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Newsletter October 2021

Next meeting – October 26, 2021 – Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761
 Social time with food 5:30 pm CST, meeting starts at 6pm.

BNMQG October Meeting

Soon we will have trick or treaters knocking on our doors! We will continue to watch and follow any guidelines for the pandemic to keep our members healthy but engaged. We will continue to do the dual meeting option (in person and via zoom) even if our speakers are in person. **We will change to have presentations first and the business meeting as the second “half” of the night, even if the presenter is attending in person.**



October’s meeting will feature **Sylvia Schaefer – Designing with Negative Space.**



BNMQG welcomes Sylvia Schaefer

October 26
 6:00 pm CDT
 Via Zoom
 Members Only

Designing with Negative Space



Sylvia will be joining us via Zoom from Athens, Georgia. This is a member’s only meeting. Sylvia is an international award winning quilter, book and pattern author.

Sylvia’s lecture will include step-by-step ideas on how to start with a traditional quilt block and then alter it to incorporate negative space. She will also include suggestions on fabric and quilting choices for your design.

October 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. If you are joining via zoom or your item is not available for in person viewing, please post to the October Show and Tell Album on the FaceBook Page.

Renew your membership - Don’t forget to renew your membership or join as a member for 21-22! If you aren’t sure if you have paid already, please check with Noemi B. Contact info is on Members only page. 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.



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Community Outreach

Heart Beat quilts – The hospital has started accepting quilts from us again! Please bring any quilt kits back to the October BNMQG meeting – **does not 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 S. (630-803-6359 – email: pksmim@hotmail.com)

There is a new design in the works for 21-22. We will be making blocks at a sew day on November 6th. 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 part of the Community Outreach leadership team for 2021-2022! If you need more info, see Pat S. or any board member at our October Meeting.

Sew Day on November 6th

This sew day will be for sewing blocks for Heart Beat Quilts, paper piecing refresher (hint it is for the Block Lotto that will be demonstrated at this month's meeting that are due in November), as well as for a Neck Wallet and Nametag holder that will be demonstrated by Nancy P. Nancy will have the supply list for this project at the October meeting and will post it to the Member's only page and FaceBook group. There is no cost for this sew day.

We will meet at the church at 9 am until 3 pm, bring your sewing machine and basic supplies for sewing the Heart Beat quilt blocks. If making the Neck Wallet and Nametag holder or the November Block Lotto blocks, bring your fabric. Come and go as you want or as your schedule allows. Feel free to join us for cutting or pressing of the Heart Beat blocks if you can't sew or have limited time.

Workshop Opportunity - Sew Together Bag

One of our members, Lori Levar, will be conducting an in person only (no zoom) 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 24 participants, **so you might want to hurry – limited seats are available!**



Potholder Swap December 28th

Holiday Party will be via Zoom due to busy season on December 28th. It will be a potholder exchange – get thinking caps on, doesn't have to be a rectangle.... Sign up is now available on [Sign Up Genius](#). Email will also be sent out to all members with the link. We will draw random partners, like we did for the pincushion swap. Members will swap wrapped potholders prior to the December meeting (either in person or by mail – their choice) and then the packages will be unwrapped at the zoom meeting.



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Meeting Date changes: November and December

Reminder – we have changed the dates for November and December due to the holidays! November’s meeting will be on the 30th instead of the 23rd. December will be a zoom on the 28th instead of the 21st.

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

Modern Quilt Showcase: Our first showcase will be at the Hands All Around Quilt Show October 29th and 30th, Interstate Center, Bloomington. **If you can help with setup or take down of the display, please let a board member know.**

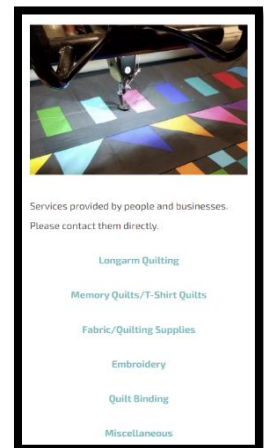
Start designing for next year’s challenge. The color of the year will be announced in December or January. We are waiting on details from the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo.

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.

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 – does not need to be fancy!

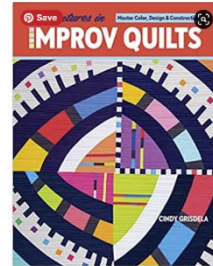


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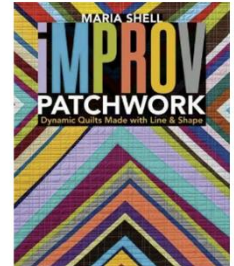
VP Corner with Nancy Norem Powell

This month let's talk about one of the characteristics of modern quilting – IMPROV. Improv quilts are described by Cheryl Arkison as this, “No plan, no sketch, no pattern. Just a bunch of blocks turned into a quilt top. Complete improvisation.” The act of improvising is “Starting a quilt without knowing what it will look like when you finish.”

Others think of IMPROV as wonky blocks/pieces, often made without precise cutting or piecing “*Improvisational piecing (sometimes called free piecing or liberated piecing and shorten to “improv”) is just what it sounds like: sewing together fabric without always measuring and cutting to precise measurements. The freedom of piecing like this appeals to many modern quilters as it keeps the design process of quilting continuing through the labor of piecing. There are no mistakes to be made in improv piecing – if you like the way it looks, it works!*” -The Modern Quilt Guild



Written by Cindy Grisdela, our speaker in Jan.



Written by Maria Shell, our speaker from last June.

How do you feel about IMPROV? Have you ever tried it? Do you fear it? Check out these books and videos and see what you think. Maybe you'll even learn to embrace it and find it is fun to do!

- Take the leap: Facing Your Fears of Improv with Cheryl Arkison: <https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/resources/take-leap-facing-your-fears-improv>
- Improv Quilting - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6DjlnJpMZU>
- How to start Improv Quilting with Shannon Brinkley and Irene Roderick - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDRtUDV6kLc>

Happy modern quilting! – Nancy



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

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- **October 28, 2021** Last day to sign up for the 6th annual Mini Swap
- **October 31, 2021** Last day to submit your quilts to show at QuiltCon 2022
- **November 5, 2021** – Mini Swap partner notifications
- **February 7, 2022** – Mini Swap International mailing deadline
- **February 14, 2022** – Mini Swap Domestic mailing deadline



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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 B. 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

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

November 6 – Sew Day 9-3 at the church

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** 9-3 at the church

December 28 – Zoom holiday party with potholder exchange

Please note that this is a change in date due to Christmas!

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

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

February 22 – TBA

March 22 - Cristina De Miranda – **Thru-Quilting: My Journey Thru Modern Quilting**

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/>

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Webmaster and Zoom expert – Lisa Baermann
Block Lotto and Fabric Raffle – Leslie Swearinger and Marilyn Beal
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).

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 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>