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Newsletter – July, 2020

Interleaving? What?

Donna Lee will inspire you to try something new at this month's BNMQG Meeting on August 25, 2020.

Hi Modern Quilters,

We still have no change for in-person meetings but fear not, BNMQG has planned on awesome speakers/meetings throughout the remainder of 2020 and we're starting to book into 2021. Hopefully you feel like you're in good hands to continue to find ways to be inspired and quilt on!



It's always the best to have one of our very own members take the time to share with us some new and innovative quilting techniques. Donna has her own business DONNALEE Design Studio in Melvin, IL. Donna "creates custom embroidery and designs that are unique--JUST FOR YOU! Want something made?" You can contact her at donnaledesignstudio@hotmail.com

What you need to know about the meeting... make sure to check your zoom invite for the two files from Donna that she would like you to have handy and use during the meeting if you can print them.

JOIN US on Zoom - Put a reminder in your phone or on your calendar and join us for our monthly meeting on Tuesday night (August 25) at 5:30 pm via Zoom. **This is a FREE event for members.** Join us at 5:30 to allow time for people to join the meeting and for a little social time. And as always, we'll start the meeting at 6pm with announcements and committee reports, followed by a quick show and tell (of course), and followed by our featured presenter – Donna Lee. Please encourage your BNMQG friends and invite non-members to attend.

Watch your email – you should receive a link in your email to get into Zoom for the meeting. ** The email will come from Lisa B from her work email at District87.org. We chose ZOOM because it is the best platform to use as it works easily for people with all sorts of tech skills. The email that you receive will have options for joining the meeting – the easiest is to click the link in the email to go directly to the meeting. Read the email to see other options. If you haven't done ZOOM before, please join early in case you have any technical problems. **Make sure to sign in using your name so we'll let you into the meeting from the waiting room.** If we're not letting you in, watch from a message in the waiting room – it's probably because we don't recognize you. There will be a phone number to call in the invite if you have any trouble.

The travel isn't long. The weather isn't a problem. ZOOM is really easy (just ask anyone who has attended our meeting via zoom). Lisa B. does an amazing job of running the behind-the-scenes stuff. AND if you're still intimidated by the technology, email me. We can have a private zoom (it probably would only take 10-15 minutes) in the days before the meeting so you can see how easy it is. We want all of our members to be able to attend our meetings and it's so much fun to see each other's beautiful faces.

New to ZOOM? Here are some links to show you how it works.

- 8 Tips to Use Zoom as a Pro - <https://thewirecutter.com/blog/use-zoom-like-a-pro/>
- Using Zoom? Here are tips to get the most of it - <https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/03/18/zoom-10-tips-how-get-most/5073581002/>
- 7 tips - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNxhkq9jIVo>



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In the past we have had the opportunity to bring guests to our meetings and there was a \$10 fee charged when we have a speaker. We now have that capability for our zoom meetings. We are offering a paypal option for non-members to attend at the low price of \$5.50. There is a link from the event on Facebook and on our website <https://bnmqg.org/>. If this takes off, we may be able to get even more speakers for our guild meetings! So encourage your quilting friends to join us.

Sign up NOW...



We're going to roll for the first installment of the Take a Chance Challenge this month. The time commitment can be small to participate in this challenge BUT the reward can be BIG – a guaranteed minimum of \$100 to the grand prize winner.

Pay via Paypal via the website or send in your payment via USPS.

For more information & to register, check the website.

<https://bnmqg.org/2020/07/28/take-a-chance-challenge/>

Tech Tuesdays



We're getting ready for the Take a Chance Challenge and you'll need to upload your photos to our Shutterfly site. If you've not used Shutterfly for photos before (we used it for the Nashville QuiltCon) and you need a quick lesson, sign up for a Tech Tuesday session on Sept. 8 or Sept. 15. We offer sessions at 11am and at 6pm on those Tuesdays and they will last about 30 minutes. Signup and try one out.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054fa9ad29a6f58-bnmqg>

We are looking for more topics for Tech Tuesdays – anything tech related. Want to suggest a topic or have something you can share with us? Want some more Electric Quilt? Please let me know.

