



Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed Laura Hartrich as much as I did at our November meeting. Want to learn more about Laura and Quilt Stories? Check out her website: <http://www.laurahartrich.com/quilts>
Now that the holidays are upon us, you're probably ready to take some time and enjoy your family and friends. My guess is that there will be a ton of handmade goodies being enjoyed this holiday season.

BNMQG Swap

Ready Set SWAP! Now that you've met your Swap partner, take some time to get to know them and be inspired by their fat quarter. Communicate in person, by phone, or by email. Get to know your Swap buddy by sharing design and color ideas to complement your chosen fat quarter. Completed products will be exchanged in February 2020. Contact Pat Messinger if you have any questions at patmessinger@comcast.net or [309-287-1747](tel:309-287-1747).

Membership: We have 70 members including 12 new members this year. Contact information for guild members is available on the blog in the Member only area.



Heart Beat Sit and Sew

Thanks to Pat Silva for a very successful Sit and Sew. With all of the help (18 people participated), BNMQG is on track to reach our goal of 30 quilts for babies in the NICU. Another Sit and Sew is being planned for 2020 so keep your ears open and your sewing machines ready to go! Design night will be during our March meeting.

Modern Mini Showcase: BNMQG is getting ready to have our own traveling Modern Mini Showcase. Please consider loaning us your mini quilts for some upcoming shows – your tiger lily, splash, other 20" square modern minis, and the 2020 Kona Color challenge quilts. (PS – Kona is going to announce the color of the year this Friday, December 20!) They will get some new audiences! We will need your quilts no later than our February meeting. Bring them to the January meeting or the February meeting. Give them to Kathy Cook or Nancy Powell. More information will be available soon.

Check the **Tip of the Month** for December – TNT - troubleshooting tips for your sewing machine!

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TIP OF THE MONTH!

December 2019

TNT

Tension isn't always the problem when things aren't going smoothly when sewing (from a sewing machine tech). There are things to try first before messing with the tension. Try these in this order.


T – THREAD - Rethread the machine, including taking the bobbin out and replacing it. Remember to cut your thread and always remove thread by pulling it out the same direction as it would come out the same as if it was sewing. Avoid pulling it back through the machine.

If that doesn't fix the problem

N – NEEDLE - Check the thread and make sure you're using the right size needle for that thread. Change the needle – it may be dull. You *might* hear a popping sound when sewing and that is a good sign that your needle is dull and needs changing.

Finally, if that still doesn't fix the problem

T – TENSION - try the tension. BUT that should be the last thing to change!





Corner

QuiltCon

Did you enter a quilt into QuiltCon? Let us know if it got accepted for the show so we don't miss it! Kathy Cook had 3 quilts accepted to this year's show! **Congratulations Kathy!** Enjoy her quilts and look for them in Austin!



Volunteer at QuiltCon 2020 Volunteering is a great way to fully experience QuiltCon, meet new people, and have fun! Whether you have 2 hours or 20 to pitch in, we would love your help!

https://www.quiltcon.com/volunteer?mc_cid=238b19b5e4&mc_eid=13d4aae610

The Modern Quilt Guild

- Please log in to <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/> to make sure your email and contact info are correct so that you don't miss important emails and information.
- **MQG 10th Anniversary Limited Edition Pin** - Snag yourself a limited edition commemorative pin that beautifully illustrates how we piece fabrics together, as the pin itself is two separate pieces that fit beautifully together to make a full quilt block. https://shop.themodernquiltguild.com/collections/new/products/mqg-10th-anniversary-limited-edition-pin?mc_cid=238b19b5e4&mc_eid=13d4aae610
- **Then & Now: MQG Co-founder Alissa Haight Carlton Talks Modern Quilting** – Login to the site and see the story at: https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/node/7673?mc_cid=238b19b5e4



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Website/Blog - Have you received for your new password for our website/blog (<https://bnmqg.wordpress.com/>)? If not, first please check your spam and trash. You'll need this if you want access to the Member Only area on this site. If you cannot find the email, contact Lisa Baermann at 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 available for BNMQG members only. Here is the link. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BNMQG/>. Request to join the group AND answer two questions, and 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/>

For your calendar:

December - NO meeting this month. Enjoy time during the holidays with friends and family!

January 28, 2020 – Divide and Improve

February 25 – Swap projects due, announce and sign up for Kona Mini Quilt Challenge, early bird signup for Rebecca Bryan's workshop May 16 and get \$5 off the workshop

March 24 –Heart Beat Quilt Design Night, April 28 – Program on Color, register for the May 16 workshop if there are spots available

April 28 – Color Workshop, signup for Rebecca Bryan's workshop May 16 (after the April meeting the registrations will be opened to non-members.

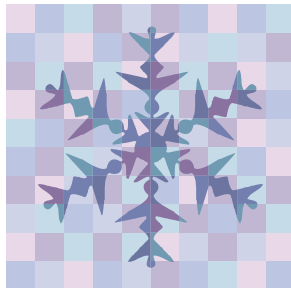
May 15 – Rebecca Bryan Meeting

May 16 – Rebecca Bryan Workshop

June 23 – BNMQG Social – stay tuned for a surprise!

July 28 – Program TBA, Saturday Bag workshop date to be announced.

BNMQG 2020 Retreat – Dates: September 25-28 since Columbus Day weekend was not available. So pencil it in for next year!



HAPPY Holidays. This is our last newsletter for 2019. Looking forward to doing more Modern Quilting with you in 2020!

May your world be filled with blessings now and in 2020!

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Nominating Committee (2018-2019) – to be
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Photographer – Kelly Cummings
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