



Newsletter September 2022

Next meeting – September 27, 2022 - 6pm CST, social time at 5:30 pm CST
– Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761



President's notes:

As we start a new guild year, I am excited for the new techniques and projects, but also want to keep in mind the things that we have learned or completed in the past years. For myself, I have really stretched myself in using improv and color palettes that are not my norm. Many of those projects are still works in progress, but I feel that they have really stretched my skills as a quilter.

We all bring something different to the table, which makes our guild function and a wonderful community. Each person may think something that they volunteer is easy or no big deal, since it is something they are knowledgeable about or they can physically do. Things such as food safety or gathering tools or helping to setup or unload or taking photos.

Take some time to reflect on things you have learned this past guild year that you can carry into our new year and what you are looking forward to learning.

Please also think about what you can do for our guild – maybe it's as simple as bringing a treat for a meeting or more involved like being our photographer or part of a committee or becoming an officer. This is my last year as president per the by-laws and I look forward to finding the next leaders of our guild. It takes a village.

2022-2023 BNMQG Slate of officers

Our 2022-23 slate of officers was elected in a unanimous vote at our August meeting. Please remember to thank our Nominating Committee (Leslie S. and Stormy H.) for their work on getting these volunteers!

President – Lisa B.

Treasurer – Anita T.

Vice President – Pat S.

Secretary – Barb S

September meeting

We have *Erin Grogan* from [LoveSewModern](#) joining us via zoom for her lecture “Find your Quilty Identity”. Please join us via zoom or at the church. As always, lecture is free for members, but guest tickets are available [here](#).

This lecture dives into the discovery of who you are as an artist as quilter. I've met many wonderful quilters who feel like they don't know what they “like.” They say things like they only make quilts from kits or feel like they have to use what fabric is currently popular. There's nothing wrong with this approach if it brings you joy, but if you're looking to grow this is the lecture for you. I break down the four different stages of a quilter. I then share my process for finding the color palette that represents you.





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Quilted Coat Workshop

With Erin Grogan of LoveSewModern This workshop is two 3 hour classes. Sign up [here](#). Erin will be recording session one for participants to watch between the two sessions.

Saturday, October 8 from 9 am – 12 pm CST and Saturday, October 22 from 9 am – 12 pm

Making a quilt jacket is easier than you think, and even easier when you have an expert walking you through the process. In this workshop you will walk through the planning of your quilt jacket and learn how to:

1. take your proper body measurements.
2. correctly print and assemble PDF quilt pattern pieces.
3. grade your pattern pieces to be the perfect fit for YOU!
4. cut out your pattern pieces
5. sew an armscye.
6. sew a button hole.
7. attach rivets and snaps

Included with the workshop is a Planning Worksheet, a supply sheet (includes patterns to choose from – you will choose and purchase your own pattern), and a Measurements Guide Worksheet. You will also receive the hood add-on drafted by Erin.



Community Outreach



We have 30 quilts ready to donate to Carle Bromenn Hospital. Pat S. will be making that delivery by the end of September.

All 10th Anniversary Improv Log Cabin [blocks](#) have been turned in. The winner of our drawing for the blocks was Vicky M. – she received her prize at the retreat.



We had **410** blocks turned in! That is amazing! We are doing great things for our community! So far, **20** quilt tops have been made from those **410** blocks. We also have 3 quilts ready for binding! Many people took blocks home from previous meetings, so hoping to see more quilt tops or completed quilts at the September meeting!

We still have 63 blocks for those interested in making tops. They will be available at the September meeting or please contact Pat S.

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!

Now that Pat is settling in as Vice President, we are also looking for a new Community Outreach Coordinator or Co-Coordinators. Please let a board member know if you (and a friend) are interested.



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Modern Retreat

The 2022 Modern Retreat is in the books! It was a time of getting to know other members, helping on one of the many committees and a little time for sewing!

This past weekend I had the wonderful opportunity to connect with more of our members – I truly enjoyed spending time getting to know many of you better. If you have suggestions for improvement, please let myself (or a board member) know what we can do as a guild to make our retreat (and our guild) even better in the future. The retreat is a product of much time and effort by many people, including our past and present board members and the many different committee members and volunteers. **Special thanks to Paula M.**, our retreat coordinator for the past **2 years!**

We will have a slideshow from the Shutterfly Share Site - <https://bnmqgphotos.shutterfly.com/pictures> - at the meeting! Please request to join if you would like to see all of the pictures ahead of time.

Modern Retreat 2023 dates have been set for **September 15th through 18th.**



Show and Tell

Please bring your show and tell – we love to see what everyone has been working on! I saw many, many projects get to at least flimsy status and some were being bound – bring it – everyone wants to see it!

