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## Newsletter October 2023

Next meeting – October 24, 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

Vivian Hoette - President



### Hello Modern Quilters!

Lynn H. created the perfect Laura Heine Teeny Tiny Dress Collage during the September Workshop with Linda Lambert. I love the way Lynn's collage kept with the process of the class but took on its own personality to match October Halloween décor!

*Hmmm, I wonder if she would accept an order so I can have a witch at my house too.*

## Sew Day! Heartbeat quilts to welcome, comfort and support others!



It's exciting to see how our members are jumping into the community outreach projects once again this year. The Sew Day Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> was so productive because the members of the outreach committee prepared accurately cut fabric strips of our BNMQG color palette prior to the Sew Day. Next our modern quilters created the strip sets, while a 'pressing fairy' readied the strip sets for Pat S. to cut into 8" blocks. Imagine this very smooth operation with serious dedication to

accomplishing the goals of community service while enjoying camaraderie with one another. Congratulations to everyone involved. Be sure to find the [SEW DAY sign up](#) genius to let us know if you plan to attend on Thursday, Nov. 16th.



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### .... **Help Needed** ....

Setup and Takedown Helpers set the stage for our meetings, workshops, and Sew Days to be ready for member participation. Willing to help? [Sign up Genius](#)

### **BNMQG Meeting on October 24th, 2023** In Person and Zoom ...

**5:30 pm Social Time:** snacks, survey, raffles, library, say hi to Zoomers, mingle with friends and make new ones, renew membership, add your work to design walls...

**6:00 pm Program: Fall into Fall** This month you're in for a treat (and maybe some tricks!!). Learn new techniques, become inspired with new ideas, and be creative with our own guild members. (Any handouts will be available on the members page during the meeting!)

#### Mini Stations:

- Gary R. "Precise Mitered Binding" trick!
- Joann B. "Just a Bit of Embroidery"
- Melissa K. "A Little EPP" (English Paper Piecing)
- Mary Rose H. "Fabric Coasters"
- Nancy P. "Customizable Neck Wallet" to hold your name tag, phone, credit card etc.

#### *Break*

**Thoughts about a Book**, Jamie Willis by Zoom shares [Double Wedding Ring Quilts: Traditions Made Modern](#) by Victoria Findlay Wolfe.

#### **Raffles and Drawings**

#### **Introducing A New Member by Linda Lambert, Vice President**

**Quilt Block Studies** from the MQG Resource Library - Sheila Robles. (MQG, Resource Library, search [Organic Diamond Block](#) or Category [Quilt Block Studies](#).)

#### **Important Announcements from the Board and Committee Chairs**

Membership, Programs, Community Outreach, BNMQG Board - ByLaws



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**Show and Tell In-person or Zoom.** Please post to October Album on [BNMQG](#) Facebook (members only). Add a comment. We want to know more about your creations!

## **VP Corner introducing New Members! ...**

*Linda Lambert, Vice President*



I'd like to introduce Sheila Robles! Sheila has been a member of BNMQG for one year. She has been quilting for over 20 years but she still considers herself a beginner. The pandemic led her back to quilting and Tula Pink's fabrics and bright colors led her to BNMQG. Sheila started as a traditional quilter and is now loving ...

[The Modern Quilt Guild's Quilt Block Studies](#). In fact, Sheila has enthusiastically taken the leadership role of promoting our MQG resources to focus on our education goal! She enjoys block studies because it helps to develop skills and learn different approaches to quilting. It's challenging her to be more consistent with her stitching; and, she says, "it is fantastic that one of the uses of the blocks is to create Cancer Care quilts for our community."

[Modern Quilt Studio](#) (MQS) (Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr) Quiltalongs

Sheila wants to share these MQS Quiltalong [links](#) with you.



- New Day Mystery Quilt 2023 - Available, Cost \$25
- Summer Camp Modern Mystery Quiltalong, Cost \$25 Sheila recently completed her Summer Camp Mystery with over 50 different patterns of blocks! Sheila says, "based on my experience with Summer Camp, the patterns you get are fantastic and so much fun!"
- Secret Agent Modern Mystery Quiltalong Starts January 1st, Cost \$35. Modern Quilt Studio's new line of fabrics is featured in [Benartex's Virtual Fabric Show](#), about 25 minutes, 40 seconds into the video.

To quote Sheila:

*"BNMQG members are fantastic! I am enjoying the friendships being created within the guild. I am enjoying all the workshops. I think our Community Outreach is wonderful! I'm looking forward to our next Sew Day!"*



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## MQG: Quilt Block Studies ...

Sheila Robles



It's almost Halloween! I hope you are ready for all things spooky! It's also time for another Block Study reveal! This month I did the Organic Diamonds block. This is a paper pieced block that I found challenging, but once I got it, I was thrilled with the results. You can find it in the **MQG Resource Library** by searching [Organic Diamond](#), or search by the **Category** [Quilt Block Studies](#).

What is Paper piecing? It's a type of foundation piecing where you sew patches of fabric directly onto a paper template. It gives you precision that allows you to be extremely accurate. This way, you can perfectly replicate blocks to make an entire quilt! Here is my favorite MQG

[paper piecing video](#) tutorial, [Paper Piecing Tips and Tricks](#) by Elizabeth Dackson.

## PROGRAMS....

Nancy Powell, Chair, [BNMQGprograms @ gmail.com](mailto:BNMQGprograms@gmail.com)

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. You can register for these here: [Events and Workshop Tickets](#).

