

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

NEWS

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WEBSITE ADDRESS: WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG

CRVC is looking for your best work!

We are having an exhibit at the **Duncaster Gallery** for the month of February, 2016. There is space for 20-30 pieces, depending on size, including a small amount of shelf space for three-dimensional pieces.

The Gallery regularly shows professional artists, so we want to display our finest. They do not have to be from CRVC or EGA workshops - just quality design and stitching, including from kits. We would like a range of techniques, and also participation of as many members as possible. (The pieces brought for our anniversary luncheon were really impressive - maybe a few of those?)

Please contact Kathryn Lord with a description of any work you would like to loan for our exhibit: size, title, designer, stitcher, and primary techniques used (a photo would be helpful but not required). Duncaster covers insurance for theft or vandalism, so we'll need a rough estimate of value for those pieces we include.

Contact Kathryn at: hglord@cox.net or 860-653-0301 or 403 Salmon Brook Street, Granby CT 06035. If you cannot bring your pieces to Duncaster on January 30th, we will be happy to make arrangements to bring them to the site.

This promises to be an excellent showcase for CRVC, and we hope for good participation!

Saturday, October 17th *Already Autumn is in the air, alas!*
(Please note date and program change)

Location: **Duncaster Senior Residence** in Bloomfield, CT



At our October 17th meeting we will stitch three autumn leaves, falling lightly on the earth beneath. Simple stitches worked at different angles in assorted hand-dyed and over-dyed threads make each leaf unique. Your \$10.00 kit will include the design on 18-mesh Santa Fe Sage canvas, threads of different types to add texture, a needle, and complete stitch instructions. All you need to supply is five-inch by five-inch stretcher bars and a pair of embroidery scissors.

Register soon -- kits are limited ~!~

A [coupon](#) is attached to the end of this newsletter. **The deadline for signing up is October 10th.**

Saturday, December 5th

"Elegant Holiday Tree" designed by Mary Waldsmith

This ornament is a Petit Project in canvas work from the EGA Education Department, with a skill level of beginner, so it can be stitched up quickly.

It is worked on 18-count canvas in Neon Rays, Caron Impressions, Caron Watercolours, and Kreinik braid. Stitches include basketweave, Milanese, Cashmere, and Scotch (or Hesitation), with the braid mixed in with the other threads for added sparkle. Stitching hints and several suggestions for finishing are included.

This meeting will take place at **Duncaster Senior Residence** in Bloomfield, CT.

A [coupon](#) is attached to the end of this newsletter. **The deadline for signing up is December 1st.**

Saturday, January 30th, 2016

Our February meeting will take place at **Duncaster Senior Residence** in Bloomfield, CT on this date, beginning at 9 am. Exhibit pieces will be handed over to those who will display them in their gallery.

Sunday, February 7th, 2016

Reception from 4 to 5:30 pm at **Duncaster Senior Residence** in Bloomfield, CT.

Friday & Saturday, April 8th and 9th, 2016 Annual Meeting

A View from the Beach - Class with Joni Stevenson

A path across the dunes leads the viewer down to the ocean where a small boat sails across the waves. The water sparkles under a blue sky with a few puffy clouds overhead. The beach grass and beach roses add a warm contrast to the cool water beyond. This realistic scene relies on threads and stitches that are chosen for their ability to portray a realistic effect.

24 count Light Blue Congress Cloth

Random Long and Short, Random Leaf, Random Eyelet and Random Gobelin Stitches, Little Wavy Stitch, T-Stitch, Four Way Continental, Diagonal Couching Variation, Stem, Tent and Reverse Slant Tent Stitches.

The threads used are DMC cotton floss, variegated cotton floss, linen thread, cotton sewing thread, variegated silk and wool thread, silk floss, and metallic filament.

Proficiency Level: Advanced Intermediate

Design Size: 6 inches x 4.5 inches

Canvas Size: 10 inches x 9 inches

Kit Fee/Contents: \$75, 24-count Light Blue Congress cloth with line



Location: **Duncaster Senior Residence** in Bloomfield, CT.

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On Saturday, April 9th, we will hold our elections during the business meeting. Please contact Kathryn Lord (hglord@cox.net) or any other board member if you are willing to hold a position on the board. We are also happy to receive nominations for any office.

Friday & Saturday, June 3rd & 4th, 2016

"Bless This House" Sampler - Catherine Theron

This luscious sampler is worked on 32-count Summerstraw linen with a collection of silk & cotton threads in a palette of reds, greens, blues, browns, grays, & golds. The finished design size is 10" x 13".

The outer border features an undulating strawberry vine. The inner scene features two homes, a variety of trees, birds, & three beeskeps.

The biblical verses "Bless this house oh Lord we pray" & "May the Lord Bless you & keep you & make his face to shine upon you" are floating in the sky between the homes.

Stitches used include Queen Stitch, Double Running Stitch, Double Upright Cross with Backstitch, Diagonal Cross with Long Arm Cross, Stem Stitch, Spiral Trellis, Smyrna Cross, Buttonhole Stitch, Chain Stitch, Petit Point, Cross-Stitch Over One, Slanted Gobelin, Backstitch, Roman Stitch, & variations of Satin Stitch.

Kit includes linen, practice fabric, needles, all threads, charts, & directions.

Linen used is 32-count
Advanced Intermediate level

Kit fee - \$140.00

Location: **Duncaster Senior Residence** in Bloomfield, CT

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CRVC Library

Our CRVC Library has seen very little use in the last 5-10 years and therefore the Board has made the difficult decision to dissolve it. Chapter members are being offered the first opportunity to purchase the books in the library with the funds going into the education fund.

