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Newsletter September 2023

Next meeting – September 26, 2023 Social Time 5:30 pm - 6 pm CDT

Program: Begins at 6pm. Meeting concludes about 8~8:30 pm

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

President's Notes Hello Modern Quilters!

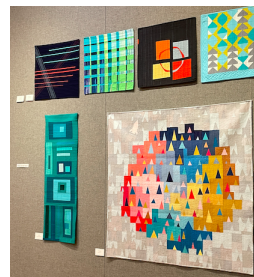
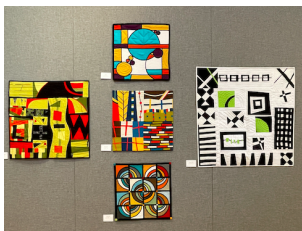
Vivian Hoette

Lisa has passed the torch to me, Vivian Hoette, as your newly elected president for 2023-24. This is an exciting adventure because of all of you: your friendliness to one another, your artistry, skill, and talent, your gracious and generous dispositions, and your tremendous energy and productivity. I am humbled! Our board members are outstanding: Linda Lambert as Vice President with bubbly enthusiasm, Laurie Schierer as treasurer paying attention to every detail, and Barb Stevens returning as our efficient encouraging secretary. Betty Woodruff has been confirmed by the board to continue as our Executive Director and Liaison with MQG.



Our education goal this 23-24 guild year will focus on the Modern Quilt Guild (MQG) themodernquiltguild.com resources at our meetings and newsletters in big and small ways each month. See Linda Lambert's [VP Corner](#) and Sheila Robles' [Block Study](#).

Decatur Art Gallery: In the nick of time my husband Chuck and I drove to the Decatur [Area Arts Council](#), Arts for All. It was stunning to see our artistry displayed in the Anne Lloyd Gallery. Hats off to the excellent venue and the thoughtful arrangement of our quilts by Hannah Lyons and the Arts Council. Each quilt stood out on its own while complementing the surrounding quilts. Here are just a few of the many photos I took.





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What's happening at the Meeting on September 26, 2023

In Person and Zoom at Christ Lutheran Church on Hershey and Fort Jesse.

5:30 pm Social Time: snacks, survey, raffles, library, say hi to Zoomers, mingle with friends and make new ones, renew membership, and more.

Program 6:00 pm

1. Presentation of our **Donation to the Midwest Food Bank**

Lisa Baerman, BNMQG, and Aimee Beam, MFB

2. **Block Studies from the MQG Resource Library.** Become inspired with resources free to you! (Go to MQG, Resource Library, search with the words Block Study) Our BNMQG leaders are making examples we'll explore. If you make any of these blocks yourself, please bring them to the meeting. There will be design walls to display our blocks. Post your blocks on the Facebook BNMQG members only page in Albums, Block Study.
3. **Show and Tell** Bring your quilts in person or show on Zoom. Post them to the September Album on BNMQG Facebook (members only). Add comments such as your inspiration, your design approach, any patterns you might have used, techniques. You get the idea.
4. **Important Announcements** from the Board and Committee Chairs

VP Corner

Linda Lambert

One of the goals we set this year is to use and share the resources available to us through the MQG website. Part of our dues are paid to MQG and they provide an unlimited number of videos, patterns, and articles.

“Quilts are art, and art is subjective!”

I love this quote taken from the video [On Demand Education-QuiltCon Category Selection: Choosing a Category for your quilt.](#)

There's not a wrong way to create a quilt. Every quilt is a piece of art created with your vision. Looking at the above link, you may be thinking... I don't plan on submitting a quilt for

QuiltCon. I'm not either, but this video gives a great explanation of elements used in modern quilting:



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VP Corner (continued)

- Minimalism
- Improvisation
- Modern Traditional
- Piecing
- Use of Negative Space

In the Carson Converse video, [Minimalist Design](#), she shares some history on minimalism in art and quilting. Minimalism in quilting is influenced by minimalism in art but quilting does not have to follow the same rules. Less is more! All of the pictures of quilts in this article are examples of using the element of minimalism.

Be sure to check out the [MGQ website](#). You will log in with the email you registered for BNMQG. A current member or officer can help you, Click [Resource Library](#) at the top of your window or use the links in this article.

