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Newsletter August, 2021

Next meeting – August 31, 2021 – Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761

Social time with food and an activity to prepare for the meeting 5:30 pm CST.

BNMQG August Meeting

August is almost over. School is back in session and Quilt Shows are starting to show up again! We're still having to be careful and safe as we hope that the end of the pandemic is just around the corner. So, as we plan our meetings, August's, October, November, and December's programs will be offered via zoom and when/if possible, we'll meet together as well.



August's meeting will feature a lecture by Heather Black (via zoom so all can enjoy either at the meeting or at home).



Heather Black – ZOOM lecture Balance & Depth in Modern Quilt Design

This lecture will explore how to begin with a base that will guarantee a balanced quilt – from minimalist to block-based designs – and introduce several techniques that will add depth to your designing!

Connect with Heather: <https://quiltachusetts.com/>

Instagram: [@quiltachusetts](#)

Please complete the survey on signup genius to let us know how you will attend so we will be prepared for the election, the food, etc. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054fa9ad29a6f58-august>) We'll be voting for new officers for 2021-2022. Dues for next year will be accepted. (There is a membership form at the end of this newsletter if you are renewing). Do you know someone interested in joining BNMQG? Encourage them to join by August 30 and get August's meeting as a free bonus with Heather's presentation. Renewals can be made via mail with a check for \$35 or via paypal on our website for \$37.00 (includes the increased paypal fees). Our year runs from September – August of the following year. FYI: your current membership expires on October 31 if your membership is not renewed! On November 1, the member password will change and non-members will be removed from our Facebook group BNMQG.

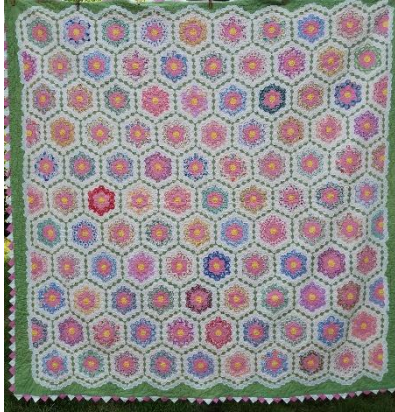
Come early – to enjoy treats from our hospitality volunteers or grab your own from home. Please bring your own beverage!

August Show and Tell - It's time to get ready for Show and Tell – yes – bring your Show and Tell to the meeting!!!



QUILT Raffle

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



We've kept a gorgeous quilt for our last raffle. It's a hand-pieced and hand-quilted Flower Garden quilt. There are prairie points around the border adding a beautiful touch. There are more detailed photos on the website in the Raffle Quilt tab.

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase a ticket for this beautiful quilt and give someone a quilt hug. Tickets can be purchased for \$5/1 ticket or \$20/5 tickets on our website (by August 30) or at the August meeting. The winning ticket will be drawn at our August Meeting. Your money will be going to our community projects! 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 or at the in-person guild meetings. Congratulations Sheila R. for buying the winning ticket for the yellow butterfly quilt raffled at the July meeting.

Heart Beat quilts – The hospital has started accepting quilts from us again! Please bring your finished quilts to the July BNMQG meeting. Pat Silva put together 30 quilt kits so we'll have some ready to give the hospital. There are a few left to finish if you want to pick up a quilt kit from Pat! 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! And, if you have some to return, please bring completed quilts this month at our meeting! Thanks so much for all you're doing for the little ones!

ALSO, please consider becoming the 2021-2022 Heartbeat Quilt Coordinator! If you need more info, see Pat S. or any board member at our August Meeting.

Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge and more...

Our first Modern Quilt Show for our minis was in the [Mattoon Arts Council](#) Outdoor Quilt Show on June 12. There were two articles in the Bloomington Pantagraph – June 10 and June 13. The minis that Nancy has will be brought to the meeting for you to pick them up. There were 32 minis and 15 other quilts from BNMQG members shared in this show.

Start designing for next year's challenge. The color will be announced in December or January. We'll be showing our quilts in Schaumburg at the Sewing and Quilt Expo in the Spring. The date is TBD. We're hoping to have a bus trip to this show.



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Time to Destash and help

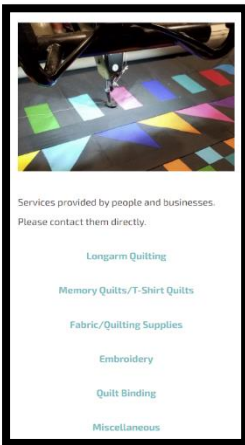
BNMQG – start collecting fabric, tools, and notions that you’d like to donate to BNMQG for a de-stash fundraiser in September. Please price the items and toss them in a box! Bring them to the September meeting and we’ll use the donations to provide you with top notch presentations and workshops.

BNMQG Retreat Info

Things are getting all set up for this year’s retreat. Make sure to attend the August meeting for more information! An email for all retreaters will be sent with important info.

We have a few spots that have just opened up for this retreat if you are interested. Signup at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054fa9ad29a6f58-bnmqg4> and then watch your email for the registration form to return with your payment and pic of your vaccination card. We have room for 28 participants.

