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Calendar

Tuesday, January 11

6:00 - 6:30 pm

6:30 - 7:00 pm

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 19

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 8

6:00 - 6:30 pm

6:30 - 7:00 pm

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sunday, February 12

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 16

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, March 8

5:00 - 6:30 pm

6:30 - 7:00 pm

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12

5:00 - 6:30 pm

6:30 - 7:00 pm

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 20

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Monthly meeting on Zoom

Log in to Zoom; social/stitching time

Business meeting

Study topic – Progress on Projects Half Done (PHDs)

Stitch-In-Public – National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Please let Joyce Pencook know by **Monday, January 17** if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227. Masks are required.

Monthly meeting on Zoom

Log in to Zoom; social/stitching time

Business meeting

Study topic – Progress on Projects Half Done (PHDs)

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

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

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Zoom

Log in to Zoom (6:00 pm); social/stitching time

Business meeting

Study topic – Introduction to Pulled Thread Embroidery

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

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Zoom

Log in to Zoom (6:00 pm); social/stitching time

Business meeting

Study topic – Autumn Fireworks

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

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



Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting, November 9, 2021 – REVISED

Present: Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Lori Barton, Karen Rajtora, Jamie Randall, Joyce Pencook, Joan Ackerman, Ruth Topp, and Connie Rosene

President Kareen Strumpel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

No new members or guests.

Minutes from the October 2021 meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter. (Motion Joyce Pencook, second Cindy Baldwin.) Motion carried.

Cindy Baldwin noted that a signed copy of the by-laws needs to be uploaded to our secure website. Kareen Strumpel will take care of that task.

Treasurer Lori Barton sent out a report via email today. She reported current balance is \$632.42 with one check to be written for Nov. meeting of \$20 for meeting room rent to Knights of Columbus. Money for dues is beginning to arrive. Report will be filed for audit.

Reports:**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Cindy Baldwin had no report.

Czech Museum: Our next Stitch-in-Public event at the Museum will be held on December 15. Please call Joyce Pencook by Monday, December 13 if you plan to attend. Masks are required.

Robin Rossignol asked Czech Museum personnel if they had an interest in our group offering a needlework workshop. There is definite interest. They also want us to provide needlework demonstrations during their Old World Christmas Event on Dec. 4-5. Joyce Pencook will coordinate volunteers for stitching demonstrations.

A committee was formed (Robin Rossignol, Joyce Pencook, Cindy Baldwin). They will develop small workshops to teach beginning needlework/cross stitch classes. Then possible work into intermediate level classes.

Crowning Glory Exhibit: Connie Rosene reported that our group is scheduled at the Museum for Sunday, November 21 at 12:15. Meet in the Museum lobby. Cost is \$11 per person and will include self-guided tour, coffee and kolaches.

Old Business:

Usher's Ferry: Robin Rossignol suggested that we let this idea ride until we have workshop patterns and projects in place. We may want to focus our efforts on adult classes to increase membership.

Linn County Fair: Kareen Strumpel reported that we are welcome to provide a make-it-and-take-it project. The Fair dates are June 22-26, 2022. She will clarify if this will be for children or adults and the exact date and time.

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 5:00 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 6:30 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 6:00 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 6:30 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 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 20th day of each month.

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Treasurer Lori Barton (lmbtb13@gmail.com)

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

November 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Create Exchange: Kareen Strumpel reported we now have an account at Create Exchange (\$1.25 currently). Store owner, Jennifer is receptive to our group holding a stitch-in-public or classes/demonstrations. Kareen will consult with Jennifer regarding best days to schedule any events to coordinate with store customer traffic and then she will set up the first date. The store hours are Tues. – Fri. 10 AM – 6 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM and Sun. 12 – 4 PM.

New Business:

Business Cards: Cindy Baldwin will check our stock of business cards and bookmarks to hand out at stitch-in-public events and demonstrations.

Library Books: Robin Rossignol and Karen Rajtora went through the 4 boxes of books in our library and determined there is one box to keep for references and three boxes for members to go through for purchase (\$5 per book) and then take the remainder to Half-Price Books to sell.

