

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

NEWS

September 2011

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

Friday and Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>

**"Say It With Flowers" with MARNIE RITTER**

A Foley/Cornelius Teacher



Real fresh flowers are the beginning of this enhanced canvas. We "pound them" onto the glitter canvas to create a bouquet over which the stitched flowers will float. The fascination with the different impressions is unending in both color and shape. It seems magic!

The flowers are crested with embroidered French ribbon manipulation, fishbone stitched overdyed ribbon flowers, beaded flower shapes, satin stitch, bullion, French knots and appliquéd lace.

The basket is created with an offset herringbone counted canvas pattern and basketweave. Silks, overdyed ribbon, beads, rayons and metallics are the chosen threads.

Level of Proficiency: All levels

Ground fabric: #18 gold glitter white canvas

Finished size: 9" X 7"

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

Time: Class will take place from 9 to 4 pm.

## Schedule for the day:

**9 AM to 12 noon**

**12 to 12:45 PM**

**12:45 PM to 4 PM**

**Class**

**Lunch and show and tell (Friday)**

**Lunch (Saturday)**

**Class**

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 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).*

**Please note that the deadline for signing up for this class may have passed, but check to see if there might be a cancellation.** A [coupon for registration](#) is at the end of this newsletter.

## Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **New ornaments - Judie Solomon**

Our meeting this month will be held at [Thistle Needleworks](#). Judie will offer two different fabric techniques



for this year's ornaments; one is blackwork and the other is pulled thread. Since these both finish as rectangles, finishing should be easy for anyone who wants to do it herself. Information describing each ornament will be in the November newsletter.

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

**"Stitches and Techniques" - Lynn Payette**

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (All members are welcome)

Tuesday, **November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Stitching Getaways:** The next meeting of the **West Side Day** group will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sfnjsn@sbcglobal.net) or 860-658-2037 if you plan to attend.**

**Pequot Colony** – Anyone who is interested can call Doris Boas at: (860) 572-8441 or Stephanie Thorp at: (860) 536-0912

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**NOTE: We will be carpooling to Region Day, so please contact Linda Berry at [dlberry1@aol.com](mailto:dlberry1@aol.com) to let her know if you would like a ride.**

New England Region Day 2011  
Saturday, September 24

## A Day in Deerfield, Massachusetts

NER is proud to offer a delightful day trip for this year's Region Day. Deerfield, Massachusetts, located a short distance from I-91 in the northern end of Pioneer Valley, was the center of an embroidery revival at the end of the nineteenth century. Today, Deerfield is the home of museums and historic houses.

We will begin the day with a visit to Memorial Hall Museum, where we will meet with Suzanne Flynt, the museum curator. Ms. Flynt will talk about the Deerfield Society of Blue and White Needlework (1896-1926) and their adaptations of colonial New England embroideries. After her talk, we will have time to explore the museum and view their needlework collection. Ms. Flynt will accompany us to the exhibit and be available to answer any of our questions.

We will next venture down the street for a buffet lunch at the Deerfield Inn, where we'll be joined by Judy Jeroy, a past President of EGA and author of the EGA publication *New England Blue and White Embroidery*. Ms. Jeroy will present a short lecture summarizing her research, followed by a hands-on program featuring a small motif typical of this style of stitching.

After lunch and Ms. Jeroy's program, participants may return to see more of Memorial Hall Museum, walk around and enjoy the sights of Deerfield, or visit any of the Historic Deerfield properties (additional charge).



Memorial Hall Museum



Typical Deerfield Embroidery

**Schedule**

10:30 a.m. Lecture at Memorial Hall Museum begins  
12:30 p.m. End of Memorial Hall Museum visit  
1:00 p.m. Lunch at Deerfield Inn

**Costs**

NER is underwriting the costs of both lectures. The registration fee of \$27.00 includes admission to Memorial Hall Museum and lunch. There is an optional kit fee of \$8.00 if you choose to participate in the hands-on portion of Judy Jeroy's program.

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**New England Region Day  
Saturday, September 24, 2011**

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

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

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

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

The registration deadline is September 1, 2011.

Choose One:

\_\_\_\_\_ admission and lunch \$27.00

\_\_\_\_\_ admission, lunch, and hands-on kit \$35.00

Color Choice (choose one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Traditional Blue and White Threads

\_\_\_\_\_ Rainbow Threads

Please send this form along with a check in the appropriate amount made payable to "NER EGA"  
to: Pat Timpanaro, 41 East Highland Avenue, Melrose, MA 02176.

