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Newsletter November 2022

Next meeting – January 24, 2022 - 6pm CST, social time at 5:30 pm CST

– Zoom only

President's notes:

Hello Modern Quilters! I wish you were having the same sunshine and warm temperatures that I am enjoying! Although, it looks like Illinois is not having it's normal January weather! Retirement is great and having family that live in Tampa is the cherry on top! I have been looking for some quilt shops to go to that I haven't seen before, so if you know of a great quilt shop anywhere in central Florida, I would love to hear about it! Just shoot me a text or an email.

For this month, on January 24th, we have Carolina Oneto attending via Zoom – she is presenting “The Power of Color Composition”. Carolina is also doing a workshop for us via Zoom on January 28th from 9am to 1 pm CST – “Curves and Transparencies”. There are a few spots left in her class, but she is also going to promote it, so if you are interested get your ticket soon! More info is included in this newsletter and on our website on the [Events and Workshop Tickets](#) page.

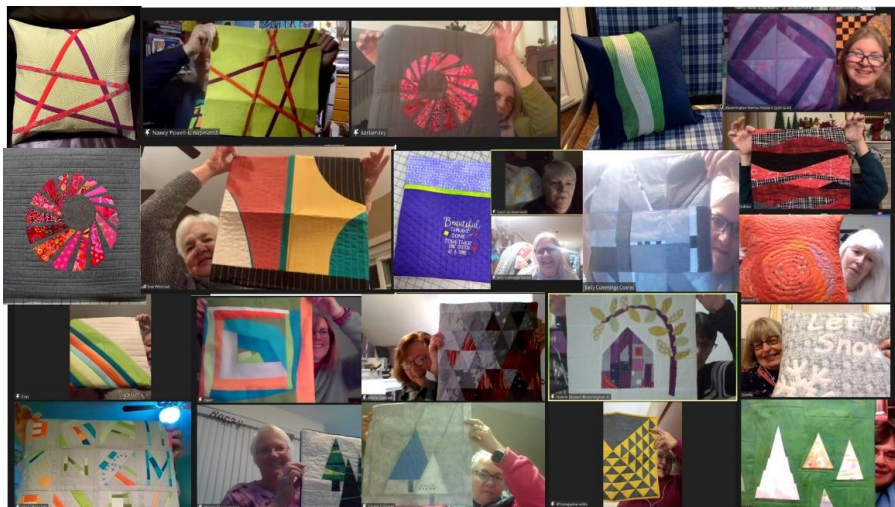
For those going to QuiltCon in Atlanta, we have a [Sign Up Genius](#), please sign yourself up. We will use this group to email tips about QuiltCon and may plan a zoom to discuss everyone's schedules. We'll also take a group photo on Thursday, February 23rd at noon. Please wear your BNMQG gear if you have it and meet us at our Community Outreach Quilt.

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 January Show and Tell.

Holiday Pillow Swap

Our guild is full of very creative individuals. Everyone had the same prompt to create a pillow cover for a 16” x 16” pillow form and so many wonderful pillow covers were created!





January Workshop with Carolina Oneto

Are you signed up for this workshop or do you want to sign up?

[Materials and Supplies List](#)



	First	Last						
			14	Karen	G.	28	Laurie	S.
1	Vickie	A.	15	Erin	H.	29	Valerie	S.
2	Ary	A.	16	Mary Rose	H.	30	Barb	St.
3	Teresa	A.	17	Janis	I.	31	Brenda	S.
4	Lisa	B.	18	Nancy	K.	32	Leslie	S.
5	Marilyn	B.	19	Linda	L.	33	Marion	T.
6	Noemi	B.	20	Lori	L.	34	Anita	T.
7	Ann	C.	21	Paula	M.	35	Connie	T.
8	Connie	C.	22	Karla	M.	36	Ann	U.
9	Maria	C.	23	Vicky	M.	37	Betty	W.
10	Kelly	C.	24	Judy	O.	38	Sue	W.
11	Rhonda	D.	25	Debbie	P.	39	Shelly	Y.
12	Marge	E.	26	Dawn	P.	40	available	
13	Carol Lou	E.	27	Sheila	R.			

The names highlighted above in blue would like to sell their seat for this workshop because of other commitments. Buy a ticket (there are 4 available) at: <https://bnmqg.org/meetings/event-and-workshop-tickets/>

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.



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Community Outreach

So far, **29** quilts have been delivered to the [Illinois CancerCare](#), **5** tops need to be quilted, **2** more are ready to be bound, all from the **420** blocks made by members.

Many people took blocks or quilt tops home from previous meetings, so hoping to see more quilt tops or completed quilts by the January meeting.

If you have blocks or tops, could you please text or email Pat S? We are trying to figure out if we need more backing fabric or batting. Pat's contact info is in the [Member's Page](#).

Pat S. is happy to arrange a meeting - this is true for dropping off completed blocks, quilts or quilt tops. We also still have some 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.



