



CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

June 2025

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

Saturday, June 27, 2025 -- Deadline for registration for SOME Stumpwork Embroidery class

Monday, July 7, 2025 -- Deadline for registration for NER Region Day 2025

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

Saturday, September 6 & 13, 2025 -- SOME Chapter class on Zoom
"Berried Treasure" with Celeste Chalasani

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

Saturday, November 1, 2025 -- NER Region Day 2025
Doubletree by Hilton, Nashua, NH

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 CRVC "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 & 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, and 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.

SOME Chapter Event -- "Berried Treasure" with Celeste Chalasani **Saturday, September 6th & 13th, 2025 Stumpwork Embroidery Class on Zoom**

The Southern Maine Chapter (SOME) is sponsoring a Zoom class with Celeste Chalasani in September called "Berried Treasure". [Click here](#) to view the class flyer. The deadline for sign up is June 27.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Bell, SOME Chapter Program Chair at scogginbell2@gmail.com.

New England Region - EGA -- Region Day 2025 **Saturday, November 1st, 2025** **Doubletree by Hilton, Nashua, NH**

Join us for the New England Region EGA's Region Day 2025! Choose from two exciting in-person classes or Studio Time, enjoy a delicious buffet lunch, and shop at Stash Sale tables.

***** Registration is open through Monday July 7, 2025 *****

[Click here](#) to view the Region Day 2025 Information Sheets and the Registration Form.

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.

America's Tapestry



Have you heard about [America's Tapestry](#)? The Connecticut Panel is now being worked on in Suffield by members of the Pioneer Valley Chapter who live in CT, and will be there until the end of June. If you are interested in working on it there, please contact Sue Polumbo at BigGregP@aol.com.

In July, it will return to West Hartford, where you can volunteer to stitch on it. If you would like to work on it in Wethersfield, we can arrange for it to be at [Thistle Needleworks](#) for a week or two during the summer. If so inclined, please contact Judie at JudieStichr@aol.com.

In September, it will go to Fairfield County for additional stitching. The design may be rendered in cross-stitch, crewel stitches, applique, or the technique of your choosing which you feel will best work best for the motif(s) you stitch upon.

The stitching area of the Connecticut Panel is approximately 36" x 48".

[Click here](#) to see addition information about the Connecticut Panel.

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)



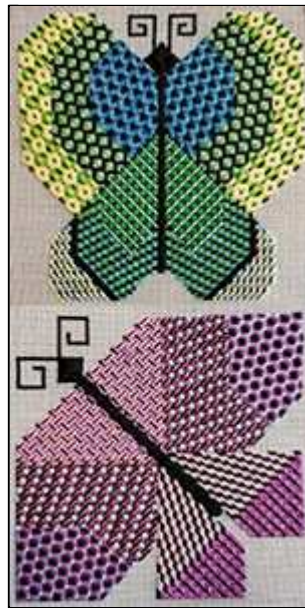
This "EGA Petite Project" piece was stitched by Laurie Sulger

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.



"Water Spiral" / "Earth Spiral" stitched by Kathryn Lord



Stitched by Kathryn Lord from the April workshop



"Brrr.... Snowman" stitched by Pat Karpenko from the December "Snow Day" workshop



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

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

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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Deadline: November 24th, 2025

"Zelda the Zebra" with Toni Gerdes

_____ Kit fee: \$175

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____