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

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Calendar

Saturday, July 11

2:00 - 2:30 pm

2:30 - 3:00 pm

3:00 - 5:00

Tuesday, August 18

6:00 - 7:00 pm

7:00 - 7:15 pm

7:15 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 - 6:45 pm

6:45 - 7:15 pm

7:15 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 10

1:00 - 1:30 pm

1:30 - 2:00 pm

2:00 - 4:00

Tuesday, November 17

1:00 - 1:30 pm

1:30 - 2:00 pm

2:00 - 4:00

Tuesday, December 15

6:00 - 6:45 pm

6:45 - 7:15 pm

7:15 - 8:30 pm

Monthly meeting – North Liberty Library and Teams

Social/stitching time; log in to Teams

Chapter business meeting

Study topic – Finishing – Nametag and Sea Urchin

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Teams

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

Business meeting

Study topic – Nordic Gnome

Stitch-in-Public at the Iowa State Fair, Room A
(Varied Industries Building, 1st floor)

Monthly meeting – Knights of Columbus and Teams

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

Board and business meetings

Study topic – Yo-Yo/Dorset Button Ornament

Monthly meeting – North Liberty Library and Teams

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Monthly meeting –Teams

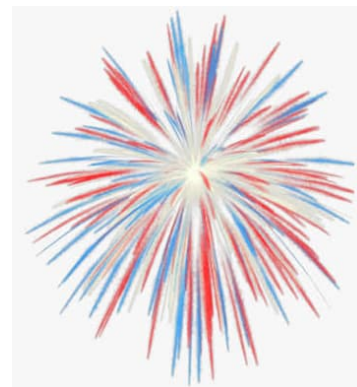
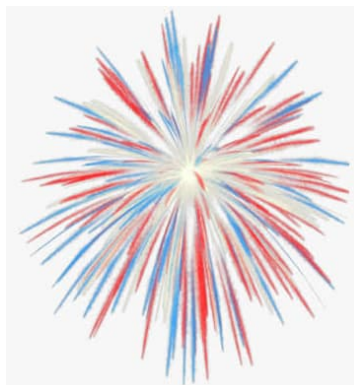
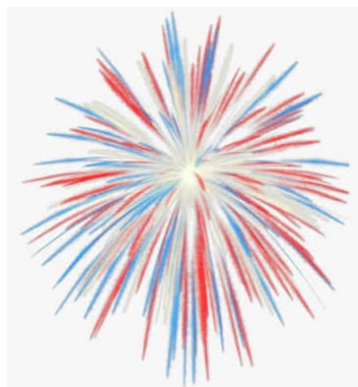
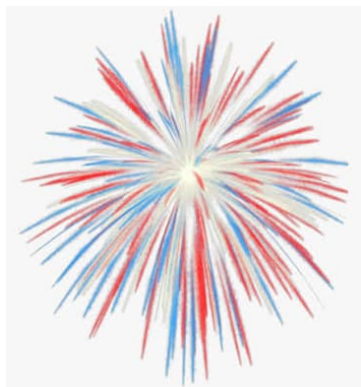
Social/stitching time; log in to Teams

Board and business meetings

Study topic – Art Deco Tree

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, June 16, 2026**Board Meeting**

- President Heidi Parker called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
- Officers present – Heidi Parker, Cindy Baldwin, Robin Rossignol, Connie Rosene, Jamee Klein
- Members present – Joan Ackerman, Julia Ackerman, Jamie Randall, Kareen Strumpel, Ruth Topp
- Guest – Cindy Ackerman

Old Business

- Slate of officers
 - o President – Cindy Baldwin
 - o President Elect – Robin Rossignol
 - o VP Membership – Jamee Klein
 - o Secretary – Julia Ackerman
 - o Treasurer – Jamie Randall

New Business

- None

Business Meeting

- President Heidi Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Officer Reports
 - o Secretary Report – Approved as published.
 - o Treasurer Report – May Balance - \$1,538.16.
 - Domain, state fair, and rent paid will show in June.
 - o Membership Report
 - Nothing to report.
 - Reach out to National to get information on new ANG members in Iowa listed in March/April Needle Pointers. Connie will reach out to them. (Laura Sohn and Teresa Simmons)

Old Business

- New officers – please get with predecessors and be prepared to take on roles.
- July Meeting – finishing nametags and sea urchin. Make sure to bring materials. Read the instructions for the nametag and sea urchin.
- State Fair – Stitch In Public the last Sunday, August 23rd.

