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Newsletter May 2022

Next meeting – May 31, 2022 – Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761

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

BNMQG May Meeting on May 31st

Our May meeting is being held on May 31st. 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 will have announcements, and show and tell prior to the break. We will then have 7 different hands on demonstrations.



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 May Show and Tell Album on the BNMQG Facebook Page.

BNMQG Gear



We have had so much interest in the BNMQG Gear that was picked up at the April meeting on May 3rd, that we plan on re-opening the store. More details to come!



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](#).

Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge

What a fantastic showing of the Kona Mini Quilts last month! Most of these creative quilts will be on display at the Mattoon Arts Council and Lytle Park Quilt Show – it will be great to see all of them there! There is more info about the quilt show in this newsletter. All pictures were posted to our [website](#).

Meeting Date change:



May

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



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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 220 blocks turned in! That is amazing! We are doing great things for our community!

Turn in completed 10th Anniversary blocks at any meeting through August. Every 10 blocks earns you a ticket for our 10th anniversary prize.

At our May meeting on May 31st, we will have a hands on station for designing Heartbeat Quilts.

Hands-on stations at the May 31st meeting

For the May meeting on May 31st, we will be having a hands-on event with mini stations. We appreciate all of the members who have volunteered to do a demo.

We have done this in the past and it was a very fun night of activity. This year, we will have the following stations:

- Heartbeat Design Station with Pat S.
- 10th Anniversary Improv Log Cabin Blocks demo with Erin H.
- KamSnaps with Lisa B.
- ScanNCut with Paula M.
- Rope Bowls with Maria C.
- Sewing improv curves with Betty W.
- Flange Binding with Deelyn B





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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 or two at this show, Jamie W. has volunteered to take more of your quilt(s) the night of our May Meeting on May 31st.

June Meeting

Our June meeting will be a social meeting with games, etc. A fun time to get to know other members. We have many new members and I look forward to getting to know them better. Learn how to make ANY quilt block modern with this quilting design. More info to come!

Big Stitch Quilting

Our very own Kathy C. will be our featured speaker for July. She will be discussing Big Stitch Quilting. Join Kathy Cook for a lecture on Big Stitches. She'll share details about the origins of centuries old practices including Kawandi, Kantha and Boro. Modern big stitches are being used for everything from accenting quilts to mending jeans! You'll learn everything you need to get started on your own project!



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 to come



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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

There are some amazing opportunities again this year for QuiltCon quilts with the announcement of these challenges.

The 2023 Community Outreach Challenge

For this year's Community Outreach Challenge, guilds are asked to make quilts that show a color shift, or gradient, in the piecing. MQG has selected two to choose from! BNMQG is looking for design ideas and members willing to work on our quilt. More info is available [here](#).



The 2023 Windham Ruby+Bee Fabric Challenge



This challenge is open to all BNMQG/MQG members. The color palette for this year's Fabric Challenge sponsored by [Windham Fabrics](#) was chosen by the QuiltCon 2023 Featured Lecturer Chawne Kimber. She selected a gorgeous array of blues, oranges, and an off-white from the Ruby+Bee Solids line by Heather Ross and Annabel Wrigley. These sumptuous solids which have a lovely hand and are saturated with color. Fabric Challenge quilts must use at least 4 of the 6 challenge fabrics — no other fabrics may be used on the front of the quilts. If you need these fabrics, check out our local quilt shops. I know that [KizzieBelle Fabrics](#) already has 5 of the 6 fabrics in stock. More information is available [here](#).

The 2023 American Patchwork & Quilting *Modern Log Cabin* Quilt Challenge

Now here is a great opportunity considering this is also our 10th anniversary challenge block! This year, [American Patchwork & Quilting](#) and the MQG want to see what you do with the classic log cabin block. Think beyond the improv log cabin block that was so popular in the early days of modern quilting. How else can you modernize the log cabin — or its many variations? Whether your log cabins start with a square or another shape, have curved or straight edges — stretch your quilt design skills in this challenge! Eligible quilts must use a log cabin or log cabin variation as a primary element in the design. A log cabin block is made of strips that build upon or wrap around a center in a circular fashion. The center element does not have to be a square in this challenge, but there should be a clear center element that has strips winding around it. More information is available [here](#).



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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/Waiting list 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

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

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

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

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 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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Block Lotto and Fabric Raffle – Leslie Swearinger and Marilyn Beal
Community Outreach – Pat Silva
Fabric Raffle Sales – Pam Laws
Hospitality – Barb Stevens and Mary Rose Hill
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