- ★ 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](#) (This workshop is almost sold out. )
- ★ January 23 - (zoom only) – Emilie Trahan – [more about Emilie and her quilting](#)

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



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## 2023-2024 Membership ....

### Noemi Bowers - Membership Chair

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

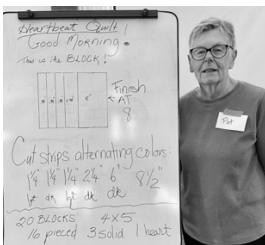
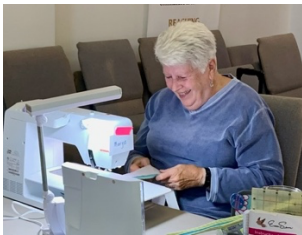
Please renew before October 31<sup>st</sup>— at that point you will be removed from the Facebook group and will no longer receive emails (including Zoom invitations) that are sent to members.

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

If any of your contact information changes, please email Noemi a revised membership form at [BNMQGmembership @ gmail.com](mailto:BNMQGmembership@gmail.com)

## Community Outreach....

### Pat Silva, Community Outreach Chair



**Heartbeat Quilts Sew Day October!** These quilters and more of you attended or prepared strips! Strip sets were sewn, with friendships formed and strengthened. Plus, Pat's committee increased to 9 strong plus herself as leader. We have such caring members!

**Illinois Cancer Care quilts** - This year cancer care quilts should 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. *Email Pat at [BNMQGcommunityoutreach @ gmail.com](mailto:BNMQGcommunityoutreach@gmail.com)*



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## Thoughts about a Book

Jamie Willis

### **Double Wedding Ring Quilts: Traditions Made Modern**

by Victoria Findlay Wolfe

Foreword by Roderick Kirakofe

We first came to know Victoria Findlay Wolfe (VFW) and her work at the first QuiltCon in 2013 in Austin, TX. Victoria entered a modern adaptation of the unique Double Wedding Ring pattern that originated in the early part of the 20th Century. She won Best of Show with her interpretation titled, "Double Edged Love". This quilt originated from a quilt she made, but didn't like. It was subsequently cut up and formed many of the pieces for this first Wedding Ring. Twelve Wedding Ring quilts later, Victoria had inserted memories of visits to her grandparents in MN, demonstrated her strong interest in traditional patterns made modern, and had pushed the boundaries of the pattern, while never forgetting the history of past quilmakers. What strikes me most about her textiles is how she is able to tell stories in these stunning, completely modern statements.



Double Wedding Ring Quilts inspires us, as quilmakers, to work like visual artists and explore a theme, work in a series, and push ourselves to learn and make mistakes.

VF Wolfe's first book, 15 Minutes of Play, encouraged us to "make fabric" with time spent at our machines each day exploring improv piecing. Double Wedding Ring Quilts: Traditions Made Modern includes the 12 quilts in her series, encouraging words from the author, variations of this beloved pattern, and anecdotes of Victoria's life and creative process. There are included paper templates for the Wedding Ring and VFW also has acrylic templates available.

Whether you ever make a Wedding ring or not, the desire to create personal modern statements while never forgetting our collective quilt history is worthy of exploration and planning. Find space for this book in your quilt library. You might be inspired to carve out some time for research of a classic pattern and then apply modern quilting



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## What's Happening in the MQG

**International Scrap Sorting Day** - November 4, 2023

\*\*\* This is a public event – feel free to invite non-MQG members to participate with you!

### **MQG Use It: Quilt Back Challenge**

- November 6-10: Sign-ups
- November 13 - December 8: Four week challenge, with weekly emails
- December 18: Announce challenge winners

### **QuiltCon Quilt Submissions**

- Open now until Oct. 31, 2023.
- [Community Outreach Submissions](#) are open October 15 to December 15, 2023, or until 80 submissions are reached, whichever comes first.

**QuiltCon Volunteer Sign-ups** are open.

**Faculty Applications for QuiltCon 2025 in Phoenix** are open until January 31, 2024.

**Need help with MQG login?** Login [themodernquiltguild.com](http://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 [BNMQGexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:BNMQGexecutivedirector@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:BNMQGPMembership@gmail.com). Thanks.



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### **Classified Advertising Opportunity**

Do you have a service for quilters? As a BNMQG member, you 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!

**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!

<b>October 24</b> Dual Meeting, Mini Stations	<b>March 26</b> BNMQG Meeting
<b>November 28</b> Zoom Meeting Libs Elliot - Trunk Show – Learn <a href="#">more about Libs</a>	
<b>December - No meeting</b>	<b>April 16</b> 3rd Tuesday BNMQG Meeting
<b>January 20</b> Zoom Workshop David Owens Hastings	<b>May 28</b> BNMQG Meeting
<b>January 23</b> BNMQG Zoom Meeting Emilie Trahan	<b>June 25</b> BNMQG Meeting
<b>Feb. 23-25</b> QuiltCon, Raleigh, NC	<b>July 23</b> BNMQG Meeting
<b>Feb. 27</b> BNMQG Zoom Meeting	<b>August 27</b> BNMQG Meeting





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## Tech Communities ...



**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:

<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 (WebPage).



**Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild** (public Facebook) and used to promote modern quilting and guild activities. [https://www.facebook.com/Bloomington-Normal-Modern-](https://www.facebook.com/Bloomington-Normal-Modern-Quilt-Guild-469886799702183/)

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**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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