



# Newsletter of the Blue Ribbon Chapter

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#### Calendar

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

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

Monday, May 8  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

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

Saturday, May 13  
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 – Fantastique

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, June 13  
5:30 - 6:45 pm  
6:45 - 7:00 pm  
7:00 - 7:30 pm  
7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, July 1  
1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Saturday, July 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 – Fantastique

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

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

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

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

Visit the Blue Ribbon Chapter website at <https://www.blueribbonang.com>

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



## Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2023

Members Present: Robin Rossignol, Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Lori Barton, Heidi Parker, Shanel Slater, Jamie Randall, Karen Rajtora (Skype), Ruth Topp (Skype), and Connie Rosene. (No guests)

President Robin Rossignol called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM via Skype and at Knights of Columbus Hall.

Minutes from the March 2023 meeting were approved as published and archived.

Treasurer Lori Barton reported that our current balance = \$1,584.35. We need volunteers to audit the books.

### Reports:

Membership: Kareen passed out an updated roster of our 18 current members.

Stitch-in-Public Events: Heidi held a Stitch-in-Public session at the Cedar Rapids Library. Two stitchers who took Robin's class attended.

Czech Museum: The next Stitch-in-Public session at the Czech National Museum is Wednesday, April 19. Joyce Pencook and Kareen Strumpel plan to attend.

Create Exchange: Kareen plans to be there on Sunday, April 16.

### Old Business:

State Fair: Cindy Baldwin has not received a call back from anyone from the Fair Board at this point.

### New Business:

Since there was no other business to bring before the group the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 1:00 PM at the North Liberty Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rosene, 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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#### 2022-2023 Officers

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VP-Membership Kareen Strumpel ([kareen@imonmail.com](mailto:kareen@imonmail.com))

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/>

## 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 has a full slate of officers to propose for 2023 - 2024. The election will be held during the annual meeting in July.

President - Robin Rossignol  
 President Elect - Jamee Klein  
 VP Membership - Kareen Strumpel  
 Secretary- Shanel Slater  
 Treasurer - Heidi Parker

Nominating Committee: Connie Rosene, Kareen Strumpel, and Robin Rossignol.

## 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.

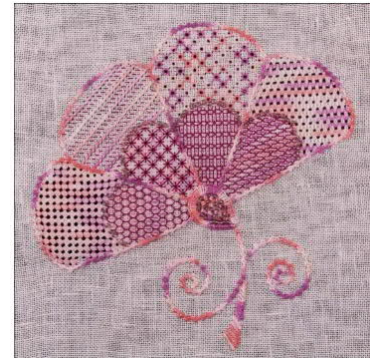
Hover over Members and you'll see Files. You'll see several folders, including Study Topics. Patterns and information for past study topics are saved here. Anyone can create folders and add files. If you have questions, ask Cindy.

## May Topic – Fantastique

Continuing to work on Fantastique, a pulled thread and blackwork design by Elizabeth Almond.

The approximate schedule for Fantastique is given below but can be adjusted if we move faster or need more time.

May – pulled thread stitches.  
 June – blackwork.  
 July – beading and stitching the stem and spirals.



## Future Study Topics

We'll talk about study topics for future meetings at the May meeting. Needle Pointers magazines are a good source for projects. If you see something you like, bring it to the meeting. If you have not kept your magazines, they are archived on ANG's website and you can print selected pages. You might also look at the stitch of the month archives. Needlepoint Now is another good source of inspiration and we have had good luck with getting permission to use projects from the magazine.

## Blogs

- Hearts for Hospice ideas - <https://colourcomplements.com/2022/11/using-vertical-row-patterns.html> uses leftover stash.
- Use Giant Cookie Cutters for the Basis of Great Needlepoint <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/use-giant-cookie-cutters-for-the-basis-of-great-needlepoint/>
- Needlepoint Stitch Ideas for Round Objects <https://poppymonkneedlepointkits.com/blogs/the-5-minute-needlepoint-blog/needlepoint-stitch-ideas-for-round-objects>
- Is it Legal? – Needlepoint and Copyright <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/legal-needlepoint-copyright/>
- Rhodes Stitch Heart <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/rhodes-stitch-heart/> Another idea for hearts for hospice.
- Missing Sampler - Have you Seen It? <http://thistle-threads.blogspot.com/2023/04/missing-sampler-have-you-seen-it.html> Interesting article about an antique sampler missing from a museum.
- To Ply or Not to Ply! <https://needlepoint.com/blogs/needlepoint-know-how/to-ply-or-not-to-ply>
- All About Thread Dye Lots! <https://needlepoint.com/blogs/needlepoint-know-how/all-about-thread-dye-lots>

## Videos/Podcasts

- How to Sew Sequins – Video Tutorial <https://needlework.craftgossip.com/how-to-sew-sequins-video-tutorial/2023/04/01/>
- Needlepoint.com self-finishing channel – <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXxigCZ8jNRwdby8bLFQVug7NTr8IINd3>
- How to make stitch frames at home- step-by-step tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7pPvituXuA> Useful if you don't have the right size stretcher bars or your project is large. Best for linen, etc.

### Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- How an Embroidery Artist Turned Her “Thread Sketching” Into a Vibrant Body of Art [Interview] <https://mymodernmet.com/danielle-clough-embroidery/>
- The Beauty and Fragility of Nature <https://www.interliamag.org/interviews/meredith-woolnough/> *An interview with Meredith Woolnough, who does amazing machine embroidery.*
- Artist Vanessa Filley Stitches Meditative Cosmic Maps Brimming with Geometry and Symmetries <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2023/04/vanessa-filley-delicate-meshes/>
- Kreinik Manufacturing receives awards at state and regional level <https://www.wtap.com/2023/03/31/kreinik-manufacturing-receives-awards-state-regional-level>

### 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

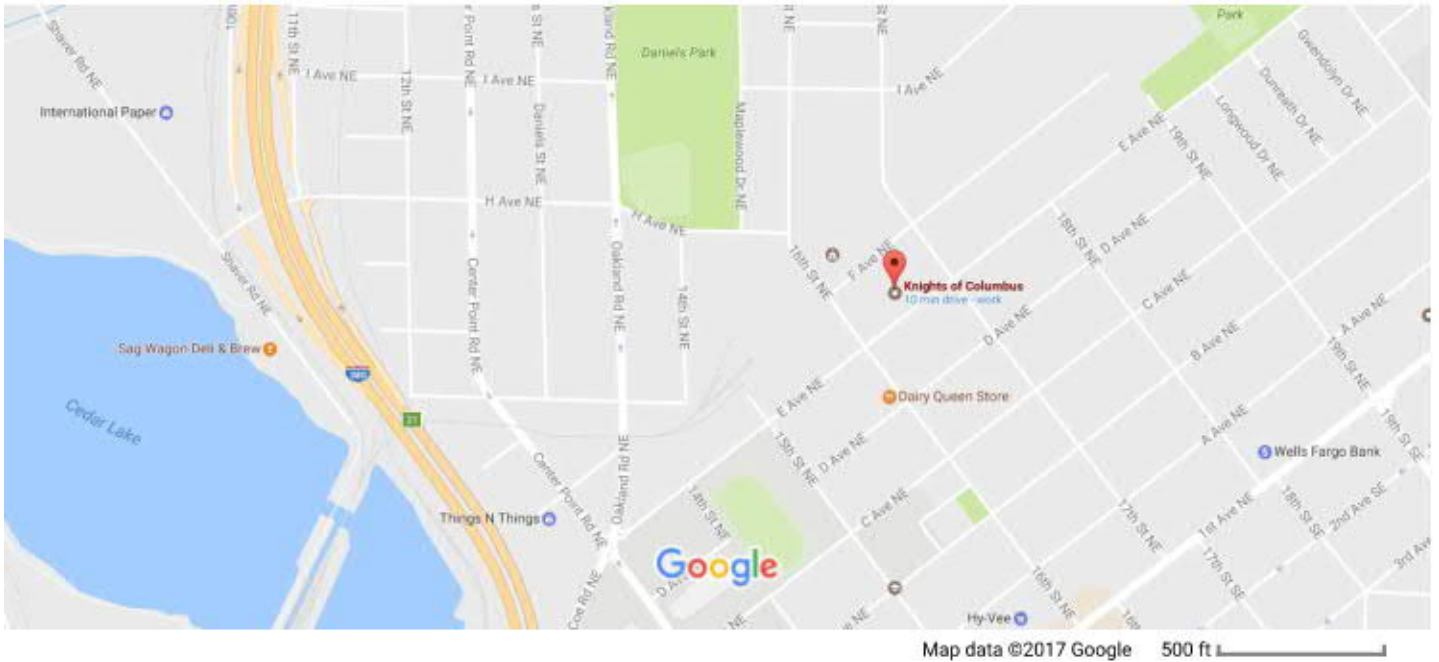
The updated library list is below. Robin has the books and will bring them to meetings. The list is also saved to the Blue Ribbon website.

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; 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 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.





Free Pattern from Laura J. Perin Designs



# Little Spring Quilt



8" x 8" 18 ct. canvas, lt. color	Design size: 79 x 79 stitches
#22 tapestry needle	Design size on 16 ct. mono canvas: 4.5" x 4.5"
Watercolours, 145 - Carnival (1 ply)	DMC cotton floss, 772
DMC #5 pearl cotton, 320	DMC cotton floss, 828
DMC #5 pearl cotton, 3348	DMC cotton floss, 962
DMC #5 pearl cotton, 743	DMC cotton floss, 963
DMC #5 pearl cotton, 436	DMC cotton floss, 745

**NOTE:**  
*I recommend stitching the #5 pearl cotton colors first, then filling the remaining areas with the floss colors. Use one strand of all the #5 pearl cotton colors; use FOUR ply of floss for all floss stitching.*

