



Newsletter May, 2021

Next meeting – May 25, 2021 – zoom opens at 5:30pm CST

BNMQG May Meeting

May is a big month for BNMQG.... Lots to do as school comes to a close and summer looks like more opportunities will be open to us after a tough year. Here are the things to look forward to...



1. The deadline for your **Intent to enter the Mattoon Outdoor Quilt Show** to enter your Kona Horizon Challenge quilt (and one other quilt of your choice) has been moved to **May 23**.... Please do this ASAP and let me know how we can connect so I can get your quilt(s) and take it (them) to Jamie. Remember that the outdoor show is on June 12 in Mattoon, IL at Lytle Park from 10 am – 6 pm. Put it in your calendars!
2. This weekend, I'm hoping that you'll take advantage of the tickets we bought you to join in the **All Star Sampler Platter!**

Saturday May 22, 2021 2-5pm (central) and Sunday May 23, 2021 2-5pm (central)

As a member of our guild you will have free access to all six hours of this live event. BNMQG has paid for your ticket to this event. Come and stay for as long as you'd like. Leave when you wish. Enjoy learning live from some of the very best virtual teachers in the quilt world. It's going to be FUN and a lot of good information! Each day there will be 9 – 15 minute mini workshops.

Look for the email from BNMQG and there you will find a PDF listing the full schedule of teachers and demonstrations along with an information sheet for each individual demo. Many include supply lists and instructions so you can work along with the demo or take notes. This handout can also be downloaded [here](#) if you have trouble with the attachment.

Be advised that this webinar is live only and will NOT be recorded.

Any time during the Sampler hours you can sign in using this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82862585542>

Please keep the link somewhere safe. We suggest that you add the event along with the link directly into your calendar. We ask that you not share this link with anyone outside of BNMQG.

If the Zoom-room is full you will be automatically redirected to a YouTube livestream where you can watch the *exact* same thing that is happening in Zoom. In many cases Youtube is more stable than zoom so please don't be disappointed if you are unable to enter the Zoom room itself. GQC will have moderators monitoring the chats in Zoom AND in Youtube to answer any questions you have. Also note that you may be asked to enter your name and email address when logging onto the Zoom meeting.

3. Our meeting will take place on zoom on Tuesday, May 25! We'll be talking about the sessions you attended in the Sampler (see #2), share BNMQG Horizon Challenge quilts, show last entries in the Take A Chance Challenge and select our last winner of the extra chance in the final prize drawing that will be held at our June meeting. We'll be awarding the prize money in June.
4. You'll be getting the info on the BNMQG retreat that will be held Sept. 17-20 and how to signup for retreat.



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May Show and Tell



It's time to get photos ready for Show and Tell. You can share your quilt photos by

- Posting photos in the May Show and Tell album on Facebook in the BNMQG group
- Send photos to Nancy (nancynpowell@gmail.com) **by Monday** if you don't have a Facebook account or want some help posting the photos.

Heart Beat quilts – The hospital has started accepting quilts from us again! Please pick up a quilt kit now or get your finished quilts to Pat!



We still have a few 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 Pat Silva (630-803-6359 – email: pksmim@hotmail.com) to make arrangements to pick up a kit, have one delivered, or return completed quilts! Thanks so much for all you're doing for the little ones!



Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge

It's **not too late!** The quilt challenge rules and entry form 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 have decided to waive the \$1 registration fee when you submit your finished quilt in May. Sewing Studio and Peace and Applique Too have Kona horizon fabric in the store now.

There is a lot of interest in having our quilts exhibited at different events this year.

Our first Modern Quilt Show for our minis will be in the [Mattoon Arts Council](#) Outdoor Quilt Show on June 12. Look for your email from BNMQG or visit the [Mattoon Arts Council](#) website about this show to find the information, the **Intent to Exhibit form (deadline has been extended to May 23)**, the guidelines, and the paper label to attach to your quilts. Nancy P. will be delivering these to Jamie Willis who is in charge of the show and also a member of BNMQG. Please make sure to make arrangements to get your quilt to Nancy close to the May 25th meeting. Drop it off, arrange for a porch pickup or a meeting place to deliver it. Questions, contact Nancy (nancynpowell@gmail.com or text/call 309-825-4933).