Projects for PHD: Most members presented one or two projects to complete over the next six months on our PHD (Projects Half Done) challenge.

Future Study Projects: Cindy Baldwin suggested we work on PHDs over the winter Zoom meetings. Then the following projects will be planned:

- March – Pulled Thread button
- April - Autumn Fireworks
- May – Snowflake pilot class for Robin for Make-it-and-Take-it class at State Fair
- June – Autumn Fireworks (cont.)

We may need to take a road trip to Carol's shop in Waverly to select threads for the Fireworks projects.

Reminder that Chapter and National dues are currently due. National will be prorating dues paid so that all dues are paid in January in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Rosene, Secretary

Blue Ribbon ANG Executive Board Meeting, December 14, 2021

Present: Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, and Connie Rosene (Connie lost connectivity and was not able to rejoin).

President Kareen Strumpel called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Business Before the Board:

- Treasurer should post financial records on our secure web page.
- Thread Play is discontinued since it is not well attended and will be replaced with more Stitch-in-Public events at places like libraries, malls, or Create Exchange which now has more work space for demonstrations. Kareen Strumpel will contact the owner of Create Exchange regarding opportunities. We may wait until spring to begin these events.
- We will not continue to pursue teaching opportunities with Ushers Ferry at this time because our target audience is not children. Our goal is to increase our membership, so we need to reach adults.
- Robin Rossignol reported that the Czech Museum is interested in embroidery classes for adults. Many people have kroj that need repairs and would be interested in basic embroidery classes, e.g., cross stitch and surface embroidery.
- We need to develop some basic classes that any one of us could deliver. Cindy Baldwin will work on cross stitch and surface embroidery and Robin Rossignol will work on needlepoint.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Baldwin, VP Membership

Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting, December 14, 2021

Present: Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Lori Barton, Karen Rajtora, Dee Hill, Jamie Randall, and Ruth Topp

President Kareen Strumpel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Minutes from the September 2021 meeting were not approved because the next (December) meeting date was incorrect (motion Cindy Baldwin, second Lori Barton) Motion carried. The corrected minutes will be published in the January newsletter.

Treasurer Lori Barton reported that the current balance is \$880.42. Dues have been received from 12 of our 17 members.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Cindy Baldwin reported that 9 people signed up for more information during the Old World Christmas Market at the Czech Museum on December 4-5. Cindy sent the December newsletter to them.

Czech Museum: Our next Stitch-in-Public event at the Museum on December 15 is cancelled due to high wind predictions.

Crowning Glory Exhibit: 9 people (7 members and 2 guests) attended the exhibit.

Workshops:

- We need to develop some basic classes that any one of us could deliver. Cindy Baldwin will work on cross stitch and surface embroidery and Robin Rossignol will work on needlepoint.
- Robin spoke with the current President of the Czech museum who expressed interest in embroidery classes for adults. Many people have projects that need repairs and would be interested in basic embroidery classes, e.g., cross stitch and surface embroidery.
- Kareen Strumpel will talk to Create Exchange about the possibility of teaching classes there.

Old Business:

- Make-It-and-Take-It at the Linn County Fair was discussed. Kareen Strumpel will contact the Fair board to see what criteria they have for such programming.
- Kareen Strumpel will talk to Create Exchange about stitch in public events.
- Cindy Baldwin has updated the bookmark. We are running low on business cards. Cindy will order more.
- We completed purging of the library at the November meeting. Karen Rajtora has a list of books that were retained, and Cindy Baldwin will update the list and publish in a future newsletter. Cindy took two boxes of books to Half Price Books and got an offer that was less than \$2.50, which she did not accept. The books are currently in Dee Hill's garage. Robin Rossignol suggested that we take the books to Create Exchange; everyone agreed that this was a good idea.

New Business:

Kareen Strumpel sent an email to the members regarding an exhibit of needlepointed handbags at a museum in Virginia. She would like to explore the possibility of bringing the exhibit to Cedar Rapids. The general consensus was that the chapter does not have the resources to sponsor such an exhibit, but the Marion Heritage Center might be a possibility. Kareen will talk to the Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Baldwin, VP Membership

Dues

Your dues are payable NOW. Please send your dues to Lori Barton. Lori's address is on the attached membership form. Please print and complete the form and send with your dues.

