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Calendar

Saturday, January 6
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, January 9
6:30 - 7:00 pm
7:00 - 7:30 pm
7:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, January 10
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 13
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Wednesday, January 24
1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

Saturday, February 10
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

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

Wednesday, February 21
1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

Saturday, March 2
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, March 12
5:30 - 7:00 pm
7:00 - 7:30 pm
7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

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

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

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

Stitch-In-Public – Coralville Public Library, 1401 5th St, Coralville

Swedish Weaving – Heart Hand Towel
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Please let Joyce Pencook know by **Monday, January 15** if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227.

Swedish Weaving – Heart Hand Towel
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

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

Needlepoint Mitten Class
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

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

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

Needlepoint Mitten Class
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

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

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

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Skype
Log in to Skype (6:00 pm); social/stitching time
Business meeting
Study topic – Beaded needle minder

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

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

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024!

Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2023

Attendees by Skype: Robin Rossignol, Cindy Baldwin, Lori Barton, Jamie Randall, Heidi Parker, Ruth Topp, Kareen Strumpel, and Karen Rajtora

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by President R. Rossignol. There were no guests present.

The minutes from the November meeting were archived as published in the December newsletter.

The Treasurer's report submitted by Heidi Parker stated, for November, a beginning balance of \$1,563.92 and an ending balance of \$1,543.92.

Announcements:

R. Rossignol reminded members to pay their national and chapter dues before the end of the year.

The stitch-in-public event for the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library for Dec 20 was cancelled.

Cindy and Robin will be at Create Exchange on Dec 17 from 1 to 3 pm.

We will be at the North Liberty library on Dec 20 from 6 – 8 pm and at the Cedar Rapids library from 1 to 3 pm on Jan 6, 2024.

A request was made to revise the hours in the newsletter for the Cedar Rapids library stitch-in. It currently states 1 – 2 pm and it should be 1 – 3 pm.

Upcoming classes at the Coralville Recreation Center are the Swedish weaving towel featuring a heart design on Saturday Jan 13 from 10 am -noon and Wednesday Jan 24 from 1-3 pm. Anyone interested in the class needs to sign up through the rec center's website.

The floor was opened for members to bring up topics they wished to discuss. There was nothing to discuss.

Show and Tell

Heidi Parker has completed her frog frame weight. Cindy Baldwin completed the blackwork bookmark with nun stitch edge.

The meeting was adjourned.

Program – It's a Mystery.

Respectfully submitted by R. Rossignol for 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 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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Nametag

Please remember to wear your 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.

Tentative Study Topic Schedule

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, Pages 18-25 (pattern darning)

June, July – *Dragonfly Dreams* from *Needle Pointers* March/April 2023

August, September, October – Hardanger Christmas Ball Tree Ornament

January Study Topic – *It's a Mystery*

Continuing *It's a Mystery*.

January Conversation Topic

Since we aren't comfortable stitching in silence on Skype, which cuts our meeting short, I thought I would suggest a conversation topic. I know many of us are also readers, so, for January, let's talk about books that we read in 2023. I will make a list of the books mentioned and put it in the February newsletter. Here are some things to think about before the meeting:

- What types of books do you like to read?
- Did you read a book(s) that incorporated or was about needlework?
- What book (about any topic) did you enjoy the most?
- Did you learn anything new from what you read?

Blogs

- 2024 Trends to Incorporate into Needlepoint <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/2024-trends-to-incorporate-into-needlepoint/>
- Economic Alternative for Embroidery Stands <https://www.needlenthread.com/2014/11/economic-alternative-for-embroidery-stands.html>

Videos and Podcasts

- Video Tutorial – How to Thread your Needle Easily <https://needlework.craftgossip.com/video-tutorial-how-to-thread-your-needle-easily/2023/12/29/> Good video by Sarah Homfrey. Pro tip – cut the thread at a sharp angle.
- Travels with Tricia (Wilson Nguyen) "*Join me as I go on the "Great Embroidery Tour" visiting manufacturing of our favorite threads, interviewing people in embroidery, and bringing you to museums, exhibits and research that I am involved in to tell the stories behind embroidery.*"
#1 Intro of myself & Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Guild Exhibition <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z03bKOablQU>,
#2 Witney Antiques 2023 Exhibit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYd-stm9UdY>,
#3 Stories Behind the Needlework - Nuremberg Samplers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DovTbRDzR-8>
This looks like an excellent series. If you want to learn more about Tricia, check her blog at <https://thistle-threads.blogspot.com/>.
- Cindy Baldwin WIP Parade on Fiber Talk – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnnoy41Bw-o>

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Meticulous Embroideries by Cécile Davidovici Bring Objects to Life and Evoke the Passing of Time <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2023/12/cecile-davidovici-silent-life/>

- Not Your Mother's Needlepoint <https://savannahmagazine.com/homes/not-your-mothers-needlepoint/>

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

Valentine Heart

Notes:

- Use one strand of the thread as it comes from the skein unless specifically instructed to do otherwise.
- Keep the canvas taut on the stretcher bars as you stitch.
- A tent stitch refers to a diagonal stitch over one intersection, and may be worked in basketweave or continental style; whichever is appropriate for the area.
- Mark top of canvas with a T. When I refer to something as being on the 'left' or the 'right,' it means with the T at the top.

