

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

NEWS

November 2006

WEBSITE ADDRESS: WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG

Just a reminder....Let Lisa Green know at klg7641@comcast.net if you have a new email account.

Saturday, December 2nd - Our Holiday Meeting

Come join us for a day of outreach. In the morning, we will stitch very small decorations to adorn a little tree. This will be our gift to **Duncaster** (Retirement Community) to thank them for their generosity toward our group and to add to their holiday décor. Questions about the blackwork patterns will be discussed, and a "sweet" door prize will be won by some lucky person. The meeting will take place at the Duncaster conference room, and a luncheon has been arranged for us. On your [registration coupon](#), please choose the lunch you would like to order.

What to bring: Show and tell – something of interest to you, or a project you are working on

Please fill in the [registration form](#) and send your check to Linda Berry by Tuesday, November 29th.

Schedule for the Day: 10 am to 3 pm

10 AM to 12:30 PM **Stitching and show and tell**

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM **Lunch**

1:30 PM to 3 PM **Short meeting and finishing the ornaments**

Here are directions to Duncaster: (Official address is 40 Loeffler Road, Bloomfield, CT, but we would like you to enter the building on the Mountain Avenue side)

84 Westbound from Manchester:

*Take Rt. 291, exit 61. Follow Rt. 291 to Rt. 218 exit. Take left onto Rt. 218. Follow for about 3 miles. Take right onto Rt. 189 and follow to the center of Bloomfield. Take a left on Rt. 178. Continue straight on Rt. 178 for 1.4 miles. To use the new front entrance, turn right onto Mountain Avenue and continue approx. ½ mile to entrance on the left into Duncaster. From the Loeffler Road entrance or the Mountain Avenue entrance, once on the campus, **visitors should follow the signs to the Aquatics & Fitness Center Entrance.***

84 Eastbound from Farmington:

*Take exit 41. Go left on South Main St. [which becomes North Main St. at West Hartford Center] for 4.6 miles to Rt. 185. Turn left on Rt. 185 for 1.8 miles. Turn right on Rt. 178. To use the new front entrance, after about ½ mile turn left onto Mountain Avenue and continue approx. ½ mile to entrance on the left into Duncaster. From the Loeffler Road entrance or the Mountain Avenue entrance, once on the campus, **visitors should follow the signs to the Aquatics & Fitness Center Entrance.***

91 [North or South]:

Take exit 36. Go west on Rt. 178 for 4.5 miles to the center of Bloomfield. At the traffic light continue straight on Rt. 178 for 1.4 miles. To use new front entrance, turn right onto Mountain Avenue and continue approx. ½ mile to

entrance on the left into Duncaster. From the Loeffler Road entrance or the Mountain Avenue entrance, once on the campus, **visitors should follow the signs to the Aquatics & Fitness Center Entrance.**

Saturday, February 3rd (Snow date: Feb. 10th)

Our meeting this month will be a wonderful day with needlework judge Karen Duggan. Her talk will be about how to improve our work. From selecting ground material, threads, colors and stitches to framing, what are the right and wrong decisions we are making that will positively or negatively affect a judge's score. She will bring a few pieces for demonstration and would like members to bring pieces for mock judging. It is best if the pieces are NOT ones that are dear to your heart so that no feelings will be hurt if errors are found or negative comments presented. Karen is very enthusiastic and encouraging, so this day should give us lots of ideas to produce better work.

Saturday, April 14th

Sneak preview: we will work a small piece of crewel embroidery.

Saturday, June 2nd

Catherine Jordan will be coming to our chapter to teach a one-day workshop.

Come to this exciting and fun-filled class as we explore basic color principles to help you make more effective color choices. This class will cover tips for using over-dyed threads to control color, so you can more confidently select and use color. More information will be available in the next issue, but mark your calendars now so you don't miss this class.

