

2024 BNMQG February Newsletter



President's Note

February is a month of anticipation. Waiting for spring to come, warm weather, QuiltCon, and more quilting opportunities!



February 27th: Quiltcon Honorees:

There is a change in our February meeting. Since we have five of our members quilts being accepted to Quiltcon, the board thought it would be great to hear more from our member honorees.

- ❖ Teresa Conn Arendell: “Lines of Travel”
- ❖ Kathy Cook: “More Than Most”
- ❖ Judy Zoelzer Levine: “Boing-f”
- ❖ Karla Krogsrud Miles: “Linearity: Points and Counterparts”
- ❖ Dawn Polomski: “Pink House”

They will be speaking about their quilts, how their vision developed, and more! If you would like to enter a quilt to Quiltcon next year, be sure to bring your questions to the February meeting. All BNMQG members attending Quiltcon will be documenting their Quiltcon experiences through pictures and more! Check out our Facebook page as pictures are uploaded. Safe Travels!

QuiltCon Feb 22-25, 2024 in Raleigh, NC!

Going to QuiltCon? Please let us know by adding your name to the Sign-Up Genius to coordinate a group photo etc., probably Thursday noon. You'll find a link in [Members - Sign Ups](#).

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Kona Challenge:



The due date for our Kona Challenge has been **extended** to our **May 28 guild meeting**. In the past, we had a March deadline so we could display our challenge quilts at the Hands All Around Quilt Guild quilt show. It will not work out for us to display our Kona Challenge Quilts at the Spectrum Quilt show this year, but we look forward to the future.

It is important to understand both guilds offer unique and quality opportunities for members to grow as a quilter. The Spectrum Quilt Show is a major fundraising event for HAAQG and they are making changes to bring more people to their show. Although the changes did not allow us to display all of the member quilts this year, we continue to work with them to support their quilt show and discuss how we can be involved in the future. With the May 28 due date, you will have more time this year to complete your Kona Challenge. We are working on other venues for your quilt to be displayed! Until then, keep creating!

Sign-Up and Enter the Kona Challenge!

The Kona Color of the Year for 2024 is Julep. Julep is a light and vibrant ice green color that can add a refreshing touch to any quilt project. Robert Kaufman Fabrics, the manufacturer of Kona Cotton Solids, creates a standout shade for their KONA Cottons lineup every year, dubbing it the Color of the Year.

Please consider participating in our Kona Mini-Quilt Challenge due in May. *Find the Kona Challenge Guidelines in [BNMQG.org](https://www.bnmqg.org) - Members.*

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***** **Plan Ahead - Mark your Calendars!** *****

See all these events and more at [BNMQG.org Meetings/Events](https://www.bnmqg.org/Meetings/Events)

March 26th



Allie McCathren: Painting with Scraps

We will return to meeting in person! Yeah!!!! Our program will be a zoom presentation by Allie McCathren. Allie will show us how to enjoy the treasures in our scraps and play with colors and textures in our quilt projects!

Getting the Most Out of Your AccuQuilt Machine



SATURDAY, APRIL 6
1-4PM

Presented by
Laura Strickland
Orange Blossom Quilts

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To register
go to haaqq.com
\$25 members
\$35 non-members

Hands All Around Quilt Guild
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Saturday, April 6, 2024

BNMQG Members may attend the HAAQG Workshop:

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Laura Strickland, Orange Blossom Quilts

"Getting the Most Out of Your AccuQuilt Machine."

Members: \$25, If you are a member of BNMQG, you may register for the \$25 member fee because you are a sister guild member. *Please note, this signup is on the HAAQG website.*

Just a reminder that our guild has a sharable AccuQuilt library located on the [Members](#) page!

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Use the [registration form](#) on the HAAQG website to sign up.



Please note the change in our April Guild Meeting Date

April 16th: In-Person Lecture by Carol Wilhoit: Get your Stash Together

Carol will give us ideas to use the new stash we acquire at this meeting and our own precious stash!

Destash Sale: BNMQG is hosting another Destash Sale at our April 16th meeting. Proceeds from the sale go towards our speakers and other guild activities.

To get an idea of how many tables will be needed to be set up, please use the sign-up genius to let us know if you will need 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, or a full table. If you have extra sewing supplies, including books, patterns, notions, kits or fabric and are willing to donate to the guild, please sign up below.

Please price donated items before arrival, in full dollar increments. If you have lots of little stuff, please group these together into a zip lock bag or something creative. Shopping time will start at 5pm; you can start dropping off your donations at 4:30pm.

