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Newsletter May 2023

Next meeting – May 23, 2023 - 6pm CST, social time at 5:30 pm CST

– Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761 & Zoom

## *President's notes:*

Hello Modern Quilters! Our BNMQG Retreat spots are filled for our retreat for September 15th – 18th. However, we do have a waitlist going. Please sign up for the waitlist if you are interested in attending the retreat. Sign up [here on our Sign Up Genius](#).

Our May meeting is a lecture from Laurie S. on The Basics of Bag Making, along with a trunk show of different bags that she has made. Laurie will also be doing a bag-making workshop for us on July 8<sup>th</sup> workshop tickets will be available at the May meeting as well as via PayPal on our [Events and Workshops page](#). The pattern for the workshop will be decided by our BNMQG members at our May meeting.

Please bring your quilts for the Mattoon show to our May meeting, if we don't already have them! If showing more than your Kona Mini Challenge quilt, please bring the completed [forms](#).

## *Show and Tell*

Please bring your show and tell – we love to see what everyone has been working on! If your project is not available to be at the meeting or you are attending via Zoom you can upload a photo to the FaceBook Album for May Show and Tell, or simply hold up your project to share.

## *Nominating Committee*

We have a Nominating Committee! Thanks Carol Lou E., Stormy H. and Ann U. If you haven't already contacted a board member with your interest in a position on the 23-24 BNMQG Board, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members.



We have the following positions available – President, Vice President and Treasurer. If interested in a position, please read the Duties and Responsibilities document on the [Member's Area](#) of the website. Also feel free to contact the current person in that position with any questions.

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

## *Christmas in July*

We are looking for a few more volunteers to host a demo table at our July meeting. We are doing a “Christmas in July” theme. A demo of a small project that is great gift is the type of thing we are looking for. We already have a few volunteers, but would love to have more.

Examples would be tissue holders, keychains, microwave bowl cozies, or the sky is the limit! Please contact Lisa or Nancy if you are interested.





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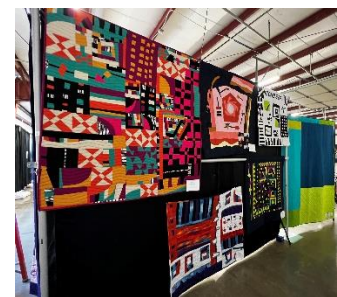
## *Destash Sale*

Our Destash sale was a big hit! Thanks so much everyone donating items for sale and for shopping at the sale! We raised over \$700, which will be used for speaker fees and other activities for the guild.



## *Modern Showcase at Hands All Around Quilt Show*

We had a wonderful time at our Modern Showcase at the Hands All Around Quilt Show April 28th and 29th. We had a great turnout of visitors, helpers and volunteers. It was fun to share our love of modern quilting with people who were excited to learn about it.



## *Current Signups*

All current sign ups are linked on the [Member's area](#) of our website – it is password protected. If you are a new member, the password was included in the welcome email. If you are a returning member, the password was emailed out on November 1st. If you can't find it, please ask a board member at a meeting or contact [BNMQGPresident@gmail.com](mailto:BNMQGPresident@gmail.com).

Sign Ups currently available include Hospitality and our 2023 Retreat. More will be added as needed.

## *Library*

Don't forget that BNMQG has a wonderful library of modern quilting books, as well as a few issues of the Quiltfolk magazine. Our book inventory is linked on the [Member's area](#) of our website. Our librarian is Valerie S. and she brings many books to each meeting – stop by and see her at our next meeting!



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## Community Outreach



Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Improv Log Cabin Community Outreach project is ending at our June Meeting. At that meeting, we will have the drawing for a prize. Your name is in the drawing for finishing a quilt top, quilting a quilt or binding a quilt.

So far, **48** quilts have been delivered to the [Illinois CancerCare](#), **2** tops need to be quilted, **2** more are ready to be bound, a few are at the volunteer quilters, all from the **420** blocks made by members.

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.

## Community Outreach Raffle Tickets

The Raffle tickets for our Community Outreach Quilt "Into the Light" will be available at each meeting for members to purchase or check out to sell through our July meeting. Drawing will be held at our August meeting. Remember, the person who sells the winning ticket is also going to be a winner too!

Our first public event was at the Sewing Studio in Hudson, IL on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday April 23. We sold 38 tickets at that event.

For those who live out of town and can't make arrangements for a meet up or a friend to pick up at our next meeting, please email [BNMQGPresident@gmail.com](mailto:BNMQGPresident@gmail.com) with how many tickets you need (in sets of 4) and your mailing address. A check for the sold tickets with the completed stubs and any unsold tickets should be returned in one envelope.

BNMQG Quilt Raffle  
"Into the Light" - 64" x 82"  
Drawing: August 22, 2023  
Tickets - \$5 each  
Proceeds go to the Midwest Food Bank and MQG Charities  
License#: R23-042-A

Our Raffle quilt will be appearing at some area guild meetings (HAAQG and Decatur), as well as at ARC and other local quilt shops. More details soon.