Treat yourself to a video on minimalism today! Enjoy...

Community Outreach

Pat Silva



Heartbeat Quilts are back!!! Here's the link to [Heartbeat Quilts](#) in past years; see Service Quilts on the [bnmqg.org](http://www.bnmqg.org) webpage. Pat Silva's team will need your help on Sew Days. The next Sew Day is scheduled for Tuesday Oct. 17, 9am to 3pm to prepare the strip sets and blocks for the kits. Pat's team will distribute Heartbeat Kits when they are ready later in the year.

Cancer Care quilts - This year these quilts must be quilted, bound and finished by you. There is no set design or color palette. Some recipients wished for longer quilts so they could be cozy up to their shoulders. Typically 60" x 70", or longer, or up to twin size. Bring your contributions to Pat at the meetings or get in touch with her.

Pat is looking for a few more committee members.... Help out and make a difference! Email Pat at BNMQGcommunityoutreach@gmail.com



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BNMQG Programs

Nancy Powell

BNMQG Programs is happy to welcome Teresa A. and Ann U. to the committee. We have some special programs scheduled for this year. Here are some of them to inspire you, give you time to look up and learn about our special guests, and add the meetings to your calendar so you don't miss out.

- ★ September 26– (in person and zoom) MQG Block Study
- ★ October 24 – (in person and zoom) Mini stations
- ★ November 28 - (zoom only)– Libs Elliot's trunk show – [more about Libs](#)
- ★ December – no meeting in December
- ★ January 20, 2024 Workshop (zoom only) – [David Owen Hastings: Inspired by Architecture](#) (signup will start at the September BNMQG meeting)
- ★ January 23 - (zoom only) – Emilie Trahan – [more about Emilie and her quilting](#)

Do you have suggestions for speakers? Let us know. Thanks!

Nancy Powell, Program Chair BNMQGprograms @ gmail.com

All-Star Sampler Platter

YAY – over 50 of you have expressed an interest to attend the Sampler Platter so mark your calendar and save the link below to access the live sessions, the handouts, and the recordings!

September 23-24 - Virtual Demos – All Star Sampler Platter 2pm – 5pm each day – The link below will take you to a page for the link to the live demos that will go live as soon as the livestream starts. Use the link **NOW** to download the [handouts](#). If you are wanting to watch the recordings (only available for 48 hours after the live demos). Link to attend is in the email from BNMQGPrograms this week or on the Members page.

BNMQG Retreat ReCap



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Our BNMQG Retreat hosted 50 members who traveled from Alaska, New York, Indiana, and all over Illinois! The machines were humming in a background of cheerful chatter as members tackled their own projects and consulted with others! Plenty of OOOs and AAHs were shared during the retreat and especially during Show and Tell. It took a lot of organization and was orchestrated by Noemi B., and Nancy P. with essential help of 27 hard working committee members. It takes a village of quilters to pull off this retreat. During this retreat we had time to make new friends, be creative, explore new projects, enjoy great food, and start to plan next year's retreat. *Here is a heads up:* Next year's retreat is scheduled for October 11 – 14, 2024. This retreat always sells out quickly!!!

MQG: Block Study

Sheila Robles

Hi everybody! I have been quilting off and on for about 20 years, but still consider myself a beginner! I just joined BNMQG this year. As a beginner, and being new to BNMQG, I will be exploring the resources on the [Modern Quilt Guild](#) (MQG) website and encouraging you to do the same. I am trying out Block Study In the MQG Resource Library at this [link](#). My plan is to make a sampler of different blocks by the end of year.

MQG: Block Study (continued)



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Block studies are a way to learn new techniques and practice them while making beautiful quilts, table runners or wall hangings. If you are looking to practice curves, or try a modern take on a half square triangle, there is a block for that!

The first block is the Punch Block with the drunkard path quarter circle. This is the one I am making. There are templates to download and print, clear instructions and different layouts and colorways to make a whole quilt with this block. I hope to see you all at the next meetings to share our experiences! If you get started early, bring your blocks to the meeting and post them on BNMQG Facebook in Albums, Block Studies. (On a computer you may have to click Media, then Albums.)

