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Calendar

Saturday, October 7
1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Saturday, October 14
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cross Stitch Class
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

Saturday, October 14
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 – WIP Stitch and Prep for It's a Mystery

Sunday, October 15
1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Wednesday, October 18
1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday, October 18
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Stitch-In-Public – North Liberty Library, 520 W Cherry St, North Liberty

Wednesday, October 25
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Cross Stitch Class
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

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

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

Saturday, November 4
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Needlepoint Ornament Class
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th 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 – Blackwork Bookmark

Wednesday, November 15
1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

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

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

Saturday, November 18
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Needlepoint Christmas Tree Class
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

Sunday, November 19
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, September 12, 2023

- Members Present:
 - Robin Rossignol, Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Heidi Parker, Joyce Pencook, Lori Barton, Jamie, Ruth Topp, Jamee Klein, Jamie Randall, Shanel Slater (no guests)
- President Robin Rossignol called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall and via Skype
- Board Meeting:
 - No business, so no meeting
- Reports:
 - Treasurer's Report: The balance at the beginning of August was \$1,569.50 and was \$1,583.92 at the end of August.
 - Membership: Kareen will update the membership list and publish in the October newsletter
 - Stitch-in-Public Events:
 - NCSML: the next Czech Museum SIP will be Wednesday, September 20 from 1-4pm
 - North Liberty Public Library: there will be a bookmark program taught by Robin—ask her if you'd be interested in a kit.
 - Cedar Rapids Public Library: the next SIP will be Saturday, October 7 at 1pm
 - Create Exchange: the next SIP will be Sunday, October 15 at 1:00pm
- Announcements
 - The Fiberworks field trip will take place Saturday, September 23 at 10:00am. Contact Cindy if interested in a carpool
 - Coralville Rec Center
 - There will be a variety of classes taught by Robin and Cindy soon including Swedish weaving, pattern darning, perforated paper ornaments, and lady bug cross stitch

Since there was no other chapter business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

- Program: Members shared their Iowa State Fair submissions and judge comments

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14 (1:30pm) at the North Liberty Library 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 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/>

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

Tentative Study Topic Schedule

November, 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

October Study Topic – Blackwork Bookmark

Learn how to:

- Control color using an overdyed thread on linen.
- Shade a pattern/design.
- How to add or drop elements from a blackwork pattern.
- Finish the sides with Nun stitch and fringe the ends.

You will need the following:

- Approximately 20" of a strandable overdyed thread (cotton or silk).
- An 8"x3" piece of 28 count linen or even weave.
- A slightly darker or lighter or solid thread that matches your overdyed thread to add detail in the blackwork pattern.
- #12 perle cotton that matches linen.

You can work on a larger count of fabric if 28 count is difficult to see. You will probably use 2 strands on larger count fabric.

If you need a kit, **let Robin know no later than October 7.**

Blogs

- 5 Diagonal Mosaic Variations <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/5-diagonal-mosaic-variations/> Interesting variations on diagonal mosaic.
- What Needlepoint Stitch To Use? <https://poppymonkneedlepointkits.com/blogs/the-5-minute-needlepoint-blog/what-needlepoint-stitch-to-use> Good advice for painted canvas stitchers.
- Tools for Cutting Threads <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/tools-for-cutting-threads/>
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Videos

- The Fiber Talk Stitch Hour, 9-27-23 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZt1XBcfONO> – showcased Robin Rossignol's winning State Fair entries.

