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Newsletter February 2023

Next meeting – February 28, 2023 - 6pm CST, social time at 5:30 pm CST

– **Zoom only**

## *President's notes:*

Hello Modern Quilters! It has been a rough month for me, but I am trying to get back into the swing of things. I appreciate all of the support I have received from BNMQG members – it means a lot to me.



I'm looking forward to seeing everyone that is going to QuiltCon in Atlanta! For those going to QuiltCon in Atlanta, we have a [Sign Up Genius](#), please sign yourself up. We have already used this group to email tips about QuiltCon. If you (or a friend) are going but have not already signed up, please do so as we will continue to use this group to email info about QuiltCon. It's going to be so much fun!!

There was a zoom link for a Q & A about QuiltCon sent out this morning to those already signed up for tonight at 7pm CST. Please text Lisa B. if you did not receive it and want to attend the zoom.

We'll also take a group photo on Thursday, February 23rd at noon. Please wear your BNMQG gear if you have it and meet us at our Community Outreach Quilt.

For our February BNMQG meeting after QuiltCon, we have *Elizabeth DeCroos* attending via Zoom – she is presenting “Pojagi – from Ancient Korea to Modern Canada”. As always, members attend for free, but we do have guest tickets available on the [Events and Workshop Tickets](#) page.

## *Show and Tell*

Please bring your show and tell – we love to see what everyone has been working on! Since we are on Zoom, you can upload a photo to the FaceBook Album for February Show and Tell, simply hold up your project to share, or share your screen to show a picture.

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

Looking for a way to get to know other guild members and have fun at the same time?

***We need a nominating committee to find our next BNMQG board – the new slate announced in June, so lots of time to find volunteers. Please contact a current board member to volunteer.***

Become a committee member or volunteer such as being co-chair for Community Outreach or Block Lotto, Programs or as an additional photographer. If interested in a future Board member position, reach out to the current person in that position to see if it is a good fit for you. Open positions will be President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

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



**I VOLUNTEER!**



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

We are happy to announce that we will be having our Modern Showcase at the Hands All Around Quilt Show April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful collaboration between the two quilt guilds. Not only will we need your quilts to display, but we will need helpers at the show for setup and helping answer questions of quilt show attendees. We have setup a [Signup genius](#) to make it easy for everyone to pick a timeslot that is convenient for them. BNMQG volunteers will get into the Quilt Show for free. Please thank the Hands All Around Quilt Guild members for their hospitality.

Quilts will be collected at the BNMQG April meeting.



**2022 Modern Showcase**

## *Community Outreach*

So far, **39** quilts have been delivered to the [Illinois CancerCare](#), **5** tops need to be quilted, **2** more are ready to be bound, **2** are at the volunteer quilters, all from the **420** blocks made by members.

Many people took blocks or quilt tops home from previous meetings, so hoping to see more quilt tops or completed quilts by the January meeting.

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.



We are happy to take donations of leftover fabric to add to quilt tops for negative space with the blocks. We will also accept donations of batting and backing fabric.

There will be a separate prize drawing for those that put together a quilt top out of the blocks, quilt a quilt top or bind a completed top. If you do all 3 things, you will get your name in the drawing 3 times!

We are also looking for a Community Outreach Co-Coordinator since that branch of our guild is growing so quickly. Please let a board member know if you (and a friend) are interested.



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## Destash Sale

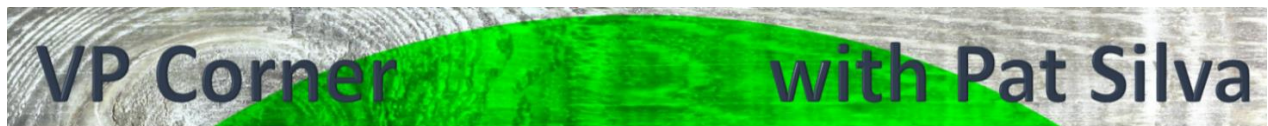


As you are doing a start of the year cleaning up of your sewing area or if you are following “Just Get it Done Quilts” Decluttering Challenge, think about putting some of those items that you no longer want into a box for our April Destash Sale.

Items can be anything sewing related: fabric, kits, patterns, books, tools, templates, etc, but no magazines please. We will have a future opportunity for magazines.

Items are a donation to BNMQG and the proceeds support guild programs such as speakers, community outreach, and hands on activities.

We have set up a [Sign Up Genius](#) so that we know how many tables to set up before everyone arrives. Please sign up and give a guesstimate on how much room you will need.