Mark your calendars for June 12 and plan a road trip to Lytle Park in Mattoon (10 am – 6 pm) to view the quilts!

Maria Shell's workshop is **SOLD OUT!**



But the waitlist is open and active! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054fa9ad29a6f58-maria>

The **lecture on June 22 is free** to members so you don't need a ticket for the June 22nd lecture. [Guest tickets](#) for her presentation at our June meeting are available.



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QUILT Raffle

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

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase a ticket for this beautiful quilt and give someone a quilt hug. The winning ticket will be drawn at our May Meeting. Your money will be going to a good cause! 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. Time is running out to purchase tickets for this quilt. 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.

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 and Lisa B. for purchasing the winning ticket for the log cabin quilt in April.



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



Congratulations to Mary Rose Hill who won a extra entry into the Grand Prize Drawing at our April meeting!

The roll for the **May project** is: **GREEN** and shape is **Circles** – **yes we should be getting better with circles!** Upload your entry by 2pm on May 25 and view the other entries on our [Shutterfly Challenge page](#).

BONUS: We're going to roll for an optional 9th and last installment of the Take a Chance Challenge this month. ANYONE who enters this month gets an additional entry into the grand prize drawing in JUNE!

The grand prize winner will be drawn at our June Meeting!

From Membership– Please make sure that you have sent Noemi B (noemibo@aol.com) your current email, address, phone number, birthdate (month and year). If you're not sure, send it to her again! Thanks.



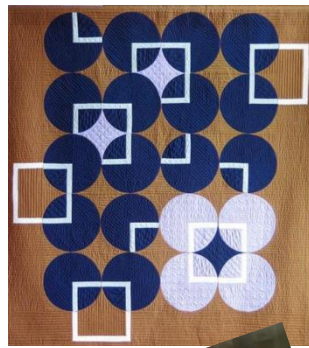
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VP Corner

from Kathy Cook



Heather Black is an author, pattern writer, fabric designer and Aurifil Artisan. Her quilt designs have a bold geometric look and reflect her modern aesthetic. Design Make Quilt Modern is her latest book and is a guide for creating your own designs. You can find more of her work on her Instagram account, @quiltachusetts Heather will be our featured speaker at the August bnmqg meeting.



MQG News

QuiltCon 2022 – Phoenix, AZ February 16-20, 2022!

Important Dates (these are also on the BNMQG calendar on our website)

- **June 7th, 2021** – QuiltCon 2022 Hotel Reservations open at 9 am CDT and all reservation links will be available on the QuiltCon Website.
- **June 24, 2021** - The QuiltCon schedule and catalog will be released.
- **August 4, 2021** 10AM CDT - QuiltCon 2022 Member Registration opens
- **September 1, 2021** – October 31, 2021 Submit your quilts to show at QuiltCon 2022



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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.

BNMQG Calendar – Did you know that you can link the BNMQG calendar with your Google Calendar on your computer, phone, or tablet? Guild info can be found there as well as QuiltCon and quilt show info. Take advantage of this great benefit for BNMQG members!

Website/Blog – <https://bnmqg.wordpress.com/> This password is 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 Noemi** 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 hashtags #BNMQG and #BNMQGquilts. Want more Instagram help, let us know and we'll work it into some Tech Tuesdays!



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

For your BNMQG Calendar

May 22 and 23 – All Star Virtual Sampler Platter from 2 pm – 6 pm each day (see attached flyer)

May 23 – Last day for you to submit an Intent to Exhibit form for the Mattoon show

May 25 – Kona Color of the Year minis are due, retreat announcement, and more!

June 12 – Mattoon Arts Council Outdoor Quilt Show, Mattoon, IL

June 22 – Maria Shell Lecture

June 26 – Maria Shell Workshop

July 27 – Birthday celebration and ????

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/>
 - **June 4 – 5, 2021 – Cunningham Children’s Home Festival of Quilts**, Urbana, IL
 - **June 12, 2021 – Mattoon Arts Council Outdoor Quilt Show** - Lytle Park, Mattoon, IL
 - **October 28-31, 2021 INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL/HOUSTON**
Preview Night October 27, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas
 - **October 29-30, 2021 – Hands All Around Quilt Guild Quilt Spectrum – Interstate Center, Bloomington**

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 Powell*

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