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Calendar

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

Tuesday, March 12
 5:30 - 6:45 pm
 6:45 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 7:30 pm
 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

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

Saturday, March 23
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Tuesday, April 9
 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 7:00 - 7:30 pm
 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

Saturday, May 4
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Saturday, May 11
 1:00 - 1:30 pm
 1:30 - 2:00 pm
 2:00 - 4:00

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
 Board meeting
 Business meeting
 Study topic – Dreaming of Spring

Pattern Darning (Bookmark)
 Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St, Coralville

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

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 Study topic – Beaded Needle minder, part 1

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



Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2024

- President Robin Rossignol called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm via Skype.
- Members Present:
 - Robin Rossignol, Kareen Strumpel, Cindy Baldwin, Shanel Slater, Ruth Topp, Heidi Parker, Jamee Klein, Joyce Pencook, Rebecca Maurer, Karen Rajtora
- Reports:
 - Minutes from January meeting archived.
 - Membership: Kareen reported that Heather will not be joining the Chapter this year. We have a new member, Rebecca Maurer.
 - Treasurer's Report: Heidi reported that there was a starting balance of \$1,783.92 at the beginning of January and after some dues were collected, a balance of \$1,863.92 by the end of January. Nothing is outstanding.
- Announcements
 - Stitch-in-Public Events:
 - NCSML: Joyce is investigating other ways to engage museum visitors—perhaps classes, SIPs during the Free First Saturdays for Students, other events. The regularly scheduled Wednesday SIPs will discontinue due to low engagement.
 - CRPL: 2nd of March; Heidi will be present. Shanel is unable to attend.
 - Joyce and Kareen met and looked through teaching materials. Originally for children's projects at Ushers Ferry—there are hoops, dowels, needle threaders, floss, scissors, needles, fabric, material, and NCSML heart motif dish towels.
 - If members have ideas of how to use these for adults and member recruitment, bring them to the chapter.

Since there was no other chapter business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

- Program:
 - Members did show and tell.
 - Members discussed It's a Mystery progress.
 - Robin described the next chapter project for March-April, Dreaming of Spring Pattern Darning.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12 from 5:30-8:30 on Skype and at the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanel Wermerskirchen Slater

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

March and April – *Dreaming of Spring* from *Needle Pointers* January 2016, Pages 18-25 (pattern darning)

May – Beaded Needle minder – beading around a cabochon, part 1

June – Beaded Needle minder – finishing, part 2

July, August, September – Hardanger Christmas Ornament

March Study Topic – *Dreaming of Spring*

Dreaming of Spring is a pattern darning project by Susan Jones. It was inspired by art-nouveau cross stitch motifs from vintage charts. You will find the pattern in the January 2016 issue of *Needle Pointers*, pages 18-25. The design calls for congress cloth, but it could be stitched on 18-ct canvas or linen with some changes in threads. The called-for threads are Gumnuts Yarns Buds, which are about equivalent to #8 perle. The Gumnuts threads have some variation in color, but you could certainly use solid colors.

Blogs

- Martha Edlin - Her Life and Embroidery <https://thistle-threads.blogspot.com/2024/02/martha-edlin-her-life-and-embroidery.html>. Tricia Nguyen has been researching this woman who was born in 1558. The Victoria and Albert Museum has many pieces of her embroidery. Check out Tricia's YouTube channel for the video that goes with the blog - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F17Z7PkQ5vw>
- Tip For Counting <https://bedeckedandbeadazzled.com/2024/02/counting-tip/>

Videos and Podcasts

- Needlepoint binding stitch tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6kenW41SbQ>. The video shows using the binding stitch to finish the edge of a belt, but it would work on nametags, scissor cases, etc.
- Hannah Thiessen Howard, Slow Knitting <https://longthread.fireside.fm/s8e10>. I'm not a knitter but this was an interesting conversation. The reason I'm including this in the newsletter is because Hannah said something that really caught my attention. Toward the end of the show (~45 minutes in), they were discussing their collections of yarn and Hannah said (paraphrasing a bit here...) that our collections reflect our patterns of behavior and color and show how we've been influenced over time. She said that our stashes are great visual records of us as crafters and who we've become.