We are requiring that all retreaters be vaccinated against COVID. Please take a quick pic of your vaccination card and send it to BNMQG@hotmail.com by the end of August to ensure that you will be fully vaccinated by the retreat. Failure to do so and your seat will open up for someone on the waitlist. We are doing this to protect our members since we will be spending 4 days together sewing inside.



Classified Advertising Opportunity

Our Facebook page and emails have prompted many questions and requests for recommendations for quilting services. So, BNMQG has decided to offer an area to give you a chance to promote businesses that offer quilting services.

Do you have a service to promote to quilters? As a BNMQG member, you get a very low rate to advertise on our [website](#) in the classified advertising tab. You provide an image (business card), a link, an application, and payment. We do the rest! Applications will be available at the Guild meeting!

Hospitality

The hospitality committee is still looking for volunteers for bringing refreshments for our meetings. Many hands make light work and since our meetings start early, many come straight from work!

GEMS Quilt show is this weekend!

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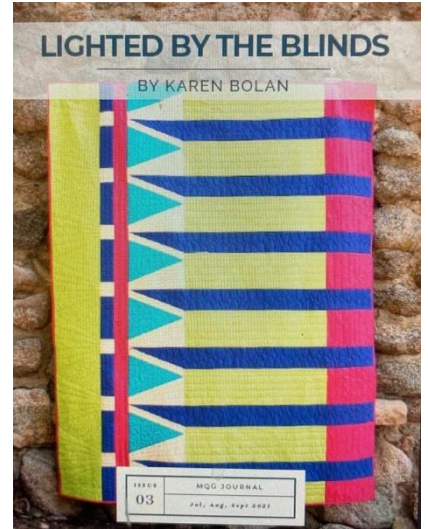
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VP Corner



Karen Bolan is August’s spotlighted quilter. This modern quilter lives in Santa Rosa, CA and has been quilting since 2014. She loves to design and teach others to quilt. Karen’s quilts have been juried into several Quilt Cons and featured in the magazine Curated Quilts. Check out this month’s MQG Journal to see her new pattern called Lighted by the Blinds. Find more of Karen’s work on Instagram @Karen.Bolan

from Kathy Cook



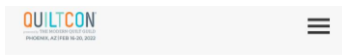
MQG News

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

- **August 4, 2021** 10AM CDT - QuiltCon 2022 Member Registration opened
- **September 1, 2021** – October 31, 2021 Submit your quilts to show at QuiltCon 2022



We NEED YOU to help create *BNMQG's QuiltCon 2022 Community Outreach Quilt Challenge*



Color Palette



Use at least two of the colors in this fun citrus-inspired palette and let your imaginations run wild! We've included coordinating solids from some of our sponsors to get you started. Feel free to add prints and other solids, as long as they match the color palette.

We didn't get any finished quilt designs but we've decided on some blocks to sew and create our quilt. The colors are shown to the left and ANGLES is the theme. <https://www.quiltcon.com/community-challenge>

One of the MQG's largest-scale charity projects is back and better than ever! This year, we are pleased to announce that guilds will have the opportunity to sell their Community Outreach quilts during QuiltCon to raise funds for [Women of Color Quilters Network](#) and the [Navajo Quilt Project](#)! MQG's goal is to make it as easy as possible for participating groups to fundraise for nonprofit organizations with this challenge.

SO, let's go BNMQG! We'll start at the retreat and a sew day will be scheduled. **Stop by at the retreat and pick up some fabric and block patterns! Watch for other emails for other pickup points. We NEED your help!**

Also, are you interested in helping coordinate the quilt construction? Let

Nancy P. know!

https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/challenges?mc_cid=e12c0dbade&mc_eid=13d4aae610

QuiltCon 2022 Hexagon Quilting Challenge

Sponsored by American Patchwork & Quilting

This year, American Patchwork & Quilting and the MQG want to see what you do with hexagons! The beloved six-sided shape is so versatile - how will you be inspired to create your quilt? Whether your hexagons are giant, tiny, made by hand, or made by machine, get your quilt design brain in gear!

Hexagon Quilting Challenge Rules

Eligible quilts must use a hexagon shape as a primary element in the design.

A hexagon is defined as a six-sided polygon. The total of the internal angles of any simple hexagon is 720°.

Size restrictions follow the same standard as all QuiltCon quilts - there is no minimum size, and there is a maximum size of 440" total perimeter (no single side larger than 110").

Quilt entries will be open September 1 to October 31, 2021 (the same as all QuiltCon Together show entries). Quilts can be submitted via the form on the [Quilt Show Information](#) page during that time.





2022 Artisan Cotton Fabric Challenge

Sponsored by Windham Fabrics

You are going to love these special bundles for the Artisan Cotton Fabric Challenge. Windham Artisan Cottons are a gorgeous cross-weave cotton fabric line with rich colors and visual depth. This cheerful, jewel-toned palette provides a range of possibilities - and imagining a whole quilt category in these colors is so exciting!