BNMQG Election at this month's meeting.

A big thanks go out to the committee of Noemi Bowers, Ary Anderson, and Vickie Alsene for all of your work with nominations. **The election will take place at this month's Zoom Meeting** – you must be present to vote. As of this time, the slate of officers are:

Nancy Powell - president, Kathy Cook – Vice President, Betty Woodruff – Treasurer, and Paula Meiner – Secretary.

Membership

It's time to start renewing your membership to BNMQG. I am hoping that you think your dues are being well spent and that you are valuing the programs that we're providing. This year has been a challenging one. Your membership provides you with a membership to our guild (BNMQG), The Modern Quilt Guild (MQG), QuiltCon discounts, monthly programs and newsletters, workshop opportunities, and maybe best of all, a "place" to share your love of quilting with other modern quilters.

Your BNMQG membership runs from September through August of the following year and this year you have an option of how you would like to pay your dues. Renewals for 2020-2021 can be made on the website via Paypal (see the sidebar) for \$36.50 (which includes paypal's fees) or you can print the membership form in the "About" tab on the website (<https://bnmqg.org/about/>) and mail a check for \$35 with your payment. The address is on the form.



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Heart Beat quilts – Pick up a quilt kit now!

We still have quilt kits to pick up. Hospitals have put a hold on taking any quilts at this time...but Pat Silva hasn't quit working. She has 30 quilt kits put together so that when the hospitals start needing them again, we'll have some ready to give them. Please consider picking up a quilt kit – blocks are made, backing, batting and binding are included. They don't take much time to put together and if you don't like the quilting part, I'm sure someone else would quilt if you will put the blocks together into a top.



Please call or text one of these three people to make arrangements to pick up a kit to finish:
 North Normal – Betty Woodruff
 Central Bloomington-Normal – Pat Silva
 Southeast Bloomington – Nancy P. (309) 825-4933

Welcome our new members:

- Pam Riss
- Gary Riss
- Erin Heaton
- Joy Ahearn
- Laurie Schierer
- Carol Lou Eisenhart
- Connie Two



from Kathy Cook



Jill Fisher is an improvisational quilter from Iowa City, IA. Her specialty is working in a series with solids and telling stories with her quilts. Jill will present her lecture and virtual trunk show, "Unlocking the Joy in Scraps" in which she shares how to be inspired by what you have in front of you. *Jill will be our featured speaker at our September Zoom meeting.* Check out Jill's original work at pieladyquilts.blogspot.com or @pieladyquilts on Instagram.





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The Modern Quilt Guild

- **The 5th Annual MQG Mini Swap is coming**
Once again, we'll be partnering up and making mini quilts for each other around the world! As in years past, participants will sign up and share their skill level, likes and dislikes, and any other information they feel is important. Believe it or not, MQG staff read everything, use multiple spreadsheets, and tap into our inner matchmaker to find successful swap partners! Swap Fairy signups will open in September, and Swapper signups will open in October.
- **Quilt show entries open September 1**
The Quiltcon Together quilt submission process opens on September 1st. We hope you will submit the quilts you're working on! The process is a little different this year and we hope you'll find it easier than in the past. Since the quilt show will be virtual, we are asking for a different series of photos than have been required previously. This will help the judges and attendees fully appreciate each quilt!
MQG staff member Colleen Molen hosted a webinar [available in the member resources section of the MQG website](#) which is full of helpful photography tips. Take a look at it.
- **QuiltCon Update** – did you read the email that announced that [QuiltCon](#) will be a virtual show? Registration started on July 15 but it's still not too late to register. If you sign up for a lecture or a class, your show ticket is free. Look for your email from MQG that was sent on July 13 or use this link to register: <https://cvent.me/9a43lk>
- There are some great recorded webinars to watch and new ones to sign up for in the MQG Resources. Check them out at <https://mqg.memberclicks.net/events>
- Consider joining the **MQG Modern Classics Challenge** from MQG. Using their special color palette and a quilt pattern that was previously released as Quilt of the Month patterns, make the quilt. https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/mqg-modern-classics?mc_cid=128ecf3eb4&mc_eid=13d4aae610 In my opinion, the color palette is actually quite nice!