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- The Timeless Appeal of Embroidery in Fashion <https://newswire.net/newsroom/blog-post/00266144-the-timeless-appeal-of-embroidery-in-fashion.html>
- Redditor shows how they transformed an old, falling-apart jacket into a 'work of art:' 'It was in a real poor state' <https://news.yahoo.com/redditor-shows-transformed-old-falling-104538720.html>
- Stitching Armenian Embroidery <https://pieceworkmagazine.com/stitching-armenian-embroidery>
- Loose Ends Project <https://www.looseendsproject.org/> From their website: "Loose Ends aims to ease grief, create community, and inspire generosity by matching volunteer handwork finishers with projects people have left unfinished due to death or disability. Loose Ends welcomes textile handwork crafters of all sorts, from anywhere in the world."
- Letters and embroidery allowed medieval women to express their 'forbidden' emotions <https://theconversation.com/letters-and-embroidery-allowed-medieval-women-to-express-their-forbidden-emotions-223114>
- Does it get any more Newfoundland than this embroidery show about cod? <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/school-of-cod-1.7123674>

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

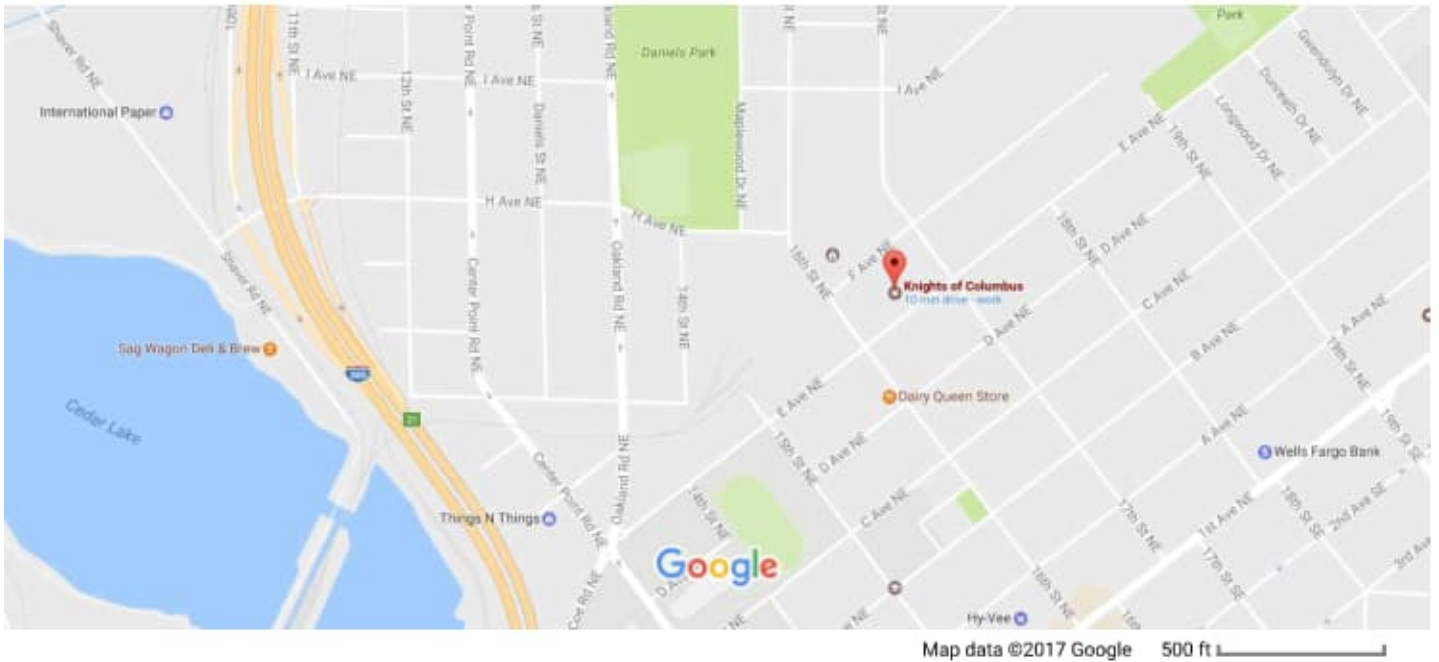
The updated library list is below. Robin has the books and will bring them to meetings. The list is also saved to the Blue Ribbon website.

