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Newsletter July 2022

Next meeting – July 26, 2022 – Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761

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

BNMQG July Meeting

Our July meeting is being held on July 26th. Our very own Kathy C. will be our featured speaker. 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! Her lecture is free for BNMQG members, guest tickets are available to non-members on our [Events and Workshop tickets page](#).



Show and Tell

Please bring your show and tell – we love to see what everyone has been working on!

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](#).

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

We are happy to take donations of leftover fabric to add to quilt tops for negative space with the blocks. We will also accept donations of batting and backing fabric.

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

There will be a separate prize drawing for those that put together a quilt top out of the blocks, quilt a quilt top or bind a completed top. If you do all 3 things, you will get your name in the hat 3 times!



Upcoming Events

Lecture is free for members, there will be guest tickets for the lecture for non-members. Registration for the workshop will open on June 28th for members and on October 1st for non-members. Please note the date change for the November meeting to the Tuesday *after* Thanksgiving

BNMQG Welcomes
David Owen Hastings

Lecture: Tuesday,
November 29th
6pm Central Time

Workshop: Saturday,
December 3, 2022
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Central Time



Zoom Lecture: **Minimal Design, Maximum Impact**

The modern quilting movement is evolving and changing, but one thing remains consistent: simple, spare design combined with thoughtful quilting make an outstanding combination.

Zoom Workshop: **Mini Mid-Mod Quilts**

These charming little quilts are inspired by Mid-Century Modern design, and are a great skill-building project to learn a number of quilting techniques.

WORK SMALL, WORK SMART, LOOK GREAT.

3 hours: We will start with a simple, modern color palette of neutral fabrics with a flash of color. Clean lines combined with simple design give each tiny composition a sophisticated feeling. Since we are working very small, this is a great project for using small scraps and bits of special fabric. Participants will learn the quilt-as-you-go method.



DAVID'S WEB SITE: www.davidowenhastings.com INSTAGRAM: [@davidowenhastings](#)

Hurry - spots are selling quickly!

Tickets are now available to non-members



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BNMQG Welcomes
Carolina Oneto

Lecture:
Tuesday, January 24th
6pm Central Time

Workshop:
Saturday, January 28th
9am - 1pm Central Time

Zoom Lecture: The Power of Color

composition: Color is an important element in art, understanding how to use it it can be a strong tool to create contrast, balance, focal point and many other important principles when it is time to compose your own work.

Zoom Workshop: Curves and transparencies:

In this workshop the assistant will make a mini quilt top, where we will design it from scratch. Then we will talk about Color Theory and how we can create a Transparency effect with color and fabrics. I will teach you how to cut fabrics with complex shapes and to join these curved shapes by machine.



<https://carolinaoneto.com/>

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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, although we have completed over half of the challenges in this adventure! You can sign up at any time and be eligible to win the grand prize (currently \$330).

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!

BNMQG Sew Days

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our Summer Sew Days at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 N. Hershey Ave., Normal, IL 61761. Work on guild projects or bring your own.

Tues., July 26 starting at 9 am – our meeting day so come and sew and stay for the **Big Stitch meeting with Kathy Cook**.

~~Cancelled~~ Tues., August 9 from 9 am – 3 pm.

Tues., August 23 starting at 9 am – our meeting day so come and sew and stay for the **special 10th anniversary meeting and election of officers**.



2022-2023 BNMQG Slate of officers

Our Nominating Committee (Leslie S. and Stormy H.) announced our 2022-2023 slate of officers at our June meeting. You can still volunteer for a position, please contact Leslie S., Stormy H. or a current board member. Voting will happen at our August meeting. Thank you Leslie and Stormy for all of your efforts!

President – Lisa B.

Treasurer – Anita T.

Vice President – Pat S.

Secretary – Barb S.

APQS quilt week in Des Moines, Iowa



Down The Rabbit Hole

Leslie S. has been busy and has submitted 2 quilts that were both accepted to the [APQS Quilt Show in Des Moines, Iowa](#), which will be held September 14th – 17th. Congratulations Leslie!



