



CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

April 2025

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We have a very full agenda ahead -- Mark these dates on your calendar

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 -- CRVC Board Meeting at 10 am
on Zoom -- contact [Judie](#) for Zoom link

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 -- Deadline for "Garden Day" Surface Embroidery pattern on fabric

Saturday, June 7, 2025 -- CRVC Meeting & Program
"Garden Day" Projects -- in person at [Thistle Needleworks](#) and on Zoom

Friday, July 25, 2025 -- Deadline for registration for "Blue Hills" workshop

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 -- CRVC Board Meeting at 10 am
on Zoom -- contact [Judie](#) for Zoom link

Saturday & Sunday, October 4 & 5, 2025 -- CRVC Meeting & Workshop
"Blue Hills" workshop with Dawn Donnelly

November 1-30, 2025 -- CRVC Display at Granby Public Library
Theme for 2025 is "Favorite Techniques"

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 -- CRVC Board Meeting at 10 am
on Zoom -- contact [Judie](#) for Zoom link

Monday, November 24, 2025 -- Deadline for registration for "Zelda the Zebra" workshop

Saturday, December 6, 2025 -- CRVC Meeting
To be Announced

Saturday, January 31 & March 7, 2026 -- CRVC Meeting & Workshop
"Zelda the Zebra" with Toni Gerdes

CRVC Meetings and Stitch-Ins --

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, June 7th, 2025 "Garden Day" Projects

To be held at [Thistle Needleworks](#) and on Zoom -- 10am - 4pm

Choose one of four Spring-y projects to stitch with friends:

- Blackwork -- "California Dreaming" by Carolyn Standing Webb
Obtain the pattern from the Pacific Southwest Region
at <https://egausa.org/app/uploads/2024/10/PSR-Annual-Design-Flyers-First-5-designs.pdf>
- Surface Embroidery --
Pattern and instructions in the September 2024 issue of NeedleArts - page 25
Pattern printed on fabric available if you wish -- please note on the coupon
at the end of this newsletter (deadline is May 20, 2025).
- Crewel Embroidery -- "Summer's Glory" by Kim Sanders
Obtain the pattern from EGA
at <https://egausa.org/free-summers-glory-chart>
- Charted Canvaswork -- "Flower" by Susan Jones
[Click here](#) to view/print/download the pattern and instructions.

CRVC Meeting

**Saturday & Sunday, October 4th & 5th, 2025 "Blue Hills" workshop
with Dawn Donnelly**



Blue Hills Stitches/Techniques: Exploring handmade paper by painting, wetting, tearing and cutting it into shapes. Working with Reverse Square Herringbone, French Knots, Branscombe Edge, Criss Cross Hungarian, Butterfly chain Stitch, Oriental, Rhodes Stitch and creating a fake Bullion.

Design size: 6¼" x 8¾"

Ground Fabric: 14 Count Mono Canvas

Class Length: 2 days

Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Kit fee: NER Region members - \$150

Non-NER region members - \$170

Plans for lunch for Saturday and Sunday, and Saturday night dinner will be announced at a later date.

Deadline for registration – July 25, 2025

To be held at the [Seabury Retirement Community](#), Bloomfield CT.

The class fee is covered by CRVC using funds granted by the NER Region from profits of the 2023 national seminar. See the coupon at the end of this newsletter.

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, December 6th, 2025 To be Announced

Details to follow.

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, January 31st & March 7th, 2026 "Zelda the Zebra" with Toni Gerdes



Zelda is an exuberant Patchwork Zebra with her stripes of many colors. The jewel tone color palette makes Zelda exquisite. Zelda's "false" eyelashes will have her flirting with you. Several Rainbow Gallery metallics, Caron threads, Straw Silk & Planet Earth Threads, along with beautiful beads, will be used to create her captivating design. The stitches will include old favorites, as well as a few surprises. The background will be a white-on-white diagonal pattern that emphasizes the design and enhances Zelda's whimsical personality.

Technique: Canvas Embroidery on 18ct. White Mono canvas

Level of Proficiency: Intermediate

Design Area: 11" x 9"

Kit Cost/Contents: \$175; line drawn canvas, instructions, threads, and embellishment

This workshop will be in person at [Thistle Needleworks](#) and on Zoom.

See the coupon at the end of this newsletter. The deadline for registration is November 24, 2025.

CRVC Display

It's never too early to start thinking about which of your pieces you'd like to see in our next display, which will be November 2025 in the main branch of the Granby (CT) Public Library.

The theme this time around is **Favorite Techniques**. Sure, we enjoy learning new things, but we all have a favorite (or two) that we return to again and again, be it canvas work, blackwork, Japanese, surface embroidery, ribbon, beading, or cross stitch. At our first display in Granby 14 years ago, we had examples of 26 techniques!

We'll be collecting pieces in October and returning them in early December. Drop-off and pick-up options will be publicized in September.

All members are welcome to attend CRVC Board meetings.

These meetings are held via Zoom.

Contact Judie at least 24 hours in advance at JudieStichr@aol.com for the links to these Zoom meetings and other CRVC Zoom meetings.

All members are welcome to attend the Pequot Colony Stitchers meetings.

These meetings are held via Zoom.

Contact Stephanie at least 24 hours in advance at StephThorp@sbcglobal.net for links to these Zoom meetings.

Members -- send pictures of your finished pieces to [Judie](#) to be included in the next newsletter

Recent stitching projects done by our members.... (click on an image for an enlarged view)



This "Poinsettia" piece from a class at the 2024 ANG Seminar was stitched by Tere Foley

CRVC Fund-Raising

The remaining books from the dissolved CRVC library, as well as other books and needlepoint canvases that have been donated to the chapter, are now available for purchase. [Click here](#) to view/order the available items.

****** The next 4 pieces were part of the December 2024 & 2022 programs ******



Stitched by Kathryn Lord



Stitched by Judie Solomon



Stitched by Kathryn Lord



Stitched by Laurie Sulger



A Needlebook stitched by Linda Berry



Front Cover of Needlebook by Linda Berry



Table #1 at the Cossitt Branch
of the Granby Public Library



Table #2 at the Cossitt Branch
of the Granby Public Library

CRVC Program Registration Form

"Garden Day" Projects -- June 7th, 2025

In person at **Thistle Needleworks** and on Zoom

Mail the completed form and check payable to CRVC-EGA to:

Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002

lindaberry343@gmail.com

Deadline: May 20th, 2025 for Surface Embroidery pattern on fabric only

Surface Embroidery project in the September 2024 issue of NeedleArts

☐ I will attend the meeting - please bring my pattern to the meeting -- \$5.00

☐ I will not be attending the meeting - please mail the printed fabric to me -- \$8.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____

CRVC Program Registration Form
"Blue Hills"with Dawn Donnelly -- October 4th and 5th, 2025
At the Seabury Retirement Community, Bloomfield CT

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lindaberry343@gmail.com

Deadline: July 25th, 2025

"Blue Hills"with Dawn Donnelly

_____ \$150.00 (NER member)
_____ \$170.00 (non NER member)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____

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lindaberry343@gmail.com

Deadline: November 24th, 2025

"Zelda the Zebra" with Toni Gerdes

_____ Kit fee: \$175

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____