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Indicates change

In person events (meetings, SIPs, and lunches) are weather permitting.

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Calendar

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 - 6:45 pm

6:45 - 7:15 pm

7:15 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Teams

Log in to Teams (6:15 pm); social/stitching time

Board and business meetings

Study topic – State Fair Recap and Yo-Yo/Dorset Button Ornament.

Saturday, October 10

1:00 - 1:30 pm

1:30 - 2:00 pm

2:00 - 4:00

Monthly meeting – North Liberty Library and Teams

Social/stitching time; log in to Teams

Chapter business meeting

Study topic – Yo-Yo/Dorset Button Ornament

Tuesday, November 17

6:00 - 6:45 pm

6:45 - 7:15 pm

7:15 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Teams

Log in to Teams (6:15 pm); social/stitching time

Chapter business meeting

Study topic – Nordic Gnome. Kick off WIP Challenge

Tuesday, December 15

6:00 - 6:45 pm

6:45 - 7:15 pm

7:15 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting –Teams

Social/stitching time; log in to Teams

Board and business meetings

Study topic – WIP Challenge

Tuesday, January 19

6:00 - 6:45 pm

6:45 - 7:15 pm

7:15 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting –Teams

Social/stitching time; log in to Teams

Business meeting

Study topic – WIP Challenge

Tuesday, February 16

6:00 - 6:45 pm

6:45 - 7:15 pm

7:15 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting –Teams

Social/stitching time; log in to Teams

Business meeting

Study topic – WIP Challenge

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

Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4605737459498550>



Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, August 18, 2026

Business Meeting

- President Cindy Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Members present – Cindy Baldwin, Joan Ackerman, Julia Ackerman, Joyce Pencook, Kareen Strumpel, Robin Rossignol, Jamie Randall, Connie Rosene
- Officer Reports
 - o June and July minutes approved
 - o Treasurer Report – No treasurer's report.

Old Business

- Secretary materials transferred to new office holder. Still need to transfer President, Treasurer and Membership.
- State Fair –
 - o Robin taught 2 classes and Cindy demonstrated on Sunday, August 23rd.
 - o Fair results are posted

New Business

- Need to audit financial books.
- Venmo renewal needed.
- Website file update (Cindy B).
- Chapter report has been filed with National.

Announcements

- August 29 Stitch in Public August 29 at Bistro at Blooms in Cedar Rapids
- Next meeting September 15 at Knights of Columbus

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Ackerman
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 3rd Tuesday of every month (except May, July, and October) starting with a social time at 6:00 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 Teams. Meetings in December, January, and February will be held on Teams only, starting with Teams login/social time at 6:15 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Meetings in May, July, and October are 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 Teams.

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.

State Fair Results

Congratulations to the ribbon winners. Thank you for your participation and support of the Fair. Start thinking about what you might enter next year (maybe your WIP challenge piece???).

- **Counted Thread Techniques**
 - o Sweepstakes award: Robin Rossignol
 - o Hardanger Embroidery: Robin Rossignol – 1st
 - o Mixed Technique Picture:
 - Robin Rossignol – 1st and Best of Show
 - o Holiday Ornaments or Holiday Decoration:
 - Robin Rossignol – 1st
 - o Swedish Weaving: Robin Rossignol – 3rd
 - o 3 Dimensional: Robin Rossignol – 2nd
- **Needlepoint**
 - o Sweepstakes award: Robin Rossignol
 - o Picture up to 25 inches: Cindy Baldwin – 1st
 - o Picture over 25 inches: Robin Rossignol – 2nd
 - o Mixed Techniques or Sampler:
 - Cindy Baldwin – 1st and Best of Show
 - Robin Rossignol – 2nd
 - o Item Made with Mixed Fibers
 - Robin Rossignol – 1st
 - Cindy Baldwin – 3rd
 - o Holiday Decoration / Stocking / Ornaments: Cindy Baldwin – 3rd
 - o 40 Count Silk Gauze: Robin Rossignol – 1st
 - o 3-Dimensional: Robin Rossignol – 2nd

September Study Topic – State Fair Recap and Yo-Yo/Dorset Button Ornament

For the yo-yo, you will need a 6½" round piece of fabric (quilt fabric works well). Don't worry if it isn't exactly 6½", just find something that is about that size to serve as your template. You will also need a sharp needle and floss or sewing thread.