President's Letter

I hope you are all enjoying your holidays and have been able to do a lot of stitching. A little of that has been going on at my house which has been very pleasant. I also have come up with some new ideas for future projects which means I really need to get some of the older projects finished.

I made a trip to Create Exchange and dropped off a few items for them and they allowed me \$11 in credit which I applied to our Blue Ribbon account. Our total for credit thus far is \$12.25. Feel free to contribute items for them to sell for our credit balance. We can keep on mounting credit so that we have some to draw on for future guild projects.

I also talked with Jennifer about having a once a month Stitching in Public time for us to be in the shop and work on our own stitching. I explained to her that we wanted to be a more publicly known group and were interested in encouraging others to try needlepoint along with other forms of embroidery. I asked her about their busiest times, and she said early afternoon is the most traffic in the shop. She also said that weekends were busier than weekdays. Because of this I chose the second Sunday of the month for us to be stitching. They are going to be closed the first two weeks in January, so our first scheduled time is Sunday, February 13. They will be open from noon to 4 PM, so I said we would concentrate on 1PM to 3 PM. It is OK to show up a little early and stay a little late if we want. She will include our stitching times in their Facebook page so people will know we are there. Jennifer also encouraged us to bring along a sign identifying our group to the public. Mark February 13 on your calendar and let's do some stitching.

Blogs

- How to finish a pincushion or small needlepoint pillow – <https://needlepoint-for-fun.com/pages/how-to-finish-a-pincushion-or-small-needlepoint-pillow>
- Books in my library – a needlepoint Christmas with Ruth Dilts and Sandra Arthur – <https://melitastitches4fun.com/2021/12/26/books-in-my-library-a-needlepoint-christmas-with-ruth-and-sandy/> How many of these do you have in your library?
- 13 Mobile Apps for Stitchers – 2021 Edition <https://www.mrxstitch.com/13-mobile-apps-for-stitchers/> Android and iOS apps for stitchers
- Needlepoint Damask – a Great Background Technique <https://nuts-about-needlepoint.com/needlepoint-damask-a-great-background-technique/>

Videos

- Kreinik Custom Corder Tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBcqFGus83E>

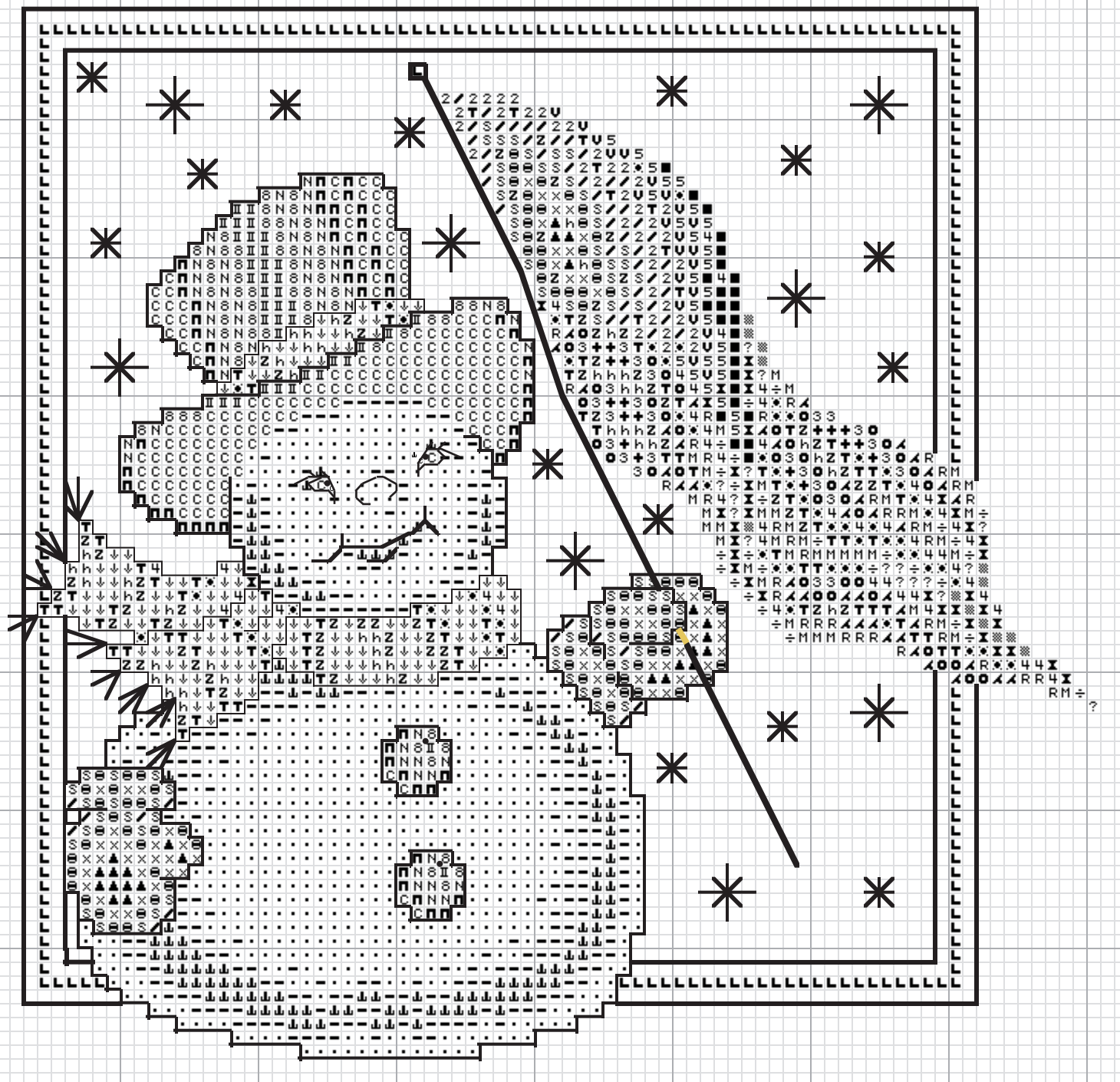
Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Melding Two Crafts, Caroline Harrius Embroiders and Cross-Stitches Ceramic Vessels <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2021/12/caroline-harrius-embroidered-vases>
- Needlepoint Display At Port Authority Bus Terminal Showcases Artistry Of Popular Pastime <https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2021/12/28/needlepoint-art-display-port-authority-bus-terminal-kevin-lustik>
- 40 People Who Mastered The Art Of Embroidery And Shared Their Incredible Works Online (New Pics) <https://www.boredpanda.com/beautiful-embroidery-works-pics/>
- Healthcare Worker Creates Beautiful Buttercream Cakes That Look Like Embroidery and Macramé <https://mymodernmet.com/lauren-loves-cake-fiber-art>

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



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- ↓ Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid 332 Candy Cane
- / 304 backstitch scarf and buttons
- / 311 backstitch mittens
- / 3841 backstitch snowman
- / #4 Braid 210 border. Flagpole: couch #12 Braid 210 with Kreinik Cord 102C
- / Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid 332 for fringe
- / Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid 1432 Blue Ice for eyelet snowflakes
- / 310 backstitch hat, face and buttons



Blue Ribbon Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
Membership Form

☐ New Member

☐ Renewing Member # _____

Date _____

Name

First

Middle

Last

Primary Chapter:

☐ Blue Ribbon Chapter

☐ Other (specify): _____

Mailing Address:

Street or PO Box

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address: _____

The Blue Ribbon Chapter of ANG will use your email address to send E-newsletters, renewal notices, meeting information, updates and announcements.

Annual Membership Dues: \$20.00

(If joining as a new member after July, dues are \$10 for the remainder of the year)

Please send this completed form and payment to

Lori Barton, Treasurer
Blue Ribbon Chapter, ANG
5700 W Mustang Rd
Cedar Rapids, IA 52411

Questions? Please call Lori at 319-294-1054 or Cindy Baldwin at 319-540-4132

Current membership period is valid through December 31, 2021. Dues for the next year are due before January 1st.