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Framed—A Brief History of the Embroidery Hoop <https://pieceworkmagazine.com/framed-a-brief-history-of-the-embroidery-hoop/>

- View Your Work Through a Judge's Eyes <https://needleart.org/evaluation/> The National Academy of Needlearts (NAN) is offering needlework evaluations if you are interested in getting feedback from a qualified professional judge. The cost is reasonable (\$40) and you only need to send photos of your work. Tips for taking photos are included on the website and are a good reference even if you don't want to have a piece evaluated.
- Royal School of Needlework Stitchbank Autumn 2023: 25 New Stitches <https://rsnstitchbank.org/>. Here's another variation on the mosaic stitch - <https://rsnstitchbank.org/stitch/condensed-mosaic-stitch>

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

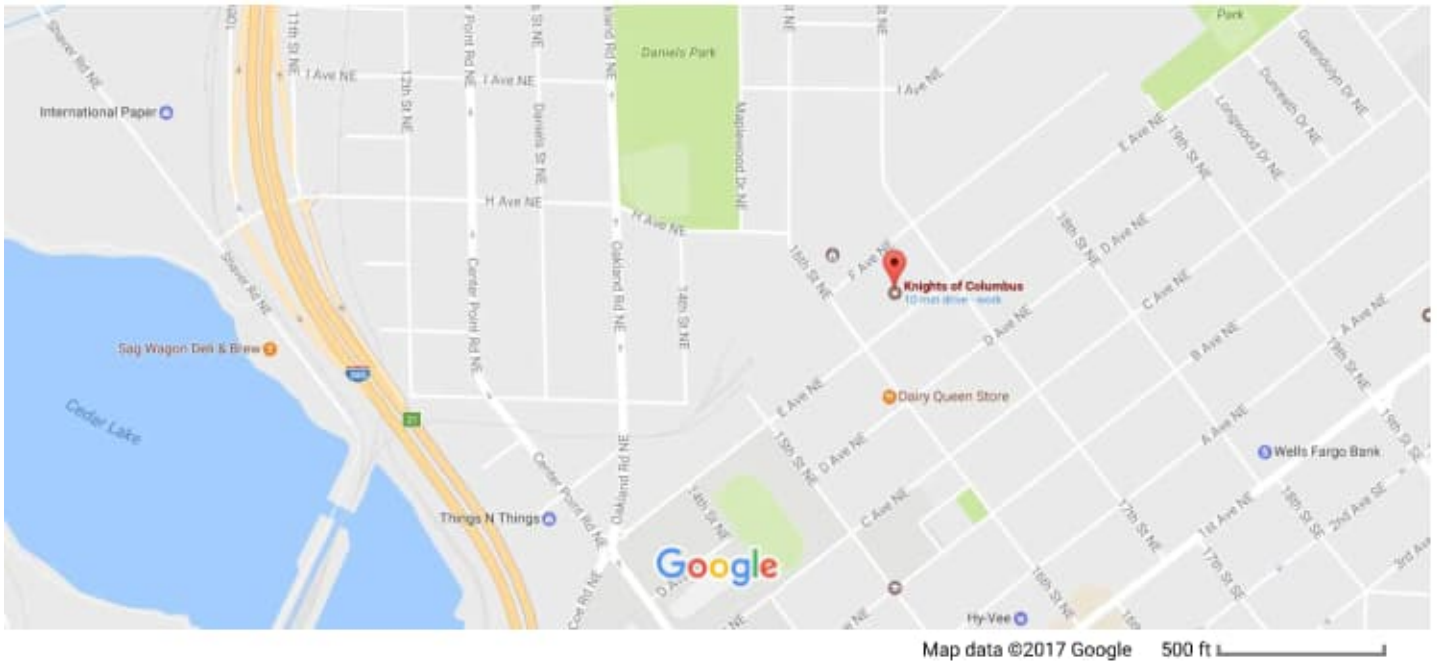
The updated library list is below. Robin has the books and will bring them to meetings. The list is also saved to the Blue Ribbon website.

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.



Eye Candy Needleart Free Chart



Mini Pumpkin Free Chart by EyeCandy

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Pepper Pot Silk 001	Vineyard Silk C026	Vineyard Silk C222
Vineyard Silk C109	Vineyard Silk C174	
Vineyard Silk C120	Vineyard Silk C054	