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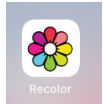
BNMQG Community Challenge Quilt for MQG



Many thanks to Kathy C. and Nancy P. for designing our Challenge Quilt for MQG – we are doing the blue/green gradient. Blocks are in process and were worked on at the July 9th sew day.

Please come to a future sew day to participate in the making of this Community Challenge Quilt!

VP Corner with Nancy Norem Powell



Color, Color, and **RECOLOR**

If I'm designing a quilt or using a quilt pattern, my dilemma is always colors. I will often buy new fabrics because I don't necessarily like the ones shown on the pattern rather than trying to use the beautiful fabric in my stash. What if I use my stash and I spend all that time and fabric and don't like the finished quilt?

Do you have the same issues? You want to make the quilt. You don't make it because you can't decide on fabrics. Or, you can't imagine what it will look like when you make it with your colors, so you buy fabrics to match those on the pattern. You know you are going to spend a lot of time and money on fabric and you don't want to waste either.

My quilting life has just CHANGED! Of course, it's because of technology and the app **RECOLOR**. It's available for android and IOS devices – YAY!

Here's things you can do with RECOLOR: easily design a layout, import the coloring pages included in many patterns or ones you draw yourself, play with colors (no more colored pencils and multiple printings of the pattern), use filters to play with variations of colors, choose palettes of colors in the app if you want a place to start, save your quilt designs complete with colors, and print your favorite(s) out. Check out this [video](#) by quilter Brigitte Heitland of Zen Chic.



Download the RECOLOR app and let me know what you think. Happy Modern Quilting!!!



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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

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 has a design team and is looking for members willing to work on our quilt.** More info about the challenge is available [here](#).



The 2023 Windham Ruby+Bee Fabric Challenge

This challenge is open to all BNMQG/MQG members. More information is available [here](#).

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

Eligible quilts must use a log cabin or log cabin variation as a primary element in the design. More information is available [here](#).



The 2023 Modern X Quilt Challenge

Eligible quilts must use an ‘X’ shape as a primary element in the design. 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.org> Find our recaps, previews of meetings, purchase workshop tickets, newsletters, and more on our website. The password for the Member's only page is only available to members whose dues are paid. 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

July 26th – Sew Day followed by our BNMQG meeting with Kathy Cook – Big Stitch Quilting

August 16th – Registration starts for QuiltCon 2023

August 23rd – Sew Day followed by our BNMQG meeting with 10th Anniversary of BNMQG, election of officers for 22-23 (Last day to turn in 10th anniversary blocks for the drawing.)

September 9th-12th – BNMQG Retreat

September 27th – BNMQG meeting

October 25th – BNMQG meeting

November 29th – BNMQG meeting with David Owen Hastings

December 3rd – David Owen Hastings' Workshop

December 27th – BNMQG meeting

January 24th – BNMQG meeting with Carolina Oneto

January 28th – Carolina Oneto's Workshop

February 23-26 – QuiltCon in Atlanta, GA

February 28th – BNMQG meeting with Modern Mystery Quilts!

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

2021-22 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

August 27-28, 2022 – Gems of the Prairie Quilt Show, Life Together Center, 3625 N Sheridan Rd Peoria, IL

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

September 14-17, 2022 – APQS Quilt Show, Iowa Event Center, Des Moines, Iowa

November 2nd – 6th – Houston Quilt Festival, George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas

February 23 – 26 – QuiltCon, Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart, Atlanta Georgia



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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 hashtags #BNMQG and #BNMQGquilts.



BNMQG is now on **Pinterest**
- <https://www.pinterest.com/bnmquiltguild/>

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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 – **Please volunteer!**
Social Media – Nancy Powell & Betty Woodruff
Survey board and door prize – Danna Boore
Webmaster and Zoom expert – Lisa Baermann