Tech communications:

Website/Blog - Do you remember the password for our website/blog (<https://bnmqg.wordpress.com/>)? You'll need this if you want access to the Member Only area on this site. Contact Lisa Baermann if you need help - l.baermann@comcast.net

In the member area, please check the list of members and double check that your contact info is correct. If you need to correct your information, please send an email to: BNMQG@hotmail.com and put **Attn Cathie** in the subject area. Thanks.



Have you joined BNMQG on Facebook? The BNMQG is a NEW closed group just for our current members. It was just started this year. Here is the link. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BNMQG/>. 1) Request to join the group, 2) answer two questions, and 3) you'll be approved to become a member of this page. You will be able to download files from this page for newsletters, workshop instructions, renewal forms, etc. This was not possible on our Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild (PAGE). This is different from the other Facebook page where anyone can see posts on that page and files aren't allowed to be shared - <https://www.facebook.com/Bloomington-Normal-Modern-Quilt-Guild-469886799702183/>



Are you on Instagram? Follow our guild @BNMQG and as you post your modern quilting photos, please use the hastags #BNMQG and #BNMQGquilts. Want more Instagram help, let us know and we'll work it into some Tech Tuesdays!

For your BNMQG calendar:

August 25 – Donna Lee will present Interleaving: Mixing Two Designs Together!

September 10-12 - Great Wisconsin Quilt Show (virtual and **it's free but make sure to register**) – Details at: <https://quiltshow.com/>

September 22 – Month 1 Challenge photos to be uploaded by 2pm

September 22 – Jill Fisher @pieladyquilts will present “Unlocking the Joy in Scraps”
pieladyquilts.blogspot.com

October 27 – Month 2 Challenge photos to be uploaded by 2pm

October 27 - Kathy Cook will present Temperature quilts

November 24 – Month 3 Challenge photos to be uploaded by 2pm

November 24 – Rebecca Bryan – date is still to be determined for the workshop – this might be announced at the August Meeting.

December – no meeting

UPDATE:

BNMQG mini quilts for the Kona Color of the Year Challenge

Keep posting your mini quilts in the 2020 mini quilt photo album. *Update:* Unfortunately, the Clinton Quilt Show for the Fall has been re-scheduled to next spring and sadly, Scouts has closed and has gone out of business. We wish Scout well. However, **It's never too late to make a mini** (hint hint). –maybe as a part of the Challenge?

Continuing Reminder:

Rebecca Bryan is being rescheduled – November date TBA – we may have the dates by the August meeting.

Nationally known quilter, teacher, and author will be giving a lecture and trunk show to the Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild but it will be rescheduled until our next guild year, hopefully this fall. We still do not have a date. So, if you have signed up and sent a check for the workshop, you are on first on the list when the workshop is rescheduled.

In the meantime, please check out Rebecca's website: [Bryan House Quilts](#)

Looking forward to seeing your beautiful face on Zoom at our meeting on Tuesday. Call your BNMQG friends and have them meet you there.

Take care and Happy Modern Quilting! --Nancy



2021 Quilt Show Calendar

- **September 10-12** - Great Wisconsin Quilt Show (virtual and it's free but remember to register) – Details at: <https://quiltshow.com/>
- **February 18-21, 2021** – Virtual QuiltCon <https://www.quiltcon.com/>
- **April 9 – 10, 2021** – Decatur Quilters Guild 40th Anniversary Party - Ruby Celebration - Decatur Civic Center, 1 Gary Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL 62522 <http://www.decaturciviccenter.org/events/447/decatur-quilters-guild-40th.-ruby-celebration-quilt-fest>
- **April 30 – May 1, 2021** – Hands All Around Quilt Guild Quilt Spectrum – Interstate Center, Bloomington



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MQG Liaison – Cathie Haab
2020 Retreat Chair – Betty Woodruff
Nominating Committee (2018-2019) – Noemi Bowers, Ary Anderson, Vickie Alsene
Photographer – Kelly Cummings
QuiltCon Charity Quilt – Cindy Reynolds
Survey board and door prize – Danna Boore
Swap – Pat Messinger
Webmaster – Lisa Baermann