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Calendar

Saturday, October 1
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Cross Stitch Workshop at the North Liberty Public Library

Saturday, October 1
 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Mississippi River Valley EGA Show – Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL

Saturday, October 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 – Color Lecture and Exercise

Sunday, October 16
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Wednesday, October 19
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Please let Joyce Pencook know by **Monday, October 17** if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227.

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

Monthly meeting – Skype
 Social/stitching time; log in to Skype (6:30 pm)
 Chapter business meeting
 Study topic – Diagonal Stitches Sampler

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

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

Sunday, November 20
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Tuesday, December 13
 6:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 7:30 pm
 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting – Skype
 Social/stitching time; log in to Skype (6:30 pm)
 Chapter business meeting
 Study topic – Summer Fireworks

Sunday, December 18
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Wednesday, December 21
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

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



Blue Ribbon ANG Executive Board Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2022

Present: Kareen Strumpel (Skype), Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Lori Barton, and Connie Rosene

President Robin Rossignol called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Business Before the Board:

- President Rossignol noted that the only item of business is the discussion of filing for 501C3 (official nonprofit status) for Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter.
- This will cost a one-time fee of \$400-\$500.
 - Pros: tax exempt status for large donations and will not have to pay sales tax on kits we purchase
 - Cons: does not provide any discounts for liability insurance which would likely cost us \$400-\$600 (CyberPointers pays \$650)
- We need to ask National ANG why there is no blanket insurance or 501C3 coverage from them for local chapters.
 - May not have staffing or sufficient membership
- We will table this discussion until we receive more information or are large enough to afford the cost

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Rosene, Secretary

Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting, September 13, 2022

Members Present: Kareen Strumpel (Skype), Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Joyce Pencook, Jamie Randall, Shanel Slater, Lori Barton, Heidi Parker, Dee Hill (Skype), Heather Boustead (Skype), Ruth Topp (Skype) Jamee Klein (Skype) and Connie Rosene

President Robin Rossignol called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM

Cindy Baldwin introduced new member Heather Boustead from Urbandale, IA. She took Robin's class at State Fair.

Minutes from the August 2022 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Lori Barton sent her report:

Beginning balance = \$1,347.96

Expenses: \$20 for Knights of Columbus room rental (check not cashed as of 8/31/22)

Ending balance = \$1,347.96

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

September 13, 2022, Minutes (continued)**Reports:**

Membership: Cindy Baldwin reported one new member (previously introduced).

Czech Museum: Joyce Pencook reported the next Stitch-in-Public event at the Czech Museum will be Wednesday, Sept. 21 1-3 PM. Connie will stitch with her.

Create Exchange: President Robin Rossignol will cancel this since few can attend this month.

Classes: Cindy and Robin will be teaching a beginning cross stitch class on Sat., Oct 1 at the North Liberty Library.

Items of interest: Be Stitch Me is a new shop that opened in Moline, IL. The owner does her own hand-dyed fabrics and threads.

Old Business:

ANG Donations: Heidi has not been able to reach anyone at ANG to accept donations for the next year's national fundraiser. There is still plenty of time.

New Business:

Stitch-in-Public: We need a coordinator to arrange these events in Cedar Rapids. Shanel will contact downtown library to learn what is needed to arrange a monthly date there. We can also look at various restaurants. It is recommended you meet once per month and bring business cards and references to our website.

Upcoming Programs:

- Robin will present a presentation on color theory at our Oct. meeting. Bring colored pencils, crayons, etc. We will meet at the North Liberty Library.
- Dec/Jan/Feb will meet on Skype and stitch "Summer Fireworks". We may want to plan a road trip to Fiberworks in Waverly.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 1:00 at the North Liberty Library and also by Skype.

Evening Program: Members shared entries from the State Fair along with the judge's comments. Nine of our 18 members had entries and most received some sort of ribbon. We hope more members will be encouraged to enter next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Rosene, Secretary

Nametag

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

November Meeting

The Knights of Columbus is a polling place for election day, so we will not be able to meet there. We'll switch to Skype instead.

October Study Topic – Color Lecture and Exercise

Robin Rossignol will be talking about color and how to select and use colors. Please bring colored pencils, crayons, and/or colored pens; a color wheel; and one or two skeins of overdyed thread with at least three different colors. Quilt blocks for coloring are attached to the newsletter for those who will be attending by Skype.

