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Newsletter March, 2021

Next meeting – March 23, 2021 – zoom opens at 5:30pm CST

Celebrate the National Quilting Day Modern Quilters!

Happy National Quilting Day on Saturday, March 20! Join the International Quilt Museum and World of Quilts Travel for [Virtual National Quilting Day Activities](#) from 10 am – 4 pm.

After getting a little taste of warmer weather, I'm so ready for spring – warmer weather, sunshine, flowers popping up, trees budding, and time to make some bright new quilts! Spring is a time for new beginnings and this past week, I watched as my 6 year old grandson made his first quilt for his little sister's 2nd birthday! He designed it, pieced it, labeled it, and quilted it. I did the binding. He is such a good big brother!



BNMQG March Meeting

I thought I'd share some photos of my grandson to get us ready for Laura Loewen's talk on quilt photography at our next meeting on March 23. I'm looking forward to learning how to take better photos with my cell phone!

Join us on March 23, 2021 at 6 pm via zoom for **Quilt Photography in Your Pocket**. You don't have a 'fancy' camera but still want quality quilt photos? No problem. Learn the best tips and tricks for taking quilt photos on your phone. Discover where and when to take photos and how to edit them. Laura will recommend some photo apps and demonstrate how to get the most from your cell phone to get great photos. All guild members welcome. *Laura is the current MQG Modern Monthly photographer and has practiced photography professionally for over 10 years.* [Guest tickets](#) are available. Learn more about Laura at [Quilt Fort Co.](#)



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Quiltfolk

The 18th Edition on IL (and BNMQG) is available for Pre-Order now. **GOOD NEWS!** The Quiltfolk Communications Director set up a discount code for our members for 50% off when you purchase your copy/copies of Quiltfolk via www.quiltfolk.com. **The code is BNMQG.**

If you haven't picked up your quilt(s), I have all the quilts that you loaned us for the rest of the photo shoot. Contact me and we can make arrangements for me to get them back to you or for you to pick them up.



Maria Shell

On MARCH 22, registration for Maria Shell's [Blow it Up!](#) Workshop that will be held on June 26 begins. We have 15 seats in this workshop and the Chicago MQG has 15 seats. When the workshop sells out, a waitlist will be available. On April 12, if there are any seats available from either guild, they become available for anyone in either guild. Tickets for the workshop are \$50 each.

Please make sure to sign up quickly if you are interested in this workshop. Purchase your workshop tickets at <https://bnmqg.org/meetings/event-and-workshop-tickets/> These tickets will not be available until March 22. If these tickets sell out, please join the waitlist in case seats become available.

The **lecture on June 22 is free** to members so you don't need a ticket for the June 22nd lecture.

Peter Byrne Workshop

There are 2 seats available in Peter's Cityscape workshop on May 15 and 16. Kits are available for the workshop for \$40 when ordered in a group order to save some money on shipping. Let me know if you're interested in a kit and what color if you haven't already contacted me. Kits are available in 2 colorways, Blue/Teal and

Tan/Grey and are made with Northcott's premium solids called Colorworks and include a spool of 60wt Perfect Cotton-Plus thread, soft blend batting and Foundational Products Card, all from Quilters Select, along with The ABC Pocket Guild from SCHMETZ needles! **See the photo.**



Watch your email for one more chance to order a kit. If we get at least 10 orders, I will be sending those of you who want a kit, instructions on how to send payment so we can get these ordered and delivered to you in time for the workshop. We need at least 3 more people to order kits.

QUILT Raffle

<https://bnmqg.org/bnmqg-quilt-raffle/>

This fall BNMQG was given 7 quilts by Kendra Kelley. She hoped that we would be able to find a home where they would be treasured and well taken care of. The board voted to raffle the quilts off and use the money for our charity



work. Ms. Kelley thought that would be a wonderful way to make sure they got a good home and do some good in the community. [Tickets are available](#) on our website to purchase.

Congratulations Barb B. for buying the winning ticket for the pink quilt raffled at the February meeting.

This month we will be raffling a [log cabin](#) quilt at our meeting – it is hand pieced and machine quilted. We will be choosing 1 person to win the raffle each month until each quilt has found a new home. Tickets can be purchased for \$5/1 ticket or \$20/5 tickets. The winner will be responsible for picking up the quilts or paying shipping to have them mailed. Please share the [link and information](#) on your social media sites and with your quilting friends. Remember that all the money raised will be used for our charity projects.



It's time for another SEW DAY! Mark your calendars for Sat., April 3 from 10 am – 2 pm. Zoom invites will be sent via email on Friday night.

What's new with BNMQG?



BNMQG is now on **Pinterest** - <https://www.pinterest.com/bnmquiltguild/>

ACCUQUILT Loan Library

There is now a place to find a die to borrow or add dies that you are willing to lend to other BNMQG members! Dies are added by the owner of the dies and is offered as a service to BNMQG members. There is a link to the sheet on the Member page of our website. Just click on the link and a Google sheet will open where you can enter the dies that you are willing to share. If you are looking for a die to borrow, view this sheet and contact the owner to make arrangements to borrow it. This is what it will look like:

Be as specific as you can

Choose the cutter that you use the die on

Enter your name if you are loaning a die

Enter an email or phone number for people to contact you

Mark this Checked out if you have loaned it out

Die Name	Works with which cutter (All, GoMe, Go, GoBig, Studio)	Owner Name	Owner Contact - email, cell, etc However the owner wants to be contacted	Available or Checked Out
5" square die	Go	Nancy Powell	nancynpowell@gmail.com	Available

It is important that you keep track of your dies when you check them out. The guild will not be monitoring this loan library!

Thinking ahead – start collecting fabric, tools, and notions that you'd like to donate to BNMQG for a destash fundraiser when we start meeting in person. Please price the items and toss them in a box!



