



# Newsletter of the Blue Ribbon Chapter

## American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.

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#### Calendar

Saturday, July 9  
1:00 - 1:30 pm  
1:30 - 2:00 pm  
2:00 - 4:00

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

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

#### Saturday, July 30

Tuesday, August 9  
**5:30 - 7:00 pm**  
**7:00 - 7:30 pm**  
**7:30 - 8:30 pm**

Wednesday, August 17  
5:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 21  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sunday, August 21  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

#### Monday, August 22

Tuesday, September 13  
5:30 - 7:00 pm  
7:00 - 7:30 pm  
7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

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

**Monthly meeting – North Liberty Library and Zoom**  
Social/stitching time; log in to Zoom  
Chapter business meeting  
Study topic – Intro to Needlepoint Threads

**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, July 18** if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227.

#### Deliver State Fair Entries

**Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Zoom**  
Social/stitching time; log in to Zoom (6:30 pm)  
Chapter business meeting  
Study topic

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

Cross Stitch Workshop at the Coralville Public Library

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

#### Pick up State Fair Entries

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Chapter business meeting  
Study topic

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



## Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Board Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2022

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

President Kareen Strumpel called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

### Business Before the Board:

- President Strumpel noted that we need to apply for 501C3 status as a non-profit organization as we made sufficient money on the garage sale to require recognition as a non-profit. This can be done on-line and Treasurer Lori Barton will proceed.
- Question was raised if we need a form to acknowledge charitable donations. It was decided that we will do that when the actual need arises.
- Question was raised regarding disposal of left-over items from garage sale. Some will go to Create Exchange. Some painted canvases will be donated to ANG.
- We need to formalize a policy/guideline that the Nominating Committee will be comprised of the three past-presidents.
- We may need a meeting cancelation policy for snow days although our December, January, and February meetings are already planned to be via Zoom. Other meetings can move to Zoom as needed. Cindy will work on this.
- We may need a formal policy/guideline for lapsed membership.
- We discussed a policy for remembrances in the case of a death of a member or their immediate family. At this point it should be left to individual members due to budget constraints. The secretary will send a card of condolence from Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter. She will bring it to the meeting for all to sign if the timing allows.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Rosene, Secretary

## Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2022

Present: Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Lori Barton, Karen Rajtora, Heidi Parker, Shanel Slater, and Connie Rosene

President Kareen Strumpel called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

No new members or visitors were present.

Minutes from the May 2022 meeting were approved as published (motion Robin Rossignol, second Lori Barton). Motion carried.

Treasurer Lori Barton reported that the checking account balance as of May 31, 2022, is \$908.03

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 Zoom. 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 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

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### 2021-2022 Officers

Past President Connie Rosene ([crosene@kirkwood.edu](mailto:crosene@kirkwood.edu))

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President Elect Robin Rossignol ([robin-ann-rossignol@uiowa.edu](mailto:robin-ann-rossignol@uiowa.edu))

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Secretary Connie Rosene ([crosene@kirkwood.edu](mailto:crosene@kirkwood.edu))

Treasurer Lori Barton ([lmbtb13@gmail.com](mailto:lmbtb13@gmail.com))

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

**June 14, 2022, Minutes (continued)****Reports:**

Membership: Cindy Baldwin reported no new members in the past month.

Nominating: The slate of candidates was listed in the newsletter:

President: Robin Rossignol  
Vice President: Jamee Klein  
Secretary: Connie Rosene  
Treasurer: Lori Barton  
VP Membership: Kareen Strumpel

Voting will be conducted at the annual meeting in July.

Czech Museum: The next Stitch-in-Public event at the Czech Museum will be Wed. June 14 at 1 pm. Let Joyce Pencook know if you plan to attend.

**Old Business:**

Education: August 16 Cindy will offer a beginning cross stitch class at 6 PM at the Coralville Library. It is a pattern of a ladybug. The class will last two hours, and the Coralville Library will provide the kits in advance to be picked up there all week so some may just get the pattern and materials but not attend class. Cindy would like other members to come and help. She has developed the course so that other members can teach it as a beginning class in the future.

Robin Rossignol is in discussion with the North Liberty Library about offering a beginning cross stitch class in the future.

Other programs/classes are in development in the future.

Create Exchange: Our next stitch-in-public will be held at the shop on June 19 at 1 pm. We will take garage sale items to them at that time and discuss possible classes we may offer there in the fall.

Iowa State Fair: Registration is open. Several members have already registered. Deadline is July 1 which is quickly approaching. We will discuss piece registration categories at our July meeting.

Donated Stash and Sale: Our official profit from the garage sale last weekend was \$525.50. We paid a table fee of \$8. Our new checking balance is \$1,313.53.

