



CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

November 2025

WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.crvc-ega.org



Here is our winter agenda -- Mark these dates on your calendar

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

Saturday, November 15, 2025 -- Stitch-In at the Granby (CT) Public Library
10:30am - 12:30pm

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

Monday, December 1, 2025 -- Deadline for registration for CRVC "Exploring Blackwork" workshop

Saturday, December 6, 2025 -- CRVC Meeting & Workshop
"Exploring a Variety of Forms of Blackwork" -- on fabric and/or canvas

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

CRVC Meetings and Stitch-Ins --

CRVC Meeting

Saturday, December 6th, 2025 Exploring a Variety of Forms of Blackwork

All participants will be given at no charge a copy of [Not Exactly Blackwork](#) by Susan Jones of *Finger Step Designs*. In the morning, we will review the contents of the 33-page chartpack, and perhaps discuss the origins of Blackwork and then its place in today's needlework. Each participant can use this booklet to choose a personal design -- perhaps one in the booklet or create one of her own. After lunch (bring your own or join us around the table for take-out), we will provide some pieces of fabric and canvas as well as threads to inspire you to proceed with your chosen project.

The workshop will take place from 10am to 4pm (with a 1-hour lunch break, around noon) at [Thistle Needleworks](#) in Wethersfield, CT and on Zoom.

There is no fee for this meeting/workshop, but registration is required so we will know how many copies of the chartpack will be needed. You may do so by using the coupon at the end of this newsletter or by sending an email to lindaberry343@gmail.com on or before December 1st.



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, from 10am to 4pm each day (with a 1-hour lunch break, around noon). There will be a 1-hour question-and-answer session with Toni Gerdes each day at a time to be determined.

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

CRVC Display

The theme is **Favorite Techniques**, and you can see the pieces shown in a secure display area at the Granby Public Library, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT. The 2025 display is on exhibit November 1-30.



Click on an image for an enlarged view

In conjunction with our November display at the **Granby Public Library**, CRVC will host a come-one, come-all stitch-in at the library. It will be from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, November 15. If you can make it, bring along whatever you're working on for a couple of relaxing hours of stitching and chatting with library patrons. Wear a name tag, please!

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.

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

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

These meetings are held irregularly via Zoom at 10am on the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Stephanie at least 3 days in advance at StephThorp@sbcglobal.net for links to these Zoom meetings.

America's Tapestry

The stitching area of the Connecticut Panel of *America's Tapestry* is approximately 36" x 48". [Click here](#) to see addition information about the Connecticut Panel. Our members are welcome and, indeed, urged to add their talents to this piece. Contact Laura Kasowitz at Hartford Stitch (laura@hartfordstitch.com or 860-785-3093) for more information.

A recent stitching project done by one of our members.... (click on the image for an enlarged view)



"Crewel Peacock" 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.

A Special Offering

A recent donation for our fund-raising efforts is a needlepoint of the **University of Connecticut** crest. It is more than three-quarters stitched, and the threads to complete it are included. AND it is mounted on a scroll frame, so all set to go. Once completed, it would make a beautiful pillow or framed piece for a recent, not-so-recent, or soon-to-be UConn graduate. The crest is 9 1/2" diameter; stitched area is 11 1/2" square.

For sale to benefit CRVC -- best offer over \$30.00. Please contact Ways and Means Chair Judie at JudieStichr@aol.com. And thank you in advance!



CRVC Program Registration Form
"Exploring a Variety of Forms of Blackwork" -- December 6th, 2025
In person at **Thistle Needleworks** and on Zoom

Mail the completed form to:
Linda Berry, 343 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002
or email to lindaberry343@gmail.com

Deadline: December 1st, 2025

"Exploring a Variety of Forms of Blackwork"

_____ I will attend -- hold a copy of **Not Exactly Blackwork** for me

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____

CRVC Program Registration Form
"Zelda the Zebra" with Toni Gerdes -- January 31st and March 7th, 2026
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: November 24th, 2025

"Zelda the Zebra" with Toni Gerdes

_____ Kit fee: \$175

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____