Here are some links to websites that have helpful information about color –

- Color wheel basics – At the end of the article is a link to a free PDF printable Color Wheel Basics cards <http://weallsew.com/color-wheel-basics/>
- How to use a color wheel – <http://weallsew.com/how-to-use-a-color-wheel/>
- 75 Terms Pertaining to Color – numerous nouns and adjectives that describe or pertain to qualities of color, plus brief definitions – <http://www.dailywritingtips.com/75-terms-pertaining-to-color/>
- The fundamentals of understanding color theory – <https://99designs.com/blog/tips/the-7-step-guide-to-understanding-color-theory/>
- Basic Color Theory – <https://www.colormatters.com/color-and-design/basic-color-theory>

- Want to know what colors look good together? Canva's Color Wheel makes color combinations easy. <https://www.canva.com/colors/color-wheel/> **Interesting tool**
- The Ultimate Guide to Understanding Hue, Tint, Tone, and Shade <https://www.color-wheel-artist.com/hue/>

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.

Future Study Topics

A tentative schedule for future study topics is provided below. This is based on the quasi poll that we did during the June meeting.

- November – Diagonal Stitches Sampler and/or Crossed Stitches Sampler follow up to October meeting (if you do the three stitch samplers, you'll have ornaments to enter in the Fair next year)
- December – Summer Fireworks (Skype)
- January – Summer Fireworks (Skype)
- February – Summer Fireworks (Skype)
- March – Fantastique, a pulled thread and blackwork design by Elizabeth Almond

Summer Fireworks

Summer Fireworks is by the same designer as Autumn Fireworks [Beautiful Stitches in Australia (<http://beautifulstitches.com.au/>)] and uses similar materials. We will not be teaching the project, per se, but Robin and Cindy will talk about the project and help with the stitches as needed.

The stitched area is about 2.5" x 8.5". The designer suggests adding about an inch to each side, but you may want to add more depending on how you want to finish it. (Minimum size would be about 4.5 x 10.5", 1" added to each side; for framing, add 2-3" to each side.) You will need to mount the Congress cloth on stretcher bars so you'll want to round up.

It is stitched on Congress cloth using stranded silk and cotton threads. You will need an overdyed thread with at least 3 colors in it, plus **4** solid-colored threads that coordinate with the colors in the overdyed thread. You can use any colors you like. You can use all cotton, all silk, or a combination. **Note that you will need an additional color if you want to use the same threads as for Autumn Fireworks** (this is a good time to practice what you learned about color in October).

Michael's carries a good selection of DMC's Color Variations and Coloris threads. Congress cloth, thread, and stretcher bars can be ordered from Fiberworks in Waverly - <https://www.myfiberworks.com/>.

You should have your Congress cloth mounted on stretcher bars before the meeting so you are ready to stitch. Please read through the instructions before the meeting.

You could also choose to stitch the project on a different ground cloth, e.g., 18-count canvas or linen. Watercolors and pearl cottons would work well on 18-count canvas.

Finishing

Here is the contact information for a person who finishes needlework – Connie Finck: (563) 340-5196, stanandconnie74@hotmail.com. Connie does tote bags, pillows, standing figures, ornaments, etc.

Blogs

- Fall Needlepoint <https://colourcomplements.com/2022/09/crescent-needlepoint-design-using-fall-colours.html>. **This blog post describes how an element from the cover of the March/April 2022 issue of Needle Pointers inspired a project using Colour Complements threads. The cover featured a crescent needlepoint design called Fibonacci Swirls by Oliva Hartshorn.**
- Ergonomic tips from Trish Burr - <https://trishburr.com/2022/08/20/your-questions-answered/>

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Embroidery Artist Puts a Twist on Her Hoop Art by Stitching Fabric Photographs <https://mymodernmet.com/floor-giebels-photo-embroidery>
- Dorset Buttons to Make <https://pieceworkmagazine.com/dorset-buttons-make/>
- Back to Bargello <https://pieceworkmagazine.com/back-to-bargello/>

