



# Newsletter of the Blue Ribbon Chapter

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#### Calendar

Saturday, November 4  
1:00 - 2:00 pm

**Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids**

Sunday, November 12  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

**Stitch-In-Public – Coralville Public Library, 1401 5<sup>th</sup> St, Coralville**

Tuesday, November 14  
5:30 - 6:45 pm  
7:00 - 7:30 pm  
7:30 - 8:30 pm

**Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Skype**  
Social/stitching time; log in to Skype (6:30 pm)  
Chapter business meeting  
Study topic – Nun stitch and prep for It's a Mystery

Wednesday, November 15  
1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Needlepoint Ornament Class**  
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8<sup>th</sup> St, Coralville

Wednesday, November 15  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.** Please let Joyce Pencook know by **Monday, November 18** if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227.

Saturday, November 18  
1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Needlepoint Christmas Tree Class**  
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8<sup>th</sup> St, Coralville

Sunday, November 19  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Wednesday, December 6  
1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Needlepoint Christmas Tree Class**  
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8<sup>th</sup> St, Coralville

Tuesday, December 12  
6:30 - 7:00 pm  
6:45 - 7:30 pm  
7:30 - 8:30 pm

**Monthly meeting – Skype**  
Social/stitching time; log in to Skype (6:30 pm)  
Board meeting and chapter business meeting  
Study topic – It's a Mystery

Sunday, December 17  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

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

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

Saturday, January 6  
1:00 - 2:00 pm

**Stitch-In-Public – Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids**

Tuesday, January 9  
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

Wednesday, January 17  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, January 21  
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, October 14, 2023**

- Members Present:
  - Robin Rossignol, Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Joyce Pencook, Shanel Slater, Julia Ackerman, Joan Ackerman, Connie Rosene, Karen Rajtora (no guests)
- President Robin Rossignol called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm at the North Liberty Library and via Skype
- Reports:
  - Minutes from September meeting archived.
  - Treasurer's Report: The balance at the beginning of September was \$1,583.92 and at the end of September. Robin reported in Heidi's absence.
  - Membership: New membership list has been sent out
  - Stitch-in-Public Events:
    - NCSML: October 18th from 1-4 pm – Joyce is main contact.
    - North Liberty Public Library: October 18th from 6-8 pm – Robin and Cindy main contacts.
    - Cedar Rapids Public Library: the next SIP will be Saturday, November 4 at 1 pm – Shanel is main contact.
    - Create Exchange: the next SIP will be Sunday, November 19 at 1:00 pm – Kareen is main contact.
    - Classes at Coralville Rec Center
      - Cross Stitch Class: 10/25
      - Needlepoint ornaments classes: 11/4, 11/15, 11/18
      - These are the final classes of the season.
- Announcements
  - November meeting will focus on completing blackwork bookmark and nun stitch and It's a Mystery.
    - Tip: Make several black and white copies of pattern, use colored pencils/markers to determine color placement

Since there was no other chapter business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.

- Program: Robin led a blackwork bookmark program focusing on controlling/planning for color placement in overdyed thread

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall and via Skype.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanel Slater  
Secretary

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

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

## Nametag

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

## 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 Blackwork Bookmark has been saved to the Study Topics folder.

## Tentative Study Topic Schedule

November – Finish blackwork bookmark with nun stitch and prep for *It's a Mystery* from *Needlepoint Now* March/April 2016  
 December, January, February – *It's a Mystery* from *Needlepoint Now* March/April 2016  
 March – Beaded Needle minder – beading around a cabochon, part 1  
 April – Beaded Needle minder – finishing, part 2  
 May – *Dreaming of Spring* from *Needle Pointers* January 2016 (pattern darning)  
 June, July – *Dragonfly Dreams* from *Needle Pointers* March/April 2023  
 August, September, October – Hardanger Christmas Ball Tree Ornament

## November Study Topic – Blackwork Bookmark

Learn how to finish the bookmark with Nun stitch and fringe the ends.

Prep for *It's a Mystery*. Tips:

- Make several black and white copies of the pattern and use colored pencils/markers to determine color placement.
- Once you have decided where each color/thread will be used, write them in the directions where they are used.
- Don't hesitate to change/unstitch something if you don't like the way it looks.

## Blogs

- How to Use Wired Flair <https://chillyhollownp.blogspot.com/2008/09/how-to-use-wired-flair.html> I knew that you could thread a metallic braid through Flair to make your own version of Frosty Rays, but it never occurred to me to thread wire through it. Great way to do smoke or steam. If you read the comments below Jane's blog, you'll see that some people are threading wire through Kreinik braid. This would only work with larger braids but is a good solution if you need to put curves on a piece.

## Videos

- DIY How to Make Cording - Video Tutorial & How To <https://www.unwind.studio/blogs/unwind-studio-blog/diy-how-to-make-cording-essentials>, Thread Talks with Needlepoint.com! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8XY1WuN-tM> Essentials is a single strand 50% merino wool/50% silk blend thread, suitable for 18 mesh canvas or 13 mesh doubled. made by Tilli Thomas for Planet Earth. It is currently available in 130 colors.

## Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- 2023 Exemplary Ribbon Winners from the National Academy of Needlearts (NAN) <https://needleart.org/exemplary/2023-exemplary-ribbon-winners/>
- View Your Work Through a Judge's Eyes <https://needleart.org/evaluation/>. For a modest fee, a NAN-certified judge will assess your work and provide a written explanation of their findings. You don't even need to send in your piece, just two photos.
- How Many Strands Should I Use? <https://needlepoint.com/pages/tips-tricks> An alphabetical table of threads with the number of strands that should be used on 18 count and 13 count.
- Housekeeping – copyright issues <https://vettycreations.com.au/white-threads/2023/10/25/housekeeping-copyright-issues/> and <https://vettycreations.com.au/white-threads/2023/10/26/thank-you-2/>. Yvette Stanton has recently been the victim of a huge breach of trust with regards to copyright. The last paragraph in her thank you post says "Thank you to those of you who stand up for what is right. Thank you for refusing to copy that chart, project or knitting pattern for the person in your craft/FB/friendship group who

*asks for a copy. Thank you for saying why you won't. As JK Rowling says via Dumbledore, "It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."*

## 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

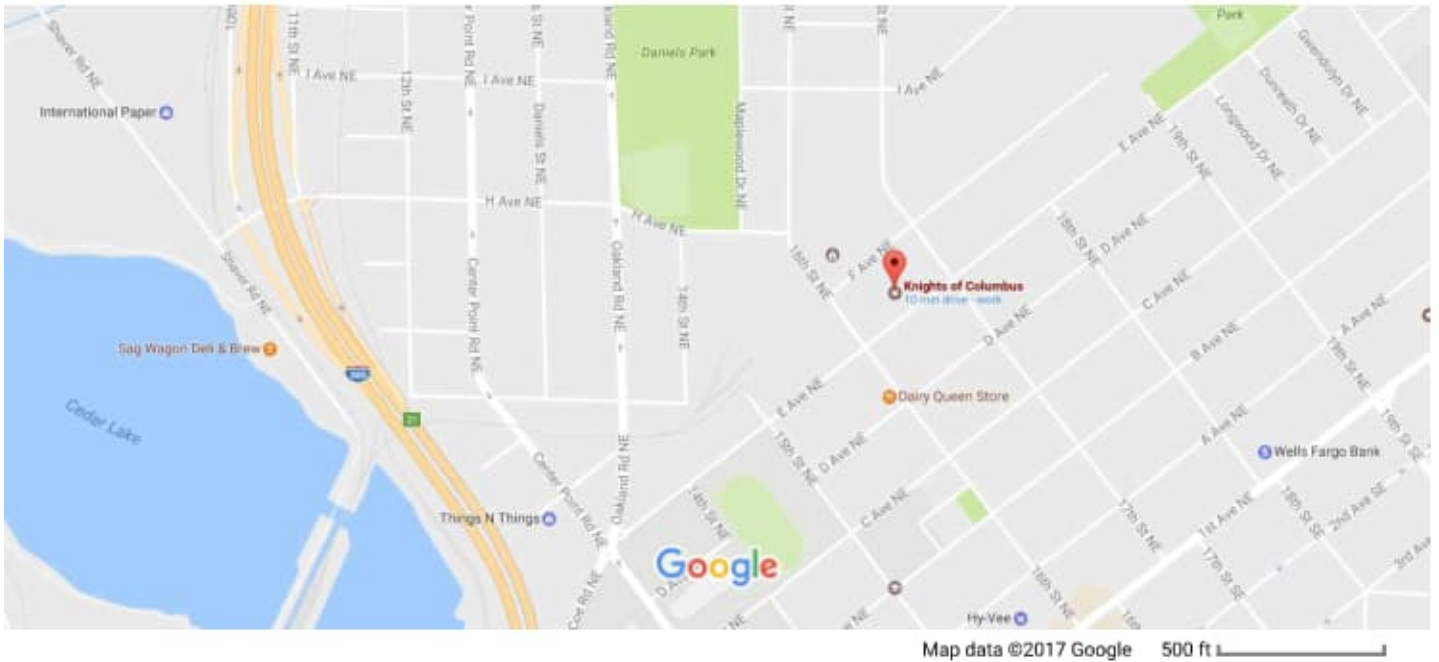
The updated library list is below. Robin has the books and will bring them to meetings. The list is also saved to the Blue Ribbon website.

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 <sup>st</sup> 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; Seward, Blanche	General needlework
The Needlepoint Book	Ippolito 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Bountiful Harvest Bookmark

DESIGNED BY PAM KELLOGG

STITCH COUNT: 24W X 100H OR ABOUT 2" X 8"

## Materials needed:

- Kreinik Very Fine #4 Braid 221 Antique Gold
- Kreinik Silk Mori: 2013, 2015, 2063, 2066, 4033, 4034, 6086, 6106, 6107
- 24-count stitchband in white (Zweigart brand)
- #24 Tapestry needle
- scissors

## Instructions:

Each square on the chart equals two fabric threads, so stitch this design over two threads centered on your stitchband fabric. Use two strands of Silk Mori or one strand of Braid according to the color key. Use one strand of Braid or Mori for backstitching.

## Color Key:

- ✘ Very Fine #4 Braid 221 Antique Gold
- ▲ Silk Mori 2015 Medium Dark Gold
- ⊗ Silk Mori 2013 Light Gold
- ◻ silk Mori 2063 Light Pumpkin
- ◼ Silk Mori 2066 Dark Pumpkin
- ↓ Silk Mori 4033 Light Kelly Green
- ▣ Silk Mori 4034 Medium kelly Green
- ◼ Silk Mori 6086 Dark Grape
- ◼ Silk Mori 6106 Dark Lavender
- ◼ Silk Mori 6107 Very Dark Lavender
- Backstitch with #4 Braid 221
- Backstitch curly q's and stems near pumpkin with Mori 4034



Satin stitch leaves with Mori 4034

## Stitch Diagrams:

