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Calendar

Tuesday, March 8
 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 6:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 13
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday, April 1
 1:00 - 3:00 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

Saturday, May 14
 12:30 - 1:00 pm
 1:00 - 1:30 pm
 1:30 - 2:00 pm
 2:00 - 4:00

Wednesday, May 25
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 14
 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 6:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, June 16
 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Zoom
 Social/stitching time; log in to Zoom (6:00 pm)
 Board and chapter business meetings
 Study topic – Introduction to Pulled Thread Embroidery

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, March 14** if you plan to stitch at the Museum. Joyce's number is 319-491-6227. Masks are required.

Coralville Public Library Exhibit Set-up

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Zoom
 Social/stitching time; log in to Zoom (6:00 pm)
 Business meeting
 Study topic – Autumn Fireworks

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

Monthly meeting – Coralville Public Library (Room B) and Zoom
 Take down exhibit
 Log in to Zoom; social/stitching time
 Business meeting
 Study topic – Snowflake Perforated Paper Ornament

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



Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2022

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

President Kareen Strumpel called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM (via Zoom)

No new members or visitors.

Minutes from the January 2022 meeting were approved as published and placed in archive (motion Cindy Baldwin, second Dee Hill). Motion carried.

Treasurer Lori Barton reported that the current balance is \$883.53. Income \$40 from dues. Expenses = 36.89 for supplies.

Reports:

Committee Reports:

Membership: Cindy Baldwin reported no new members (4 unpaid dues still). She will send another reminder to them.

Czech Museum: Kareen Strumpel reported that the next stitch-in-public at the Museum will be Wednesday, February 16. Let Joyce Pencook know by Feb. 14 if you plan to attend.

Create Exchange: Kareen Strumpel reported that our next Stitch-in at Create Exchange Craft Store will be Sunday, February 13 1-3 PM.

Cindy Baldwin reported that she has created a new sign for the table and has more business cards and bookmarks to pass out. She also has a notebook to register interest in the group.

Workshops: Robin Rossignol plans to hold a pilot workshop for the Make-it-and-Take-it at State Fair. She would like to limit participants to four as that is all the snowflakes she has. She will use traditional Christmas colors for the ornament. It will be held Saturday, May 14 at the North Liberty Library. Others may stitch the project if they want to bring their own materials.

Old Business:

Linn County Fair: Kareen Strumpel reported that Joyce Pencook has been in contact with the Fair Board but no further report at this time.

Library Books: Cindy Baldwin said she will make an appointment at Create Exchange to have our culled library books sold there.

Road Trip to Fiberworks: Tabled to March meeting

Plum Grove Exhibit: Robin Rossignol stated that we will not pursue an exhibit at Plum Grove until we have more members to help with it. In the meantime, we can ask local libraries if they have locked display cases we can use for small exhibits of our work and information about our group. Lori Barton will check with the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

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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February 9, 2022, Minutes (continued)

New Business:

March program supplies have been listed in the newsletter. Kareen Strumpel has button forms she will donate to the chapter and members can purchase them at the meeting. Robin Rossignol has ideas for future uses of button forms.

Jamie Randall and Lori Barton asked that we add some queries to our Facebook page before allowing access. We are receiving many requests from foreign entities looking to sell items on our site. We want to ask a couple questions like: "How did you hear about this group?" and "What are your specific areas of interest in needlework?"

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 at Knights of Columbus Hall and via Zoom.

Members shared progress on PHD items.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rosene, Secretary

March Study Topic

Robin Rossignol will teach the beginning pulled thread project that she has designed. You will need the following materials:

- 6 x 6 inch piece of 32 count linen
- 4 inch hoop
- Size 8 perle cotton to match or slightly darker than the linen. Alternate is #8 Kreinik braid in a matching color.

If you do not have the materials, Robin can make up a few kits. The kits will be fabric and threads only (you will need to provide the hoop) and the cost is \$5.00. Color options are antique lavender, pale blue, or white. The antique lavender is similar to DMC 3042 and the blue is similar to DMC 800. Email Robin at robin-ann-rossignol@uiowa.edu as soon as possible, to let her know that you need a kit and your color choice.



Robin mounted the needlework on a large self-cover button. Kareen Strumpel has a supply and will sell them for \$1.50 each.

If the weather is predicted to be bad for the March meeting, we will fall back to Zoom and delay this class to April.

Display at Coralville Public Library

Cindy Baldwin has arranged for us to do an exhibit at the Coralville Public Library from April 1 - May 14. We will set up the exhibit on Friday April 1, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Please join us if you can, but if not, bring your piece(s) to the March meeting or make some other arrangements to get them to Cindy, Robin, or Kareen.

The display case is small (width: 6' 10", depth: 10", and height: 4'6") so we won't have room for very large pieces. Shelves are highly adjustable.

Because the display will end on May 14, our meeting will take place in Meeting Room B at the Coralville Library, 1401 5th St, (instead of North Liberty), and we will take down the exhibit before the meeting.

**Iowa State Fair**

2022 entry information will be available in April. Entries will be accepted beginning May 1.

Blogs

- Do Aida and linen have a right side and a wrong side? <https://stitchedmodern.com/blogs/news/do-aida-and-linen-have-a-right-side-and-a-wrong-side>

Videos

- Recreating goldwork on a Napoleonic coat <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-england-somerset-60352202>
- Bisa Butler: Portraits, an Exhibition Story from The Art Institute of Chicago <https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/bisa-butler-portraits-art-institute-video>

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- The Repair Shop: an interview with embroiderer Sara Dennis <https://www.hobbies-and-crafts.co.uk/blog-stitching/the-repair-shop-an-interview-with-embroiderer-sara-dennis>. The Repair Shop is a British television show on Netflix. Family heirlooms are brought to the Shop for repair/restoration by a variety of experts. It is very interesting.
- An African Free School Sampler <https://www.green-wood.com/2011/an-african-free-school-sampler/>. Interesting article about a sampler stitched by a young African American woman of the early 19th century
- Color palettes - <https://coolors.co/palettes/trending>. Good source for color inspiration
- A Stitch in Time: Five Novels Inspired by Embroidery <https://www.artinfiction.com/blog/a-stitch-in-time-five-novels-inspired-by-embroidery>. Have you read these or any other novels that are about or incorporate embroidery?
- Embroidered Sculptures Recreate Lifelike Mushrooms, Lichen, and Fungi in Thread <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2022/02/amanda-cobbett-embroidered-fungi> Amazing work done by free hand machine embroidery.
- Tender Embroidered Portraits by Ruth Miller Are Tinged with Expressive Colors <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2022/01/ruth-miller-embroidered-portraits/>. Ruth Miller embroiders amazing life-sized portraits. If you'd like to learn more about the artist, listen to the Fiber Talk interview at <https://wetalkfiber.com/2022/02/06/fiber-talk-with-ruth-miller/>.
- Thread conversions on Trish Burr's website - <https://trishbembroidery.com/pages/thread-conversions>. I think I have put this in the newsletter before, but thought it was worth a reminder since Michaels and Jo-Ann are carrying Anchor threads now.
- Animal Embroidery Made With Vibrant Bursts of Colorful Stitches <https://mymodernmet.com/laura-mcgarrity-animal-embroidery-art/>
- Charming Embroidery Captures the Funny Purity of Dogs Being Dogs <https://mymodernmet.com/da-gaemee-dog-embroidery-art/>
- Embroidery Excavations Celebrate the Fun of Dinosaur Fossil Discoveries <https://mymodernmet.com/blue-sun-threads-fossil-embroidery-art/>

Editor's Note

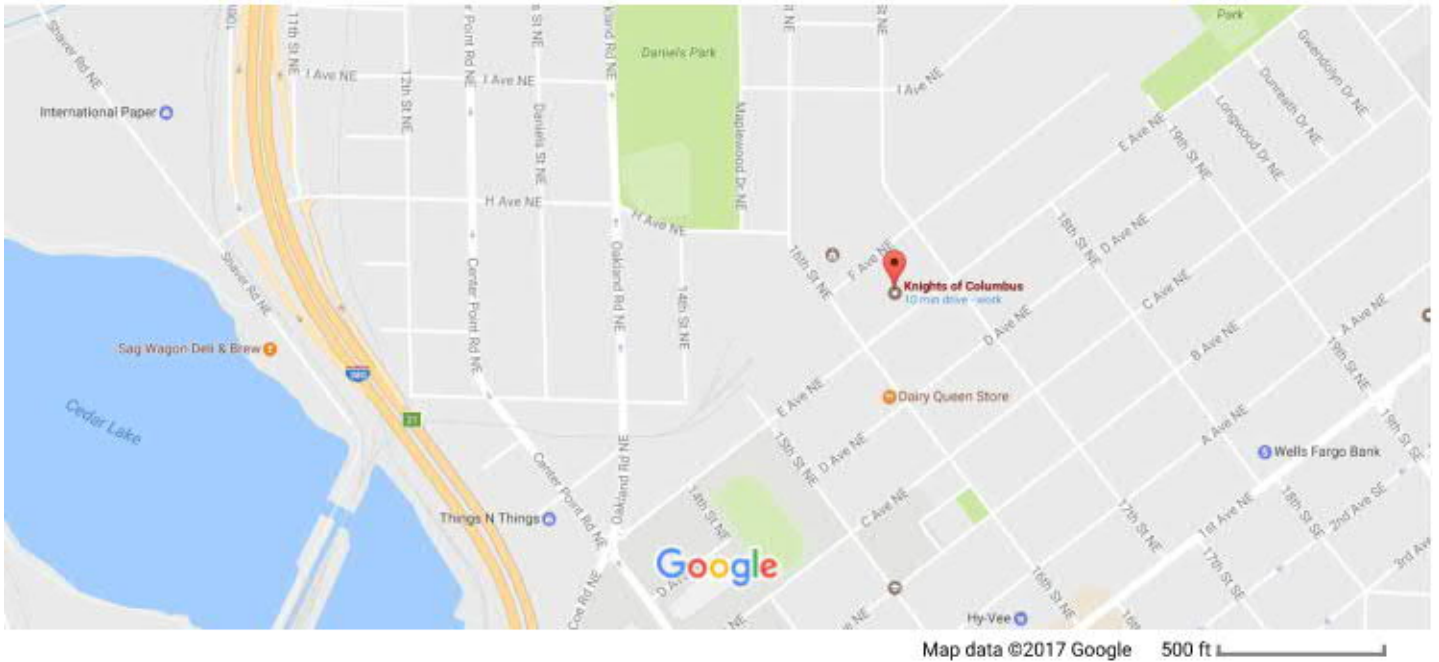
Items included in the newsletter are ones that catch my attention in which I think the membership might be interested. I'm also happy to include news items or suggestions you send me, so please feel free to send things to me for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Cindy

Directions to Knights of Columbus Hall

1620 E Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

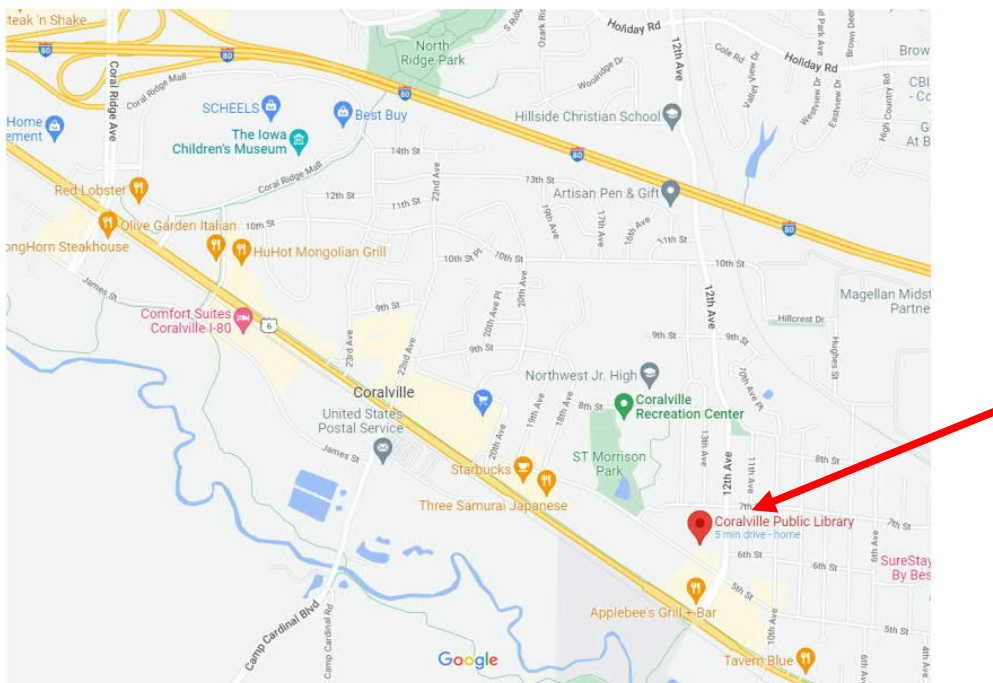
From I380, take the H Avenue exit. Turn onto H Ave NE. Turn right onto 16th St NE. Turn left onto E Ave NE. The Knights of Columbus Hall is on the left.



Directions to Coralville Public Library

1401 5th St, Coralville, IA

From I380, exit onto I80. Take the Coral Ridge Ave exit. Turn right onto Coral Ridge Ave. Turn left onto Highway 6/2nd St. Turn left at 12th Ave. Go past the Coralville Center for Performing Arts on the corner of 5th St and 12th Ave and turn into the parking lot behind the building. For the meeting, you can park in front of the library, but not in the 2 rows closest to the library. You can also park in the underground parking lot. Meeting Room B is in the basement and there is an elevator to the first floor.