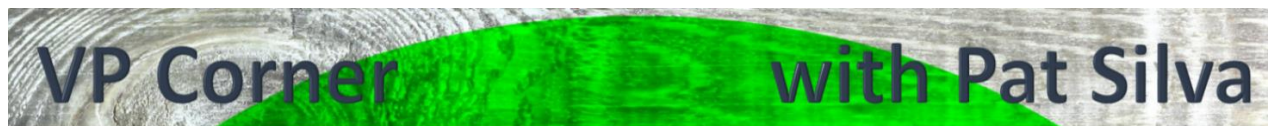
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## June 10<sup>th</sup> Dyeing Workshops with Vickie A.



Vickie A. is bringing her dyeing workshops to BNMQG! She is offering **two different** workshops all on the same day! In the morning, you will be working with soy wax and thickened dyes. In the afternoon, you will be Shaping fabrics or shibori dyeing. More information is on our [Events and Workshops page](#).

Sign up for one or both of the workshops on our [Events and Workshops page](#). This is a great way to experiment to see if dyeing fabrics is for you! The workshops will be held at Underwood Park in Normal.



I hope you all made it to Quilt Spectrum to see our modern quilt display. It reminded me how happy I am to be writing these monthly stories about the women that started our guild. This month I am highlighting Donna Lee.

Donna came from a sewing family, as both her mother and grandmother were seamstresses. Donna started by creating simple garments without a pattern before the age of 10. She then went on to 4-H and learned the art of making a whole range of clothes from simple to very complex. She majored in Home Economics in College and once she had her family, she spent her time dabbling in sewing. When her youngest went to school she went back to work full-time and taught home economics in high school. The last three years of her teaching career, she taught her students how to make quilts. She has always been drawn to modern fabrics and worked at a fabric store called Sew Much More. It's here she met Betty and Connie and she became one of the founding members of the BNMQG. Donna has done trunk shows and workshops on modern quilts and improv throughout Illinois. She remains an active member of BNMQG.

## Mattoon Art Council Outdoor Show - June 10<sup>th</sup>



**2023**  
**OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW**

Saturday, June 10  
10am - 5pm  
weather date is June 17

We have been honored to be invited again to participate in the [Mattoon Art Council's Outdoor show](#) on June 10<sup>th</sup>. This has been a wonderful event for the last few years and is a great way to bring awareness to the art of modern quilting. Sometimes it is the first time people have seen modern quilting – they don't even know such a wonderful art form exists. We will need your mini quilts (and you can also enter **two additional quilts**) and BNMQG will do a viewer's choice award. Lytle Park is a great park if you want to bring kids!

If you are entering a quilt **other than** your Kona Mini Quilt Challenge, you will need to complete the [Intent to Exhibit](#) and the [Quilt Label](#) forms for each additional quilt (up to two).

**Please bring quilts to our May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting – do not mail them.**



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## Potluck time!

Our June meeting will be a social night with games and a potluck. Bring an item to share – it does not have to be enough to share with everyone. A suggestion of what to bring based on your last name is below, but it is a suggestion so that we get a wide variety of items. Plates, napkins and utensils will be provided.



Vegetables or Vegetable Salad	A – B
Pasta Salad	C – E
Fruit or Fruit Salad	F – K
Dessert	L – Q
Bread or Crackers	R – S
Appetizers	T - Z

## Decatur Art Exhibit - August 2023

BNMQG has been invited to have a show of modern quilts from August 4 – 24, 2023. We have provided the submitted quilt pictures to the Decatur Area Arts Council. We will know at the beginning of July which quilts were chosen to hang in the show.

There will be a reception on August 4, 2023 from 5 to 7 pm. All guild members are invited to the reception and as we get closer to the opening of the show, there will be a sign up. We will also be able to have our raffle quilt at the reception and sell tickets.

The gallery space is wonderful – can't wait to see all of the BNMQG quilts hanging!

DECATUR AREA ARTS COUNCIL  
 ANNE LLOYD GALLERY  
 125 NORTH WATER STREET  
 DECATUR, IL 62526



**QUILTCON**<sup>®</sup>  
 presented by THE MODERN QUILT GUILD<sup>®</sup>

**QuiltCon 2024**  
 February 22-25, 2024  
 Raleigh, North Carolina

**QuiltCon 2025**  
 Location announced -  
 Phoenix, Arizona



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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](mailto: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: [BNMQGPMembership@gmail.com](mailto:BNMQGPMembership@gmail.com). Thanks.

## For your BNMQG Calendar

**May 23rd** – BNMQG meeting with Laurie S. - Basics of Bag making and Trunk Show

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – BNMQG Dyeing workshop with Vickie A.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** – BNMQG social night with games and potluck– 2023-24 slate of officers announced

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – Bag workshop with Laurie S.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** – BNMQG meeting – Christmas in July Hands on Activities

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**– Decatur Art Gallery Reception 5-7 pm

**August 22nd** – BNMQG meeting with Linda L. Collage Quilts, BNMQG Anniversary



**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 BNMQG 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.



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



Signup Genius – we use this for a lot of things for BNMQG. Current sign-ups are listed on the Member page on our [website](#).

## *Guild Contacts:*

### Officers

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*President* – Lisa Baermann  
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*Executive Director* – Betty Woodruff  
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### Chairs

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