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; Seward, Blanche	General needlework
The Needlepoint Book	Ippolito 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

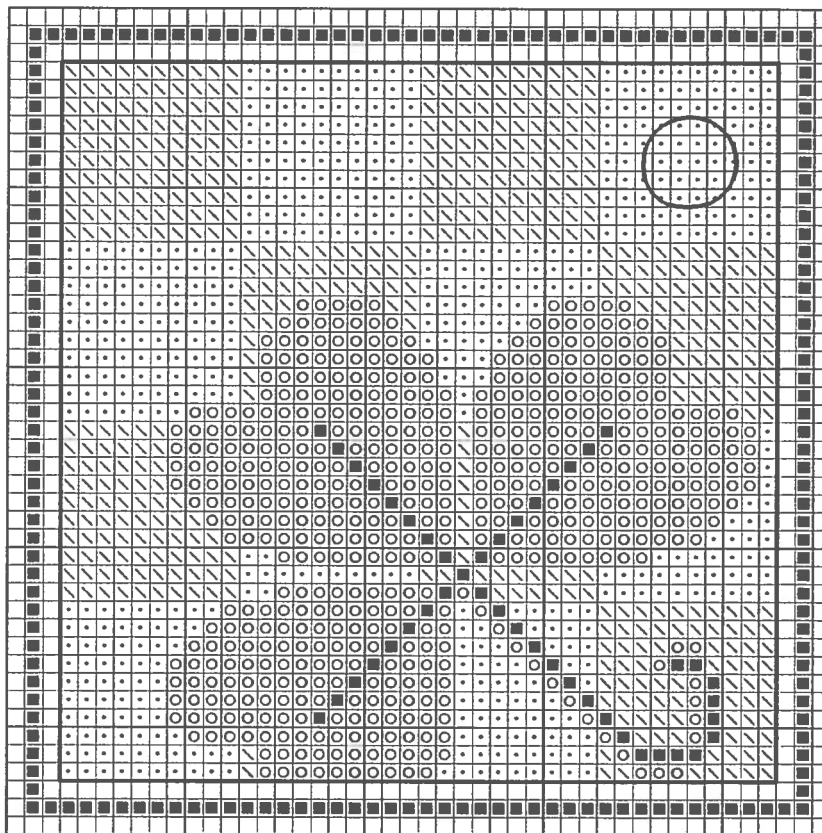
520 W. Cherry St, North Liberty, IA

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.



MARCH - SHAMROCK

Stitch count: 44h x 44w – approx. 3”h x 3”w ♥ 28ct Old Lace Country French linen from Wichelt (#86-269) stitched over two.
 or 14ct Old Lace Country French Soft Touch Aida (#367-269)



Rainbow Gallery Fibers - 1 card each

- FT4 Soft Sheen Fyre Werks® Loden Green – 1 strand
- H630 Hi-Lights Antique Gold – 1 strand
- P76 Pebbly Perle® Dark Olive – 1 ply
- S809 Splendor® Dark Purple – 2 ply
- ∖ S1049 Splendor® Brass – 2 ply

After completing all cross stitches, back stitch with 1 strand Antique Gold Hi-Lights around the edge of the main design area as indicated by the solid line on the chart. Attach the round 4-leaf shamrock charm where indicated by the large circle in the upper right corner with some of your Dark Purple Splendor®. (*charm #80135AG from By Jupiter!*)

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more designs by Linda Stolz

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Model framed by Homespun Corner, Clarksville TN with Wood 'N Needle Crafts #FF G LL (Forest Green)