The list of books in the library is on the CRVC web site, listed both alphabetically by title -- www.crvc-ega.org/library/librarybooksbytitle.html -- and alphabetically by author -- www.crvc-ega.org/library/librarybooksbyauthor.html. If you are interested in one of more titles, please contact the chapter librarian Judie Solomon at ThisNeedle@aol.com with the title(s) and the price you are willing to pay for that title. Once you are notified that the books are yours, please arrange to pick them up at [Thistle Needleworks](#). If you prefer to have your book(s) mailed to you, please let the librarian know and you will be informed how much the postage will be (via Media Mail).

If all the books are not distributed to members, they will be offered to other chapters and other EGA members.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING (All members are welcome)

Location: [Thistle Needleworks](#) at 10 am

Tuesday, November 10th

Announcing the next Group Correspondence Courses offered by NER :

- Keeping in Shape taught by Gwen Nelson
- Meadow Medley taught by Luan Callery

Keeping in Shape (Teacher: Gwen Nelson)



Keeping in Shape was originally called Keeping in Shape with EGA. The teacher designed this for the region directors to bead and submit for the live auction at the 2009 EGA National Seminar. The thirteen three-dimensional geometric pieces represent the thirteen EGA regions.

The student uses various techniques to make the geometric shapes. Among the techniques are circular and flat peyote to make some of the pieces. The student will also use the herringbone stitch to shape other pieces. Some of the pieces include a combination of beading techniques. The finished necklace includes an assortment of triangles, circles, rectangular solids, cylinders, and cubes. The strap is a spiral rope of seed beads and Swarovski crystals. Embellishments include Swarovski crystals and rondelles.

Teacher: Gwen Nelson

Project: Beaded necklace

Size: 16 1/2" long (Student may adjust the length to fit the wearer)

Colors: Black and Silver (Student may change the colors)

Bead/supplies: variety of seed, cube, and Swarovski beads, either Nymo thread or Fireline; beading needles; small amount of quilt batting; flexible tubing

Proficiency Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Beading experience

Time: Eight months

Supplies (approximate): \$50

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 \$35.00, which includes the \$25.00 text fee and the \$10.00 postage fee. You will receive an instruction booklet (40 pages, including color photos and diagrams) for the class. You are responsible for providing all other supplies.

Registration deadline is **November 15, 2015**. Booklets will be received by the group leader approximately 8 to 10 weeks after that.

A registration form for the class is below.

Keeping in Shape Group Correspondence Course Registration form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

EGA Membership Number (required): _____

The registration deadline is **November 15, 2015**.

Please send this form along with a check in the amount of \$35.00 made payable to "NER EGA" to:

Kari Boardman, 46 Alicia Drive, Taunton, MA 02780

Meadow Medley (Teacher: Luan Callery)

While wandering through a meadow, one might find wild roses, clover, Queen Anne's lace, wild asters and golden rod. Or, one might sit comfortably at home stitching her own medley.

DMC floss on cotton broadcloth works well to bring these meadow flowers to life. The stitches and colors are planned to enhance the design with texture and dimension while honing your embroidery skills.

Diagrams and pictures appear throughout the text. Along with the cover photograph, there is an actual size photocopy of the piece detailing each and every stitch.

Stitches used include lazy daisy with a twist, split and satin stitch, outline, French knots, bullion knots and fly stitch. Long and short shading comes into play with the aster and wild rose. There are two types of padding and the tendrils add a touch of whimsy with the creation of finely twisted cord.



Teacher: Luan Callery

Project: Framed picture

Size: 5" x 8 1/2" stitched; inside frame measures 7" by 10 1/2"

Fabric: See project description

Threads: See project description

Colors: Yellow, green, pink, lavender, blue, and brown

Proficiency Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: None

Time: 5 month

Supplies (approximate): \$15; DMC floss, broadcloth ground fabric;

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 (includes the felt, photograph, and actual size color copy of the stitched piece) for the class. You are responsible for providing all other supplies.

Registration deadline is **March 15, 2016**. Booklets will be received by the group leader approximately 8 to 10 weeks after that.

A registration form for the class is below.

Meadow Medley Group Correspondence Course Registration form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

EGA Membership Number (required): _____

The registration deadline is **March 15, 2016**.

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Kari Boardman, 46 Alicia Drive, Taunton, MA 02780

CRVC Program Registration Form -- Meeting on October 17, 2015 at Duncaster

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

Make check payable to CRVC-EGA. The deadline for signing up for this class is October 10th.

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_____ Kit fee \$10

_____ Lunch Saturday (\$12)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone#: _____

CRVC Program Registration Form -- Meeting on December 5, 2015 at Duncaster

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

Make check payable to CRVC-EGA. The deadline for signing up for this class is December 1st.

"Elegant Holiday Tree"

_____ Lunch Saturday (\$12)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone#: _____

CRVC Program Registration Form -- Class on April 8 & 9, 2016 at Duncaster

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

Make check payable to CRVC-EGA. The deadline for signing up for this class is March 8th, 2016.

"A View from the Beach" - Class with Joni Stevenson

_____ Members' kit fee \$75 = \$75

_____ Non-members' kit fee \$75 plus class cost \$20 = \$95

_____ Lunch Friday (\$12)

_____ Lunch Saturday (\$12)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone#: _____

CRVC Program Registration Form -- Class on June 3 & 4, 2016 at Duncaster

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

Make check payable to CRVC-EGA. The deadline for signing up for this class is April 30th, 2016.

"Bless This House" Sampler with Catherine Theron

_____ Members' kit fee \$140 plus class cost \$20 = \$160

_____ Non-members' kit fee \$140 plus class cost \$30 = \$170

_____ Lunch Friday (\$12)

_____ 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 \$ _____