Materials:

Shimmer Blend Ribbon red/wine 39
Tiara red blend T145
DMC pearl cotton #8 white
Kreinik #8 braid 003HL and 002
Needle Necessities overdyed pearl cotton #8155
6" x 6" piece of pale blue 18 ct. canvas

Step 1. Find the center hole of the canvas, and widen it gently with your needle. We will NOT be stitching in this hole. This hole will be the center of the Rhodes stitch and is marked **C** on your diagram. Stitch it using Shimmer Blend ribbon.

Step 2. Stitch mosaic stitches in Tiara around the Rhodes stitch. See diagram for placement.

Step 3. Using gold Kreinik braid, stitch all tent stitch outlines.

Borders: Stitch the topmost border with T at top. Turn canvas 90° and stitch what is now the topmost section exactly the same way. Repeat with the remaining two sides, turning the canvas 90° each time.

Step 4. Inner borders: Stitch oblong crosses over 4 in white pearl cotton. See diagram for placement. Between the groups of crosses is a little row of overlapping cross stitches in red Kreinik braid. These stitches are one thread wide, two threads long, and there are no compensating stitches.

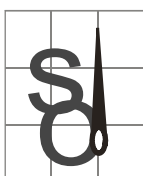
Step 5. Outer borders: Use overdyed pearl for the diagonal mosaic and red Kreinik braid for the tent stitches. (Start upper left of area, turn 90° and start upper left of area, and so forth.)

Step 6. Draw a heart on the canvas, using the completed square as a guide. The square should be completely within the edges of the heart. Use the template above as a guide.

Step 7. Stitch the remaining areas of heart in Criss Cross Hungarian in shimmer ribbon with cross stitches in Tiara.

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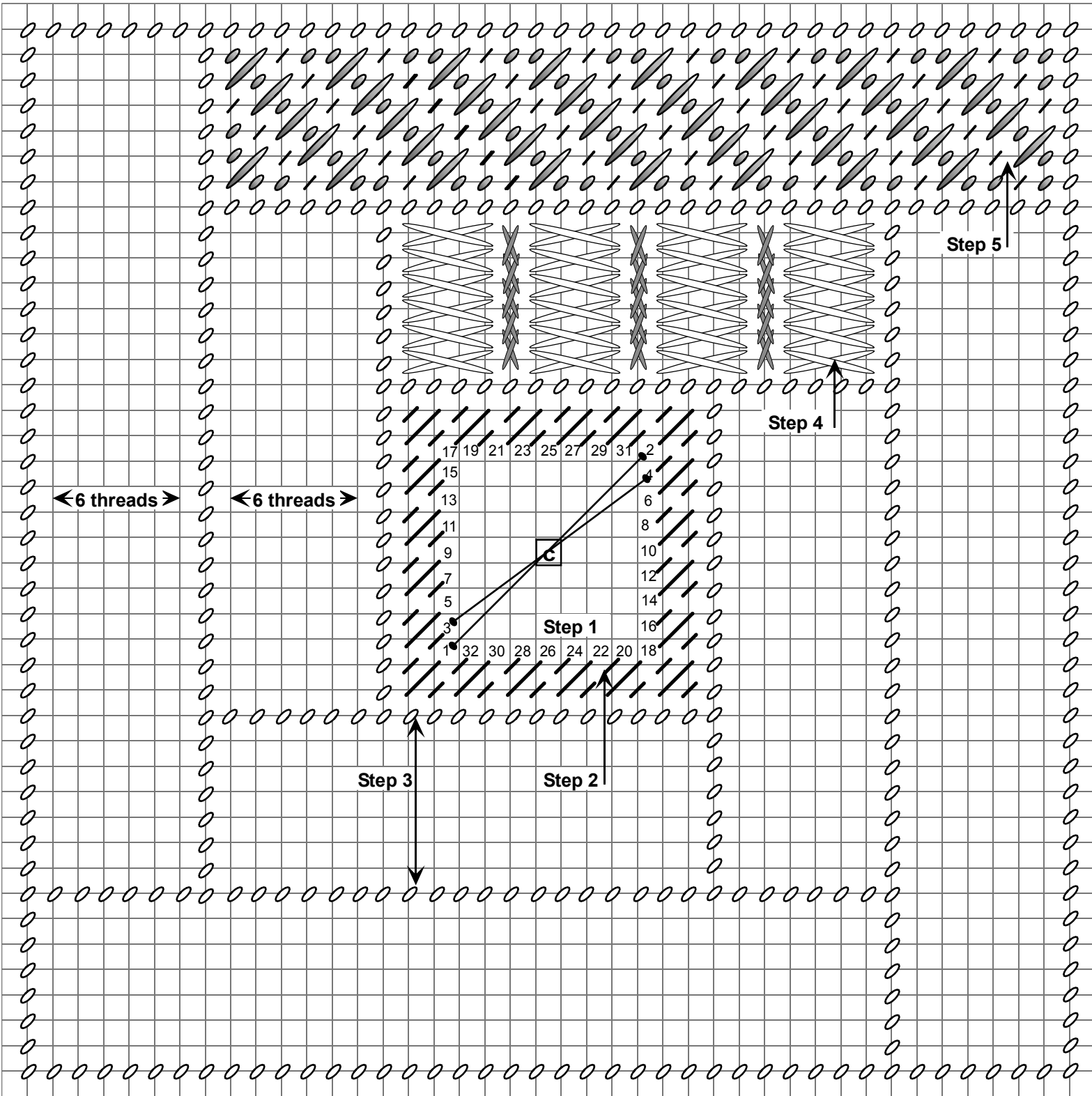
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Valentine Heart



Step 7: Criss Cross Hungarian