We will learn to make a Dorset button in our October meeting. The Chapter will provide 1" and 1½" plastic rings. We will work on the 1" ring in the meeting (because it won't take as long to wrap). You will need to bring #8 pearl cotton.

Future Study Topics

Thanks to everyone for suggesting projects and voting. We chose the projects with the most votes, and the tentative schedule is below. We'll adjust the schedule if necessary as we go along.

- October –Yo-Yo (September)/Dorset Button Ornament (October).
- November – Nordic Gnome, Kick off WIP Challenge.
- December, January, February 2027 – WIP Challenge
- March, April 2027 – Hilton Head, Marilyn Owen. Needle Pointers, September/October 2021, pages 30-37.
- May 2027 – Diamond Elegance II, Barbara Richardson. Needle Pointers, July 2013, pages 32-33.

- June, July 2027 – Sedona Sunset, Kurdy Biggs. Needle Pointers, May/June 2025, pages 24-31.
- August, September, October 2027 – Fiesta, Mary Knapp. Needle Pointers, July/Aug 2022, pages 24-36.

We are going to put off the Art Deco Tree, Deborah Reichert. (Needle Pointers, November/December 2024, pages 38-61.) We need someone to take the lead on the project and right now, no one is ready to do that.

ANG's Quarterly Stitch for this quarter is a small (2 ¾" x 2 ¾") blackwork project that would make a good biscornu. It includes a brief history of blackwork and describes three methods for stitching blackwork designs. If you are interested, go to the Quarterly Stitch page (<https://www.needlepoint.org/page/QUARTERLY-STITCH>), **before the end of September**, and download the file (you do need to be logged in).

Podcasts and Videos

- Threedles videos <https://threedles.com/videos/> If you need help with the stitches on the Nordic Gnome.
- Infinity cording or marrying cording so you hide beginning and end!
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=saved&v=874716041601181>

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Photos of the 13 tapestries. Click on each photo to learn about each one. <https://www.americastapestry.com/tapestries>
- What three female figures in the Bayeux tapestry reveal about medieval women <https://theconversation.com/what-three-female-figures-in-the-bayeux-tapestry-reveal-about-medieval-women-289344>
- The History of Goldwork Embroidery: From Ancient Civilisations to European Mastery <https://golden-hinde.co.uk/the-history-of-goldwork-embroidery-from-ancient-civilisations-to-european-mastery>
- Comparing Hand Embroidery Thread Weights: A Complete Guide <https://shopwonderfil.com/comparing-hand-embroidery-thread-weight/>

Needlework Holidays

- September is National Needlepoint Month.
- July 25th is National Thread the Needle Day.
- July 30th is World Embroidery Day.
- August 8th is World Cross Stitch Day.
- Stitch in Public day (Feb 1st) and the entire month of February is National Embroidery Month.