Hearts for Hospice: Cindy has not had time to make contacts for this.

**New Business:**

Website: Cindy Baldwin reported that we can get a 25% discount if we renew for two years. The cost for 1 year is \$64.60 and for two years is \$48, plus there is a \$24 charge for the domain. Motion made to renew for two years (Connie Rosene, second Robin Rossignol). Motion passed.

ANG Donation: Heidi Parker will contact National regarding painted canvases we can donate to their fund-raising auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 1:00 at the North Liberty Public Library.

Cindy Baldwin presented options for future programs for the membership to consider.

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.

## Officer Candidates

The Nominating Committee (Robin Rossignol, Lori Barton, and Connie Rosene) is pleased to present the following slate of candidates. The election will be held at our annual meeting in July.

President – Robin Rossignol  
President-Elect – Jamee Klein  
Secretary – Connie Rosene  
Treasurer – Lori Barton  
Membership Vice-President – Kareen Strumpel

## July Study Topics – Intro to Needlepoint Threads

We will answer any questions that people may have about Autumn Fireworks and/or entering the fair. If you have finished the project, please bring it to the meeting.

If you are not able to deliver your entries to the Fair on July 30, you can bring them to this meeting and Cindy Baldwin and Robin Rossignol will take them. Or make other arrangements to get the pieces to us. We can also pick them up on August 22.

Robin will talk about needlepoint threads in terms of size and shape and how to select alternate threads when the original threads are discontinued, or you just want to use a different thread.

## August Study Topic – Straight Stitches Sampler

We will use one of ANG's Holed Up Minis (<https://www.needlepoint.org/page/HUMs>) to apply what we learned from the July meeting. The pattern is Straight Stitches Sampler by Marilyn Owen.

## 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 Newsletters. All our past newsletters 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.

- August – Straight Stitches Sampler, follow up to July meeting
- September – Color Exercise, get out your colored pencils and color wheels
- October – Diagonal Stitches Sampler, follow up to September meeting
- November – Crossed Stitches Sampler (if you do the three stitch samplers, you'll have ornaments to enter in the Fair next year)
- December – Summer Fireworks (Zoom)
- January – Summer Fireworks (Zoom)
- February – Summer Fireworks (Zoom)
- March – Fantastique, a pulled thread and blackwork design by Elizabeth Almond

## Blogs

- How to Insert a Canvas in a Turtle Bag Part One <https://chillyhollownp.blogspot.com/2022/06/how-to-insert-canvas-in-turtle-bag-part.html> and How to Insert a Canvas in a Turtle Bag Part Two [https://chillyhollownp.blogspot.com/2022/06/how-to-insert-canvas-in-turtle-bag-part\\_0866505124.html](https://chillyhollownp.blogspot.com/2022/06/how-to-insert-canvas-in-turtle-bag-part_0866505124.html) If you don't know what a Turtle bag is, check out <https://turtlebagsinc.com/>. They are an excellent way to display your needlework.
- Chicken Scratch / Gingham Embroidery Index – & some history <https://www.needlenthread.com/2014/04/chicken-scratch-gingham-embroidery-index.html> Good information about chicken scratch embroidery and some free patterns.

## Videos

- Check out Rittenhouse Needlework's YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/RNeedlepoint/featured>. Lots of great information. Under Playlists, you'll find tips, thread information, and finishing, among others. I've been to Rittenhouse, and it is a great shop. If you are ever near Philadelphia, don't miss it.

## Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Embroidered Bird Brooches Use Thread Like Paint to Recreate Our Feathered Friends <https://mymodernmet.com/embirdery-embroidered-bird-brooches/>
- From Inspirations Magazine - Transferring Designs Part 1 – Traditional Methods <https://www.inspirationsstudios.com/transferring-designs-part-1-traditional-methods/> and Transferring Designs Part 2 – Modern Methods <https://www.inspirationsstudios.com/transferring-designs-part-2-modern-methods/>
- From THE ART OF ARAB DRESS - Metal Thread Embroidery in the Arab World – History and Context <https://thezay.org/metal-thread-1/> and Metal Thread Embroidery in the Arab World – History and Context <https://thezay.org/metal-thread-2-goldwork/>
- Everything You Wanted to Know About Couched Goldwork Embroidery <https://pieceworkmagazine.com/everything-you-wanted-to-know-about-couched-goldwork-embroidery>
- Skies Peek Through Foliage in French Knots in Embroideries that Peer Up from the Forest Floor <https://www.thiscolossal.com/2022/06/sew-beautiful-embroideries>
- Fibrous Kale, Broccoli, and Beans Grow from Incredibly Realistic Three-Dimensional Embroideries <https://www.thiscolossal.com/2022/06/konekono-kitsune-embroidery>
- Vivid Compositions in Thread Enliven Hollow Spaces in Diana Yevtukh's Striking Embroideries <https://www.thiscolossal.com/2022/06/diana-yevtukh-tree-embroidery>
- Talented Artist Larysa Bernhardt Embroiders Giant Moths with Beautiful Designs <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/embroidered-moths>
- Victoria Richards Creates Beautiful Embroidery Landscapes That Look Like Miniature Paintings <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/embroidery-landscapes-victoria-richards/>
- Artist Creates Embroidery Pieces That Look Like Mini Paintings <https://121clicks.com/art/embroidery-work-look-like-paintings-vera-shimunia>
- Forgotten Fabric Scraps Find New Life as Charming Animal Sculptures <https://mymodernmet.com/bryony-rose-jennings-textile-animal-sculptures>

