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Newsletter April 2022

Next meeting – May 3, 2022 – Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761

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

BNMQG April Meeting on May 3rd

Our April meeting is being held on May 3rd. The format of this meeting is not perfect for zoom, but we will still have zoom available. The zoom link will be emailed a day or two prior to the meeting. We are going to try mixing things up a bit at this meeting and see what happens! We will have announcements and a hands on activity prior to the break. We will be doing a longer break due to the Destash sale and show and tell will be after the break.

We will be having a special show and tell of all of our Kona Mini Challenge Quilts! If you will be joining us via zoom, but have a Kona Mini quilt to show, please upload pics to the Kona Mini Challenge Album on the BNMQG Facebook Page.

I can't wait to see what everyone has created. This is the perfect size project to attempt a new skill or two! More fun is planned, so don't miss out!

Don't forget the Destash Sale



BNMQG is hosting another Destash Sale at our April meeting on May 3rd! 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. We are doing the [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.

Please price donated items **before** arrival in **full** dollar amounts – if you don't think something is worth \$1 to someone else, group items together in Ziploc bags or tape them together. Shopping time will start at 5pm, but you can start dropping 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 event that they do not sell. Don't forget to bring cash or your checkbook!

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 April Show and Tell Album on the BNMQG Facebook Page.

If you will be joining us via zoom, but have a Kona Mini quilt to show, please upload pics to the Kona Mini Challenge Album on the BNMQG Facebook Page.

BNMQG Gear

If you ordered BNMQG Gear and chose pickup, your items will be available at the April meeting on May 3rd. There were 52 orders for 97 pieces! It's going to be great to see so many showing their BNMQG spirit!





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Block Lotto

Reminder that we currently taking a break on Block Lotto as we work on our 10th Anniversary Improv Log Cabin blocks for Community Outreach Quilts. For more details on our 10th Anniversary blocks, please visit our [website](#).



Last chance for the

Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge

There is still time to finish your 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 “April” meeting on May 3rd and receive your label then.

Quilts are 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](#)

***NOTE:** If you are thinking that you’d like to hang in the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show or the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo, you will need to **add a sleeve** to the back of your mini. See the VP corner if you need help making one and putting it on your mini. You do not need a sleeve if you only plan to enter the Mattoon Arts Council Outdoor Quilt Show or just enter the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show ONLINE challenge.

Just in time for your Kona Challenge Quilt:

Enter the Modern Mini Quilt Challenge

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show and Nancy Zieman Productions LLC announce the sixth-annual Modern Mini Quilt Challenge, taking place throughout the month of May on social media! You are invited to participate in the challenge by stitching a 24-inch square (or smaller) modern mini quilt in fabrics featuring a modern color palette and design. For the complete rules, visit this [site](#).

To enter, send a high-resolution image of your quilt to WIQuiltShow@gmail.com by 5 p.m. CST on Friday, **May 20, 2022**. Include:

- Your full name
- Your hometown
- Quilt title
- Quilt measurements
- And a brief quilt description

Enter one modern mini quilt for a chance to receive a prize from one of the show’s generous sponsors!



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.

Community Outreach



Please continue having fun with improv for your 10th Anniversary Improv Log Cabin blocks – 10" finished, 10 ½" unfinished. These blocks will become quilts donated to the Cancer Center and Bed Blitz. For more details on our 10th Anniversary blocks, please visit our [website](#).

We have already had several guild members complete a set of 10. For every 10 blocks, you get a ticket for the prize drawing in August. This is going to be a great prize!

Turn in completed 10th Anniversary blocks at any meeting through August.

At our May meeting on May 31st, we will have stations for designing Heartbeat Quilts as well as the 10th Anniversary blocks that we have received so far.

Hands-on stations at the May 31st meeting - we need you!

For the May meeting on May 31st, we will be having a hands-on event with mini stations of things that the guild members would like to learn about. We will also have a station for each of our Community outreach blocks – Heartbeat and 10th Anniversary.

We have done this in the past and it was a very fun night of activity. We already have a few ideas on the list, but want to know your ideas! Do you know something that others would like to learn?

This could be just about anything sewing related – how to put a facing on a quilt, a special ruler that you can't live without, how to use KamSnaps, how to use a heat press, how to inset circles, how to use different fabric cutters (Accuquilt, Sizzix, Cricut, Silhouette, etc), how to do a zipper pouch, etc.





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I know we have many talented people in the guild. It's **all** about us **sharing our talents** and making us better modern quilters. Do you have a great hint/tip or product that you can do a mini station demonstration or activity on? Please email Lisa at l.baermann@comcast.net with your ideas.

