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Newsletter November 2021

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

BNMQG November Meeting

Reminder – Meeting is on the 30th and not today! How this year has flown. I love this time of year for reflection on what we are grateful for. I try to be grateful each and every day, but Thanksgiving time really brings it to the forefront. I am very grateful for our guild – it keeps my creative juices flowing and fills me with fun and friendship!



November will be our last in person meeting for a little while. December's holiday party was already planned to happen via zoom. The board has decided to hold January and February meetings only via zoom. This will allow us to gather no matter what the weather (or Covid) is doing! We will send zoom invites out a few days prior to each meeting and the zoom link will also be posted in the private BNMQG Facebook group.

November's meeting will feature Yvonne Fuchs - Transparency Fabric Selection Tips & Tricks



Yvonne, also known as the [QuiltingJetGirl](#), will be joining us via Zoom from Hawaii and discussing tips and tricks for fabric selection for transparency quilts.

Transparency quilts can use shades of the same color, or have colors intersect to make a new color.



Transparency quilts are a favorite design technique for Yvonne and she will talk about what inspires her to design using the technique, as well as how she approaches fabric selection when working with or wanting to make a transparency quilt. She will also include common techniques and online tools that she uses for color and fabric choices.

November Show and Tell – Please bring your items for Show and Tell – it is one of my favorite parts of the meeting. We all love to see what everyone has been working on! If you are joining via zoom or your item is not available for in person viewing, please post to the November Show and Tell Album on the FaceBook Page.



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Membership – Did a friend say they didn't get the email this month? They may not have renewed their membership for 21-22 – they can still do so at a meeting on our website.

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. On November 1, the *member password was changed and emailed out to all current members on November 1st*.

Community Outreach

Heart Beat quilts –Thanks so much for all you are doing for the little ones! The sew day we had on November 6th was great and a lot of strip sets were sewn, pressed and cut into blocks. Kits will be available in April, please consider picking one up.

Questions? Please call or text Pat S. (630-803-6359 – email: pksmim@hotmail.com)



Thanks to all who have already joined the Community Outreach leadership team for 2021-2022! If you still want to be a part of this team, please see Pat S. or any board member at our November Meeting.

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 and at the November meeting. Sign-ups are limited to 24 participants, **so you might want to hurry – limited seats are available!**



Potholder Swap Zoom 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](#).

If not having any Insul Bright batting is holding you back from signing up for the swap, I will have some available at the November meeting or you can call, text or email Lisa B.

This is a fun small project that allows you to try out a new technique on a small scale. Have you tried improv? If not, this is a perfect opportunity!

For those that join the swap, we will have a zoom party to announce swap partners on December 3rd at 7pm. We will also email out to the participants a list of the swap partners in case you can't make the zoom meeting. Random partners will be drawn, 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...

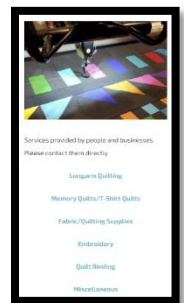
Modern Quilt Showcase: Our first showcase was at the Hands All Around Quilt Show October 29th and 30th, Interstate Center, Bloomington. It made a wonderful visual impact as attendees came through the door. Many, many thanks to all of the members who took time out to be a host for any time slot. We really got the word out to the community about modern quilting!

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.

Classified Advertising Opportunity

Our Facebook page and emails have prompted many questions and requests for recommendations for quilting services. So, BNMQG now offers an area to give you a chance to promote your 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

There are still a few spots left to sign up to bring treats to the meetings. 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! Sign up for BNMQG Hospitality for 21-22 via [Sign Up Genius](#).

Modern Mystery Quilt

You don't want to miss out on this Modern Mystery Quilt experience! This is an excellent opportunity to explore multiple modern techniques. Printed packets that will help you to organize for the mystery will be available at the November meeting if you are signed up ahead of the meeting. Everyone will still receive the packet via email – but why not save yourself some toner! Already, over 1/3 of the guild has signed up.

There will be monthly prizes, as well as a grand prize at the end, and more but the best part – a finished quilt top! There will be a monthly zoom meeting (the 1st one is on January 3), which will hopefully be recorded, for those that are signed up for the mystery. Sign up is available on our website or at the November meeting. Join NOW so you get all the emails, materials, and zoom invites. It's going to be a real Modern Mystery!



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VP Corner with Nancy Norem Powell

Celebrate Colors

For many of us November is the time we're getting into full decorating mode for the holidays. Sometimes I don't know where to start or just want something different. Googling color trends for holiday, 2021 reminds me that there are trends that never go out of style - twinkly lights, gleaming ornaments, and gift-wrapped boxes. According to livingetc.com, "the color theme for Christmas 2021 is all about joyful brights in both traditional colorways as well as contemporary alternatives such as magenta and blue". I'm a little surprised.

Those color trends got me thinking about color in general. Photos often are the inspiration that I need to develop a color palette for a quilt. However, I see the colors in the photo and said, "What are the colors that I see? Where do I start?" Now I take the photo and head straight for [playcraft tools](#). It has lessened my anxiety level when it comes to choosing colors. [Palette Builder](#) can help you choose color palettes of 6-10 colors based on any photo! Then, using the colors in the photo, [Palette Builder](#) can match those colors to the closest solid fabric (Kona or Moda Bella), Aurifil thread, or hex code.



So, if you're decorating for the holidays or looking for a color palette for your next quilt project, visit <http://www.play-crafts.com/blog/tools/>. P.S. If you don't have a photo, check out [Color Play](#). It is a quick and easy way to get a color palette. The tool generates a random palette using standard color schemes. It is a great place to start if you're stuck for ideas. Happy holidays! - Nancy



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

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- **February 7, 2022** – Mini Swap International mailing deadline
- **February 14, 2022** – Mini Swap Domestic mailing deadline

Yazzii Bag Raffle

Yazzii Raffle

Owner of Yazzii will Zoom with us during our February meeting. Winners drawn during February meeting. Do not need to be present to win.



CA230
Crafters Companion
 Retail Value: \$116.00
 Size Closed: 10.8" x 13.3" x 5"



CA140
Oval Craft Bag Companion
Color is Red
 Retail Value: \$74.50
 Size Closed: 9.45" x 9.8" x 3.2"

Raffle Tickets: 1 ticket for \$3 or 6 tickets for \$15

Cash* or PayPal Only via PayPal button on Member's only page

Raffle tickets will go in one drawing, we will flip a coin for the first drawing for which bag will be drawn for first.

*Cash option available at November meeting or contact a board member

We will be raffling off 2 – count them 2 - Yazzii bags in February! Owner of Yazzii will also be joining us via zoom for our February meeting. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$3 and 6 for \$15 and are available via PayPal on the **member's only page** or via cash at the November meeting or contact a board member. See them in person at the November 30th meeting!

If you don't trust your luck in winning a raffle and want to make sure you get one, find your email about **the 10% discount and free shipping** discount codes are good until December 31st. The email was sent out November 1st, catalogs were attached to that email, but you can also just visit www.yazzii.com.



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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

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 3 – Zoom for Potholder Swap partners

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 3 – 1st Modern Mystery Monday zoom for Challenge 1

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**

2021-22 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

February 16-20, 2022 [QuiltCon](#) The Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Arizona



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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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MQG Liaison – Betty Woodruff
2022 Retreat Chair – Paula Meiner
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Webmaster and Zoom expert – Lisa Baermann