## Editor's Note

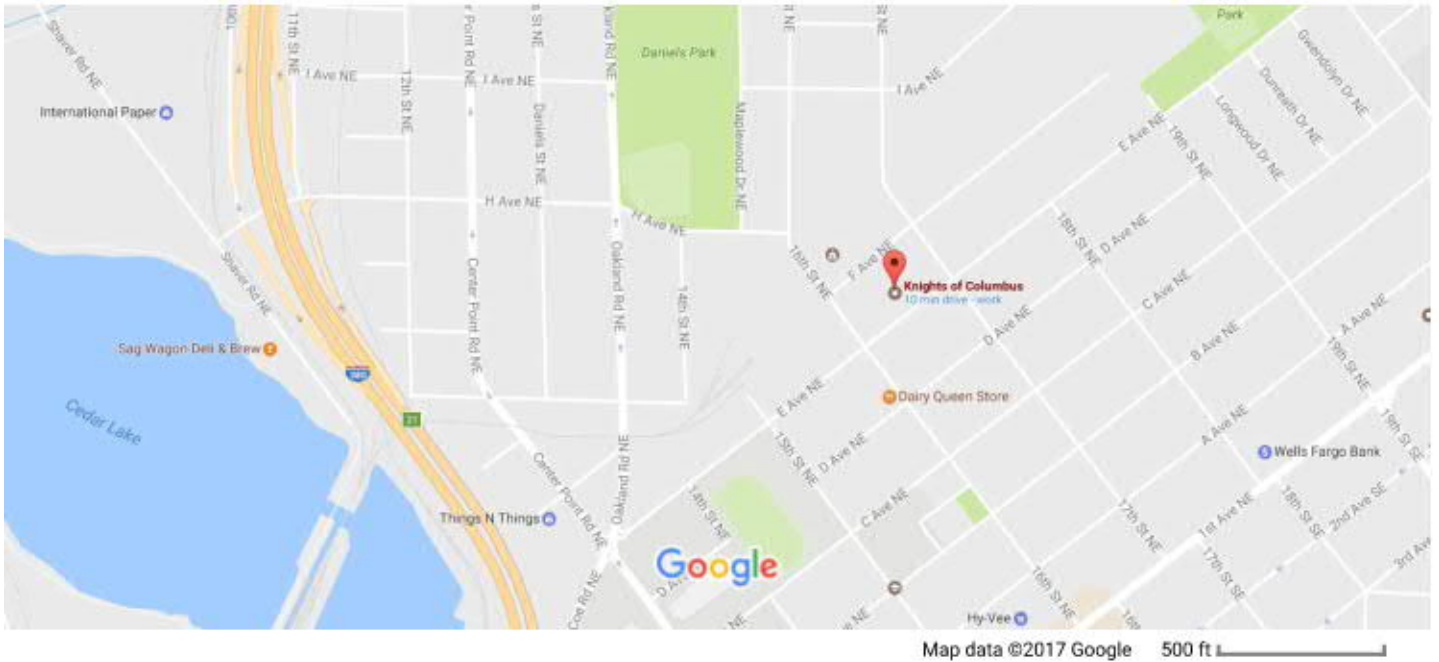
Items included in the newsletter are ones that catch my attention in which I think the membership might be interested. I'm also happy to include news items or suggestions you send me, so please feel free to send things to me for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Cindy

