

Minutes and Links for the July Meeting at Christ Lutheran Church

Before the meeting:

- Food
- Check-in and handed out pens for birthday celebration
- Show photos from HOI.
- Sold quilt raffle tickets
- Sold Raffle tickets
- Members and Guests painted their paper for the activity
- Participated in the Survey

Agenda

1. Welcome – Nancy (BNMQG) welcomed everyone to our July meeting.
2. Heart Beat Quilts – Pat Silva asked for a show of hands of who had quilts to donate and provided information on where they can be returned. We are in need of a replacement coordinator for this community service. Contact Pat or Nancy if interested. We have all the fabric; just need someone to coordinate.
3. Pickup quilts from the Mattoon and HOI fair and Wisconsin Quilt Fair – Thank you to all who participated and to Viv Browning for coordinating those for HOI fair. Nancy explained how you can pick up your quilt if you haven't already. And some of you may have won a Door Prize! For those that participated in the previous Wisconsin Quilt Show, you should have received an email on 7/9/2021 regarding participating in another Wisconsin quilt show.
4. New Venue for next year's Kona Minis – The Original Sewing and Quilting Expo will be the new venue for 2022. We are thinking about scheduling a bus trip to Schaumburg; won't that be fun? We won't know the color until Dec/Jan, but please be thinking about your design for this 20" square challenge. Our Guild's goal will be 40 or more entries.
5. Take A Chance Challenge with Rolling Dice – Our Grand Prize Winner is Marilyn Beal! Marilyn graciously donated her winnings back to the guild. Thank You Marilyn! Marilyn also won 4th in the Wisconsin challenge with her Kona Mini.
6. Community Outreach Quilt Challenge for QuiltCon 2022 in Phoenix – contest to design the BNMQG Quilt entry – No entries received so far, but we are doing a color design activity tonight to help inspire you. The design entries are due by Friday before the August meeting (August 27 – vote in person at the **August 31** meeting). We will have a display the August meeting to aid in voting. We will need everyone's help in piecing, as well as volunteers to help coordinate.
7. QuiltCon signup begins on August 4 at 9 am – **make sure that you can log in to MQG BEFORE the 4th** and watch for your email to register! Your annual membership to BNMQG includes the cost of the entry pass. Classes go fast so be ready right at 10 AM CT. Tips were provided by members such as 1) if want classes, skip lectures for now and focus on classes first. 2) get class you want the most first and check out, then go back in for more classes. Putting in cart doesn't register you for the class until its paid for and processed. QuiltCon Challenges this year are an Artisan Challenge and a Hexagon Challenge, in addition to the Community Outreach Challenge.
8. Introduced and thanked Barb Stevens and Mary Rose Hill for chairing the hospitality committee. Thank you, Barb and Mary, for chairing this past year and for agreeing to continue on as hospitality chairs. They indicated they would be passing a sign up sheet around and would

prefer if we could sign up tonight. Doesn't have to be anything fancy and don't have to worry about beverages. 3 people per meetings. We will need more volunteers.

9. Noemi reported that there were 44 members and 6 guests!
10. We're looking for a new coordinator for heartbeat quilts – you 'll have lots of help! (covered under Item #2 above)
11. VP Corner – **Kathy Cook** – This month's spotlight is on a quilter Jayne who lives out side Nashville. She can be found on IG and Etsy under "TwiggyandOpal", which is a tribute to her grandmother. She uses bold colors and has patterns other than quilts.
12. New on the website – Classified ad page – forms are available tonight and also on the website-classified ad page or in the member area. Once you have downloaded and completed the form, please give them to Treasurer Betty Wooddruff. There are already 6 people advertising on that page: <https://bnmqg.org/classified-ads-for-quilting-services/>
13. Show and Tell – 13 members participated tonight, with many showing multiple quilts or other quilting-related items. Beautiful variety of items were shared!
14. Each member had the opportunity to meet a new member when they gave the painting that they had back to their owner. This happened during intermission when they hunted for the owner of the painting and introduced yourself as you look for the owner. Everyone needed their painting for the activity after the break !!!

15 minute intermission

After intermission

1. June Quilt Raffle – **BETTY** announced Sheila Rosborough as the winner of the yellow butterfly quilt. Raffle tickets are still available for the July quilt, Grandmothers' Flower Garden. Tickets are \$5 each of 5 for \$20.
2. Fabric Raffle – Marge announced Donna Lee as this meeting's winner of the FQ bundle.
3. Announce election and Heather Black's presentation in August
4. Other announcements
 - a) a new retreat center was announced. Seamless Getaways in Forrest, IL. They are having an open house on 8/14/2021. Flyers available on front table as we leave.
 - b) Upcoming Quilt Shows – 8/28-29 GEMS Quilt Show at Life Together Center, Sheridan Road in Peoria. More info, go to www.gemsoftheprairie.com And also Kankakee Quiltmakers 10/8-9. r

Design Activity - Nancy provided an overview of tonight's activity designed to get us thinking creatively about color and quilt design, using a pixilation concept. We were to take our paintings from the beginning of the night, which were on grid paper, and glue various color squares over the painting to create a picture "pattern". Once completed, we were encouraged to think of these 5 "What if" questions: you changed the size of your squares, you used triangles or other shapes instead of squares, your grid was a log cabin or other blocks, you used gradient-colored shapes, and/or you used a photo behind your shapes instead of a "watercolor"? Great exercise to start planning on the QuiltCon design challenges. Members were encouraged to go home, try the exercise and post pics on our FB page.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Submitted by Sheila R. for Paula M.