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2024 BNMQG April Newsletter

President's Note:



Need Inspiration?

Open a door to creativity through the webpages and social media of our speakers! As we get to know our presenters, we feel like we have a personal connection that is helpful in building up the courage to delve into their patterns, online tutorials, and on demand classes. Inspired by [Allie McCathren's Painting with Scraps](#) presentation last month, Connie G., one of our Wisconsin members, signed up for Allie's Sea Glass Quilt Class (on demand).

<https://exhaustedoctopus.thinkific.com/courses/seaglass-quilting> .

Connie gathered her scraps, sorted them by color and created her own

Sea Glass treasure!

Brave a Challenge! As a result of our members' embracing the Kona Color Challenges and the Mystery Challenges our quilts have traveled the country and been featured in quilt shows like Spectrum in previous years, and the outdoor Mattoon show, and in exhibits such as the Decatur Art Council's last year. So, work on your Julep Kona Color of the Year challenge like Nichol M. proudly showed us last month!

There are so many challenges out there... some posed to us by friends who want a special project. Here's what Pam T. has to say about her current challenges:

"Recently I was in Santa Fe, NM, and my friend from the Fiber Guild in New Mexico commissioned me to create a modern-ish 42" circular, tabletop quilt for entertaining in a loosely desert color scheme of lilac, purple, eggplant, coral, rust, and ochre!

Call me crazy but I am also working on [a Quilting Arts 10' by 10" Challenge Monochromatic – Just Color](#) piece due in two weeks. Wish me luck! The assignment is to use only 1 hue, with an option of one of black, grey or white in addition. No theme. You are to use a color you aren't used to using. Mine will be in shades of coral with black."

Time Donations Needed:

Our **April 16** meeting will be busy and we will have a lot to set up. We have three different time slots:

1. 1:30-2:00 for members to help move tables for our speaker and destash sale. [Signup Genius Link](#)
2. 4:00 to help members carry in their destash treasures. [Signup Genius Link](#).
3. End of meeting signup to return the tables to their correct locations. [Signup Genius Link](#)

April 16 Guild Meeting



Our speaker this month is [Carol Wilhoit](#). She will be presenting her talk: **Get your Stash Together: Organization for Quilters. It will be a great compliment to our destash sale this month!** During forty years of quilting, Carol has become interested in making small quilted projects as well as quilts. As a retired physician, she enjoys bringing her technical mind to quilting. She enjoys figuring out how to make the construction process easier while producing better results. She has also refined techniques for building, organizing, and using a fabric stash that make it a joy to have and to use.

Member Interest Survey by Linda Lambert

I am completing my 2nd year of retirement and find myself busier than ever. I believe most of you are in the same boat. As a board, we have discussed the possibility of dividing and conquering the responsibilities of being a chair person, officer, or member at large. You all have unique talents that would help in dividing and conquering.

- Do you like to write? Could you help write the monthly newsletter?
- Are you good using technology? Could you help with zoom or other tech applications?
- Do you like to take pictures? Can you help take pictures?
- Can you give of your time being a committee member or helping setup and take down?

This doesn't have to be a monthly commitment. We just need your help as the guild continues to grow. You will be receiving an email on Monday, April 15 asking you to fill out a member survey. I understand people are hesitant filling out a survey because they do not want to be called upon to work. Maybe this year is not the year for you but next year may be? Will you please fill out the application and hand it in at our April 16 meeting. There will be hard copies to fill out at the meeting also. Thank you 😊

BNMQG Member Quilts on Tour, Nancy Powell:

A selection of our 2022 and 2023 MiniQuilts will be on tour with the Original Sewing & Quilting EXPO delighting visitors in New Orleans in May, then on to Dallas, Fredericksburg VA, Nashville

- Lebanon TN, Cincinnati - Sharonville OH, and Detroit - Novi MI, and on and on for a whole year of touring. Members participating will be shared next month. A big Thank You to everyone who received an invitation for getting your quilts and descriptions to Nancy in record time!

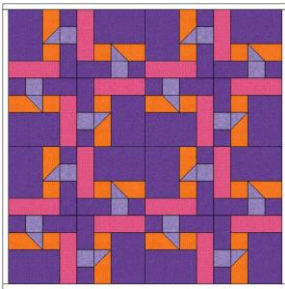
Community Outreach by Pat Silva:

I am happy to say all but two of the Heartbeat Quilt kits were picked up at the March meeting. If you would like to take one of the two quilts that remain, please contact me! The schedule for returning the quilts is as follows:

- If you are just piecing the top, please bring it to the April meeting.
- If you are piecing it together AND quilting it but not binding it, please return it by the May meeting.
- If you are finishing the quilt, please bring it to the June meeting.