Destash Sale



As you are doing a start of the year cleaning up of your sewing area or if you are following "Just Get it Done Quilts" Decluttering Challenge, think about putting some of those items that you no longer want into a box for our April Destash Sale.

Items can be anything sewing related: fabric, kits, patterns, books, tools, templates, etc, but no magazines please. We will have a future opportunity for magazines.

Items are a donation to BNMQG and the proceeds support guild programs such as speakers and hands on activities.

We have set up a [Sign Up Genius](#) so that we know how many tables to set up before everyone arrives. Please sign up and give a guestimate on how much room you will need.



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VP Corner with Pat Silva

Every month I have the fun experience of interviewing one of our original members and this month I spoke with Kris Grahm. Kris started sewing in grade school with the help of her mom. She began with garment sewing and 4-H projects. She remembers running home in high school telling her mom about a date she was going on and needed a new outfit asap!!!

The first quilt she ever made was her wedding quilt in 1976. She said it was made from a small green and cream print using the Drunkard's Path pattern. It was the first and last quilt she ever made totally by hand from piecing through quilting and she still has it today. Her daughter became bored with the traditional look and when Kris was taking a class at a shop in Mahomet she couldn't resist the bright colors, negative space and asymmetry of the Modern quilts. She was hooked!!! That's about the same time that Betty approached her on the Modern Quilt Guild. Kris runs a longarm quilting business, [The Quilted Star](#).



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.

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.

The BNMQG Board has decided to raffle off our Community Challenge quilt after researching what pricing to set if we were to sell it at QuiltCon. Instead, we will raffle off the quilt to benefit McLean County Food Bank. More details to follow.

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.
- ✓ 333 additional inspiration quilt photos have been posted.
- ✓ 28 BNMQG Modern Mystery Zooms have taken place with over 550 in person attendees.
- ✓ 2,090 photos have been posted
- ✓ 63 people have completed challenges.
- ✓ 554 challenge units have been completed
- ✓ 197 bonus challenge units have been completed.
- ✓ 36 of the 63 people (58%) have completed ALL 11 challenges as of 1/18/23
- ✓ 5 people have finished quilt tops (1 person finished 2 quilts)
- ✓ 3 quilted and FINISHED quilts have been posted
- ✓ 16 modern quilt books have been awarded as prizes
- ✓ Grand Prize is \$340.00 and winner will be drawn at the February BNMQG meeting.

IMPORTANT BNMQG Modern Mystery dates:

- **February 15** – must have ALL these things must be completed and posted...
 - All 11 of your challenges
 - Your mystery quilt top (flimsy) must be complete with a **photo of your entire top** posted in the **MYSTERY Challenge Quilt Tops** album to be entered into the cash drawing. Make sure to include in the comments:
 - YOUR NAME,
 - THE QUILT NAME, and
 - THE SIZE OF THE QUILT IN THE COMMENTS (or take a photo of your completed label which has all of that info on it)
- **March 27** – **IMPORTANT**> We just received info from Shutterfly that they are discontinuing share sites in March (see my email/text plea in this newsletter)– so if you have your quilt done, post it asap. If you finish the quilt after the February meeting, please send me your finished quilt photos via email (nancynpowell@gmail.com). Include 1)your quilt's name, 2) it's size, and 3) attach the photos. 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 the February meeting or emailed to Nancy (nancynpowell@gmail.com) by March 27. 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.

Can you help with a text or email?

Shutterfly has decided to discontinue their Share sites – UGH! Our guild has been using them a lot of our projects. Maybe you even use them for your family photos. Please consider sending an email to: Shutterfly@em.shutterfly.com, message them on Instagram ([@shutterfly](#)), and/or on Facebook – [Shutterfly](#). (They respond quickly on Instagram and Facebook!) We need to let them know how much we value their service.

I've started a little message campaign and here is my message and one of the responses I received on Instagram.



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ME – I love your Share Sites. I received notification that you're discontinuing your share sites and I'm very distraught. I've spent hours teaching over 200 people to use share sites. I have set up many collaborative groups using the share sites including my quilt guilds, my family, and my high school class. I did this thinking these were a dependable option- you're Shutterfly. Any possibility that you might reconsider keeping the share sites or possibly offer a subscription for this service? PLEASE! There is no other service like this that I have found that is accessible to everyone and groups.

SHUTTERFLY - Hi, Nancy. We do understand the disappointment as we know many of our customers used our share sites to share and save memories and information. At this time, we do not have any plans to replace them. We encourage you to save shared photos to a Shutterfly account or download any wanted content to ensure it's properly saved. We will pass along this feedback to the correct department. Please ensure you are receiving important account updates by adding Shutterfly@em.shutterfly.com to your email address book.

Upcoming Events



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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



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 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

If you enter the quilts by the February meeting - <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. See the note about Shutterfly and the email/text campaign in this newsletter.

If you enter them **AFTER the February meeting**, send the information including the quilt category (please 1 quilt per email) to Nancy at nancypowell@gmail.com using the subject: *Quilt Show Entry*.

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.

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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

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



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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!
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