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Newsletter November 2022

Next meeting – November 29, 2022 - 6pm CST, social time at 5:30 pm CST

– **Zoom only**

President's notes:

Reminder that our November meeting date is *after* Thanksgiving – we are meeting on **November 29th** instead of November 22nd and our meeting is **Zoom only**.

We will be zoom only through the February 28th meeting. We plan to be back to dual meetings with our March 28th meeting.

Zoom invitations are sent out a day or two prior to each meeting.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and take time to enjoy your family and friends. Each day is a blessing, but Thanksgiving is a special time to reflect on the blessings in your life.

We are working to make communications easier for our BNMQG members and for our board members who send out emails on behalf of the guild. I hope that this will allow for smooth transitions in the future for new board members, as well as making things easier to find in your inbox. You will be seeing some new email addresses in use from various positions within the guild.

For example, you will start seeing BNMQGPresident@gmail.com used by me, Lisa B. to send out newsletters and zoom invitations.

You have already seen BNMQGPrograms@gmail.com used for our programs and workshops. Our current programs coordinator is Nancy P. This will also make it easier when reaching out to potential speakers.

You also may receive emails from BNMQGMembership@gmail.com used for membership questions and reminders. Our current membership coordinator is Noemi B.

Member's area password change

Reminder that the password for the [member's area of our website](#) was changed and that new password was emailed out to all new or renewing members. If you can't find that email, please contact a board member and we will get the password to you.

Our member's only area has the current list of members along with their contact information as well as links to any current sign ups that are happening, library information as well as past meeting resources.

Show and Tell

Please bring your show and tell – we love to see what everyone has been working on! Since we are on Zoom, you can simply hold up your show and tell or share your screen to show a picture. If you or your project can't be at physically at the meeting, please upload a photo to the FaceBook Album for November Show and Tell.





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November meeting on November 29th



David Owen Hastings will be our speaker for November; his lecture is **Minimal Design, Maximum Impact**. His lecture is free for members, but guest tickets are available on our [Events and Workshops Tickets page](#).



David is also doing a Zoom workshop, **Mini Mid-Mod Quilts** for us on December 3rd.

If you signed up for the workshop, make sure to follow the instructions on the email that was sent out on 11-16 – it was sent twice



There is currently a waiting list for this class, but I am aware of another cancellation, so if you are interested, please join the [waiting list](#).

Community Outreach

Pat S. has delivered our 30 completed Heartbeat quilts to Carle Bromenn Hospital.



10th Anniversary Improv Log Cabin blocks - we had **420** blocks turned in! That is amazing! We are doing great things for our community!

So far, **4** quilt tops have already been delivered, **9** are finished and ready for delivery, **4** tops are out to be quilted, **6** more are ready to be quilted - all from those **420** blocks. Many people took blocks or quilt tops home from previous meetings, so hoping to see more quilt tops or completed quilts by the November meeting!



Pat S. is happy to arrange a meeting – her contact info is in the member’s list - this is true for dropping off completed quilts or quilt tops. We also still have 47 blocks for those interested in making quilt tops.

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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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, but 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.

Volunteer Opportunities



Looking for a way to get to know other guild members and have fun at the same time?

Become a committee member or volunteer such as being co-chair for Community Outreach or Block Lotto or as an additional photographer. If interested in a future Board member position, reach out to the current person in that position to see if it is a good fit for you. Open positions due to term limits will be President and Treasurer.

The more hands we have working behind the scenes, the more fun events we can continue to do as a guild.

BNMQG Swap Opportunity

The BNMQG Pillow Cover Swap is happening! You have until December 1st to [sign up](#).



There will be a Swap pairing zoom on December 4th at 7 pm, you will be randomly paired with a partner and then both of you will make one pillow cover for each other. Wrapped pillow covers can be swapped in person, or mailed in order to be received in time for our Holiday Zoom on December 27th, which is a fun social zoom meeting.

