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Newsletter March 2023

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

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

President's notes:

Hello Modern Quilters! I had a wonderful time at QuiltCon and seeing our members out and about at the Quilt Show. If you have not been to a QuiltCon, I highly recommend going. There is just something different from other big shows. I'm not quite sure what it is, but it has a different excitement than other big shows I have been to. It might be all of the wonderful modern inspiration that is available via the quilts in the show, the lectures, the workshops or maybe even the vendors!

Seeing BNMQG member's quilts in the show was awesome! The rest of the quilts hanging in the show were so inspiring! It was also wonderful to see our Community outreach Quilt hanging at the show!



I can't believe we are prepping for our March meeting already! Time is really flying – and the time change made us lose an hour and I miss it!!

For our March BNMQG meeting, we are back to dual meetings – meeting in person at Christ Lutheran Church on Hershey (address above) and via Zoom. We have Sarah Ruiz joining us via Zoom for her lecture “100 Days to Creative Bliss”. As always, members attend for free, but we do have guest tickets available on the [Events and Workshop Tickets](#) page and available at the door if attending in person.

Please bring your Kona Mini Quilts and your Modern Mystery for Show and Tell!



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Show and Tell

Please bring your show and tell – we love to see what everyone has been working on! **Make sure to bring your Kona Mini Quilt and your Modern Mystery!** If your project is not available to be at the meeting or you are attending via Zoom you can upload a photo to the FaceBook Album for March Show and Tell, or simply hold up your project to share.

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.

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 28th and 29th. 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



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Community Outreach

So far, **39** quilts have been delivered to the [Illinois CancerCare](#), **3** completed quilt tops on hand, **3** tops need to be quilted, **2** more are ready to be bound, **3** 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!



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. There will be a sign up sheet available at the March meeting.



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VP Corner with Pat Silva



Happy Spring fellow quilters!! Stormy Helton is our quilter of the month for March. In 1985 Stormy and her two young daughters were enjoying ice cream when she noticed a quilt/doll shop across the street. After meeting the owner and her daughter, Stormy, a self-proclaimed tomboy decided to learn how to quilt. She began on an old Singer and actually found it challenging as she was more accustomed to outdoor work. She pressed forward and after getting dubbed the “Fudge Artist” at the quilt shop, perseverance paid off and she became quite good.

She eventually found herself bored with traditional quilting and was one of the founding members of the Modern Quilt Guild, where she really enjoys doing improv. The most interesting quilts she has seen are the ones she saw in Africa where the quilts were actually stitched together with wire. Stormy has been a past president of our guild and continues to be an avid contributor to the organization.

Block Lotto

We are looking to revamp our Block Lotto program to possibly involve Community Outreach, due to the high participation in our 10th 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.

BNMQG Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement sub-committee has met and revised our BNMQG Mission Statement. We had a few suggestions and here is our final mission statement.

“Our mission is to support and encourage the growth and development of modern quilting through Art, Education, and Community.”

The Bloomington-Normal Modern Quilt Guild fulfills its mission through active membership participation in charitable activities, member education, monthly member meetings, both in person and virtual, and volunteer opportunities.”

Sew Day on National Quilting Day - March 18th

How are you going to celebrate National Quilting Day? You can celebrate by hanging a quilt outside or visible through a window depending on the weather.

You can also join us in person or via Zoom for a Sew Day from 9am to 3pm CST. Zoom invites will be sent out to all members.



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March 18th Demo at Normal Library

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

Mattoon Art Council Outdoor Show - June 10th

We have been honored to be invited again to participate in the [Mattoon Art Council's Outdoor show](#) on June 10th. 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!



Modern Mystery Quilt

Congratulations to our Grand Prize money winner Vickie Alsene!

Jean Blythe won our Viewer's Choice Award!

Check and ribbon to be awarded at our March meeting.



Many, many Thanks to Nancy Powell, our fearless leader! She held our hands and led us through 11 months of improv quilting, teaching us so many techniques along the way! Her patience along with her wonderful teaching skills are very much appreciated!



Please bring your Modern Mystery Quilt to our March meeting for Show and Tell.



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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 15th.

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.