We are still collecting quilts for the cancer center. We have delivered 71 quilts so far and finished dimensions for those quilts are 60"x70". We are also collecting quilts for Bed Bliss and those should be twin size! If you have any questions, please contact me at bnmqgcommunityoutreach@gmail.com.

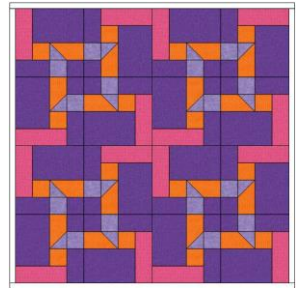
Block Study by Sheila Robles:



Hello Modern Quilters!!!

It's April already! Spring has sprung, the daffodils and tulips are popping and I hear the lawn mowers roaring to life!

Meanwhile, I am working on the Tesseract block in the MQG Resource Library. As stated on the website, Tesseract is designed to help you master the Y-



seam and partial seam techniques. Because of the shortened month, I don't have one made yet, but I will be bringing it to the meeting on April 16! Please checkout the block in the [Modern Quilting Resource Library](#) for picture and pattern.

Tech Corner by Carole Fay:



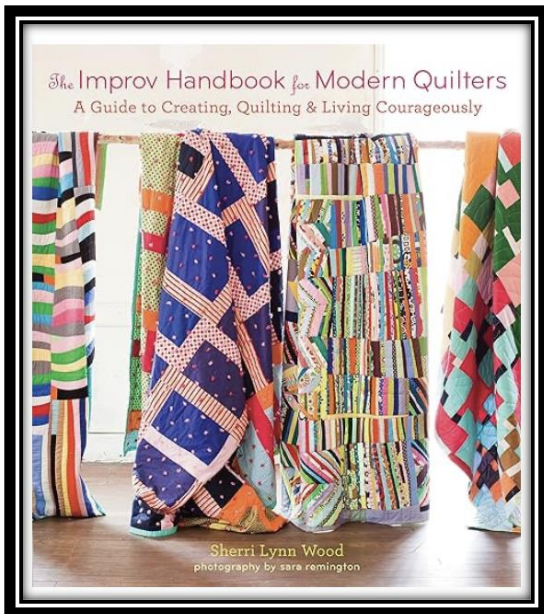
This month Carole Fay is sharing instructions on pieced blocks using EQ8. Carole does a great job providing clear instructions and pictures showing the steps. I found it interesting how she uses this feature to create modern quilting pieced blocks. April article is available on [Members Page Tech Corner Link](#)

Thank you, Carole!

Carole also wanted to share a “Creative Spark” virtual event with 14 quilt artists. There is a \$20 discount for this two-day virtual event with 14 quilt artists, May 17 & 18. The coupon code is **art24laura**. This is the link to the event information and sign up: <https://creativespark.ctpub.com/courses/art-quilt-event2024?coupon=art24laura>



Book Thoughts by Jamie Willis



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The Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters A Guide to Creating, Quilting, and Living Courageously

by Sherri Lynn Wood

Published by Abrams, NY

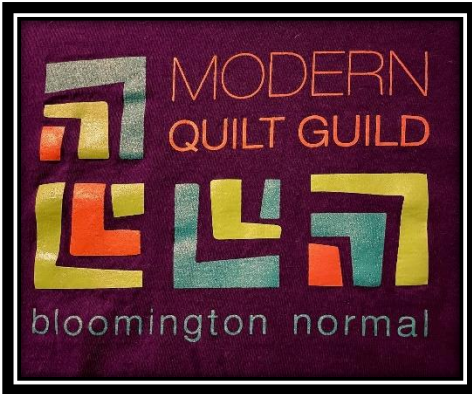
This book is pure joy both in the visual presentation of the quilts and Sherri Lynn Woods beautiful writing. This is not a book full of patterns for specific quilts, but rather a chapter-by-chapter deep dive into the making and understanding of some modern and improv techniques & quilt design.

Woods refers to each technique as a “framework or a score”. These scores are written with eloquent language, thought provoking questions (such as “why is something modern”) and great directions for improv design and piecing. As the author takes the reader through new techniques, she nudges us to experiment, change directions, trust our instincts, and take risks when designing our quilts. Woods seems to be speaking to us personally and showing us the way to reflect, release our anxiety, inhibitions & break the rules.

If the reader can spend time with each score, this could serve as self-directed improv course. I probably wouldn’t have sought this book out, but I was blessed to win this from a drawing by our fantastic guild..making it even more special.