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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Blue Ribbon ANG Chapter Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2026 (cont.)New Business

- State Fair
 - o Deadline is end of month (July 1st).
 - o All divisions same as last year.
 - o New Division – America 250. Needlework is one class. Anything red, white, and blue.
 - o Drop off the last Saturday in July.
 - o Ask if you have any questions or if you need help with divisions.

Upcoming Events

- 7/11 - Member meeting – North Liberty Library
- 8/18 - Member meeting – Knights of Columbus
- 8/23 – Stitch in Public at Iowa State Fair

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Program/Study Topic

- Twisted Cord

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Parker

Nametag

Please remember to wear your nametags at meetings and when we are stitching in public.

New Member

Cindy Ackerman joined at the meeting. Welcome, Cindy!

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.

July Study Topic – Finishing Nametag and Sea Urchin

Please read the instructions for finishing the nametag that are attached with this newsletter. It has a good list of the supplies you will need. If you want to work on the finishing during the meeting, you will also need a sharp needle and scissors for cutting excess canvas. If you don't have clothes pins, binder clips or sewing clips will work. The finishing instructions for Sea Urchin in the magazine are also informative.

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.

- August – Nordic Gnome, Kurdy Biggs.
- September, October – Yo-Yo (September)/Dorset Button Ornament (October).
- November – Nordic Gnome, Kurdy Biggs.
- December, January, February 2027 – Art Deco Tree, Deborah Reichert. Needle Pointers, November/December 2024, pages 38-61.
- 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.

Blogs

- Needlepoint Academy: A 30-Day Series to Help You Start Stitching! <https://thirdcoaststitches.com/blogs/news/needlepoint-academy-a-30-day-series-to-help-you-start-stitching> Aimed at beginners, but the videos are well done.
- Thread Organization Apps UPDATED <https://chillyhollownp.blogspot.com/2026/06/thread-organization-apps.html> Good summary of thread organization apps if you're looking for one.
- Needlepoint Tent Stitch: Fun Facts <https://poppymonkneedlepointkits.com/blogs/the-5-minute-needlepoint-blog/needlepoint-tent-stitch-fun-facts>

Interesting Needlework and Related Info on the Internet

- Diana Beltrán Herrera's Embroidered Paper Sculptures Mimic Plants and Wildlife <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2026/06/diana-beltran-herrera-embroidered-paper-sculptures/>

