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Newsletter February 2022

Next meeting – February 22, 2022 – via Zoom

Social time 5:30 pm CST, meeting starts at 6pm.

BNMQG February Meeting

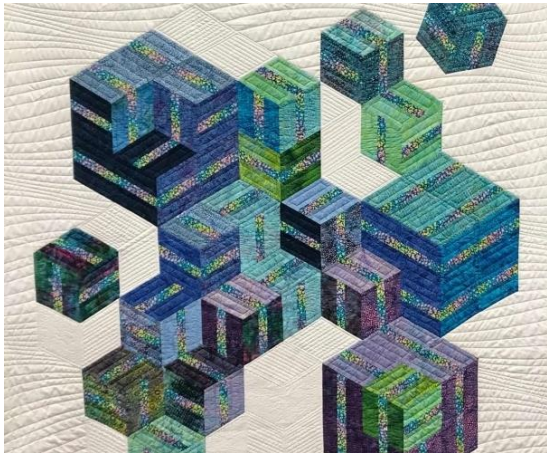
February is QuiltCon month – I am so excited for those of you that are attending QuiltCon in Phoenix! I know you will have a fantastic time and be so inspired!

For those not attending or won't get there in time for the Awards ceremony – good news – it will be live streamed on February 16th at 8:00 pm CST (7 MST) on the [QuiltCon Website!](#)



Our February meeting is only via zoom, the zoom link will be emailed prior to the meeting.

February's meeting will feature Betty Woodruff – Quilting Modern



Betty is one of the BNMQG's founding members and was just appointed as our Executive Director unanimously by the BNMQG Board. This position includes guild historian.

Betty has been quilting since 1998 and she purchased her first long arm in 2008. Betty quilts for herself and for others, include award-winning quilts.

She will share many tips on how to Quilt Modern – this is for both domestic machine quilters and long arm quilters. Whether you are planning to quilt a mini quilt or a bed sized quilt. She will share techniques she has used including straight lines, curves, simple dot to dot quilting as well as the use of ghost blocks. I'm

looking forward to this talk! Hope to see you on Zoom!

February Show and Tell – Please be prepared to hold up an item for Show and Tell or post to the February Show and Tell Album on the BNMQG FaceBook Page.

I know we had many attendees at Cindy Grisdela's Stripes and Curves workshop and I have seen some fantastic pics – please share your workshop results with the rest of the guild at Show and Tell!

Community Outreach

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 reach out to Pat S. or any board member. There will be an update on what the leadership team has planned for the future at the February meeting.





Meeting Date changes:



April and May

April's meeting will be moved to May 3rd instead of April 26th.

May's regular meeting will be held on May 31st instead of the 24th.

Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge

Come join us in the Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge! The color of the year is Cosmos. Sign up is just \$2 and you will receive a label for your quilt. For those that sign up, you can pay at the March meeting and receive your label then or arrange something with Nancy P.

Finished quilts will be due at the "April" meeting on **May 3rd** – we will do a special show and tell of our Modern Minis.

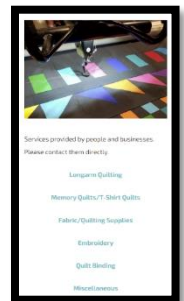
Guidelines:

- Finished size--20" X 20"
- Use Cosmos in your ORIGINAL design – a lot or a little - somewhere on front of your Mini Quilt
- Finish your Mini Quilt with binding or facing
- Use at least one of the Modern Quilt Elements in design
 - Negative Space
 - Asymmetry
 - Improv
 - Alternate Grid
 - Minimalism
 - Modern Traditionalism
 - Scale-enlarged or reduced
- The quilting should enhance the modern design.
- [Sign Up Genius link](#)

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](#) are available on the website and will be available at Guild meetings!





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BNMQG Modern Mystery Quilt

Challenge #2 must be posted by February 21st to be eligible for the February prize drawing!

You don't want to miss out on this Modern Mystery Quilt experience! This is an excellent opportunity to explore multiple modern techniques. It is not too late to join us – you can sign up at any time and be eligible to win the grand prize.