- Embroidered “Cakes” Look Just as Moist and Sweet as the Real Thing <https://mymodernmet.com/heather-rios-embroidered-cake-paintings/>
- What is Needle Lace? <https://pieceworkmagazine.com/what-is-needle-lace/>
- Build a Bag Book: Tote Bags https://yarntree.typepad.com/needlework_news/2022/08/build-a-bag-book-tote-bags.html and <https://www.debbieshoresewing.com/shop/brands/debbie-shore/debbie-shore-build-a-bag-tote-bags-book/>

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

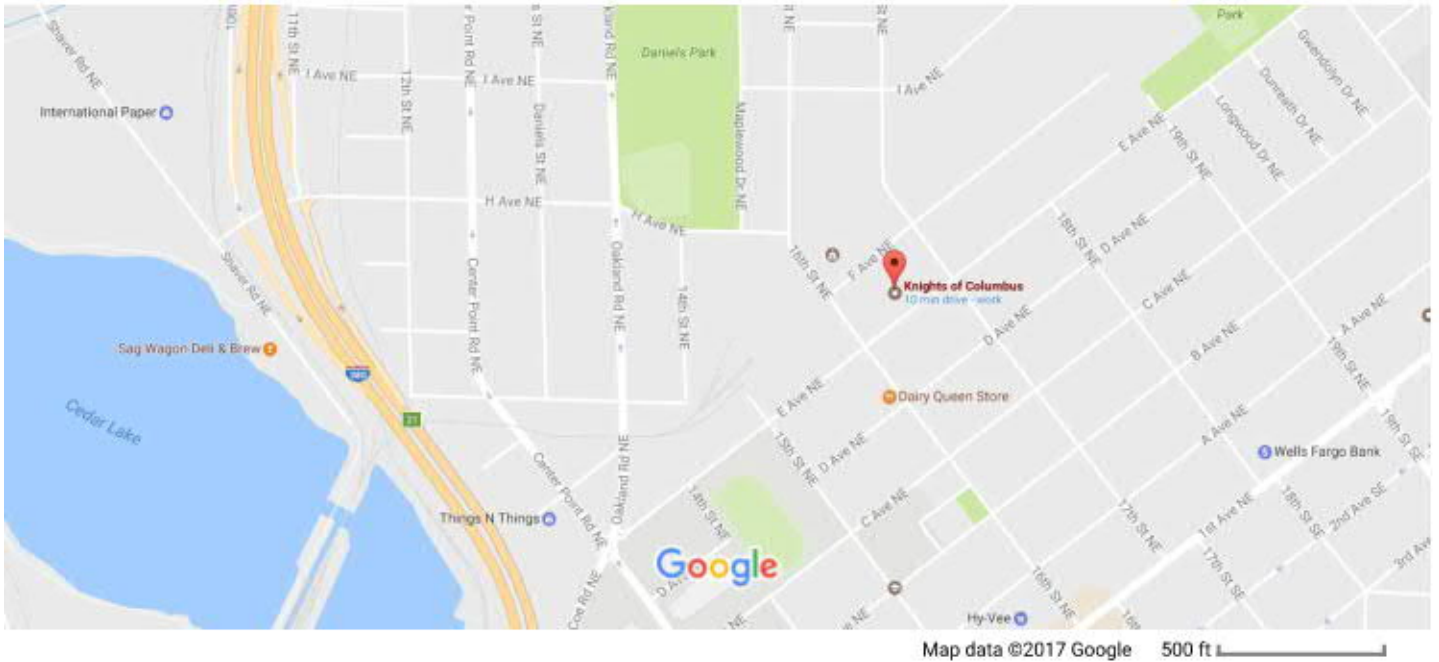
The updated library list is below. Robin has the books and will bring them to meetings. The list is also saved to the Blue Ribbon Website.

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

Directions to Knights of Columbus Hall

1620 E Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

From I380, take the H Avenue exit. Turn onto H Ave NE. Turn right onto 16th St NE. Turn left onto E Ave NE. The Knights of Columbus Hall is on the left.



Directions to North Liberty Public Library

520 W. Cherry St, North Liberty, IA

From I380, take the Penn St exit. Go east on Penn St. Turn right on Highway 965 NE. Turn left on Cherry St. The library entrance is on the west side of the building.