- Create a modern pillow cover for a 16" X 16" pillow form.
 - Great time to try out a new technique or expand on a technique that you love. Please use at least one of the following Modern Quilting techniques:
 - the use of bold colors and prints
 - high contrast and graphic areas of solid color
 - improvisational piecing
 - minimalism
 - expansive negative space
 - alternate grid work
 - Have fun creating!

This is an opportunity to use techniques used in David Owen Hasting's workshop that is happening on December 3rd or to use techniques learned over the past year with the Modern Mystery.

Maybe you already know that some of your Modern Mystery blocks won't be part of your final quilt – they would make a great pillow cover!



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VP Corner with Pat Silva

This month I am going to highlight Kathy Cook. Kathy remembers watching her grandmother quilt and simultaneously thinking to herself that is not something she'd like to do but, when her first child was born she decided to make her first quilt. She didn't seriously get into quilting until about 15 years ago. She actually bought some prints which barely got any use and in fact they still remain part of her stash.

Kathy's creativity comes from within, her artistic background and her love for color and solids. She has never used a pattern but has a great respect for traditional quilters who can follow one. Her most admired quilt designer is Irene Roderick. In fact, the quilt she is most proud of and expresses her inner quilter the most is one Kathy created and made while taking a class with Irene. She credits Irene for pushing her beyond her comfort level. The quilt "Everybody Dance Now" is pictured here.

Kathy is so grateful for BNMQG, each of it's members and the fact that she lives in a community that has the only Modern Guild in Illinois outside of Chicago.



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 quilt is now completed! Betty W. did a fantastic job quilting it. Kathy C. did an amazing multi colored binding.

The quilt will hang at QuiltCon 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia and will be for sale. All proceeds will be for the benefit of two charitable programs supported by the [Brown Sugar Stitchers Guild of Atlanta: The Carrie Steele Pitts' Home](#) and [the children's sickle cell disease program at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta](#).

Are you on Instagram? Check #BNMQG to see the amazing comments!



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Modern Mystery Quilt



Congratulations Modern Mystery Participants! Challenges 1 – 11 have now been revealed and to date (11/17/22),

- ✓ you have posted 813 photos and more will be posted by the time you receive this newsletter.
- ✓ 331 additional inspiration quilt photos have been posted.
- ✓ 26 BNMQG Modern Mystery Zooms have taken place with over 550 in person attendees.
- ✓ 63 people have completed challenges.
- ✓ 190 bonus challenge units have been completed.
- ✓ At the end of challenge #10, 79.64% of all challenges have been completed and I have a feeling this number will continue to rise as we approach the February deadline.
- ✓ 13 of the 63 people (20.63%) have completed ALL 11 challenges as of today!
- ✓ Grand Prize is \$340.00 and winner will be drawn at the February BNMQG meeting.

We will have one more zoom in December that will include design basics and ideas. That zoom will take place at our original times on Monday, December 5th. Bring your ideas, your design wall and/or photos of your design wall with your units, and any questions you have. Remember that you can add one more fabric as a background (if you want) as you begin to design. So, mark your calendars and I hope to see you on zoom on December 5th!

IMPORTANT BNMQG Modern Mystery dates:

- **November 28** - Challenge 11 is due
- **November 29** - Challenge 11 prize drawing will take place at the BNMQG Nov. meeting
- **December 5** - Designing your quilt zoom
- **December 27** - BNMQG Christmas Party zoom, pillow swap, and one BONUS prize drawing for *Mystery participants* who have completed all 11 challenges by this date.
- **February 15** - **All 11** of your challenges must be complete/posted, you must have a quilt top complete with a **photo of your entire top** (or finished quilt) posted in the **MYSTERY Challenge Quilt Tops** album to be entered into the cash drawing.
- **March 27** - If you want to submit your quilt to be considered to be displayed in the Decatur Art Museum exhibit, you must **FINISH** your mystery quilt (quilted and faced/bound). You must post the following 3-4 photographs: a) one high quality photo of the entire quilt, b) one or two detailed shots, and c) a photo of your completed label (which includes a minimum of your name, the title of your quilt and size). These photos should be put in the **FINISHED Quilts** album by March 28th. Note: It is not required to have completed all of the challenges or have met the Feb.15th deadline to submit your finished quilt for this exhibit.
- **March 28** - BNMQG quilt guild meeting - **please** bring your Mystery Quilts - finished quilts or just tops - to display at the meeting.