Saturday and Sunday, October 13th & 14th

Another wonderful opportunity! We have been able to hire **Margaret Vant Erve** to come here for a two-day class. She is an exciting teacher that Julia met at the National Seminar in Richmond. Her background as an artist makes her approach to stitching more interesting because of her perspective. Below is a picture of the class piece that will be offered and a description of the class:

Spring Garden by Margaret Vant Erve

2 day workshop - basic surface embroidery knowledge required

Project size - 8" x 6"

The spring garden is probably the most delightful vision for the Canadian gardener. After a long winter it is wonderful to witness the profusion of colour that emerges from the ground. This embroidered garden features some standard favourites; Siberian irises, tulips and daffodils nestle in front of bleeding hearts while scattered in the foreground are dandelions and forget-me-nots. This class will teach the student how to use combinations of simple surface embroidery stitches to create each of the flowers in this dense garden. DMC flosses are used on Habotai silk.



FUTURE MEETING DATE

Saturday, December 3, 2007

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (All members are welcome)

Tuesdays November 14th, January 9th, March 13th & May 8th

Stitching Getaways: The following is the schedule for the **West Side Day** group. They will meet in the months that we do not have a chapter meeting, and a focus for each meeting is listed below:

November 14 Bead Encased Cabochon explanation by Linda Berry

January 9 Show and tell

The **West Side Day** group will be meeting from 10 AM to 1:30 PM at Suzanne Newton's house in West Simsbury. Bring along your lunch and a project you are working on and/or any project you would like to share. **Please email or phone Suzanne at sfnjsn@sbcglobal.net or 860-658-2037 if you plan to attend.**

Pequot Colony - The New London Library has been undergoing major renovation since October of 2005. Rather than trying to find another room where they can meet, they have decided to have their stitch-ins at various members' homes. The schedule for December, January and February is as follows:

December - No meeting

January - Doris Boas'

February - JoAnne Kolboski's

Barb Crum's house will be backup for any month that the hostess named isn't available. Doris will be a backup for Barb, especially in the winter.

If more information is needed, call Doris Boas at 860-572-8441, or email at ndboas@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATES: April 20, 21 and 22, 2007

Needles by the Lake

NER's seminar will be held April 20, 21, and 22, 2007 at the [Wyndham Burlington Hotel](#) in beautiful [Burlington, Vermont](#). Hopefully you have received your copy of the brochure by the time you are reading this. If not, please email Lisa at klg7641@comcast.net or Julia at juliaappell@comcast.net and we will happily send one to you.

We encourage all of you to attend. Rooms have been set aside for us, so don't worry about finding a roommate. Both of us will make arrangements for someone to share a room with you, and we are happy to drive anyone who would like to carpool. Just let us know if you want us to set up your room and/or give you a ride as soon as you can.

Look the offerings over carefully and register right away in order to get your first choice.

The hotel is right on Lake Champlain, and the seminar plans sound exciting. It should be a beautiful time of year for a weekend away, so consider it a playtime that you deserve.

CRVC Program Registration Form - December 2nd Meeting

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 203 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107-3201.

The deadline for signing up for this meeting is November 29th.

_____ I have enclosed a check for **\$20** made out to **CRVC** to pay for my lunch.

My choice of entrée is _____ Roasted Beef Tenderloin

_____ Fish

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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\$47. Primary Membership
\$15. Plural Membership (NER)
\$18. Plural Membership (not
NER)

For a membership card, please
enclose a SASE.

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Check # _____

Date Pd. _____

CRVC-EGA Membership and Address Change Form

Mail your completed form to: Suzanne Newton, CRVC-EGA Membership,
14 Madison Lane, West Simsbury, CT 06092.

Make check payable to **CRVC-EGA**. Enclose SASE for membership card.

- Address Change
- CRVC Primary Membership (\$47)
- Plural Membership, Primary Chapter in New England Region (\$15)
- Plural Membership, Primary Chapter *not* in New England Region (\$18)

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