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Check this out!



We're going to roll for the next installment of the Take a Chance Challenge this month. The time commitment can be small to participate in this challenge BUT the reward is BIG.

Congratulations to Marge Ehlers

who won an extra entry into the Grand Prize Drawing at our February meeting!

The roll for the **March project** is:

BLUE and shape is hexagons – wonky or not!

Upload your entry by 2pm on March 23 and view the other entries on our [Shutterfly Challenge page](#).

Tech Tuesdays

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054fa9ad29a6f58-bnmqg3>



March 30 – Tech Tour of BNMQG. These classes last about 45 - 60 minutes via zoom and one is presented at 11 AM and one at 6 PM.

We are looking for

1. **Someone to teach a class or classes on using cutting machines – Cricut, Scan and Cut, et.**
2. **More topics for Tech Tuesdays** – anything tech related – social apps, computer/Internet related topics, software, quilting tools/rulers, etc.. Want to suggest a topic or have something you can share with us? Want some more information on Electric Quilt? Please let me know.

Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge

The quilt challenge rules and entry form were attached to an email and are available on the Member page of <https://bnmqg.org/> The Kona color for 2021 is Horizon – it's a sky blue. Since we are still remote, we are collecting the \$1 registration fee when you submit your finished quilt in May. Hopefully we'll have a place to display them by that time. In the meantime, if you'd like a small piece of Horizon fabric to get started, let me know and we can arrange a porch pickup. Sewing Studio and Peace and Applique Too have this in the store now.



Heart Beat quilts – Please pick up a quilt kit now!

We still have quilt kits to pick up. Pat Silva put together 30 quilt kits so we'll have some ready to give the hospital. Please consider picking up a quilt kit – blocks are made, backing, batting and binding are included – nothing to buy, just your time and talent are needed. They don't take much time to put together and if you don't like the quilting or binding part, I'm sure someone else would quilt or bind 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 W Central Bloomington-Normal – Pat S Southeast Bloomington – Nancy P

Phone numbers and addresses are in the member area of the website.

Tip for March: Check out the blog article – [Best Quilt Tips Ever](#) from AQS.



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From Membership– Noemi B., Chair

You will be getting an email and you will be asked to send current information for our membership records since they have not been update in over 1 year. Even if you think your info is correct, please complete the information and return it as directed in the email. Thank you.

VP Corner

from Kathy Cook



Krista Hennebury describes herself as a traditionally informed modern quilter. She lives in Vancouver BC Canada and lectures/teaches technique and project workshops on Zoom. Her quilts and patterns have been published in numerous magazines and books and won awards at QuiltCon and Quilt Canada. The quilts are called: Varietals (right) bottom row: Medina Dots (Krista's pattern), What Apple? (a sample for her Speed Date with Improv workshop), and Round Peg, Square Hole (Krista's pattern). Check out her Instagram feed to see more.



@poppyprint

Krista has been kind enough to offer BNMQG members a 10% discount to her Etsy shop from March 23 – 25 at midnight, so visit <https://www.etsy.com/shop/Poppyprint?coupon=BNMQG> where you can use coupon code BNMQG.



MQG News

22 members joined us for the planning session for QuiltCon 2021. At least 24 members of BNMQG attending QuiltCon Together. Even though we couldn't share QuiltCon in person, the reviews were great for the quilt show, lectures and workshops. If you missed QuiltCon or the February BNMQG meeting, the QuiltCon Highlights presentation shared last month is available in the member area of our [website](#).



Here's something els you might like: Kitty Wilkin has a presentation on [Milestone Quilts for Every Moment](#) that you might be interested in.



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Tech communications:

Zoom – Check your emails 1-2 days before our meetings or workshops to find your Zoom invites. Sometimes there is important information in the email and/or attachments for you to access/print. So read your email for this information.

Website/Blog – There was a new password sent to you via email for the member area on our website on November 2. (<https://bnmqg.wordpress.com/>)? Look for this password in your email. This password will be only available to members whose dues are paid. 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 started in 2019 – 2020 as a private group for BNMWQ members. If you're not already a member, use this 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, newsletters, registration forms, 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!

I can't wait to see you on Zoom at our meeting on Tuesday. Call your BNMQG friends and have them meet you there. Grab your **cell phone**, **a notebook**, a snack, and/or drink and enjoy the meeting! - Nancy



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For your BNMQG Calendar

March 22 – Workshop registration for Maria Shell’s workshop (on June 26) opens

March 23 – Lauren Loewen – Quilt Photography

March 30 – Tech Tuesday – Tech Tour of BNMQG

April 27 – Quilting Modern

May 25 – TBA and retreat announcement

June 22 – Maria Shell Lecture

June 26 – Maria Shell Workshop

July 27 – Kona Mini Quilt Show

August 24 – Election of Officers and Program by Heather Black

2021 Quilt Show Info/Calendar – Yes there are some! 😊

- **International Quilt Festival**
 - Quilt submissions for many of the exhibits debuting at this year's Quilt Festival in Houston are being accepted now! <https://www.quilts.com/enter-your-quilt/>
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- **June 3 - 5, 2021** – Original Sewing and Quilt Expo Chicago 2021 in Schaumburg, IL
<https://exhpo.com/usa/chicago-sewing-quilt-expo/>
 - **October, 2021** – Hands All Around Quilt Guild Quilt Spectrum – Interstate Center, Bloomington

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MQG Liaison – Cathie Haab
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Nominating Committee – Sandy Sanders, chair
Photographer – Kelly Cummings
Survey board and door prize – Danna Boore
Webmaster and Zoom expert – Lisa Baermann
Block Lotto and Fabric Raffle – n/a
Fabric Raffle Sales – Pam Laws