This month I have the privilege of writing about Marge Ehlers. She is an avid biker and hiker, but most importantly quilter. Marge started her sewing journey as a garment maker and specifically remembers making maternity clothes. She got hooked on quilting during a trip to Champaign with a girlfriend when she was in the cutting area and was introduced to a rotary cutter. She decided it would change her quilting experience. In 1990 she took a class in Rantoul, IL where she made a Sampler Friendship Quilt. Her modern quilt adventure started when Donna Lee approached her about participating in the Modern Quilt Guild. She started taking classes and made a baby quilt. It's been a modern experience since. Marge is really looking forward in joining lots of our members at QuiltCon this year.



## Block Lotto

We are looking to revamp our Block Lotto program to possibly involve Community Outreach, due to the high participation in our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary blocks, but we are considering doing something other than improv log cabin blocks. If you have ideas, or want to lead the new effort, please talk to a board member.



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## *BNMQG Community Challenge Quilt for MQG*



Many thanks to Kathy C. and Nancy P. for designing our Challenge Quilt for MQG – we used the blue/green gradient. Blocks were worked on by BNMQG members on sew days.

The quilt will hang next week at QuiltCon 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The BNMQG Board has decided to raffle off our Community Challenge quilt after researching what pricing to set if we were to sell it at QuiltCon. Instead, we will raffle off the quilt to benefit McLean County Food Bank and 25% will go to support the MQG charities. More details to follow.

Are you on Instagram? Check #BNMQG to see the amazing comments!

## *BNMQG Mission Statement*

Our Mission Statement sub-committee has met and revised our BNMQG Mission Statement. We are still open to suggestions, if you were not able to volunteer for the sub-committee. The previous and new mission statements will be shown at our February meeting. After that, the mission statement will be posted on our website as well as in our emails.

## *March 18<sup>th</sup> Demo at Normal Library*

We will have a table at an event at Normal Library on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm to demonstrate modern quilting. Pat S., Betty W. and Linda L. will be hosting our BNMQG table. Stop by to see them!

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

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 enter one additional quilt) and will do a viewer's choice award. Lytle Park is a great park if you want to bring kids!





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## Shutterfly Share Sites

Shutterfly Share Sites is closing on March 25 so our BNMQG share sites will be disappearing. If you want to add photos to any of the albums, make sure that they have been uploaded NO LATER THAN March 15th such as any Modern Mystery photos or Kona Color of the Year minis. I'll be downloading the photos and as much of the info that I can before that happens. Putting them up in the albums will make it much easier for me to download to share with organizations like the Art Gallery and other quilt shows interested in showing our quilts. I am very sad that this is happening.

And, finally, if there are photos that you want to have copies of, go to these sites and download them. If it appears that you don't have access to download them, you can request access to the site and I'll grant your access – but don't wait – I can't be doing this after March 15<sup>th</sup>.

1. Kona challenge quilts - <https://bnmqgkonachallenges.shutterfly.com/>
2. Modern Quilts - <https://bnmqgmodernquilts.shutterfly.com/>
3. BNMQG photos AND **QuiltCon 2023**- <https://bnmqgphotos.shutterfly.com/>
4. BNMQG Take a Chance Challenge - <https://bnmqg20202021challenge.shutterfly.com/>
5. HAAQG 2021 Quilt Show and BNMQG Modern Quilt Showcase - <https://haaqq2021quiltshow.shutterfly.com/>
6. QuiltCon 2019 - <https://quiltcon2019.shutterfly.com/>
7. QuiltCon2022 - <https://quiltcon2022.shutterfly.com/>
8. BNMQG Modern Mystery – if you are a member of the mystery, you have access and know how to get there.

