



Newsletter September 2021

Next meeting – September 28, 2021 – Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761
Social time with food and our Destash sale 5:30 pm CST.

BNMQG September Meeting

Can you believe that September is almost over? Crops are being harvested and are giving me design ideas! We will continue to watch and follow any guidelines for the pandemic to keep our members healthy but engaged. Last month we did our first dual meeting – in person and via zoom. Feedback from zoom participants said that it went well, so we will continue trying to do the dual option even though our speaker will be in person this month.



vintagemodernquilts
Midcentury Quilt pattern
blogged [here](#)



September’s meeting will feature a talk by our very own Leslie Swearinger – How I Choose Color (she will be in person, but we will also have zoom up so all can enjoy either at the meeting or at home).

We all have different approaches to choosing color for our quilts. Are you more scientific – like the color wheel, or are you more organic – like choosing your favorite colors? In this discussion on choosing color I would like to discuss multiple ways of choosing colors for our quilts with a more in depth look of how we can incorporate the color wheel into helping us enhance and expand our color choices for the perfect quilt.

[Modern Quilt Studio](#)



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 in full dollar increments (no change please) 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.

Come any time after 4pm and help set up your items (if you can) and/or help man the table so everyone can shop. You can also make arrangements with someone to bring your items early for you. Contact a board member if you need assistance. **Reminder, no books, patterns or magazines for this version.** We hope to do another destash sale in the spring for those items.



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Retreat Review – We will share pictures from the retreat and in the future we will be asking attendees for feedback – what went right, what needs improvement, etc. Lots of fun was had by all!



September Show and Tell - It's time to get ready for Show and Tell – yes – bring your Show and Tell to the meeting!!! We love to see what everyone has completed. Many fabulous things were worked on at retreat!

Renew your membership - Don't forget to renew your membership or join as a member for 21-22!

Dues for 21-22 will be accepted at the meeting. (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 us. 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 and shop the Destash sale. Please bring your own beverage!

Heart Beat quilts – The hospital has started accepting quilts from us again! Please bring any quilt kits back to the September BNMQG meeting – **doesn't matter if they are completed or not. Thanks so much for all you are doing for the little ones!**

Questions? Please call or text Pat Silva (630-803-6359 – email: pksmim@hotmail.com) There is a new design in the works for 21-22. We will be making kits at a sew day soon. 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.



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

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

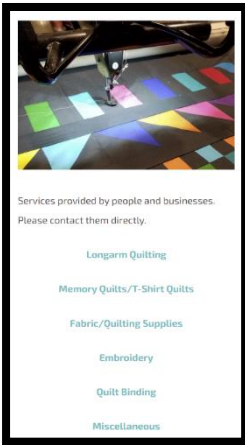
Our first Modern Quilt Show for our minis was in the [Mattoon Arts Council](#) Outdoor Quilt Show on June 12. There were two articles in the Bloomington Pantagraph – June 10 and June 13. There were 32 minis and 15 other quilts from BNMQG members shared in this show.

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.

Modern Quilt Showcase: If you received an email requesting your mini quilt to be included in the Modern Quilt Showcase, please bring your quilt(s) to the meeting. Our first showcase will be at the Hands All Around Quilt Show October 29th and 30th, Interstate Center, Bloomington. If you did not receive an email – no worries and please don't be offended if you weren't asked this time, due to the limited amount of space. There will be many more opportunities to showcase your mini quilts.



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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!

Hospitality

We have transformed the hand written sign-up sheet for BNMQG Hospitality for 21-22 to a [Sign Up Genius](#). We have already entered those that have previously signed up. However, we still have open slots available. Please consider signing up if you haven't already. The social time is fun and volunteers are needed! Many guild members are coming to the meetings straight from work. Finger foods work best - doesn't need to be fancy!



Workshop Opportunity - Sew Together Bag

One of our members, Lori Levar, will be conducting a workshop on the Sew Together Bag on December 4th from 9am to 3pm with a 30 minute break for lunch. You can bring your lunch or plan to order in. Signup is available now on the [BNMQG webpage](#). The [supply list](#) is also available. If you don't already have the pattern, we have those available on the website Sign-ups are limited to 20 participants, so you might want to hurry!





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VP Corner with Nancy Norem Powell

As we prepare our first BNMQG Modern Quilt Showcase, I thought it might be fun to revisit what modern quilting is. I love this quote from Carole Lyles Shaw.

Carole Lyles Shaw – “Modern quilting is a movement that is open, diverse, innovative, welcoming and, most of all, FUN! Let’s keep it that way!!”



- A. Read her article on [Elements in a modern quilt](#)
- B. Download and print Carole’s 13 [Principles of Modern Quilt Design](#) worksheet
- C. Number the principles on your copy of the worksheet (link above). What principles do you see in her mid century curves quilt by Carole Lyles Shaw! See if you agree with me...

I see examples of #4, #5, #6, #7, #11, and #12.

What principles of modern quilting are in your current modern quilt?

What modern principles would you like to incorporate into your next quilt! Happy modern quilting!



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

QuiltCon 2022 Community Outreach Quilt Challenge

We didn’t receive any finished quilt designs and not much interest has been expressed with the polls etc, so we are going to skip this year, but are looking forward to next year! Hoping that MQG will continue to offer the opportunity to sell the Community Outreach quilts during QuiltCon to raise funds for nonprofit organizations with this challenge.



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.



[QuiltCon 2022 Hexagon Quilting Challenge](#)

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!



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

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

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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

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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.

For your BNMQG Calendar

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** **Members only - In person and via Zoom

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

Please note that this is a change in date

due to Thanksgiving! December 4 – Lori Levar - **Sew Together Bag Workshop**

December 28 – Zoom holiday party with potholder exchange

January 25 - Cindy Grisdela –Anatomy of an Improv Quilt **In person and via Zoom

January 29 - Cindy Grisdela – Curves and Stripes Workshop (zoom)

2021 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

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 WITH BNMQG MINI QUILT SHOWCASE](#)– Interstate Center, Bloomington



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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/>. 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/>

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).



Are you on Instagram? Follow our guild @BNMQG and as you post your modern quilting photos, please use the hastags #BNMQG and #BNMQGquilts.



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



I want to thank our previous board for everything they did to keep us going during a pandemic. Nancy Powell, Betty Woodruff and Kathy Cook were just what we needed to keep us going during a pandemic. They kept us connected, promoted fellowship as well as fostered our growth as modern quilters. They showed true leadership to keep us connected and motivated.

- Kathy Cook's VP Corners introduced me to some wonderful modern quilters. She is an awesome improvisational quilter. She so inspires me!
- Betty Woodruff has fulfilled many roles within the guild with the latest being Treasurer. Her love of the guild is inspirational. She is truly a treasure!
- Nancy Powell has left some really big shoes to fill. She is a wonderful leader, fantastic modern quilter and a terrific friend!

The quilts made by the guild for Betty Woodruff and Nancy Powell were fun to participate in and they hold the love that all of us have for both of them.

I know I have big shoes to fill, so please bear with me as I adjust to this new role. Luckily, for me, Nancy is our new Vice President and her help and guidance will be a great help to me (as always).

I hope that as your new president that I can help us to grow in our knowledge of modern quilting and enjoy each other as people as well as quilters.

Lisa



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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).

DATE:	
BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL MODERN QUILT GUILD 2021 - 2022 Membership Renewal Form MEMBER INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY	
NAME:	STREET ADDRESS:
CITY & ZIP CODE:	PHONE:
EMAIL:	BIRTHDAY – MONTH/DATE
<p>Dues are \$35.00 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>

