



Newsletter June 2023

Next meeting – June 27, 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! Our BNMQG Retreat spots are filled for our retreat for September 15th – 18th. However, we do have a waitlist going. Please sign up for the waitlist if you are interested in attending the retreat. Sign up [here on our Sign Up Genius](#).

Our June meeting will be a social night with games and a potluck. Bring an item to share – it does not have to be enough to share with everyone. A suggestion of what to bring based on your last name is below, but it is a suggestion so that we get a wide variety of items. Plates, napkins and utensils will be provided. This meeting may be best attended in person. We will have Zoom running, but you don't want to miss the tasty treats!



Vegetables or Vegetable Salad	A – B
Pasta Salad	C – E
Fruit or Fruit Salad	F – K
Dessert	L – Q
Bread or Crackers	R – S
Appetizers	T - Z

Show and Tell

Please bring your show and tell – we love to see what everyone has been working on! 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 May Show and Tell, or simply hold up your project to share.

Nominating Committee for 2023-24

Thanks to our Nominating Committee members Carol Lou E., Stormy H. and Ann U.! They will be announcing our slate of officers for the 2023-24 BNMQG Guild year at our June meeting. Voting will happen at our August meeting.

Christmas in July

We are looking for one (or more) volunteers to host a demo table at our July meeting. We are doing a “Christmas in July” theme. A demo of a small project that is great gift is the type of thing we are looking for. We already have 5 volunteers, but would love to have more!

Examples would be tissue holders, keychains, microwave bowl cozies, or the sky is the limit! Please contact Lisa or Nancy if you are interested.

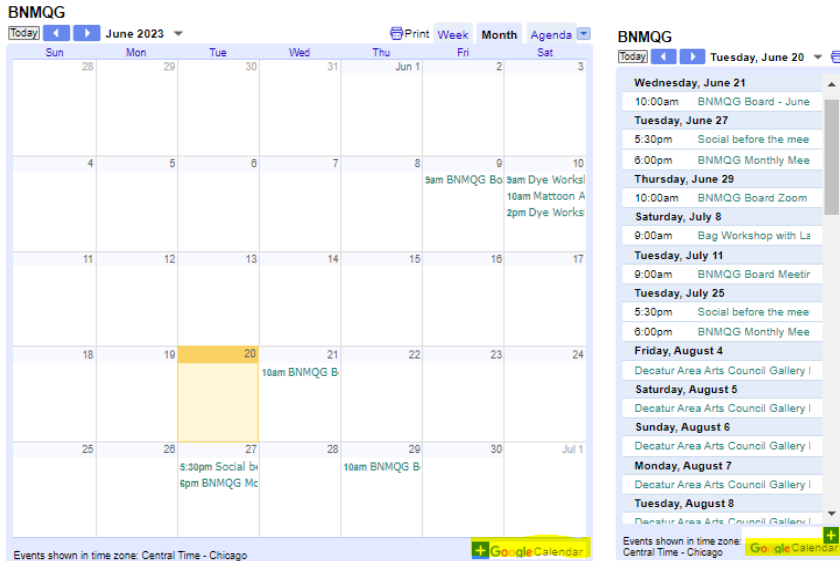




BNMQG Calendar

Did you know that if you use a Google calendar, that you can subscribe to the BNMQG calendar and it will show up on your calendar? Never miss a meeting or when a workshop is happening!

On our [website](#), you can see the public BNMQG calendar on the sidebar of most pages. Or you can see it on the [Meetings and Events page](#). On the bottom right of either calendar display, there is a “+ Google Calendar” option.



When you click on the + you will have the option to add to your Google Calendar.

This [website](#) has step by step instructions depending on which device you are using.

Current Signups

All current sign ups are linked on the [Member’s area](#) of our website – it is password protected. If you are a new member, the password was included in the welcome email. If you are a returning member, the password was emailed out on November 1st. If you can’t find it, please ask a board member at a meeting or contact BNMQGPresident@gmail.com.

Sign Ups currently available include Hospitality and our 2023 Retreat. More will be added as needed.

Library

Don’t forget that BNMQG has a wonderful library of modern quilting books, as well as a few issues of the Quiltfolk magazine.

Our book inventory is linked on the [Member’s area](#) of our website. Our librarian is Valerie S. and she brings many books to each meeting – stop by and see her at our next meeting!





Community Outreach



Our 10th Anniversary Improv Log Cabin Community Outreach project is ending at our June Meeting. At that meeting, we will have drawings for a couple of prizes. Your name is in the drawing for finishing a quilt top, quilting a quilt or binding a quilt.

So far, **52** quilts have been delivered to the [Illinois CancerCare](#) from the **420** blocks made by members!

If you have blocks or tops, and can't complete prior to the June meeting, that is fine – we will still accept quilts, they just won't count towards the prize drawings. Please text or email Pat S. - Pat's contact info is in the [Member's Page](#). She is happy to arrange a meeting - this is true for dropping off

completed blocks, quilts or quilt tops.

Community Outreach Raffle Tickets

The Raffle tickets for our Community Outreach Quilt "Into the Light" will be available at each meeting for members to purchase or check out to sell through our July meeting. Drawing will be held at our August meeting. Remember, the person who sells the winning ticket is also going to be a winner too!