Editor's Note

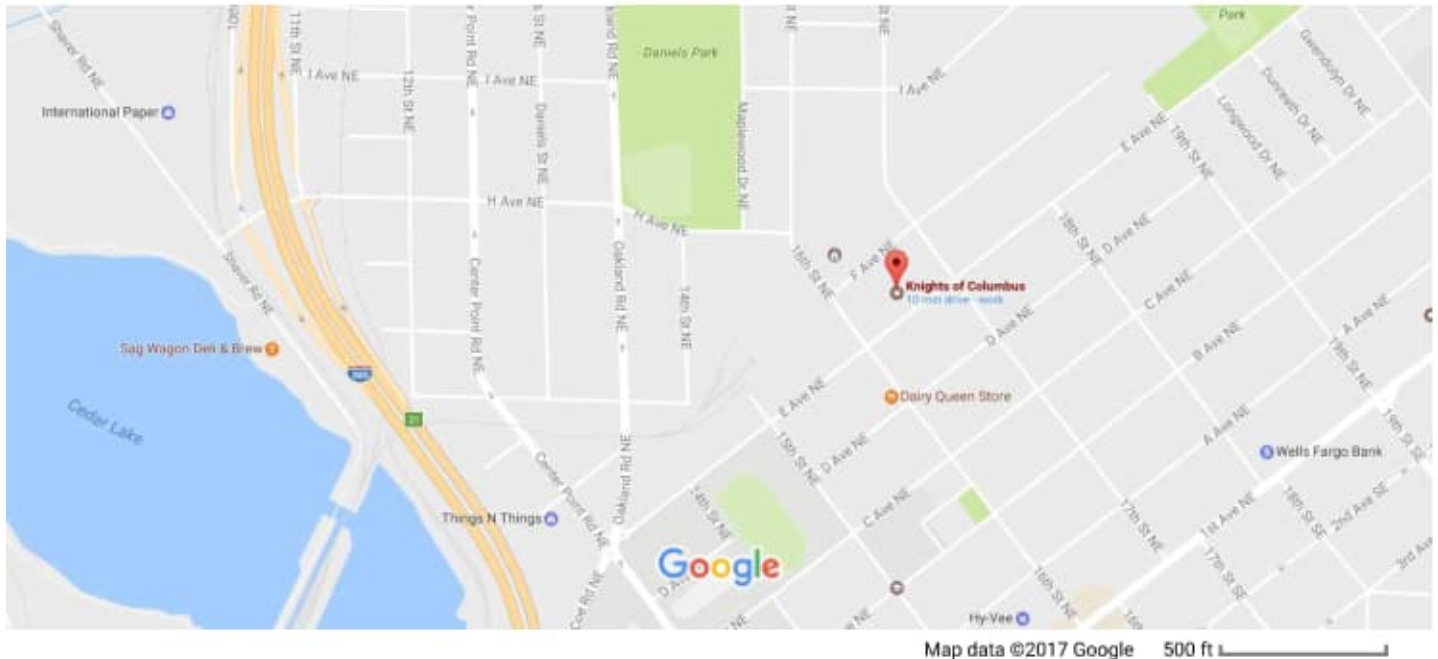
Items included in the newsletter are ones that I think the membership might be interested in. I'm also happy to include news items or suggestions you send me, so please feel free to send things to me for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Cindy

Directions to Knights of Columbus Hall

1620 E Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

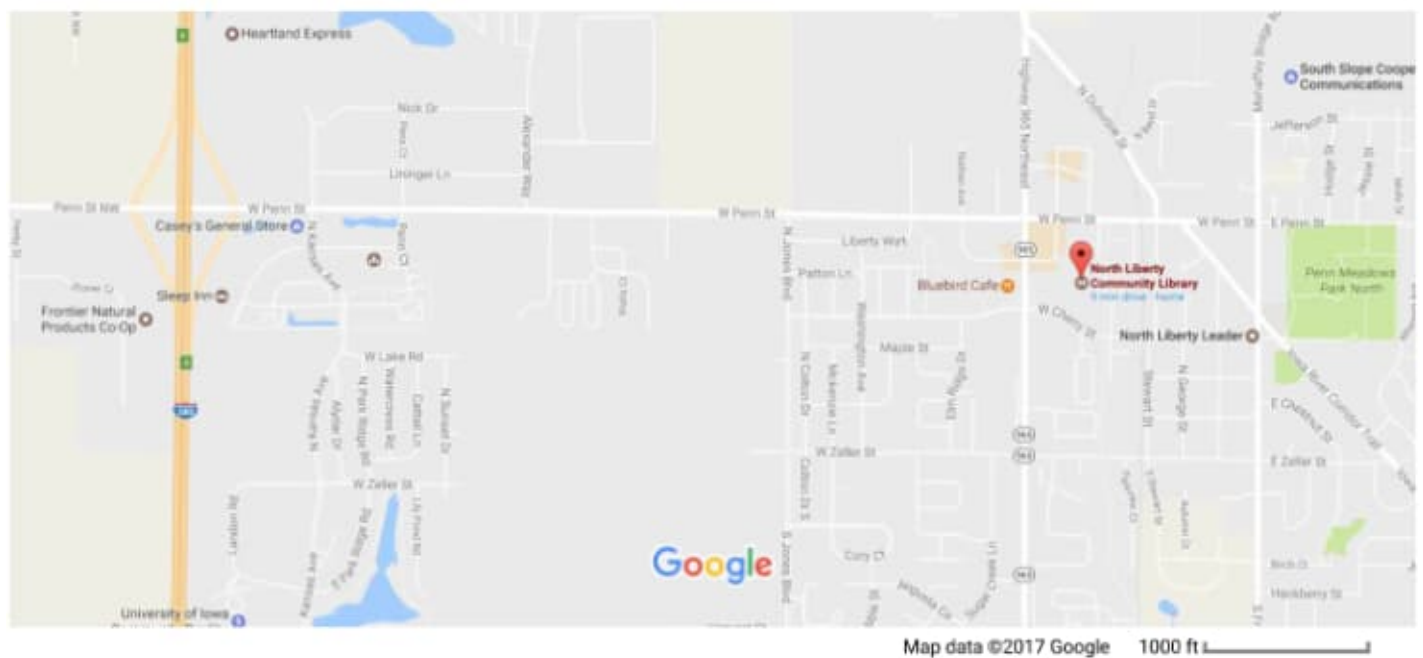
From I380, take the H Avenue exit. Turn onto H Ave NE. Turn right onto 16th St NE. Turn left onto E Ave NE. The Knights of Columbus Hall is on the left.