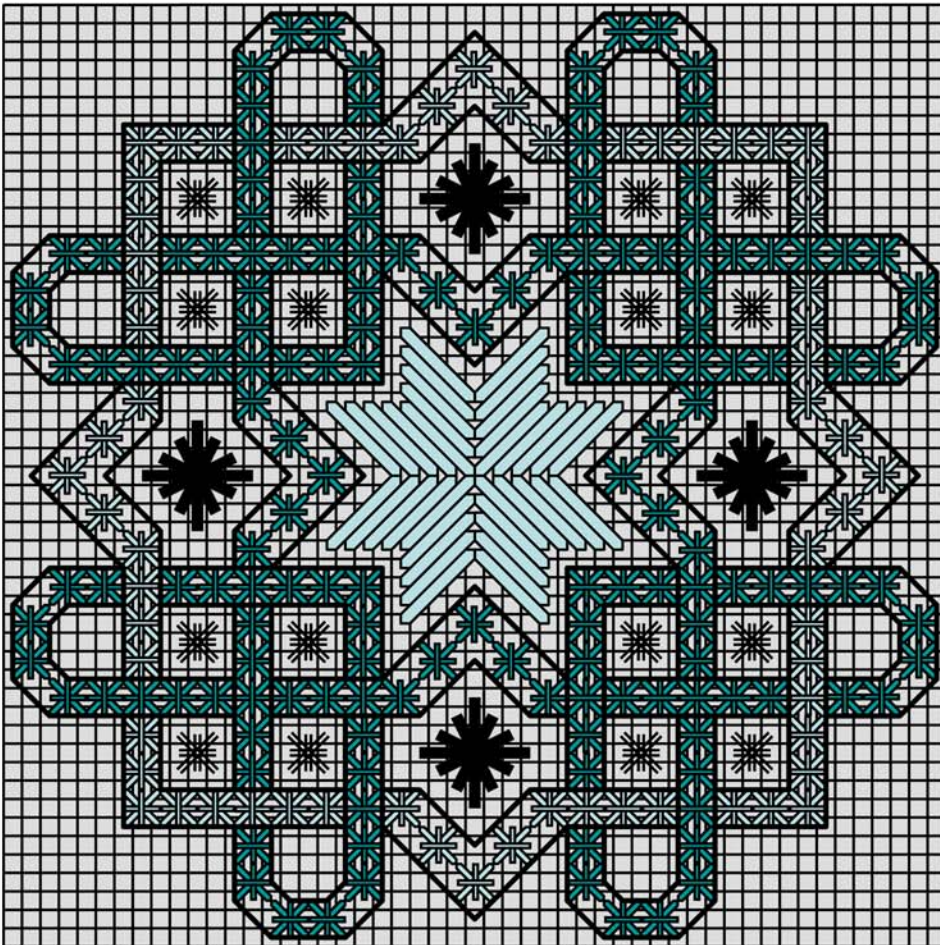
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Mosaic Knot

By Karen E. Dudzinski
of *Textured Treasures*

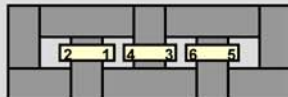
Design Size: 4 5/8" square

Fabric: Wichelt 14 ct Aida
Tropical Yellow
357273

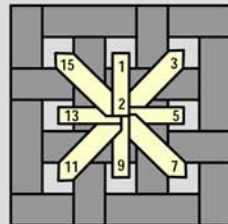
Fibers: DMC Color Variations floss –
4050, 4100, & 4200
DMC Jewel Effects metallic – E703
DMC floss – 326, 732

1. Begin by stitching the darker Celtic knot with 2 strands of 4050 and Smyrna Cross
2. Next, use 2 strands of 4200 for the lighter square band of Smyrna Crosses
3. The darker band is back-stitched with a single strand of 732 floss, while 326 is used to backstitch the lighter band
4. Two strands of 4100 are used for the Long Stitches in the centre and for the four Eyelets in each corner
5. Finally, a doubled single strand of E703 is used to complete the 4 Rhodes Diamonds

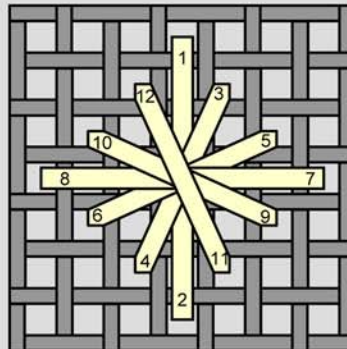
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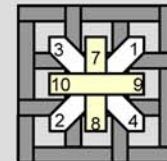
Back stitch - Aida



Eyelet - Aida
even #'s in center



Rhodes Diamond



Smyrna
cross