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**NER EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS**

NER is pleased to be sponsoring two Group Correspondence Courses:

Liesel-Schwalm, a German whitework technique, taught by Barbara Kershaw

A Memory Book: Scrapbooking with a Needle, taught by Cathy Trostmann

NER is paying all registration fees associated with the classes. Each student pays only the cost of the instruction booklet and supplies, plus \$5.00 towards the postage costs. The cost of the Liesel class is \$55.00, which includes the \$50 text fee and the \$5.00 postage fee. You will also receive 6 skeins of Coton à Broder, along with the 40-page instruction booklet. The cost of the Memory Book class is \$40.00, which includes the \$35 text fee and the \$5.00 postage fee. You will receive a 47-page instruction booklet. Registration deadline is October 28. Booklets will be received by the group leader approximately 6 to 8 weeks after that. Registration forms for each class follow, with the specific details.

## ***A Memory Book: Scrapbooking with a Needle (Teacher: Cathy Trostmann)***

Have you ever wondered what to do with linens that stay in your closet because you cannot bear to toss them? Maybe Grandmother Jo or Aunt Sallie made them but now there are holes or stained spots in some area. In this fun course, you use bits and pieces of these treasured linens that are no longer useful in the home. Create a cloth book containing these keepsakes and make them available for viewing every day. If you have no keepsakes, then maybe a collection of buttons or handkerchiefs might be the answer. When your pages are complete, you will be directed to make a crazy quilt cover. This will enable you to use more collectables in this Victorian artwork. A truly unique course that will inspire your creativity while enjoying a little nostalgia!

**Project:** A cloth book with linen pages and a crazy quilt cover

**Size:** Folded book is 8" x 10"

**Threads:** Wildflowers, pearl cotton or stitcher's choice

**Colors:** Stitcher's choice

**Skill Level:** All levels

**Prerequisites:** Basic sewing and embroidery knowledge

**Time:** 6 meetings, 6 months

**Text:** 47 pages that can be used in a notebook

**Supplies:** Approximately \$30 for linen, 100% cotton muslin, threads such as Wildflowers and pearl cotton, and stitcher's choice of other decorative threads; This is an excellent project to kit from your stash.

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## **Memory Book Group Correspondence Course**

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

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

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

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

The registration deadline is October 28, 2011.

Please send this form along with a check in the amount of \$40.00 made payable to "NER EGA"  
to: Pat Timpanaro, 41 East Highland Avenue, Melrose, MA 02176.

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## ***Liesel-Schwalm (Teacher: Barbara Kershaw)***

This course has been designed to introduce you to the beautiful German whitework technique of Schwalm Embroidery, which combines surface stitches with pulled thread and drawn thread techniques. This course will teach you the basic surface stitches: coral knot, chain stitch and satin stitch. You will also learn to cut threads and form a grid on which you will then work some beautiful pulled thread stitches such as the rose stitch, cording stitch and mosquito stitch and a traditional mousetooth edge. Watch as a blank strip of 32-count Strathaven linen and DMC Coton à Broder are transformed into a lovely decorative band. This unique pillow band will slip onto a pillow for display but also slip off again for easy laundering or a change of background color when you redecorate. The text also includes directions of making your pillow. You must specify whether you are left- or right-handed when registering.

**Project:** Pillow Band

**Size:** 12" x 27" (30 x 69 cm)

**Fabric:** 32-count Strathaven Linen

**Threads:** DMC® Coton à Broder (Broder Spécial) #16, 20 & 25

**Colors:** White

**Skill Level:** Beginner Schwalm Embroidery for the Intermediate Stitcher

**Prerequisites:** None

**Time:** 6 meetings, 6 months

**Text:** the 40-page text is accompanied by 6 skeins of Coton à Broder

**Supplies:** Approximately \$15 for linen, plus the cost of a pre-made pillow or materials for constructing your own

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**Liesel-Schwalm Group Correspondence Course**

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

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

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

Left- or Right-Handed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**CRVC Program Registration Form -- Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at Duncaster**

Mail completed form to: Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Make check payable to **CRVC-EGA**. **The deadline has passed, but check to see if there might be a cancellation.**

**"Say It With Flowers" with Marnie Ritter**

Check those that apply:

- Members kit fee \$59 plus class cost \$26 = **\$85**  
 Non-members kit fee \$59 plus class cost \$41 = **\$100**  
 Lunch Friday (\$12)  
 Lunch Saturday (\$12)

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

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

**CRVC-EGA Membership**

\$55. 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 (\$55)
- 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_