2022 ARTISAN COTTON
FABRIC CHALLENGE



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Anyone who doesn't get a fabric bundle can still participate in the Challenge by purchasing the fabrics on their own and submitting a quilt.

Artisan Cotton Fabric Challenge Rules

Fabric Challenge quilts must use at least 3 of the 4 challenge fabrics. Makers may add Windham Artisan Cotton neutrals, including and limited to the Neutrals list below.

Challenge Fabrics

- 40171-68 Wine / Pink
- 40171-47 Coral / Aqua
- 40171-35 Aqua / Blue
- 40171-12 Blue / Orchid

Neutral Fabrics

- 40171-1 Charcoal / White
- 40171-2 Black / Grey
- 40171-55 Taupe / Light Grey
- 40171-24 Navy / White
- 40171-27 Black / Copper
- 40171-65 Brown / Tan
- 40171-53 Walnut / Tan
- 40171-54 Camel / Cream
- 40171-22 Tan / Beige
- 40171-48 Stone / Lavender

The binding must be in an Artisan Cotton Challenge fabric or Neutral listed above. The backing may be any fabric

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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 BNMGG 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 BNMGG members!



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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 hastags #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

August 31 – Election of Officers and Program: Balance and Depth in Modern Quilt Design by Heather Black (note the date change) ****In person and via Zoom**

September 28 – Leslie Swearinger will lead a Color workshop and BNMQG Destash sale (\$\$ donated to BNMQG for future programs).

October 26 – Sylvia Schaeffer - Designing with Negative Space ****In person and via Zoom**

November 30 - Transparency Fabric Selection Tips & Tricks with Yvonne Fuchs who will be joining us **via Zoom** from Hawaii. ****In person and via Zoom**

Please note that this is a change in date from our original schedule!

December ? – Zoom holiday party with potholder exchange

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- **September 9 – 11** The [Great Wisconsin Quilt Show](#) – it's virtual again this year and always a good chance for some great workshops and opportunities to connect with vendors. It's a donation only event.
- **October 28-31, 2021** [INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL/HOUSTON](#)
Preview Night October 27, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas – Signup for classes is available now.
- **October 29-30, 2021** – [Hands All Around Quilt Guild Quilt Spectrum](#) – Interstate Center, Bloomington



I want to thank each and everyone of you for all of your support and dedication to BNMQG over the past 2 years. Your bright lights were the motivation to bring new ideas and use zoom to keep us all together. It is with a certain sadness that this will be my final meeting as your president. It has been a pleasure to getting to know you better and work with you, a great



BNMQG Together 2020-2021

guild of quilters. It has been a very rewarding two years, complete with challenges! But, I'm looking forward to working with Lisa as her Vice President after the election. I will have big

Slate of Officers for 2021-

2022

- **President** – Lisa Baermann
- **Vice President** – Nancy Powell
- **Secretary** – Paula Meiners

shoes to fill with Kathy Cook leaving the board. I was able to do this job with the overwhelming support that she has given so generously these two years. Please take a minute and thank her for all of her help. Also, Betty Woodruff, our treasurer has helped us move into the next level by entering the world of PayPal to make it easy to join the guild, enroll in workshops, and have guests attend our meetings. Paula Meiner will continue to document our meetings and that continuity is priceless. Take a minute and thank Lisa Baermann for an amazing job with TECH/zoom. What would we do without her? And, thanks Noemi Bowers for a keeping up with all of our membership records and communications!

I can't wait to see you at our meeting on Tuesday. Call your BNMQG friends and have them meet you there or on Zoom. Bring your beverage and enjoy the meeting!

- Nancy

- **Treasurer** – Anita Tullier
- 2021-2022 Volunteers needed**
- **Heartbeat Quilt Coordinator**
 - **Block Lotto Co-Coordinator**

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Secretary – Paula Meiner
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Heartbeat Quilts – Pat Silva
Hospitality – Barb Stevens and Mary Rose Hill
Library – Carol Benson
Membership – Noemi Bowers
MQG Liaison – Cathie Haab
2020 Retreat Chair – Betty Woodruff
Nominating Committee – Sandy Sanders, chair
Photographer – Kelly Cumming

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



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It's time to renew your membership. Please print this form and bring it to the meeting with your \$35 check or send it in the mail. Or, if you prefer, use this link to [renew your membership using Paypal](#) for \$37.00 (which includes increased Paypal fees).

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<p style="text-align: center;">Dues are \$35.00</p> <p>Checks should be made payable to: Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild OR if you would like to mail your form/payment send it to: BNMQG P.O. Box 154 Normal, IL 61761</p>	<p>Please print and fill out this form prior to coming to the meeting. Attach your payment to this form.</p> <p><small>In the event that your check is returned unpaid for insufficient funds or an invalid account number, a \$35.00 return fee will be charged per incident. Checks will not be accepted as a form of payment after two returned check fee charges; payment must then be made by cash or guaranteed funds (cashier's check, money order, or traveler's check).</small></p>