Finding Inspiration: A Magazine Review

Jamie Willis

I always look forward to receiving my quarterly issue of **Quilting Arts** magazine and the current issue is particularly inspiring to both the art quilter and modern quilter. Subscribing since 2002, I have watched the primary focus of the magazine shift from art quilts and surface design to inclusion of the modern quilt movement and aesthetic. Under the editorial leadership of Vivika Hansen DeNegre the content has evolved to embrace everything modern and still honor the magazine's roots.

The [Fall 2023 issue](#) does not disappoint. Get your copy and fall in love with the gallery photos of "Line" from Cloth in Common. This group of international fiber artists accept a challenge every two months and produce amazing work. "Line" challenge covers 14 pages and is eye-catching and inspiring.

Additional pages are dedicated to Quilt National 2023, ice dyeing for beginners, exercises in composition and the importance of value, announcement of the next QA small works Reader's Challenge, and results of the past challenge winners for Art is a Bridge.

I fell in love with this issue's Artist Profile, Beverly Y Smith, and her story is worth a read. I can honestly say that this issue is worth a cup of tea and an afternoon of study.

What's Happening in the MQG



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QuiltCon

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**Feb 22-25
Raleigh, NC**

QuiltCon <https://quiltcon.com/>

QuiltCon Volunteer Sign-ups are open.

MQG 8th Annual Mini Swap sign-ups will open September 25.

QuiltCon Quilt Submissions

- Open now until Oct. 31, 2023.
- [Community Outreach Submissions](#) open October 15 to December 15, 2023, or until 80 submissions are reached, whichever comes first.
- [Faculty Applications for QuiltCon 2025 in Phoenix](#) are open until January 31, 2024.

New On-Demand Education Video – QuiltCon Category Selection: Choosing a Category for Your Quilt

New On-Demand Education Video: Quilting Improvisationally by Clara Stoikow

Ten: Award Winners of QuiltCon 2013–2023 Purchase this unique modern quilting book commemorating the 10th QuiltCon with pictures of all the winners from 2013 to the present through our print-on-demand servicer Lulu!

Need help with MQG login? Login themodernquiltguild.com with your email. Your password is something you set up the first time you login. As a member we've given MQG your email so you will be recognized. If you can't get logged in, use the password reset option, If you still have trouble, email our MQG Liaison Betty Woodruff at BNMQG@hotmail.com

Classified Advertising Opportunity

Do you have a service to promote to quilters? As a BNMQG member, you



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get a very low rate to advertise on our website in the classified advertising tab. You provide an image (business card), a link, an application, and payment. We do the rest! Applications are available [here!](#)

If you are a past advertiser, we appreciate it, and it is time to renew!

Library

Don't forget that BNMQG has a wonderful library of modern quilting books, as well as a few issues of the Quiltfolk magazine.

2023-2024 BNMQG Membership

Have you renewed your BNMQG Membership? Time is flying by! You can bring your [membership form](#) and check to the meeting. All members need to complete a new membership form.

Please renew before October 31st – at that point you will be removed from the Facebook group and will no longer receive emails (including zoom invitations) that are sent to members.

Membership fee is \$45 starting with the 2023-24 guild year.



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.

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 - BNMQGwebmaster @ gmail.com

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. Thanks.

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!

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November 28 Zoom Meeting - Libs Elliot

December - No meeting

January 20 Zoom Workshop - David Owens
Hastings

January 23 Zoom Meeting - Emilie Trahan

February 23-25– QuiltCon - Raleigh, NC

February 27 BNMQG Meeting

March 26 BNMQG Meeting

April 16 3rd Tuesday BNMQG Meeting

May 28 BNMQG Meeting

June 25 BNMQG Meeting

July 23 BNMQG Meeting

August 27 BNMQG Meeting



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/>

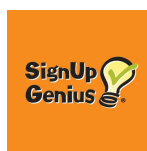


Are you on Instagram? Follow our guild @BNMQG and as you post your modern quilting photos; please use the hashtags #BNMQG and #BNMQGquilts and #bnmqgmodernmystery2022.



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](#).



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