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Newsletter March 2022

Next meeting – March 22, 2022 – Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761

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

## BNMQG March Meeting

Our March meeting is a dual meeting, the zoom link will be emailed prior to the meeting. It will be great to see your smiling faces in person again! I have enjoyed the flexibility that zoom gives us, even when we are back in person.

Our speaker is coming to us via zoom, so choose your location to suit your needs!

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.

## March Show and Tell

Please bring your show and tell or if attending via zoom, be prepared to hold up an item for Show and Tell or post to the March Show and Tell Album on the BNMQG Facebook Page.

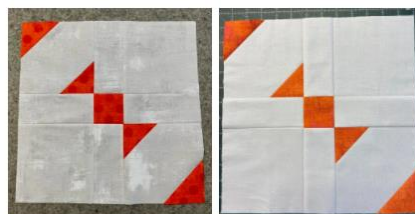
## Block Lotto

Don't forget to bring your [Block Lotto blocks](#) from January, February and March to the March meeting! Separate drawings will be held for each month. So excited to see everyone's blocks!

January 2022 – [ModSquared](#)



February 2022 – [Ribbon Rock Block](#)



March 2022 – [Cog Block](#)





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## 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 see Pat S. or any board member at our March Meeting. There will be an update on what the leadership team has planned for the future at the March meeting.



## International Quilting Day Sew Day

We will be celebrating International Quilting Day with a Sew Day at the church from 9-3. There is a Sign Up Genius on the Members Only page. It is just so we have a rough estimate of how many stations to set up. We will have a fun surprise activity – it will be kicking off our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Before you come to sew day, hang a quilt outside your home. Hope to see lots of you, even if it is just for part of the day.

## Ken Burns Guided tour



We need a minimum of 15 people for our group tour of the Ken Burns Exhibit on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. This is not limited to just BNMQG members – buy an extra ticket and bring a friend. PayPal buttons are at the top of the Members Only page.

Plans are to meet at Christ Lutheran Church parking lot at 8:45 am and carpool to Peoria Riverfront Museum.



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## Meeting Date changes:



### April and May

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

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

## 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 with Nancy P.

Quilts will be due at the "April" meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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](#)



## 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. 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 is a real Modern Mystery!



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## VP Corner with Nancy Norem Powell

# Why Quilt?

You've been making quilts for months or years and have them all around your house. You can buy quilts to put on your bed for less money (and definitely less time) than ones you make. So, why do we make quilts?

Here's why I make quilts.

1. Quilting allows me to express my **CREATIVITY**. Quilting is an art form and a study of shapes and color.
2. Quilting brings me **JOY**. Designing a quilt, choosing a color palette, shopping for beautiful fabrics, cutting and sewing pieces together, and time with friends who love quilting too, bring me happiness.
3. Quilting keeps me a **LIFELONG LEARNER**. I am always learning new techniques, taking classes, using new tools, and keeping my skills current. There are new lessons to learn from every project and every mistake. All of these make me a better quilter.
4. Slicing fabrics and piecing them back together is **THERAPEUTIC**. While I'm quilting, I can concentrate on the process and forget the stresses of work or other things. I find myself becoming more relaxed after completing a block or finishing a quilt despite all of the other 1000 things that can be overwhelming in the world around me.
5. Quilts create **MEMORIES**. They are like a time capsule. Sometimes when I look at my quilts or photos of my quilts, memories bring me back to the time and place where I made them. The memories are even stronger when they are given as gifts to family and friends, knowing that the quilts are wrapping each of them in the love that I've sewn into each of my quilts.

So why do I quilt? There are several reasons but the bottom line is, quilts **keep people warm**. They may warm the body, but they also warm the heart. And what better way to keep your family and friends warm than under one of your own quilt creations while providing a needed hug anytime they need one!





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## *Modern Retreat*

**Dates:** September 9 (1 pm) – September 12 (noon)

**Place:** Holiday Inn & Suites, 3203 E. Empire, Bloomington, IL 61704  
PH: 309-662-4700

**Cost:** \$125 for BNMQG members (and if spots are available - \$150 for non-members after May 15) which includes 3 dinners, hospitality room, swag bags, and sewing space.

**Signup:** in person at the BNMQG March meeting **or on signup genius.** (Check email for the link after the March 22 meeting.)

**Signup Deadline:** BNMQG July meeting

**Note:** Your place is not confirmed until your check is received

**Send Checks to:** BNMQG, PO Box 154, Normal, IL 61761

**Optional:** Rooms at the Holiday Inn are \$99/night + taxes for a room with two queen beds – You will reserve these directly with the hotel, mention the BNMQG retreat for this price.



### Hotel information:

With a convenient location near the Central Illinois Regional Airport (CIRA), our Holiday Inn & Suites Bloomington-Airport offers the very best in central Illinois accommodations. Guests can enjoy complimentary shuttle services within a five-mile radius of the hotel, making transportation a breeze during your stay in Bloomington.



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Our hotel near Central Illinois Regional Airport provides easy access to area attractions, including the Coliseum, ISU Bone Center, Shirk Center and the Route 66 Museum.

Corporate travelers will appreciate our modern accommodations near State Farm, Country Financial, Growmark, Caterpillar, I Cancer Center, OSF and Carle Bromenn hospitals and their affiliates. With over 4,900 square feet of flexible meeting space that can seat up to 300 guests, as well as a 24-hour Business Center and free high-speed wireless Internet access, our hotel near the CIRA Airport is a great place to host any event.

Our Bloomington, IL hotel offers a heated, indoor pool, a 24-hour Fitness Center, a convenience store and many options for dining including our adjoining Baxters American Grille. The Holiday Inn and Suites Bloomington is also walking distance to Buffalo Wild Wings, McDonalds and Avanti's Italian. Guest must have a valid credit card upon arrival.

## Yazzii Bag Raffle



Congratulations to Laurie S. and Lisa B. on winning the Yazzii bag raffle! There is a new discount code for the Yazzii website that includes free shipping for orders over \$75 and 10% off of orders over \$100. Yazzii has indicated prices are going up April 1<sup>st</sup>, so maximize your savings by ordering before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Coupon is posted in the member's only area.



## Destash Sale April Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>

BNMQG is hosting another Destash Sale at our April meeting happening on May 3rd! We are doing a [Sign Up Genius](#) to get an idea on how much space to reserve for the sale. Proceeds from the sale go towards our speakers and other guild activities.

If you have extra sewing supplies, including books, patterns, notions, kits or fabric and are willing to donate to the guild, please sign up [here](#). No magazines please.

Please price donated items before arrival. Shopping time will start at 5pm, but you can start dopping off your donations at 4:30pm. Any items not sold are the responsibility of the person donating the item and should be taken home in the even they do not sell.



### QuiltCon 2023

February 23 – 26, 2023  
**Featuring Chawne Kimber**  
 Atlanta Convention Center at  
 AmericasMart in Atlanta, Georgia

### QuiltCon 2024

February 22-25, 2024  
 Raleigh, North Carolina  
 More details too come



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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](mailto: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](mailto:BNMQG@hotmail.com) and put **Attn Noemi** in the subject area. Thanks.

### For your BNMQG Calendar

**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

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

**April 28 -30th, 2022** – Arthur Quilt Show Illinois Amish Country, Otto Center

**June 11, 2022** – Outdoor Quilt Show, Lytle Park, Mattoon

**September 8-10, 2022** – The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

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 BNMQG 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* – Carol Benson

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*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