For those who live out of town and can't make arrangements for a meet up or a friend to pick up at our next meeting, please email BNMQGPresident@gmail.com with how many tickets you need (in sets of 4) and your mailing address. A check for the sold tickets with the completed stubs and any unsold tickets should be returned in one envelope.

BNMQG Quilt Raffle
"Into the Light" - 64" x 82"
Drawing: August 22, 2023
Tickets - \$5 each
Proceeds go to the Midwest Food Bank and MQG Charities
License#: R23-042-A



Our Raffle quilt will be appearing at many different places – calendar of events below. If you want to help at an event, please contact Betty W.

April 23/24 – Sewing Studio

May 15th - ARC

May 24 – Decatur Quilt Guild Meeting

June 1st – Hands All Around Quilt Guild Meeting

June 17th – Bolines

June 24th – Indigo Junction

June 26th – ARC

July 12/13 – Everyday Quilting

July 18th – Tickled Pink



June 10th Dyeing Workshops with Vickie A. recap



Vickie A. and several guild members had a great day in the park on June 10th, learning different dyeing techniques. What a great way to learn a new skill – with a great instructor, all dyes already available and minimal cleanup.

Please bring 2 of your favorite pieces from the workshops to show the rest of us what you learned!

VP Corner with Pat Silva

This month I am excited to write about one of the first officers of the BNMQG, Betty Woodruff, who is also our current Executive Director. Betty started sewing at about the age of 8 or 9 with the encouragement of her mother. She doesn't clearly remember what she created back then but she does remember that she broke her mother's sewing machine.

She took sewing lessons in both junior and senior high school and recollects making a reversible jumper in high school. When she was married, she purchased a Singer sewing machine and actually upholstered her own furniture. Eventually, the Singer died, and she upgraded to a used embroidery machine and began to create quilts, which she embellished with embroidery and lace.

She started teaching classes at Sew Much More and it was then she became interested in modern quilting and bought a long arm machine. With the help of several other women, she started the Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild on August 27, 2012. To this day, Betty remains a very active member of our guild and is an accomplished and proficient quilter.

Betty is pictured here on the right, along with Nancy Powell on the left. Betty did the long arm quilting for this quilt of Nancy's. It is an award winner!





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Mattoon Art Council Outdoor Show - June 10th

A wonderful day at the park with our BNMQG display of our Kona Color Challenge quilts! It was so fun watching them blow in the breeze! We had the quilt show attendees vote on a viewer's choice award. Voting was very close! It was so fun hearing all of the comments and how hard it was for them to choose just one quilt! Special Thanks to Nancy P. and her photography skills!



Viewer's Choice award was Karla M. Runner ups were Ann U. and Marilyn B.

2023 Viewers' Choice



Karla Miley - "Fruit Salad"

Runner ups...



Ann Unes
Shades of the Day



Marilyn Beal
Improv Sampler

Many BNMQG members also entered other quilts into the show.

Judy L. was awarded
BEST OF SHOW
 for her Modern Mystery quilt!





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Amethyst Project Bag Workshop with Laurie S. on July 8th

The bag chosen by the BNMQG members at the May meeting is the Amethyst bag from Sew Sweetness. Info on the pattern you need to buy and the supplies you'll need to bring is linked [here](#).

There are still a few spots available - this workshop is open to **BNMQG members only** at this time. To get your spot for the workshop, sign up [here](#) – scroll down to workshops.



Decatur Art Exhibit - August 2023

BNMQG has been invited to have a show of modern quilts from August 4 – 24, 2023. We have provided the submitted quilt pictures to the Decatur Area Arts Council. We will know at the beginning of July which quilts were chosen to hang in the show.

There will be a reception on August 4, 2023 from 5 to 7 pm. All guild members are invited to the reception and as we get closer to the opening of the show, there will be a sign up. We will also be able to have our raffle quilt at the reception and sell tickets.

The gallery space is wonderful – can't wait to see all of the BNMQG quilts hanging!

DECATUR AREA ARTS COUNCIL
ANNE LLOYD GALLERY
125 NORTH WATER STREET
DECATUR, IL 62526

2023-2024 BNMQG Membership



Can you believe it is almost time to renew your BNMQG Membership? Time is flying by! We will begin taking membership dues for 2023-2024 at our July meeting.

Membership fee will be \$45 starting with the 2023-24 guild year. There will no longer be a half year membership discount.

10 years ago, our fees started out at \$25, were raised to \$30 in 2015, then in 2018 the fee became \$35.

In these last 5 years, speaker fees have increased dramatically.

What was once \$150 - \$200 is now \$300 - \$500 (and even more for some of the really in demand programs).



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QuiltCon 2024
February 22-25, 2024
Raleigh, North Carolina

QuiltCon 2025
*Location announced -
Phoenix, Arizona*

Reminder, that you are a member of our parent organization MQG, just by being a member of BNMQG! The [MQG Website](#) has a wonderful resource library – lots of informational videos and posts. You will need your separate username (email address that you signed up with for BNMQG) and a password unique to you (they have a great password reset option too, if you don't remember yours!)

Currently, they are posting an inspirational palette a month and have a sew a long in progress. Go check it out!

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: BNMQGPMembership@gmail.com. Thanks.

For your BNMQG Calendar

July 8th – Bag workshop with Laurie S.

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

August 4th – Decatur Art Gallery Reception 5-7

pm

August 22nd – BNMQG meeting with Linda L.

Collage Quilts, BNMQG Anniversary



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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](#).

Guild Contacts:

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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