

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

NEWS

May 2014

WEBSITE ADDRESS: [WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG](http://WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG)

Slate of Officers elected at the April meeting:

President - Kathryn Lord  
VP Education - Lisa Green  
VP Membership - Suzanne Newton  
Secretary - Nancy Bancroft  
Treasurer - Linda Berry

Friday & Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

**"My Thoughts of Spring Band Sampler" – Catherine Theron**  
(A Foley/Cornelius Teacher)

Create a 17<sup>th</sup> century inspired counted thread band sampler using silk flosses in rich shades of red, green, gold, blue and brown. This sampler measures 5" x 30" and is worked on 35-count cream linen.

Stitches used include Double Running, Long-Arm Cross, Montenegrin, Diagonal Cross, Satin, Queen, Diagonal Queen, Upright Cross, Algerian Eye, Double Straight Cross, Gobelin, Smyrna Cross, Cross-Stitch Over One, Four-Sided, Chain, Diamond Eyelet, Padded Satin, Buttonhole Bar, Detached Buttonhole, Spiral Trellis, Palestrina Knots and Bullion Knots.

The top section of this rich, textured piece features polychromatic bands with strawberries and flowers. The saying "How blest is she among the fair by gentlest stars inclined, who cherishes with love sincere the virtues of the mind" is interspersed between the bands.

The bottom section of this sampler is monochromatic and is worked using two weights of cream silk to enhance the texture and design.

This piece is recommended for the intermediate to advanced counted thread student. There is no pre-work or prerequisites required.

**Schedule for Friday and Saturday:**

<b>9:30 AM to 12:15 pm</b>	<b>Program</b>
<b>12:15 to 1 PM</b>	<b>Lunch and brief meeting</b>
<b>1 PM to 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Program</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Show and tell</b>

Here are directions to Duncaster: (Official address is 40 Loeffler Road, Bloomfield, CT)  
(follow signs to the Aquatic Center)

*From Rt. 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. Our meeting takes place in the conference room one floor above the entrance level (4<sup>th</sup> floor).***

*From Rt. 84 Eastbound [from Farmington]:*

*Take exit 41. Go left on South Main Street [which becomes North Main Street 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. Our meeting takes place in the conference room one floor above the entrance level (4<sup>th</sup> floor).***

*From Rt. 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 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. Our meeting takes place in the conference room one floor above the entrance level (4<sup>th</sup> floor).***

## Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

### Trip to the Florence Griswold Museum

An exhibit of fairy houses on the grounds of the museum will be open from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year's theme is "Alice in Wonderland." We will meet at the museum at 11am on this Saturday to see the display and enjoy a lovely lunch at Café Flo, located on the veranda overlooking the Lieutenant River. Please sign up by using the coupon at the end of this newsletter. Your costs will be the admission fee of \$15 (adults) or \$14 (seniors over 62) and your lunch. We will plan to carpool if you need a ride. A [coupon](#) is attached to the end of this newsletter.

## Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

### "Miniature Knotwork" – Teresa Layman (A Foley/Cornelius Teacher)

Teresa will present a program about her amazing knotwork designs. This will be a chance to hear the story of how her work has progressed, especially interesting because of her gingerbread houses that were chosen for Christmas stamps this year. She will bring models to show as well. There will be a kit cost of \$20. This will include everything you need except scissors. A [coupon](#) is attached to the end of this newsletter.

## Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Studio Time** - Bring in your projects and any questions you would like to ask

## Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon** - Plan to join us as we celebrate this milestone

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Region Day  
September 27, 2014  
Strawbery Banke in Portsmouth, NH

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**Save the date**  
**Stitching-Go-Round NER Seminar 2015**  
**April 24-26, 2015**  
**Sheraton Providence Airport Hotel**  
**Warwick, RI**

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**Announcing the next Group Correspondence Course offered by NER :**

**Poppies** taught by Luan Callery

NER is paying all registration fees associated with the class. Each student pays only the cost of the instruction booklet and supplies, plus \$10.00 towards the postage costs.

The cost of the class is \$45.00, which includes the \$35.00 text fee and the \$10.00 postage fee. You will receive an instruction booklet for the class. You are responsible for providing all other supplies.

Registration deadline is **May 30, 2014**. Booklets will be received by the group leader approximately 8 to 10 weeks after that.

A registration form for the class is below, with the specific details about the class on the next page.

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## Poppies Group Correspondence Course Registration form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**EGA Membership Number (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

The registration deadline is **May 30, 2014**.

Please send this form along with a check in the amount of \$45.00 made payable to "NER EGA" to:  
Kari Boardman, 46 Alicia Drive, Taunton, MA 02780

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### ***Poppies* (Teacher: Luan Callery)**

Inspired by the colors of summer, and using Appleton Wool to capture the feel of these vibrant crewel flowers, *Poppies* takes a modern approach to a traditional needlework technique, creating a floral design that is simple and pleasing to any taste.

As embroidery is an individualized art, so should color and texture be. You may select purple, red, yellow, or whatever color you fancy. Four different color combinations are listed but you are encouraged to choose your favorite. Ground fabric can be moiré as shown or a closely woven fabric. Guidelines are provided to help you create a piece suitable to your unique style.

This crewel piece uses thread painting techniques to accent the shadows and add depth. Appleton is medium-weight crewel wool with a loft making it quite forgiving - very helpful for those who fear long and short shading. To further help achieve success, diagrams are provided throughout the text to guide the direction of your stitches.

Long and short is the primary stitch used to blend the various hues of the petals. Long split stitches make up the stems. Fine details are completed with back stitches, seeding, and bullion knots in DMC floss.

**Teacher:** Luan Callery

**Project:** Poppies (Framed Piece)

**Size:** 5" x 5"

**Fabric:** Off white moiré and muslin, 12" x 12"

**Threads:** Appleton crewel wool, DMC cotton embroidery floss

**Colors:** Green, blue, yellow, rust, and poppy in red oranges; alternatives available for yellow, purple, or red/pink poppies

**Proficiency Level:** Intermediate/advanced

**Prerequisites:** Knowledge of long and short shading desirable

**Time:** Six months

**Supplies (approximate):** \$25.00

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**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** (All members are welcome)

Location: Thistle Needleworks at 10 am

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

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**CRVC Program Registration Form -- Trip to the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme  
on Oct. 4th**

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

**The deadline for signing up is Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Trip to the Florence Griswold Museum**

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a ride

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

CRVC Program Registration Form -- **Miniature Knotwork with Teresa Layman on Dec. 6th**

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002.  
Make check payable to **CRVC-EGA**. **The deadline for signing up is Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Miniature Knotwork with Teresa Layman**

\_\_\_\_\_ Members' kit fee \$20  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Saturday (\$12)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**CRVC-EGA Membership**

\$57. Primary Membership  
\$15. Plural Membership (NER)  
\$18. Plural Membership (not NER)

For a membership card, please enclose a SASE.

Amt. Pd. \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Pd. \_\_\_\_\_  
(keep as your receipt)

**CRVC-EGA Membership and Address Change Form**

The membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. If you are joining after September 1, please contact the membership chairman for prorated dues.

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 (\$57)
- Plural Membership, Primary Chapter in New England Region (\$15)
- Plural Membership, Primary Chapter *not* in New England Region (\$18)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_