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Newsletter August 2022

Next meeting – August 23, 2022 – Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761

Meeting and Potluck starting at 5:00 pm CST

BNMQG August Meeting - Our August meeting is our 10th Anniversary!

We'll start the day with a sew day from 9 am – 4pm. The meeting will **start at 5:00** with a **potluck**. For the meeting, **please wear a guild shirt**, if you have one. We will have a picture of the guild members taken for our 10th anniversary. We will have a special program depicting our history and a surprise for all members. Looking forward to seeing how much this guild has grown since it began!

The meeting will start at 5:00 with a **potluck**. Last names starting with **A – E**, please bring appetizers; **F – M**, please bring bread, crackers, chips; and **N – Z** please bring a salad.

Please be sure to thank Nancy P. and Paula M. for all that they have done for the guild during their time on the Board. Nancy is our current Vice President, past President, past Treasurer and probably more that I have forgotten! Paula is our current Secretary and Retreat Committee Chair. We are grateful for all of the time and effort that they have each put into the guild.

We will also be voting on our new Board for the 2022-23 guild year.

Community Outreach



All Heartbeat Quilts are due at the August meeting. These 30 quilts will be donated to Advocate Bromenn Hospital.

All 10th Anniversary Improv Log Cabin **blocks** are also due at the August meeting. They can be counted towards the prize drawing. The drawing for those that have contributed 10 or more blocks is happening at the August meeting. These blocks will become quilts donated to the Cancer Center. For more details on our 10th Anniversary blocks, please visit our [website](#).



We have already had **360** blocks turned in! That is amazing! We are doing great things for our community! So far, 6 quilt tops have been made from those 360 blocks. Many people took blocks home from the July meeting, so hoping to see more quilt tops at the August meeting!

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.

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 drawing 3 times!



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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 see the Community Outreach info and visit our [website](#).

Upcoming Events

Lecture is free for members, there are guest tickets available for non-members on our [Events and Workshops Tickets page](#). Registration for the workshop is now open, also on our [Events and Workshops Tickets page](#). 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



DAVID'S WEB SITE:
www.davidowenhastings.com

INSTAGRAM: [@davidowenhastings](#)

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



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



BNMQG Welcomes
Carolina Oneto

Lecture:
Tuesday, January 24th
6pm Central Time

Workshop:
Saturday, January 28th
9am – 1pm Central Tim <https://carolinaoneto.com/>



Zoom Lecture: **The Power
of Color**



Zoom Lecture: **Curves and
Transparencies**



*Hurry – spots are selling quickly!
Tickets are now available to non-members*



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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! AND, members have been completing their challenges at over 80%!!! 😊 You can sign up at any time and be eligible to win the grand prize (currently \$340).

There are monthly prizes, as well as a grand prize at the end, and more but the best part – a finished quilt top! Finished quilts could be selected to be in a gallery show in Decatur next August! 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.

Our last currently scheduled sew day is the day of our next meeting- Tues., August 23 starting at 9 am – our meeting day so come and sew and stay for the **potluck, 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

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 were worked on by BNMQG members at the previous sew days.

The top is now completed and is amazing! Betty W. has volunteered to quilt it.





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VP Corner with Nancy Norem Powell

This is my last VP corner and I'm challenging each of you to take a turn at leading this amazing guild full of members who are helpful, kind, creative, thoughtful, and stretch each of us to be better quilters! It has been my pleasure to be your treasurer, president, and vice president. I've learned so much and even though there is a little extra to do as an officer, it is so worth the effort and challenge. Investigate the opportunities that this guild offers and find something you can do to keep it going and getting better. We're currently looking for a couple of people who would be willing to take some photos at meetings and guild events.

This guild not only made it through the pandemic, but we thrived and watched our membership grow. We now have members in Illinois, New York, Washington state, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, and Wisconsin. To get to know you in person and via zoom has been fun. You've challenged the guild to do things differently when our zoom audience grew.

You surprised me when you were willing to try my first mystery quilt with scraps in 2018; when you made a gazillion 1" paper pieced hearts for our 2019 QuiltCon Community Outreach quilt;



when you showed up in the middle of winter for Quilt Folk photos; when keep making more amazing Kona Challenge quilts that have now been exhibited, locally, in Mattoon, across the U.S., and in an Art Gallery in Decatur next August; when you made

so many beautiful blocks for the 10th anniversary quilts and 2023 QuiltCon Community Outreach quilt; and when so many of you signed up for and are completing BNMQG Modern Mystery challenges (in record numbers) each month. (PS – for those who are behind, there is still time to catch up!!! 😊) I look forward to seeing your work show up on the Shutterfly Share site each and every month and love seeing you when you attend the zooms. I am so excited to see your final mystery



quilts and all of the community charity quilts made with the 10th Anniversary blocks.



So, I'll look forward to continue to work with you on guild projects and I'm ready to help you when you are ready to step into a leadership role. Don't be shy. I had no idea what I was getting into when I volunteered but I'm so glad I did it and you will be too!
Thanks BNMQG!!!



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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

Hope everyone registered for QuiltCon on August 16th! It is not too late to register for the show or for lectures. Some workshops are still available. If you are interested in a sold out workshop, please join the wait list. Many things can happen between now and next February and spots can become available. Members get 20% off until November 30.

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



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

It is almost time for our Modern Retreat! We have had a couple of cancellations and have contacted the next member on the waiting list. If you are not signed up for the retreat and want to be on the waiting list, the link to the sign up is below and is listed on the [Member's page](#).

Emails were sent to participants to sign up for a [drop off/unloading time](#) with links to a sign up genius. There was also a link for signing up for a [chair massage](#) – details on both were included in the emails sent to retreat participants. Links to the signups and information are also on the [Member's page](#).

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 if rooms are still available. 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

August 16th – Registration starts for QuiltCon 2023

August 23rd – Sew Day (9am – 4pm) followed by our BNMQG meeting. The potluck will start at 5pm followed by the 10th Anniversary Celebration of BNMQG, election of officers for 22-23 (Last day to turn in 10th anniversary blocks for the drawing.) Please bring all Heartbeat quilts to this meeting finished or not.

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 Zoom meeting

January 24th – BNMQG Zoom meeting with Carolina Oneto

January 28th – Carolina Oneto's Transparency Workshop via Zoom

February 23-26 – QuiltCon in Atlanta, GA

February 28th – BNMQG meeting with Elizabeth DeCroos and pojagi 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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Chairs

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