### 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

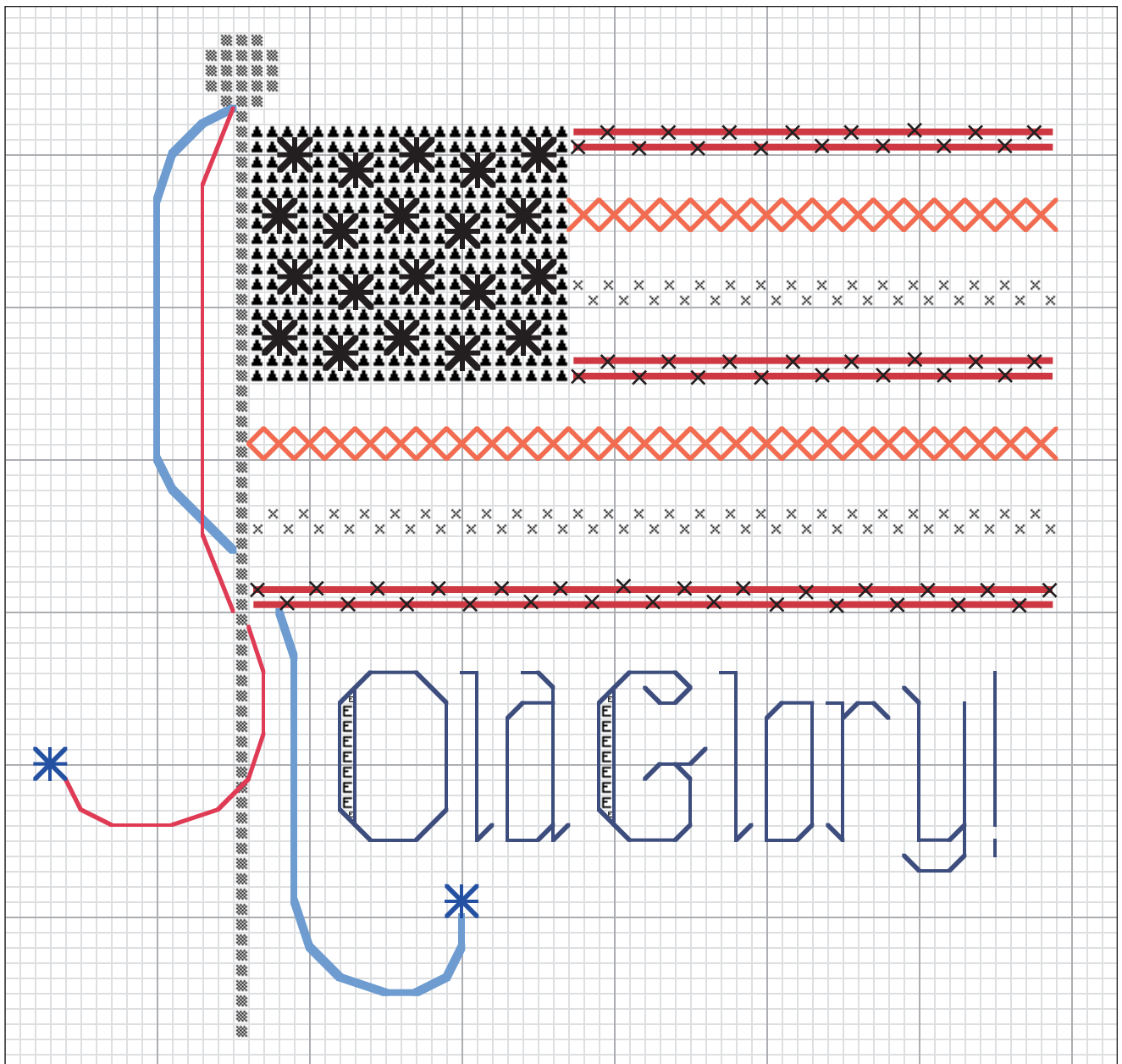
520 W. Cherry St, North Liberty, IA

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.



# "OLD GLORY"

DESIGNED BY PAM KELLOGG • DESIGN SIZE: 67w x 66h



## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Kreinik Color Effects boxed collection entitled "Freedom" — available at your local needlework store, or call us at 1-800-537-2166 to find a mail order source
- 25-count White Zweigart Lugana fabric

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Follow the color key for stitch directions. Each square on the chart equals two fabric threads, so stitch this design over two threads centered on your fabric.

## COLOR KEY:

- × Cord 003C Red in cross stitch
- E Very Fine (#4) Braid 018V Vintage Navy in cross stitch
- ☒ Ombre 1000 Silver in cross stitch
- ▲ Fine (#8) Braid 051HL Sapphire Blue in cross stitch
- ▬ Medium (#16) Braid 033 Royal Blue: Smyrna stitches at ends of Facets
- ▬ 1/8" Ribbon 061 Ruby, laid flat and couched with 003C Cord (the big x's)
- ▬ 1/16" Ribbon 100 White: stars on flag in Smyrna stitches
- ▬ 1/16" Ribbon 332 Candy Cane: rows of large x stitches
- ▬ Very Fine (#4) Braid 018V: backstitch lettering
- ▬ Facets Blue: laid on surface and couched with #4 Braid 018V
- ▬ Petite Facets Red: laid on surface and couched with 003C Cord

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