Block Lotto

We are looking to revamp our Block Lotto program to possibly involve Community Outreach, due to the high participation in our 10th Anniversary blocks, We are considering doing something other than improv log cabin blocks. If you have ideas, or want to lead the new effort, please talk to a board member.



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VP Corner with Pat Silva



Well! I guess this is it! I am VP of the best Quilt Guild ever and for my VP corner, I want to create something that hopefully inspires and fosters a connection between all members of BNMQG. I have decided to share member's "quilting journeys", so we know more about each other. I am very grateful to the founding members for starting our guild ten years ago and upon witnessing them being awarded their pins at our August meeting I realized I know very little about each of their "quilting journeys". However, I will start this year off by first telling you my quilting journey.

The first quilt I ever remember making was on a treadle machine when I was about seven years old sitting across from my mom for a doll bed someone had handed down to me. I would pick up all my mom's scraps and put them together. It actually turned out looking like a crazy quilt. That was the beginning but I didn't get serious about quilting until I got my first Bernina in 2001. I am definitely a Bernina girl but when I was married in 1972 I bought a Kenmore which was an amazing machine that I still wish I had.

I would probably call myself a "modern traditionalist", but thanks to the AMAZING modern, improv specialists we have in our guild I have experimented with all kinds of techniques which are considered modern. I have dabbled in minimalism, asymmetry, negative space, alternate grid and improv piecing. I must also add that my stash of solids has grown in leaps and bounds since I joined the guild three years ago. What inspires me most about challenging myself in this new aspect of my journey is how the members that are great at these techniques are always ready to help whenever they can. Also, the programs are centered around pulling you even further into the process and helps build confidence as you go.

This guild has saved me in so many ways that are not related to quilting. Moving at my age has been challenging but it is people like all of you that has made me feel whole in this process.

Next month you will hear a quilting journey from another BNMQG member.

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, but there are only two challenges left in this adventure before shifting to designing your quilt! 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!



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Upcoming Events

Lecture is free for all members, guest tickets are available on our [Events and Workshops Tickets page](#). Registration is open for the workshops listed below and 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 Time



<https://carolinaoneto.com>
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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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BNMQG Community Challenge Quilt for MQG

Many thanks to Kathy C. and Nancy P. for designing our Challenge Quilt for MQG – we used the blue/green gradient. Blocks were worked on by BNMQG members on sew days.

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



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

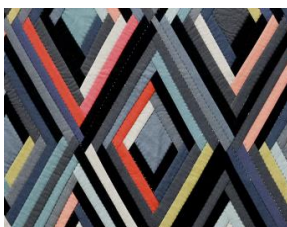
Hope everyone registered for QuiltCon! It is not too late to register for the show or for lectures. Some workshops are still available. If you are interested in a sold out workshop, please join the wait list. Many things can happen between now and next February and spots can become available. Members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

There are some amazing opportunities again this year for QuiltCon quilts with the announcement of these individual challenges. These challenge quilts follow the same admission timelines as other QuiltCon quilt entries – all are due on October 31, 2022.



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](#).



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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](#).

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

September 27th – BNMQG meeting with Erin Grogan (LoveSewModern)

October 8 and 22 via Zoom – BNMQG zoom workshop with Erin Grogan.

October 25th – BNMQG meeting

November 29th via Zoom – BNMQG zoom meeting with David Owen Hastings

December 3rd via Zoom – David Owen Hastings' Workshop via zoom

December 27th via Zoom – BNMQG Zoom meeting

January 24th via Zoom – BNMQG Zoom meeting with Carolina Oneto

January 28th via Zoom – 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.

[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

2022-23 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

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

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

April 28-29 – Hands All Around Quilt Show and our Modern Quilt Showcase



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Have you joined BNMQG on Facebook? The BNMQG is a private 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 of this group, use this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BNMQG/>.

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 post info and questions, share photos, download files, newsletters, registration forms, workshop instructions, renewal forms, etc. This was not possible on our Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild (PAGE).

Our Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild Facebook page is a public page and used to promote modern quilting and guild activities - <https://www.facebook.com/Bloomington-Normal-Modern-Quilt-Guild-469886799702183/>



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

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 Please volunteer!
Community Outreach – Your name could be here! Please volunteer!
Fabric Raffle Sales – Pam Laws
Hospitality – Mary Rose Hill and Donna Phillips
Library – Valerie Schaeffer
Membership – Noemi Bowers
MQG Liaison – Betty Woodruff
2023 Retreat Co-Chairs – Nancy Powell and Noemi Bowers

Nominating Committee 22-23 – Leslie Swearinger and Stormy Helton
Photographer – Maria Conrad, Lynn Harris and friends Your name could be here! Please volunteer!
Programs – Nancy Powell
Social Media – Nancy Powell & Betty Woodruff
Survey board and door prize – Danna Boore
Webmaster – Lisa Baermann
Zoom expert – Lisa Baermann