Directions to 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.



susan portra design for Rainbow Gallery

August 1989

8" x 8" - 18 mono

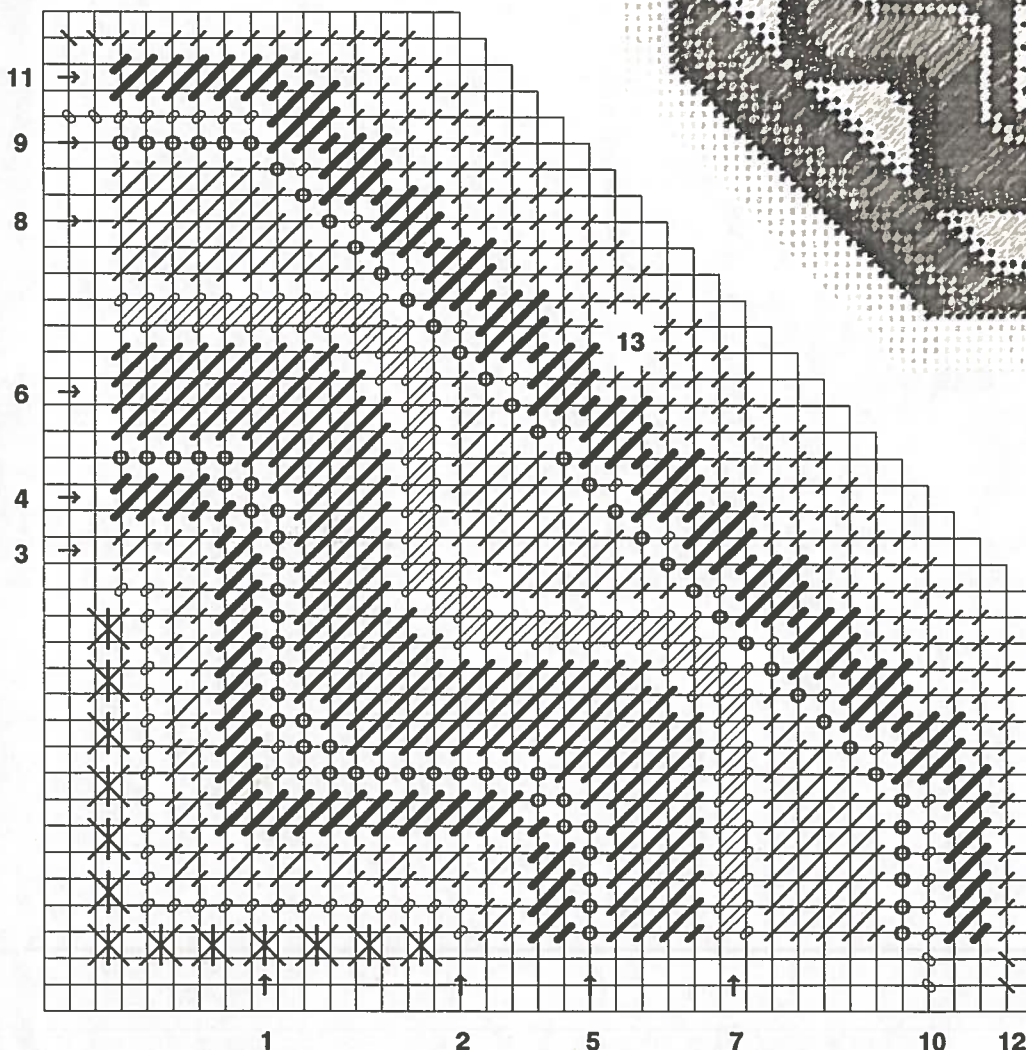
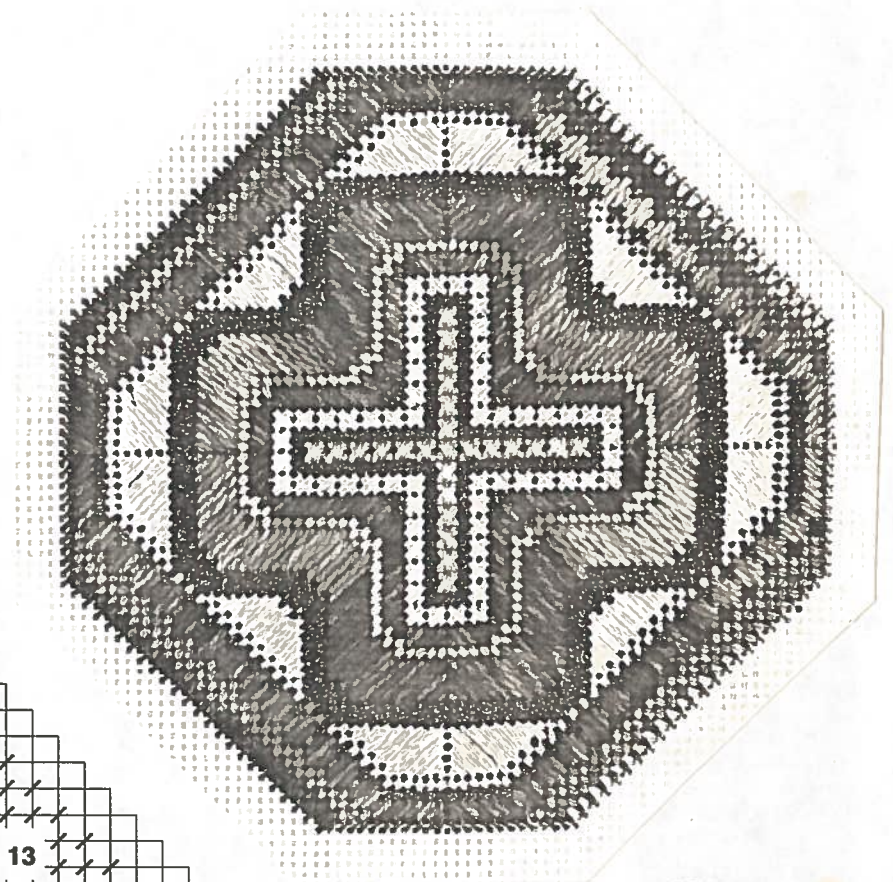
Fibers—1 card each

Overture, Neon Rays, Pebbly Perle & Fyre Werks

This design is a quarter—reverse direction of stitches at each quadrant.

Possible fiber color choices: V 35, N 05, F 36, P 17 OR V 58, N 48, F 2, P 15

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1. Pebbly Perle (as is)
2. Fyre Werks
3. Neon Rays
4. 1 ply Overture
5. 4 ply Pebbly Perle
6. 1 ply Overture
7. Fyre Werks
8. Neon Rays
9. 3 ply Pebbly Perle
10. Fyre Werks
11. 1 ply Overture
12. 1 ply Overture
13. 1 ply Overture
Basketweave

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