



CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

May 2021

WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.crvc-ega.org



Hopefully, our October meeting will be at Thistle Needleworks, 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.

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.

Saturday, June 5th, 2021

Zoom class with Susan Hoekstra - "Thread for All Seasons"

"Thread For All Seasons" offers a chance to work with the design color of your choice. There are three color options from which to choose: Seasons, Jewel and Spring! After this exercise, you will better understand how colors work together and how colors work off each other. This exercise will be a real eye opener! Registrations for this class are closed.

"Thread For All Seasons" is stitched on 18-count canvas measuring 9" x 9". The finished size of this delightfully colorful piece is 6" x 6".

Class Objectives:

Learning how canvas color and threads work together is important for anyone doing needlepoint. In the piece "Thread For All Seasons" the stitcher has the opportunity to delve deeper into this relationship. The stitcher will pick out which painted canvas they like (from three color choices). A stitch guide is provided. Come play with this design, challenge your sense of color and work outside your box! Join the color revolution!

Proficiency Level: Intermediate

Kit fee: \$80

Students To Provide The Following:

Laying Tool

Scissors

Plastic Eraser

Light & Magnifier (if required)

Tacks or Stapler

Frame and/or Frameweight

Stretcher bars - 2 9" pairs



The color choices are:



Color choice: Seasons



Color choice: Spring



Color choice: Jewel

Schedule for Saturday:

10am to 10:45am	Board Meeting
10:45 to 12:30pm	Class with Susan
12:30 to 1pm	Lunch, Show and Tell, and short meeting
1 to 3:30pm	Continuation of class

Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 Crewel Project and Rozashi Plans

At this time we hope that this meeting will take place in person at [Thistle Needleworks](#). There are several copies of the same crewel kits that were donated for our use. We plan to give one to each participant with the hope each person will interpret it with their own choices of stitches and colors. Judie Solomon will review a variety of crewel stitches and their execution. The plan is that each of us will bring her piece to the December meeting so that we can share our individual approaches. Supplies for a sample kit are shown below.



During the afternoon, supplies and instructions will be available for choosing a Rozashi project and kitting up the threads and fabrics needed to complete the project. We will prepare the Ro (fabric) by gluing it to an appropriate frame so that you are set to begin the stitching. The instructions are projects designed and taught by Ginny Currie, and the materials are available because of her donation to our chapter. Our aim is to share the chosen projects at the February meeting.

A [coupon](#) is provided for this meeting. The deadline for registration is September 18.

Saturday, December 4th, 2021 **Program TBA**

Saturday, February 5th, 2022 **Program TBA**

UPDATE ON NER SEMINAR 2022
"The Stitches That Bind Us"
April 30 – May 1, 2022

We're aiming for a no-frills seminar, since the EGA National Seminar in Boston is on track for 2023 and many in the region will be involved with that. We plan on 6 teachers and Studio Time, a familiar format.

This seminar will be co-hosted by PVC and CRVC, so as we get closer to the date, we'll be asking for any helping hands who'd like to volunteer for little jobs. So far from our chapter: Linda Berry will be the registrar; Deb Milvae will handle finance until November, when the next NER treasurer will take over, and then she'll coordinate class angels; Lisa Green will make food arrangements; Linda Berry and Kathryn Lord will put together welcome packets for teachers and attendees.

We hope to see you in person in 2022!

TEACHING OUR YOUTH STITCHING (T.O.Y.S.)

The NER-EGA Board discussed and most agreed that the T.O.Y.S. program be made available to chapters that are teaching embroidery to youth.

Each project is designed to encourage creativity, contains teaching guidelines, including supplies and equipment needed, the appropriate stitch diagrams, and photos of stitched examples. Each has been taught to adults who in turn have held sessions with youth. The youth classes also have been taught and include photos of project they stitched.

YOUTH EMBROIDERY CLASSES — *Lesson Plans – available electronically*

Draw, Paint, Stitch – Surface Stitches. Using photographs and drawings for designs and transferring designs

Create a Family Crest – Surface Stitches – Designing a family crest

Counting Stitches – On canvas – A Sampler – Designing sampler, Alphabet and motif charts

Finishing Your Project – Instructions on framing, a bracelet, book covers, pins, and pillow

Fun Ideas—Pick A Card – each card features a stitch with photo of project using that stitch on front and the stitch diagram on back and *Creating designs by Make a Line and Cut and Arrange Shapes*

LEADER /TEACHER WORKSHOPS — can also adapt projects to use with youth
Leader Lessons – available on request

Counting Stitches – Small projects, including finishing – bookmark, bag

Let Count Stitches – A Sampler

A Stitch Sampler – Surface stitches – Presents and teaches the stitch "families"

Pocket of Stitches & Have a Heart – Surface stitches on felt

For more information please contact a Teaching Our Youth Stitching Committee Member.

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CRVC Library

For many years CRVC had a library of needlework books. Several years ago, the decision was made to disband the library and sell off the books. Many were sold, but many still remain and they can be seen on our website at www.crvc-ega.org/library.html. If you would like to purchase one or more of these titles, send an email to the Judie at ThisNeedle@aol.com with your bid -- all reasonable offers will be accepted. We only ask that, in addition to your donation, you pay the cost of mailing the book(s) to you via media mail.

Since the dissolution of the library, a large number of additional books have been donated to be sold to benefit the chapter. The Hardanger books are listed at store.apneedlearts.com/dihabo.html.

Quite a few others have been photographed and are now offered online at store.apneedlearts.com/dinebo.html (needlepoint), store.apneedlearts.com/dicrstbo.html (cross stitch), and store.apneedlearts.com/dicrbo.html (crewel). You make a purchase at a really good price and benefit the chapter at the same time.

Judie Solomon
Librarian/Ways & Means Chair

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (All members are welcome)

June 5th (Zoom) September 14th (Zoom) December 4th

CRVC Program Registration Form
Crewel Project and Rozashi Plans: October 2nd

Either email Linda at lindaberry343@gmail.com or mail completed form to:
Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002
Deadline for registration is September 18th

"Crewel Project and Rozashi Plans"

Name: _____

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 \$ _____