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. 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!

VP Corner with Nancy Norem Powell

Cristina de Miranda of Ships & Violins is our speaker in March and she is hosting a Mystery Quilt Along. She is a member of the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild and lives in Toronto, Canada.

She is well-known for her paper pieced constellation quilts. For this Ships & Violins event, participants will be making a Constellations Series-inspired wall hanging (24" x 24"). If you like [The Square of Pegasus](#), [Orion's Spur](#), [Arcturus Shield](#) or [Lyra's Hymn](#) you'll love the fifth design! Participants will receive an update before the start date in April 2022. The event will begin in May 2022.



You must be registered to participate. The event has a fee of \$10.50 USD which is the price of the pattern that you'll receive during the quilt along.

For more information about the Mystery Quilt:

https://shipsandviolins.com/pages/mystery-quilt-2022?_pos=1&_sid=abec3e62e&_ss=r

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



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Yazzii Bag Raffle

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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.

We will be raffling off 2 – count them 2 - Yazzii bags at our February meeting! We will have a video from the owner of Yazzii at 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 by contacting a board member.

Deadline to purchase a raffle ticket is Monday, February 21st!

If you don't trust your luck in winning a raffle and want to make sure you get one, we were given a new coupon code that includes free shipping for orders over \$75 and 10% off of orders over \$100. Yazzii has indicated prices are going up April 1st, so maximize your savings by ordering before April 1st. Coupon will be posted in the member's only area.



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March Meeting

BNMQG welcomes
Cristina De Miranda
March 22, 2022 at 6pm CDT



This trunk show will showcase quilts designed by Cristina De Miranda of *Ships & Violins*. The journey begins with a look at her improvised patchwork pillow covers inspired by a thru-hike of the East Coast Trail, and continues through her designs as a burgeoning modern quilt pattern designer.

As always, members attend the lecture for free, but we also have guest tickets available on our [Event and Workshop](#) page of our website.

April Meeting held on May 3rd

Our April meeting held on May 3rd will be a Heartbeat Quilt design night, as well as our due date for the Kona Mini Quilt Challenge – we will do a special Show and Tell. We will also have a De-stash sale – this time it will be for Books, Magazines and Fabric. More info to come on the De-stash sale.

Ken Burns Quilt Exhibit

[Ken Burns Quilt Collection Exhibit](#) at the Riverfront Museum in Peoria March 5 through June 5, 2022.

Watch for a special announcement about our special group tour. Dates will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.



Modern Retreat

Plans are in the works for a modern retreat in September. Once we have signed contracts (hopefully by our February meeting) we will be able to give out more details!



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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

February 22 – Betty Woodruff – Quilting Modern

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

April meeting on May 3rd – Heartbeat Quilt Design Night, Kona Mini Challenges due, Destash Sale

May meeting on May 31st

2021-22 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

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

March 5 through June 5, 2022 [Ken Burns Quilt Collection Exhibit](#) at the Riverfront Museum in Peoria

April 27 -30th, 2022 – APQS Quilt Week in Paducah, KY

Follow our **Modern Mini Showcase** as the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo takes them around the U.S.
[Lakeland, FL](#) | March 17, 18 & 19, 2022 | [Register Now](#)
[Cleveland - Akron, OH](#) | April 7, 8 & 9, 2022 | [Register Now](#)
[Dallas - Irving, TX](#) | August 18, 19 & 20, 2022
[Fredericksburg, VA](#) | Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1, 2022
[Cincinnati - Sharonville, OH](#) | October 13, 14 & 15, 2022

[Nashville - Lebanon, TN](#) | October 20, 21 & 22, 2022
[Detroit - Novi, MI](#) | November 10, 11 & 12, 2022



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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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Library – Valerie Schaeffer

Membership – Noemi Bowers
MQG Liaison – Betty Woodruff
2022 Retreat Chair – Paula Meiner
Nominating Committee – TBA
Photographer – Kelly Cummings Cowles
Social Media – Nancy Powell & Betty Woodruff
Survey board and door prize – Danna Boore
Webmaster and Zoom expert – Lisa Baermann