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Upcoming Events

BNMQG Welcomes
 Carolina Oneto

Lecture:
 Tuesday, January 24th
 6pm Central Time

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



<https://carolinaoneto.com/>

Zoom Lecture: **The
 Power of Color**



Zoom Lecture: **Curves
 and Transparencies**



Just a few spots left for the workshop!



BNMQG welcomes
 Elizabeth DeCroos
 Lecture: Pojagi - from Ancient
 Korea to Modern Canada
 Tuesday, February 28, 2023
 6 pm CST

Her lecture is free for members,
 but guest tickets are available on
 our [Events and Workshops
 Tickets page](#).

For more information:
 Visit Elizabeth's website [Epida Studio](#)
 Follow Elizabeth on Instagram
[@elizabeth.epidastudio](#)

BNMQG welcomes
 Sarah Ruiz

Lecture: 100 Days to
 Creative Bliss
 Tuesday, March 28, 2023
 6 pm CST



Her lecture is free for members,
 but guest tickets are available on
 our [Events and Workshops
 Tickets page](#).

For more information:
 Visit Sarah's website: saroy.net
 Follow Sarah on Instagram: [@saroy](#)
 On Facebook, follow [SarahRuizQuilts](#)



DECATUR ART EXHIBIT — AUGUST 2023 — SUBMIT YOUR MODERN QUILTS

BNMQG has been invited to have a show of modern quilts from August 4 – 24, 2023. You may enter quilts to be considered for the show – your minis, your mystery quilts, and other modern quilts. See guidelines below. The Arts Council will choose the quilts they want for the show. Quilts chosen for our special exhibit need to be delivered to Nancy Powell no later than the July BNMQG meeting.

There will be a reception on August 4, 2023. All guild members are invited to the art gallery and as we get closer to the opening of the show, there will be a sign up for this reception.

SUBMIT YOUR MODERN QUILTS

<https://bnmqgmodernquilts.shutterfly.com/> - request to join this site to be able to post your modern quilt photos on this site!

Place photos for each quilt in one of the three albums for submission:

A. Modern Mini Quilts - 20" x 20" (your Kona Minis or other modern minis) - Include

1. a photo of the entire quilt, and
2. a photo of the label showing your name, the title of your quilt - NOTE: if there is not a label with this info, please put that info in the comments below your photo.

B. Modern Mystery Quilts - Include:

1. a photo of the entire quilt (showing all 4 corners),
2. a detail shot, and
3. a photo of your label which should include your name, the title of your quilt and its size. If that info is not on the label, please add it in the comments below your photo.

C. Other Modern Quilts - Include:

1. a photo of the entire quilt (showing all 4 corners),
2. a detail shot, and
3. a photo of your label which should include your name, the title of your quilt and its size. If that info is not on the label, please add it in the comments below your photo.

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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! 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 a free show pass and 20% off until November 30.**

We will be setting up a Sign Up Genius for those going to QuiltCon 2023, so that we can set up a time for a group picture.



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

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

December 4th via Zoom – BNMQG Swap partners announced



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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 via Zoom – BNMQG meeting with Elizabeth DeCroos and pojagi quilts
March 28th - BNMQG meeting with Sarah Ruiz

Follow our **Modern Mini Showcase** as the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo takes them around the U.S.
[Nashville - Lebanon, TN](#) | October 20, 21 & 22, 2022
[Detroit - Novi, MI](#) | November 10, 11 & 12, 2022

2022-23 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

February 23 – 26 – QuiltCon, Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart, Atlanta Georgia
April 28-29 – Hands All Around Quilt Show and our Modern Quilt Showcase



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 and #bnmqgmodernmystery2022.



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

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Chairs

Block Lotto and Fabric Raffle – **Your name could be here!** Please volunteer!
Community Outreach – **Your name could be here!** Please volunteer!

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



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