Any items not sold are the responsibility of the person donating the item and should be taken home in the even they do not sell. If you will be participating in the De-stash Sale at the April meeting, please use the sign-up genius to sign up for a table. [Sign-Up Genius Link](#)

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April Meeting Destash Sale

Block Study by Sheila Robles



Hello Modern Quilters!

One more month until spring officially begins! It's time to quilt all the quilts we made over the winter so we have them for show and tell at our next meeting!

As you may know I've been working on a quilt that is featured in The Modern Quilt Guilds Resource Library. It's called Breezy and I will link it [here](#). This was the pattern that included the Organic Diamond block from the Block Studies that I shared at the guild meetings. The quilt top is finished and I've sent it to be quilted. This was my first paper piece project and I found it funstrating (fun + frustrating) and that I learned a lot from it. Seeing the design emerge was incredibly satisfying and fun. This is why I love the Resource Library, I find their patterns challenging and educational. I can't wait to share the finished quilt with everyone!

Book Thoughts by Jamie Willis

Inspirational Read –Jamie Willis

Quilts & Crafts Issue #34

Quarterly published by Quiltmania



This issue was published in the fall of 2023 and I recently revisited the contents and was immediately inspired (again)! The editorial sets the tone of the issue. Editor, Carol Veillon, again reinforces that even with the high cost of publishing, nothing comes close to a highquality inspiring and educational magazine printed on great paper. This issue sticks to those standards.

The first 20 pages are devoted to inspiring quilts from all categories of the 2023 Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, England. I enjoyed seeing a nod to the many genres of modern and art quilts. Everything from abstract portraits, millefiori, and curves to make one envious. Joe Cunningham was given his own solo show at the Festival and he explains how he developed his unique style after spending years studying and reproducing traditional 19th Century quilts. This

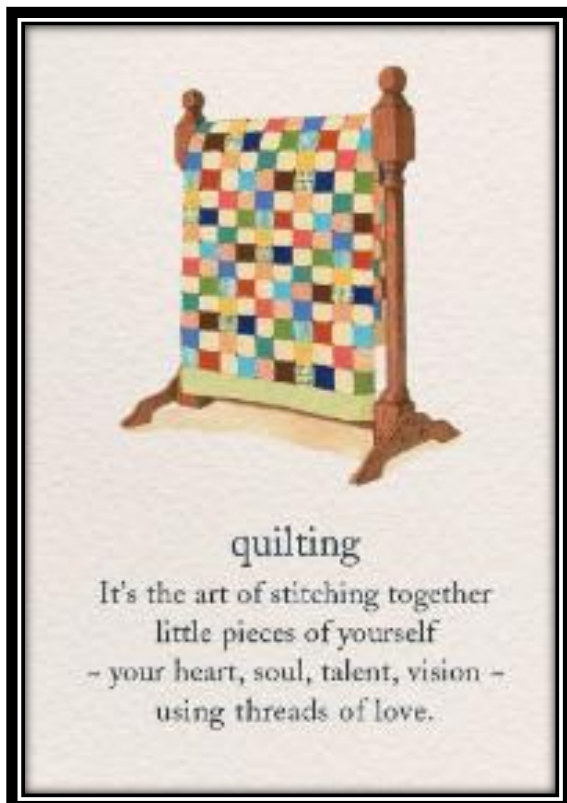
really resonates with many of us modern quilters.

English quilter, Miesje Chafer, is featured and she adapts some of her original modern pieces to needlepoint. Along with a portrait of Patricia Perez-Canto Caffrey, there are 10 projects with templates, great directions & coloring sheets for each. I don't know about you, but I love a good coloring sheet for a quilt! Individual issues are available from Quiltmania if you don't want a full subscription. Grab your favorite beverage and get cozy with this one

Tech Thursday by Carole Fay:

A BIG Shout Out and Thank YOU to Carole Fay for hosting an overview of EQ8 on Zoom February 15! Thank you, Carole, for adding to our technology skills.

Everyone attending appreciated you sharing your knowledge on EQ8. We will be adding a Tech Corner to our website in the future.



BNMQG Social Media:



Have you joined [BNMQG members only on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/BNMQG/)? 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](https://www.facebook.com/Bloomington-Normal-Modern-Quilt-Guild-469886799702183/) (public Facebook) 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](#).



Facebook)

[@bnmqg](http://www.bnmqg.org) (Instagram)

[BNMQG](https://www.facebook.com/BNMQG) (members only Facebook)

[Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild](https://www.facebook.com/Bloomington-Normal-Modern-Quilt-Guild) (public



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