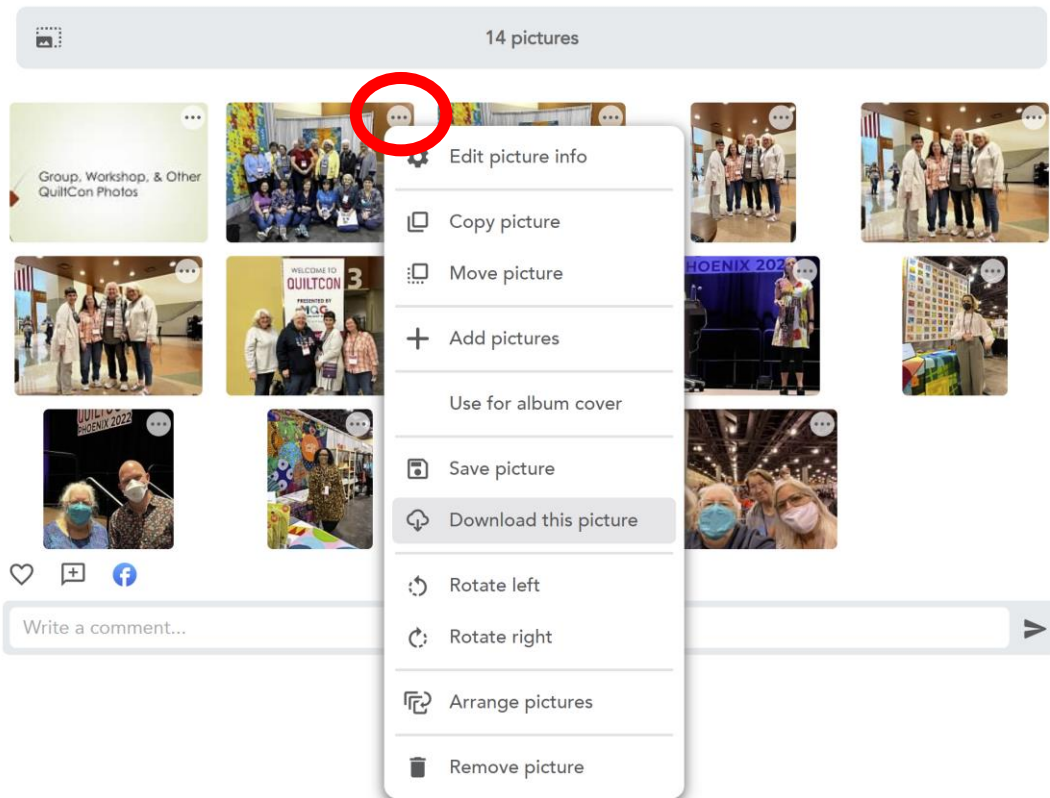
To download a photo, just **right click on the photo** - see photo 1 – and this box will open and give you the option to choose “download picture. (or on the three dots in the upper right corner of the thumbnail of the photo - see photo 2) and choose “download picture”.



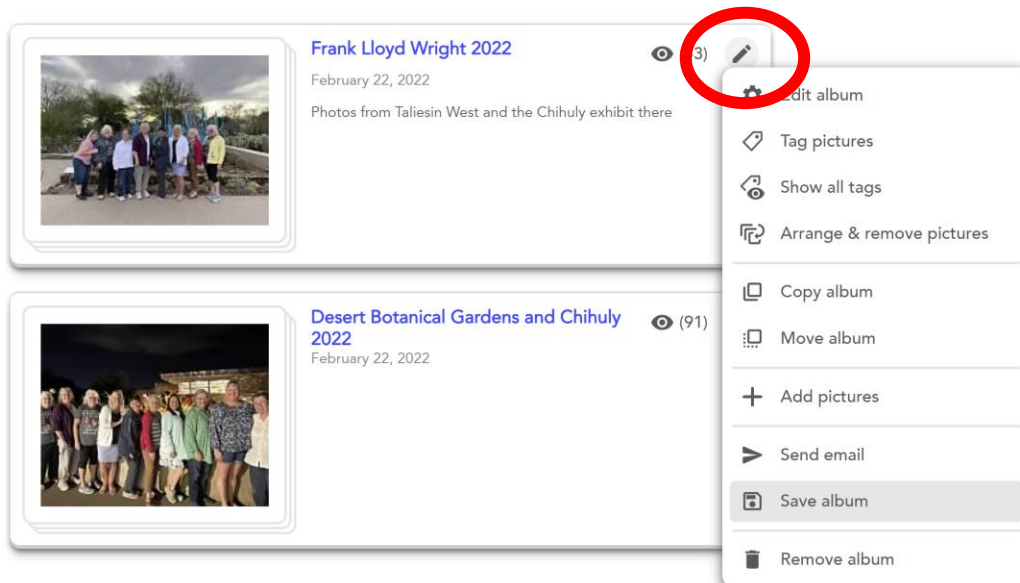
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You can also save an entire album to your Shutterfly account if you have one. To do this, click on the pencil next to the album name, then choose all or just some of the photos in the album to download to your Shutterfly account. Then, if you want them on your computer, you can download them from your Shutterfly account. There is no mass download that I have found to go directly from the Share site album to your computer.





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## Modern Mystery Quilt

**Congratulations Modern Mystery Participants** Congratulations on all of the challenges that you've finished. Please continue to finish and quilt your tops so they can be shared in our Modern Quilt Showcase, the Art Gallery Show, the Outdoor quilt show in Mattoon, and more...We've got some surprises for these beauties!

Make sure to come to the zoom February meeting on Tuesday, February 28th at 6pm CST for a great program, your chance to vote on a viewers' choice award on the finished tops, and best of all the GRAND PRIZE Drawing.