If you are interested, but need supplies, please contact Lisa B. as the guild might be able to help with the supply costs. We need to share our love of quilting with each other – this means you!

Mattoon Arts Council & Lytle Park Quilt Show



Mattoon Arts Council and Lytle Park are holding their Outdoor Quilt Show again this year on Saturday, June 11th from 10am to 6pm. Weather date is June 18th.

This is a wonderful venue for your Kona Mini Challenge Quilt and/or other quilts that you would like to display. More info is available on the [Mattoon Arts Council Website](#). If you want to display a quilt at this show, Jamie W. has volunteered to take your quilt(s) the night of our April Meeting on May 3rd.

Watch your email for a form to complete to display your Kona Mini at this quilt show or the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show or the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo Traveling Show

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Ken Burns Guided tour

Our group had a great time viewing the Ken Burns quilt Collection at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. There are more pictures in the BNMQG Facebook page. Our tour guide, Pierre, was wonderful! Of course, the quilts were fantastic!



Outside of the exhibit, there is a display of toy sewing machines and Vicky Beoletto from the Sewing Studio provided many of them – they are fascinating!

If you were not able to attend with our group tour, it is something you need to go see! This is the 3rd location to have a display of his quilts and I think it is the last one!



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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 (currently \$325).

There are monthly prizes, as well as a grand prize at the end, and more but the best part – a finished quilt top! There are monthly zoom meetings. Sign up is available on our website or at any BNMQG meeting. Join NOW so you get all the emails, materials, and zoom invites. It is a real Modern Mystery!

VP Corner with Nancy Norem Powell

A Successful Finish

Finishing a quilt is something I look forward to because the end is in sight. Piecing is fun and for me, quilting is intimidating but when it's done, I see the finish line – YAY!



Since it's KONA mini quilt challenge time again, I thought I'd share some things to consider and that I've found helpful when finishing your mini or any future quilt finishes.

1. Kona challenge **labels** can be pieced into your backing fabric before quilting or you can stitch or fuse them on the back when you're done. I still have labels and will be bringing them to the April Meeting on May 3 if you still need one or just need to pay your \$2 registration fee.
2. If you're **binding** your quilt, square your quilt to 20" to end up with a 20" x 20" mini since your binding will just cover the edges of your quilt.
 - You're going to think this is strange, but I am now successful at finishing a binding because of this video on binding a double oven mat by Shabby fabrics. Start at minute 9:42 if you don't want to learn how to make the oven mitt!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfQ1ap8iw8A&t=884s>
3. If you're **facing** a quilt, square your quilt to 20 1/2" to end up with a 20" x 20" mini since your 1/4" seam allowance will be "rolled" to the back with the facing.
 - Here is how I face my quilts and love this method! <https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/finishing/how-to-add-facing-to-your-quilt>
 - Here is Cotton and Bourbon's method of facing – similar but different.
<https://www.cottonandbourbon.com/tutorials/quilt-facing-tutorial>
4. If you need a **sleeve** on your quilt, I have two links to help out. 4" sleeves are most commonly asked for.
 - Jacquie Gering's tutorial found here - <http://tallgrassprairiestudio.blogspot.com/2012/02/hang-your-quilt-hanging-sleeve-tutorial.html> (PS - You will start by turning under 1/4" twice on the 8 1/2" sides of the fabric strip. You'll be putting a seam on the long sides.) - see the directions/tutorial
 - Here is a video tutorial from Fons and Porter: https://youtu.be/7NO70_ENjQk

Here's to a great quilt FINISH! - Nancy



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Modern Retreat

Wowzers! We sold out all of the seats for the retreat on the first night! We have started our waiting list. If you are interested in attending the retreat, but have not signed up already, please sign up for the waiting list. Last year, we ended up using the entire waiting list.

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 open up - \$150 for non-members after July 1st) which includes 3 dinners, hospitality room, swag bags, and sewing space.

Signup via Sign Up Genius [here](#)

Signup Deadline: BNMQG July meeting

Note: If you have just paid your deposit, your balance is due on or before the June 28th meeting.

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.





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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 or complete your information, please send an email to: BNMQG@hotmail.com and put **Attn Noemi** in the subject area. Thanks.

For your BNMQG Calendar

April meeting on May 3rd –Kona Mini Challenges due, Destash Sale

May meeting on May 31st – Community Quilts Night and mini stations

June 28th – Social night with games, no zoom available, slate of officers announced

July 26th – Kathy Cook – Big Stitch Quilting

August 23rd – 10th Anniversary of BNMQG, election of officers for 22-23

September 9th-12th – BNMQG Retreat

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.

[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 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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Fabric Raffle Sales – Pam Laws
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Library – Valerie Schaeffer

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