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Newsletter July, 2021

Next meeting – July 27, 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 July Meeting



I'm looking forward to seeing your beautiful faces...even if they are covered by a MASK (required)!

July's meeting will be a CELEBRATION of BNMQG's 9th birthday and getting to meet in person in July for the 1st time in 20 months – masks are required.

Let's celebrate each one of our many blessings!

Come early – we're providing sandwiches, chips, and cupcakes. Please bring your own beverage!

Also, you have an activity to do *prior to the meeting* that will be used during our program!!! **July 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/>

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 or at the July meeting. The winning ticket will be drawn at our July 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. Our last quilt for next month will also be at the meeting for you to see! It's a beauty.



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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 Sue W. for buying the winning ticket for the blue bow tie quilt raffled at the June 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! Return 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 July 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.

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!



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The Grand Prize winner for the Take a Chance Challenge is
Marilyn Beal!

The money (\$255) will be presented **in person** at our July meeting. Congratulations Marilyn.

Thanks to all of the members who finished the challenge:

Vickie Alsene, Lisa Baermann, Barb Baumann, Marilyn Beal, Carol Benson, Noemi Bowers, Maria Conrad, Kathy Cook, Kelly Cowles, Rhonda Davis, Marge Ehlers, Carol Lou Eisenhart, Karen Goloff, Mary Rose Hill, Vivian Hoette, Donna Lee, Paula Meiner, Nancy Powell, Gary Riss, Pam Riss, Valerie Schaeffer, Barb Stevens, Leslie Swearinger, Connie Two, Ann Unes, and Betty Woodruff!

Check out all of their monthly projects at: <https://bnmqg20202021challenge.shutterfly.com/pictures/>

Did you get to the *Heart of Illinois Fair*
this year and see the beautiful quilts?

Six BNMQG members entered quilts and ALL of them were winners!
Congratulations to:

Dee Lyn Balensiefen (3rd place and Director's Choice)

Karen Goloff (1st place)

Kelly Harvey (2nd and Viewer's Choice)

Nancy Powell (Grand Champion, 2 - 1st place, 2 - 2nd place)

Leslie Swearinger (1st and 2nd)

Sue Wozniak (1st)

Thanks for your encouragement and coordination at the fair Viv Browning! Think about next year's show BNMQG members!



BNMQG Retreat Info

Things are getting all set up for this year's retreat. There is a waiting list for this retreat if you are interested at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054fa9ad29a6f58-bnmqg4>

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.



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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!



Services provided by people and businesses.
Please contact them directly.

Longarm Quilting

Memory Quilts/T-Shirt Quilts

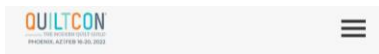
Fabric/Quilting Supplies

Embroidery

Quilt Binding

Miscellaneous

We NEED YOU to help design 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.

It's time to be CREATIVE and help design the quilt for the QuiltCon Community Challenge. The colors are shown to the right 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! Bring a quilt design (hand drawn, cut and paste, or computer generated – just be modern and original) to the meeting or email it to nancynpowell@gmail.com, drop it off or use USPS. The deadline has been extended to August 29 . We will vote for our 2022 QuiltCon Community challenge design at our August 31st meeting.

Also, we'll be looking for someone who is interested in being the coordinator for the quilt! You don't have to design it to help coordinate it!



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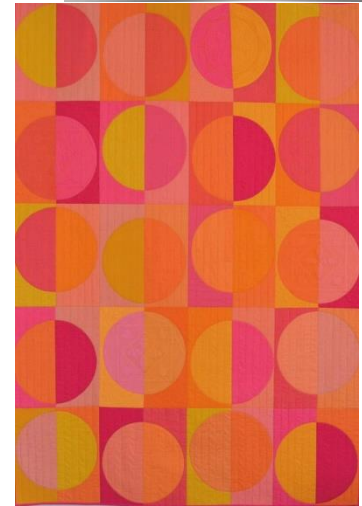
VP Corner

from Kathy Cook

Jayne Willis aka Twiggy & Opal



Jayne Willis is a modern quilter who lives near Nashville TN. Her work is bold and colorful! The business name she uses, Twiggy and Opal, honors her grandma. Interestingly though, it was her daughter who taught her to quilt. Jayne's Etsy site has all kinds of wonderful items for sale as well as the patterns she creates. You can see more of her work on Instagram @twiggyandopal or her blog, twiggyandopal.blogspot.com.





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

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

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

See Betty Woodruff for your fabric at the July meeting if you were lucky enough to get a bundle of MQG's fat eighths. There will be fabric for this challenge available to purchase at the July meeting!

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!



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 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 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 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

July 27 – Birthday celebration at Christ Lutheran Church – Social at 5:30 and meeting at 6:00

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

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

October 26 – Making MODERN by Kathy Cook and Nancy Powell

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

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

- **August 28-29, 2021** *Gems of the Prairie Quilt Show - Life Together Center, 3625 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614* Hours: Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
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- **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
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Slate of Officers for 2021-2022

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

2021-2022 Volunteers needed

- **Heartbeat Quilt Coordinator**
- **Block Lotto Coordinator**

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

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Chairs

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 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