book of Counted Thread Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Counted thread
Anchor Book of Crewelwork Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Crewelwork
Anchor Book of Free-Style Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Free style
Anchor Book of Hardanger Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Hardanger
Anchor Book of Ribbon Embroidery Stitches	Anchor	Ribbon
Anchor Color Card	Anchor	Design
Anchor Manual of Needlework	Anchor	General needlework
A-Z of Embroidery Stitches	Country Bumpkin Publications	Stitches
Beautiful Bargello	Petschek, Joyce	Bargello
Elegant Stitches	Montano, Judith Baker	Crazy quilting
Father B's 21 st Century Book of Stitches	Blackburn, Jr., The Rev. Robert E.	Stitches
Finishing and Mounting Your Needlepoint Piece	Ireys, Katharine	Finishing
Floral Stitches	Montano, Judith Baker	Crazy quilting
Learn How Book: Knitting, Crochet, Tatting, Embroidery	Coats & Clark	General needlework
Needlepoint Bargello	Kaestner, Dorothy	Bargello
Ribbon Basics	Hiney, Mary Jo; Anckner, Joy	Ribbon
Stitch Sampler	Ganderton, Lucinda	Stitches
The Complete Encyclopedia of Stitchery	Ryan, Mildred Graves	General needlework
The Complete International Book of Embroidery	Gostelow, Mary	General needlework
The Dictionary of Needlework	Caulfield, Sophia Frances Anne; Saward, Blanche	General needlework
The Needlepoint Book	Ipplito Christensen, Jo	Needlepoint
The Open Canvas	Ambuter, Carolyn	General needlework
The Thread Thesaurus	Caswell, Ann; Howren, Suzanne; Robertson, Beth	General needlework
Woman's Day Book of American Needlework	Lane, Rose Wilder	General needlework

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CELESTIAL PEACOCK

FREE CHART

	Number	Description
Y	DMC 517	Wedgewood dark
T	DMC 355	Terra Cotta dark
Q	DMC 3012	Khaki Green medium