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

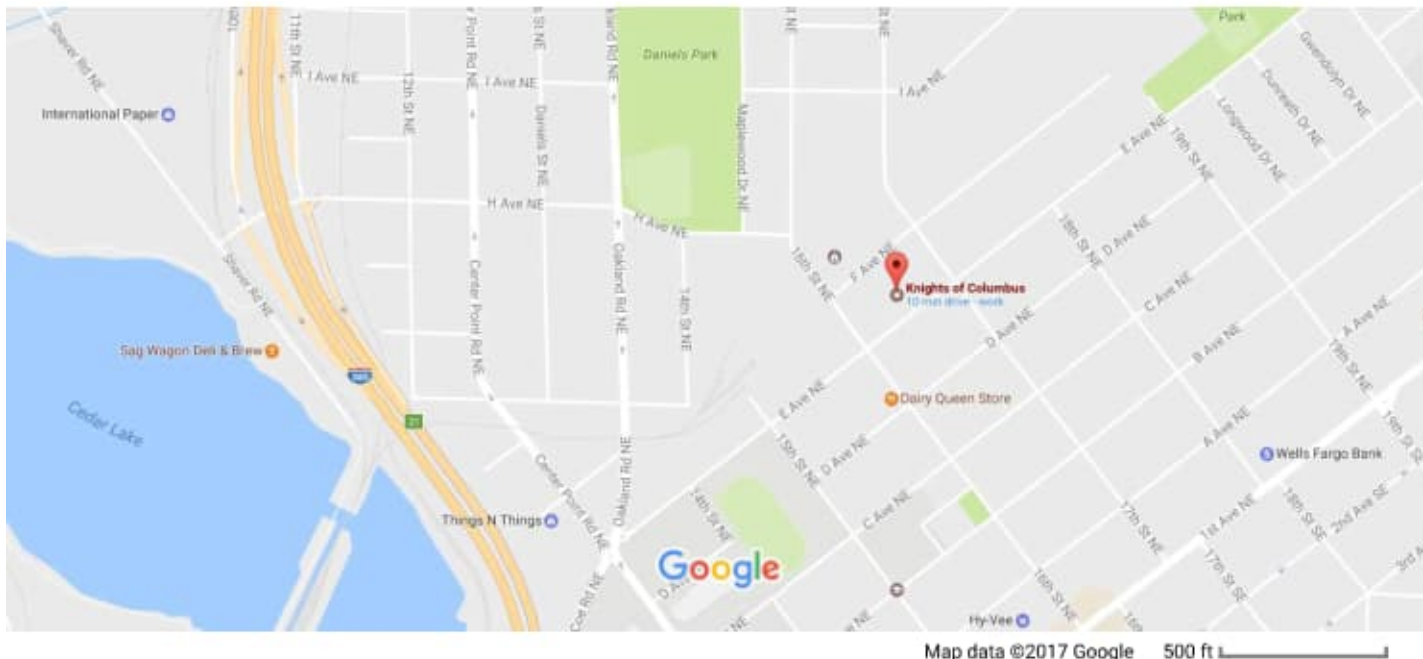
Items included in the newsletter are ones that I think the membership might be interested in. I'm also happy to include news items or suggestions you send me, so please feel free to send things to me for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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.





America 250 Bookmark

Complimentary Pattern
by Pamela Kellogg

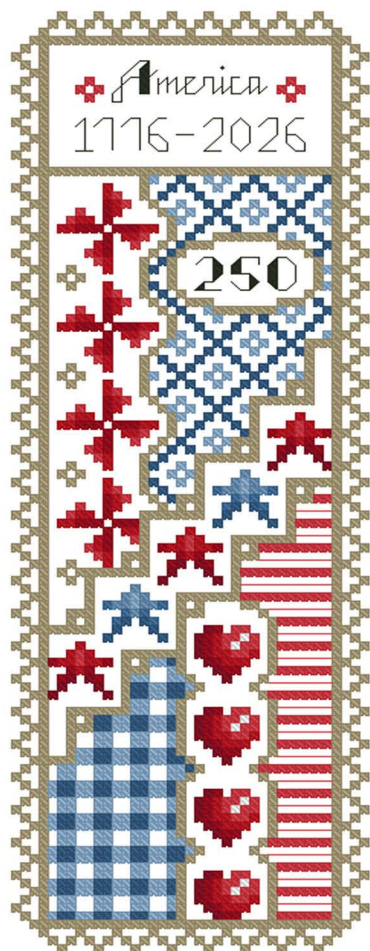
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Finished size: 2 3/4 in w 8 1/8 in h
Fabric: 14 ct white Aida
Threads: DMC

	304		666
	310		3755
	312		3801
	321		White
	322		002 Kreinik #4
	334		(1 strand)

Backstitching
1 strand

	310
	3801

French knot
310 2 strands



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