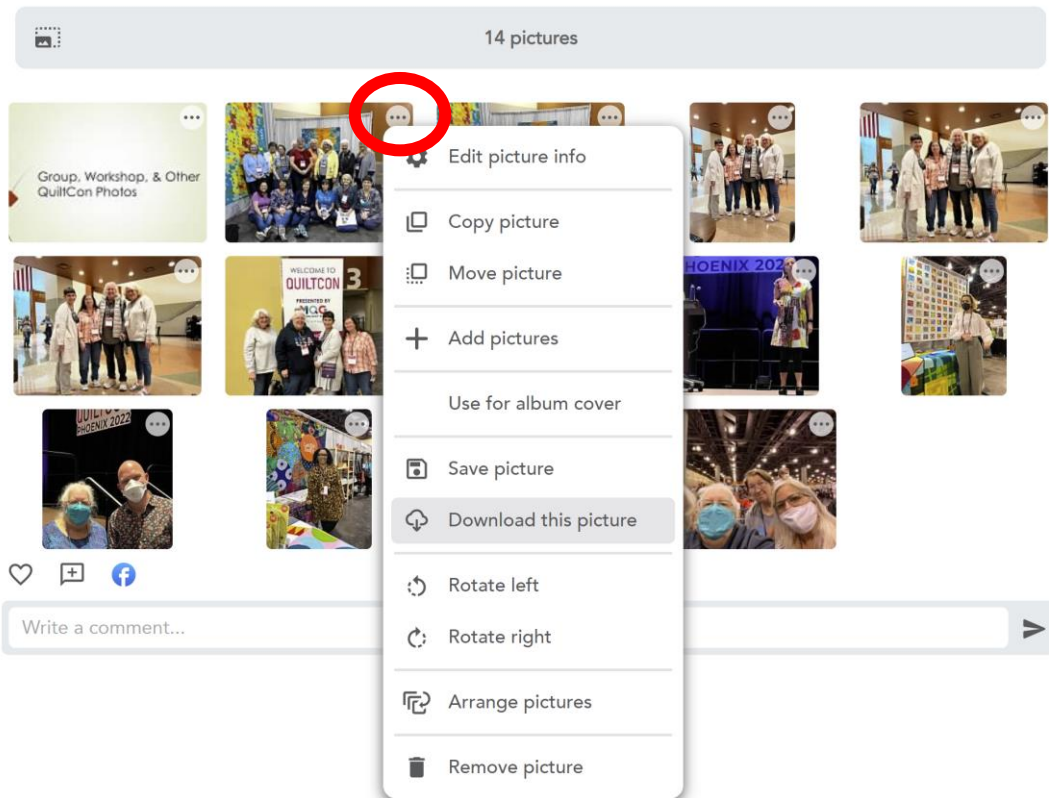
To download a photo, just **right click on the photo** - see photo 1 – and this box will open and give you the option to choose “download picture. (or on the three dots in the upper right corner of the thumbnail of the photo - see photo 2) and choose “download picture”.



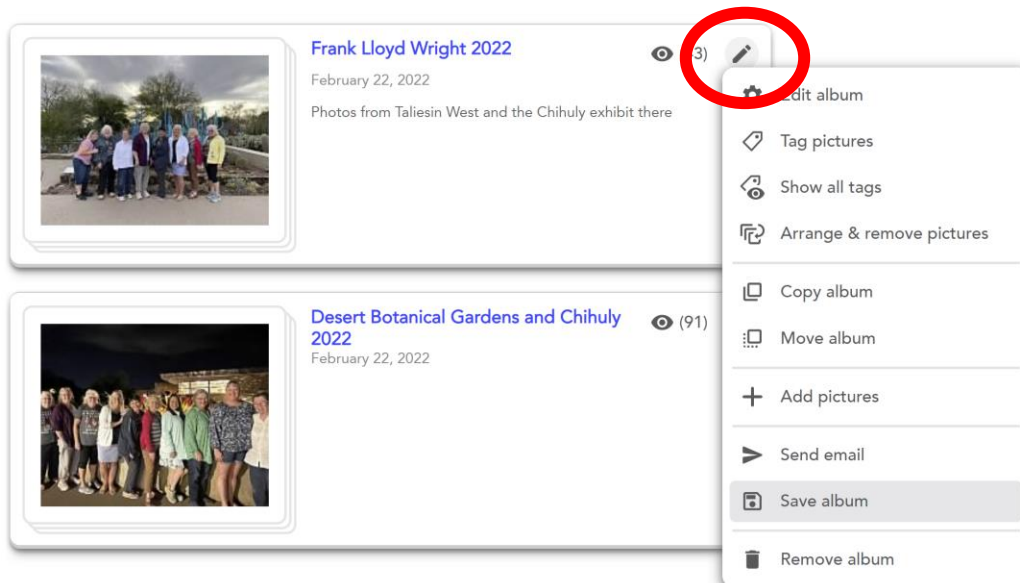
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You can also save an entire album to your Shutterfly account if you have one. To do this, click on the pencil next to the album name, then choose all or just some of the photos in the album to download to your Shutterfly account. Then, if you want 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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Upcoming Events

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
Follow Sarah on Instagram: [@saroy](#)
On Facebook, follow [SarahRuizQuilts](#)

April Meeting - We will be having a panel discussion about Block of the Month, Sew Alongs, 100 day projects. Our moderators will be Paula M. and Pam R.

May Meeting - Laurie S. will give a talk on the basics of bag making along with a trunk show of bags. Laurie will also be gathering information on which bag pattern to use for a bag workshop on July 8th. More details to come!

June 10th - Vickie A. will be leading 2 dyeing workshops. More details to come!

June Meeting - We will have a social night with games and a potluck. Our slate of officers for the 2023-24 BNMQG Board will be announced.

July Meeting - Christmas in July Hands on stations

August Meeting - Linda L. will give a talk on Collage Quilts. She will also be leading a workshop on September 9th. More details to come!

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.



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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 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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Raleigh, North Carolina



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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

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 and put **Attn Noemi** in the subject area. Thanks.

For your BNMQG Calendar

March 28th - BNMQG meeting with Sarah Ruiz

April 25th – BNMQG meeting – Panel Discussion, moderators Pam R and Paula M.

April 28th & 29th – BNMQG Modern Showcase at Hands All Around Quilt Show – Interstate Center, Bloomington

May 23rd – BNMQG meeting with Laurie S. - Basics of Bag making and Trunk Show

June 10th – BNMQG Dyeing workshop with Vickie A.

June 27th – BNMQG social night with games and potluck– 2023-24 slate of officers

announced

July 8th – Bag workshop with Laurie S.

July 25th – BNMQG meeting – Christmas in July Hands on Activities

August 4th – Decatur Art Gallery Reception

August 22nd – BNMQG meeting with Linda L. Collage Quilts, BNMQG Anniversary

2022-23 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

April 28-29 – Hands All Around Quilt Show and our Modern Quilt Showcase



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/>



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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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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