



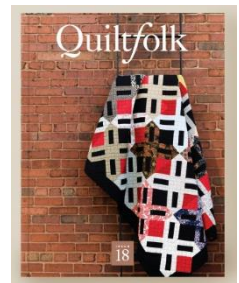
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Newsletter April, 2021

Next meeting – April 27, 2021 – zoom opens at 5:30pm CST

Is it really Spring?

April is full of surprises – warm weather, rain, flowers, budding trees, and today we had snow! I always love a surprise and I guess that’s IL weather. It’s been a fun month if you got your copy of Quiltfolk – Issue 18, Illinois. You and your quilts looked beautiful in the magazine. Here are a couple that are in the magazine but also some that landed on the cutting room floor!





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BNMQG April Meeting

Quilters are always talking about the impact that color has in quilts. Charles Cameron will be our presenter this Tuesday and he will give us some tips about using color in our quilts. Charles is an engineer by day and a quilter when he's not engineering!

Join us on April 27, 2021 at 6 pm via zoom for Color! An Engineer's guide to Color Placement in your Quilt. You can follow Charles on Instagram @feltlikesweets. [Guest tickets](#) are available.



It's time to get photos for Show and Tell Ready. You can share these photos by

- Posting photos in the April Show and Tell album on Facebook
- 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!

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 or have one delivered. 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. A Sew day for Heart Beat Quilts will be Saturday, May 8 from 10:30 am – 2 pm.



Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge

I hope you're working on your Kona Challenge Quilt. *If not, 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

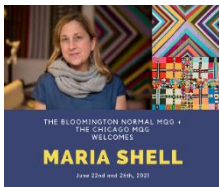
Peace and Applique Too have Kona horizon fabric in the store now. There is a lot of interest in having our quilts exhibited at different events this year.



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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 about this show which includes information, the Intent to Exhibit form that is due before May 15, 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 by the May 25th meeting. Drop it off, arrange for a porch pickup or a meeting place to deliver it. If necessary, drop it in the mail but make sure to give it enough time to arrive by May 25th. Questions, contact Nancy (nancypowell@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!**

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.

Peter Byrne Workshop is **SOLD OUT!**



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. This beautiful quilt is made with drunkard's path blocks and flying geese. The winning ticket will be drawn at our April 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 Jamie W. for purchasing the winning ticket for the log cabin quilt in March.



It's time for another SEW DAY! Mark your calendars for Sat., May 8

from 10:30 am – 2 pm. Work on a heart beat quilt, your horizon challenge quilt, another quilt project, or just come and chat! Zoom invites will be sent via email on Friday night.



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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!



We’re going to roll for the 8th and last installment of the Take a Chance Challenge this month.

Congratulations to Lisa Baermann who won a extra entry into the Grand Prize Drawing at our March meeting!

The roll for the **April project** is: **RED** and shape is **rectangles – wonky or not!**
Upload your entry by 2pm on April 27 and view the other entries on our [Shutterfly Challenge page](#)



Surprise in MAY

BNMQG has purchased tickets for all BNMQG members to attend the

All Star Virtual Sampler Platter

sponsored by the Global Quilt Connection on Saturday,

May 22 and Sunday, May 23 from 2 pm – 5 pm CST * There is an attachment to this newsletter email that describes the event and the **18 teachers and mini workshops** that they will be presenting. So MARK your CALENDARS. We’ll be talking about the workshops that you attend at the May meeting.

You will receive a link and a schedule of mini workshops closer to the event so watch your emails. It is important to realize that these workshops are NOT being recorded. You must attend the live workshops to get the instruction from the teachers. There will be a PDF sent along with a link to the workshops a week before.

*time on the attached flyer is in EST so please make sure to note the time change for us!



What’s new with BNMQG?

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



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Have you checked out the BNMQG 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 are 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 | nancypowell@gmail.com | Available |
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It is important that you keep track of your dies when you check them out. The guild will not be monitoring this loan library!



From Membership— Noemi B., Chair
 Thank you for updating your contact information when Noemi sent you the email asking for this information.

VP Corner

from Kathy Cook



Margaret Fleisher loves improv and color. A big fan of 100 day projects, she uses them to sharpen her technical skills and to learn more about color interactions. Past projects have been 100 days of curves, book covers and currently Kona solids. Margaret is a retired elementary teacher living in the Philadelphia area and a member of the PMQG. Our guildmate Lori LeVar was lucky enough to be her swap partner at Quilt Con one year!





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Check out more of Margaret's terrific work on instagram @margaretfleisher



- [Milestone Quilts for Every Moment](#) that you might be interested in.

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 quilt show info. Take advantage of this great benefit for BNMQG members!

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 BNMQG 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



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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!

For your BNMQG Calendar

- April 27** – Color! An Engineer's guide to Color Placement in your Quilt with Charles Cameron
- April 29 – Horizon Quilt along from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- May 8 - Sew Day from 10:30 – 2 pm
- May 15-16 – Peter Byrne's Cityscape Workshop
- May 22 and 23 – All Star Virtual Sampler Platter from 2 pm – 6 pm each day (see attached flyer)
- 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** – TBA
- 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 12, 2021 – [Mattoon Arts Council Outdoor Quilt Show](#)** in 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



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