So, grab your lemonade and lawn chair and spend some time really reading this one.

BNMQG Gear by: Laurie Schier:



BNMQG is happy to announce the next gear sale! Members will receive an email on April 16th! The deadline for ordering will be May 7th. Gear will be available for pick up at the May BNMQG meeting. Members who order will need to pick up their gear at the May meeting or ask a friend to pick it up for them. If that is not possible, PLEASE select 'ship to me' when ordering.

The 'store' will include t-shirts and sweatshirts. There are two types of t-shirts. The Bella t-shirts are a bit more expensive and softer. When ordering sweatshirts, the front is embroidered with the BNMQG name and you will have an option to also have the back screen printed with the name and logo for an additional charge.

We plan to have gear sales twice a year. The spring sale will be an opportunity to stock up for the summer. The fall sale will have a delivery at the October meeting for winter/Quilt Con orders. All items will be included in each sale.

If you have any questions, contact Laurie Schierer, BNMQGtreasurer@gmail.com

Vice President's Corner by Linda Lambert:



This month I'd like to tell you more about **Sheila Robles**. Sheila is sharing her time and talent with us through the Block Studies she shares with us each month. Sheila has been quilting for 20 years. She started with her mother's Kenmore machine and Joanne's block of the month. It was all pre-cut; allowing her to try piecing without investing in a lot of notions. Once she completed it, Sheila was hooked! She bought all the notions, attended classes at the Sewing Studio and threw herself into quilting!

Sheila has been a member of BNMQG for two years. She loves that the guild is a great resource for classes, speakers, education and is amazed by the knowledge the members share.

As a second-year member, Sheila wanted to be more involved in the guild. Vivian suggested she explore the Block Studies available through the Modern Quilt Guild website. It has been an opportunity to learn new techniques and share this with the guild; it has also helped her get over her fear of public speaking. She may not agree with "get over" but at least deal with her hesitation of public speaking. Thank you for being an encouraging audience!

Sheila also enjoys gardening, tending to her houseplants, and being with friends and family. She is enjoying making new friends through the guild. Thank you, Sheila, for sharing your time and talent with our guild. We appreciate your efforts!

Kona Challenge:



The due date for our Kona Challenge is our **May 28 guild meeting.**

Sign-Up and Enter the Kona Challenge!

The Kona Color of the Year for 2024 is Julep. Julep is a light and vibrant color add a

touch to any quilt project. Robert Fabrics, the manufacturer of Kona Solids, creates a standout shade for Cottons lineup every year, dubbing of the Year. Please consider participating in our Kona Mini-Quilt

Current Signups on SignUp Genius	
Hospitality 23-24	Meeting Setup/Takedown helpers 23-24
BNMQG Retreats	QuiltCon 2024 Attendees
Sew Days for 2023-2024	BNMQG Tech Day Sign Ups
Libraries	Current Projects
Books	Kona Challenge Guidelines
BNMQG Library By Title	How to make a Hanging Sleeve
BNMQG Library By Author	
ACCUQUILT Dies – owned by members	
BNMQG ACCUQUILT loan library	

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due in next month. *Find the Kona Challenge Guidelines in BNMQG.org - Members.*

[Kona Challenge](#)

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More to Share:

As the BNMQG board plans for our in-person meetings, we want to encourage members who have information about quilting opportunities to bring fliers or other written handouts to distribute. This will help members get all the information they need to take advantage of the wonderful chances to learn. There will be time at the end of each meeting for members to briefly highlight these opportunities after show and tell. Members are encouraged to stay to the very end to not only hear this valuable information but to also ask any questions they may have!

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

See all these events and more at BNMQG.org [Meetings/Events](#)

- May 28 [Timna Tarr](#) Stitched Mosaic Zoom Lecture Dual Meeting
- June 25 Social Filled with Fun & Games
- July 23 Winter Celebrations in July Hands on projects
- August 27 Potluck and 12th year celebration!



April Birthdays:

Deanna Little	April 2
Kaite Reinke	April 3
Susan Costell	April 4
Jenny Pettinger	April 6
Judy O'Neil	April 10
Linda Lambert	April 12
Betty Woodruff	April 12
Penny Boser	April 17
Peggy Parmley	April 17
Ann Caddy	April 21
Sallie Hartsfield	April 21
Tiffany Bergman-Bray	April 25
Tricia Horner	April 26
Donna Phillips	April 30

BNMQG Social Media:



Have you joined [BNMQG](https://www.facebook.com/groups/BNMQG/) members only 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](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](#).



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