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Newsletter June, 2021

Next meeting – June 22, 2021 – zoom opens at 5:30pm CST

BNMQG June Meeting – A lot of firsts....

You only get so many firsts, each one is a blessing.
— Taylor Swift —

We've participated in our first Quilt Show. We're having our first Alaskan Quilt Artist as our guest lecturer. We're going to meet in person in July for the 1st time in 20 months. Let's celebrate each one of our many blessings! July's meeting will be a CELEBRATION!

PATCHWORK TO ARTWORK—JOURNEY OF AN ALASKAN QUILT MAKER
 Quilt Artist Maria Shell will share her work from her first stitches to her most recent pieces along with some fun stories about trying to quilt while raising three boys in the wild lands of Alaska. Maria's work is grounded in the the tradition of American patchwork while also connecting to both the modern and art quilt movements. It is a journey filled with laughter, dark Alaskan nights, and lots of stitching.
 Learn more about [Maria Shell](#) and her work!



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.

June 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 June 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. Please put "June Show & Tell" in the subject of the email.



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





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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.

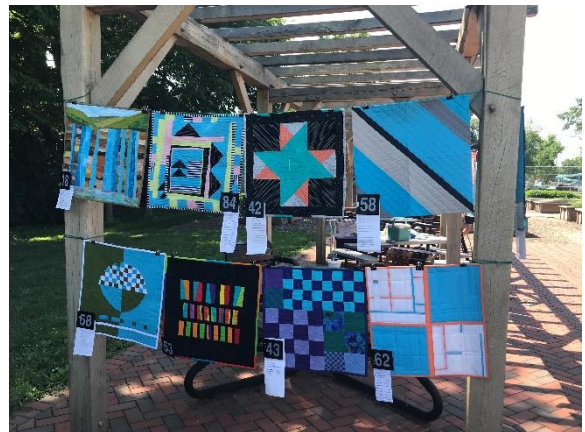
Please call or text Pat Silva (630-803-6359 – email: pksmim@hotmail.com) to make arrangements to pick up a kit, have one return completed quilts! Thanks so much for all you're doing for the little ones!
ALSO, please consider becoming the 2021-2022 Heartbeat Quilt Coordinator!



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.

So nice to see that many of you attended this beautiful and HOT quilt show in Mattoon on June 12! Jamie, THANKS for inviting us to share our quilts. There are more photos on FB in the BNMQG group!



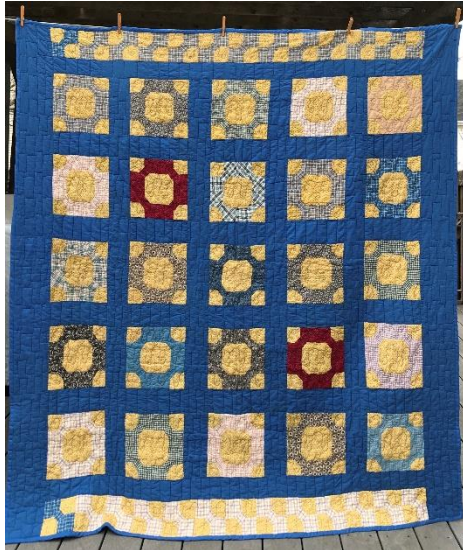
Please make arrangements to get your quilt from Nancy.
Questions? Directions? Contact Nancy (nancypowell@gmail.com or text/call 309-825-4933).



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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 June 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.



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 when we start meeting in person. Please price the items and toss them in a box! Watch for future announcements!



The Grand Prize winner for the Take a Chance Challenge will be drawn at the June meeting on June 22nd! The money (\$255) will be presented **in person** at our July meeting.

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/>



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VP Corner

from Kathy Cook

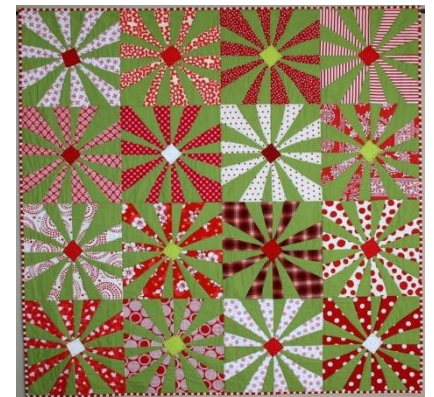
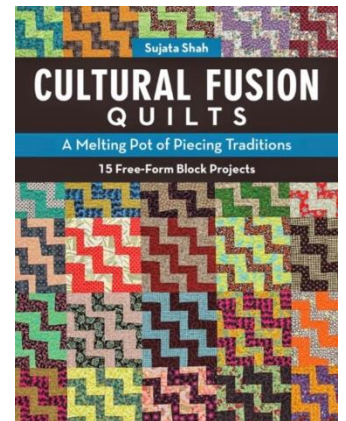


Sujata Shaw

Born in Mumbai, India, Sujata Shaw is inspired by the colors of her birthplace. She has a background in graphic design and is an author, quilt designer and teacher. Her quilts make use of scraps, a myriad of colors and hand quilting.

In one of her workshops she teaches Kawandi making. A Kawandi is a utility quilt made by the African Diaspora/Siddi community of India. The last two photos are examples.

See more of Sujata's work at therootconnection.blogspot.com or follow her on Instagram @therootconnection





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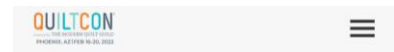
QuiltCon 2022 – Phoenix, AZ February 16-20, 2022!

- **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

QuiltCon 2022 Community Outreach Quilt Challenge

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](#)! Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for participating groups to fundraise for nonprofit organizations with this 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.

SO, let's go BNMQG! Send a quilt design (hand drawn, cut and paste, or computer generated – just be modern and original) to nancynpowell@gmail.com, drop it off or use USPS by **July 20**. We will vote for our 2022 QuiltCon Community challenge design at our July 27th meeting. Also, let me know if you are interested in being the coordinator for the quilt!

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



QUILTCON

Mark your Calendar

Sign-ups for Challenge bundles will open Thursday, June 17 at 4 pm CDT. At that time an email with a link to the form will be sent to all MQG members who have selected to receive email from the MQG. The form will stay open until all bundles of 4 fat-eighths are claimed. Sign-ups are limited, but anyone who doesn't get to sign up for a mailed 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 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

June 22 – Maria Shell Lecture and BNMQG meeting
June 26 – Maria Shell Workshop



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

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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- **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**

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**

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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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