

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

May 2019

WEBSITE ADDRESS: WWW.CRVC-EGA.ORG

Remember that dues are now paid annually by **May 1st** as the membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. Please use the coupon below to renew your membership *as soon as possible*.

Please note the new location for our meetings will be **Thistle Needleworks at 506 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield, CT**. The dates for meetings will be the first Saturdays of the even months (except August). **Directions to the store are on the Thistle Needleworks website.**

Please note the change of date from June 8 to June 1st.

Saturday, June 1st, 2019 "Tea Cozy Party"

Hopefully each member will bring a tea cozy that they are working on as we prepare them for an exhibit at the "Boston Stitch Party." As a reminder, NER is pulling together cozies from the whole region for an exhibit at the 2020 National Seminar on September 4th through 8th. A cozy can be any size, any technique, any motif or design. A basic cozy template sketch is available in past issues of the newsletter on our website. We could also share hints on how to assemble & finish a cozy.

If you don't plan to make one, please join us anyway and bring whatever stitching you would like to work on. We'd love to have your company!

Location: **Thistle Needleworks** in Wethersfield, CT

Schedule for Saturday:

10 AM

11 AM to 12:30 PM

12:30 to 1:30 PM

1:30 to 3:30 PM

Board meeting

Stitching Party

Lunch, Show and Tell and short meeting

Stitching Party (con't)

CRVC at the Durham Fair!

We have been asked by the Needlework Department of the Durham Fair to have a presence there this year, September 26-29. This will happen in a couple of ways. We will likely have stitch-ins in the afternoons on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (more on this in the September newsletter), and individual members can enter pieces finished in the last 3 years as exhibits.

Here is a link to the needlework page: www.durhamfair.com/exhibitors/needlework. This page is a work in progress; however, the 2019 categories will be almost the same as 2018 and their Challenge Class is "100 Years of the Durham Fair" (which is an additional category in each class that would pertain to something within the 100 years of the fair). Their online entries go live on July 1st, so updating will be done by then.

To enter in the Durham fair here are the Dates:

Register between 7/1 and 9/14, 2019

Drop-off articles at the Fair on 9-21-2019 between 10 am and 4 pm. (one person can drop off other people's entries)

Exhibitor Entry is free -- Cash prizes and ribbons are awarded -- Items are displayed in a secure, dry building -- Exhibitors are eligible to purchase a reduced 4 day entrance pass to the fair on the day they drop off their exhibits.

Even if you don't have anything to enter this year, consider going to the fair and cheering on those who do!

Saturday, October 5th, 2019 Autumn Fireworks



This design by Ann-Marie Anderson-Mayes at www.beautifulstitches.com.au is offered as a gift to all stitchers. It is a great way to experiment with a range of canvaswork stitches using variegated thread and three coordinating solid colors. It will work beautifully as a bookmark, as decoration on a journal cover, or perhaps as a beautiful accent on a small handbag or iPad cover. We will supply the fabric and the directions, but you get to choose your colors, from your stash or at the store.

Here is some information from the instructions:

To complete this embroidery you will need:

Congress canvas measuring at least 12 x 28cm = 4.7 in. x 11 in. (this will give you a minimum of 3cm (1.2 in) extra fabric all around the stitched area which measures 6 x 21.5cm (2.4" x 8.5").

Size 24 tapestry needle

Small, sharp embroidery scissors

Your preferred embroidery frame (I like Q-snaps but please feel free to use your favourite framing system)

Embroidery threads: This project is ideally suited to choosing your own threads. I have included the threads I used, but you won't be able to replicate them exactly as the variegated silk is a one-off that I dyed myself. Choosing your own colours is very easy. All you need is a variegated thread and three coordinating solid colours. You can use stranded silks, cottons or a combination - they will be equally effective. And your colour choices might transform this into Spring Fireworks or Beach Fireworks. The creative decisions are in your very capable hands. :)

Name Used In These Notes	My Colour	Your Colour
Variegated	My own hand dyed thread - 12 strand silk (red, yellow, green combination)	
Colour 1	Threadworx 10051 - 6 strand cotton (red)	
Colour 2	Au Ver a Soie No. 2533 - 7 strand silk (yellow)	
Colour 3	Au Ver a Soie No. 2125 - 7 strand silk (green)	

Since the chapter will pay for your fabric, please note on the sign-up form what color you would like so that it can be cut before class or choose your fabric ahead of time and let the clerks know that the cost of your fabric is to be charged to CRVC. There are many colors available, but only a few will be listed on the form.

A [coupon](#) is provided for this meeting.

Saturday, December 7th, 2019 “Elegant Diamond” box
from Denise Pratt



At this meeting we will begin to stitch this beautiful box, following Denise’s clear diagrams and directions. She will prepare colors for the kits based on your preferences as noted on the registration coupon with lots of possibilities, not just those shown above. The primary diamond color is worked in variegated floss weight silk, such as Waterlilies or Silk ‘n Colors, and the effects are so much fun to produce. It may happen that we construct the box at the February meeting, unless you need to complete it as a holiday gift.

A [coupon](#) is provided for this meeting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (All members are welcome)

Saturday, June 1st

Tuesday, September 10th at [Thistle Needleworks](#) Saturday, December 7th

CRVC Program Registration Form

"Autumn Fireworks" at Thistle Needleworks on October 5th

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Make check payable to CRVC-EGA.

"Autumn Fireworks"

_____ I plan to attend so please count me in for fabric

My color choice for fabric is White _____

Eggshell _____

Gray _____

Will get on my own _____

_____ Lunch (\$8)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone#: _____

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"Elegant Diamond" box at Thistle Needleworks on December 7th

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Make check payable to CRVC-EGA. Kits must be ordered by October 5th.

"Elegant Diamond" box

_____ Kit Fee \$70

My favorite colors for kit are 1. _____

2. _____

_____ Lunch \$8

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: Linda Berry, CRVC-EGA Membership, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

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

- Address/Email 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 \$ _____