**FYI- all BNMQG Members** - If you plan to attend the meeting together with another member on zoom, we recommend that you log in on an individual and separate device (phone, tablet, or computer) right before we vote so you can vote on the Viewers' choice. Our poll will only allow one vote per device. The vote will be after the speaker and after the break so you don't each have to log on for the program. You will be given a heads up so you can log in your individual device. Questions? email Nancy P.



## Upcoming Events



BNMQG welcomes  
 Elizabeth DeCroos  
 Lecture: Pojagi – from Ancient  
 Korea to Modern Canada  
 Tuesday, February 28, 2023  
 6 pm CST

Her lecture is free for members, but guest tickets are available on our [Events and Workshops Tickets page](#).

For more information:  
 Visit Elizabeth's website [Epida Studio](#)  
 Follow Elizabeth on Instagram  
[@elizabeth.epidastudio](#)

BNMQG welcomes  
 Sarah Ruiz  
 Lecture: 100 Days to  
 Creative Bliss  
 Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
 6 pm CST



Her lecture is free for members, but guest tickets are available on our [Events and Workshops Tickets page](#).

For more information:  
 Visit Sarah's website: [saroy.net](http://saroy.net)  
 Follow Sarah on Instagram: [@saroy](#)  
 On Facebook, follow [SarahRuizQuilts](#)



## DECATUR ART EXHIBIT — AUGUST 2023 — SUBMIT YOUR MODERN QUILTS

BNMQG has been invited to have a show of modern quilts from August 4 – 24, 2023. You may enter quilts to be considered for the show – your minis, your mystery quilts, and other modern quilts. See guidelines below. The Arts Council will choose the quilts they want for the show. Quilts chosen for our special exhibit need to be delivered to Nancy Powell no later than the July BNMQG meeting.

There will be a reception on August 4, 2023. All guild members are invited to the art gallery and as we get closer to the opening of the show, there will be a sign up for this reception.

### SUBMIT YOUR MODERN QUILTS

If you enter the quilts by the February meeting - <https://bnmqgmodernquilts.shutterfly.com/> - request to join this site to be able to post your modern quilt photos on this site! Place photos for each quilt in one of the three albums for submission. See the note about Shutterfly and the email/text campaign in this newsletter.

If you enter them **AFTER the February meeting**, send the information including the quilt category (please 1 quilt per email) to Nancy at [nancypowell@gmail.com](mailto:nancypowell@gmail.com) using the subject: *Quilt Show Entry*.

**A. Modern Mini Quilts** - 20" x 20" (your Kona Minis or other modern minis) - Include

1. a photo of the entire quilt, and
2. a photo of the label showing your name, the title of your quilt - NOTE: if there is not a label with this info, please put that info in the comments below your photo.

**B. Modern Mystery Quilts** - Include:

1. a photo of the entire quilt (showing all 4 corners),
2. a detail shot, and
3. a photo of your label which should include your name, the title of your quilt and its size. If that info is not on the label, please add it in the comments below your photo.

**C. Other Modern Quilts** - Include:

1. a photo of the entire quilt (showing all 4 corners),
2. a detail shot, and
3. a photo of your label which should include your name, the title of your quilt and its size. If that info is not on the label, please add it in the comments below your photo.

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### QuiltCon 2023

February 23 – 26, 2023  
**Featuring Chawne Kimber**  
 Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart in Atlanta, Georgia

### QuiltCon 2024

February 22-25, 2024  
 Raleigh, North Carolina  
 More details to com

Hope everyone registered for QuiltCon! If you can't attend in person, consider registering for one day of the Quilt show so that you can download the QuiltCon App so you can see the quilt show and more. You can go to [QuiltCon.com](http://QuiltCon.com) and watch the awards. It will be streaming for free on Wed., Feb. 22 at 6pm CST.

We have a [Sign Up Genius](#) for those going to QuiltCon 2023. We'll take a group photo on Thursday, February 23rd at noon. Please wear your BNMQG gear if you have it and meet us at our Community Outreach Quilt.



## 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: [BNMQG@hotmail.com](mailto:BNMQG@hotmail.com) and put **Attn Noemi** in the subject area. Thanks.

## For your BNMQG Calendar

**February 23-26** – QuiltCon in Atlanta, GA  
**February 28<sup>th</sup> via Zoom** – BNMQG meeting with Elizabeth DeCroos and pojagi quilts  
**March 28<sup>th</sup>** - BNMQG meeting with Sarah Ruiz

### 2022-23 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

**February 23 – 26** – QuiltCon, Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart, Atlanta Georgia  
**April 28-29** – Hands All Around Quilt Show and our Modern Quilt Showcase



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**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 BNMWQ 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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### Officers

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### Chairs

**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