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Newsletter August 2023

Next meeting – August 22, 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! **Make sure you bring any raffle tickets that you have sold to our August meeting so that they are included in the drawing!**

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](#). For attendees, there will be a sign up genius available after the August meeting to sign up for an unloading time. This helps our unloading helpers to be able to help everyone.

I have really enjoyed my time as the President of BNMQG – this is an awesome organization! The support of the BNMQG Board, Committee chairs and members has been outstanding. Please give the same grace that I received to our new incoming board – there is a lot of information to take in and they need your support as they settle into their new roles. Please consider helping out on a committee or when volunteers are needed or even signing up for hospitality. It truly takes a village!

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 August Show and Tell, or simply hold up your project to share.

BNMQG Board election 2023-24

Voting will happen at our August meeting. Our slate of officers:

- Vivian Hoette, President
- Linda Lambert, Vice President
- Barb Stevens, Secretary
- Laurie Schierer, Treasurer

QuiltCon

presented by the

Modern Quilt Guild

Feb 22-25
Raleigh, NC

- Registration opens August 15th online at <https://quiltcon.com/>
 - This includes purchasing workshops
 - Schedules are available now, so make sure to check it out now!
 - Some workshops will sell out within the first few minutes, so plan accordingly!
- Please make sure **before** August 15th that you can log into the MQG website
 - Your login is the email address you gave BNMQG
 - Your password is something you set
 - If can't get logged in, use the password reset option



Christmas in July

Our hands on demonstrations at our July meeting were a big hit! Available resources are posted in the [member's only area of our website](#). Many thanks to our presenters!

- Serging fabric for wrapping paper (Erin H.)
- Folded Stars (Teresa A.)
- Bitty Bags (Laurie S.)
- Fabric Gift Bags (Marion T. and Vivian H.)
- Credit Card Wallets (Betty W.)
- Thumb pin cushions (Jean B.)



BNMQG August Speaker

Our August speaker is Linda Lambert who will be discussing the Laura Heine collage technique and how quilting is good for your brain! Linda will get us looking at fabric in a whole new way!

Guest tickets are available for Linda's lecture [here](#). As always, lectures are free to all members.



Photo: Laura Heine and Linda Lambert

September workshop



Linda Lambert will be hosting an in person workshop for BNMQG on September 9th at Christ Lutheran Church. We will be using the Laura Heine pattern "The Dress". Workshop will be from 9am to 3:30pm. Lunch is included.

Tickets are still available [here](#) – scroll down to workshops.

Linda will have kits, supplies and patterns available at our August meeting. These are discounted just for workshop participants!



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BNMQG Website



Did you know that you can “follow” our website – www.bnmqg.org and get notified when something is posted? On the right hand side bar (visible on most pages of the website, there is an option to follow the blog. Enter your email address and click the follow button.

You will receive an email with follow up instructions – you must confirm your email to start receiving the updates.

Please confirm your subscription for Bloomington/Normal Modern Quilt Guild

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BNMQG Gear

The board is working on having BNMQG Gear (t-shirts, etc) available to order soon – be on the lookout for more information!





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Classified Advertising Opportunity

Do you have a service to promote to quilters? As a BNMQG member, you get a very low rate to advertise on our website in the classified advertising tab. You provide an image (business card), a link, an application, and payment. We do the rest! Applications are available at [here!](#)

If you are a past advertiser, we appreciate it and it is time to renew!

Current Signups

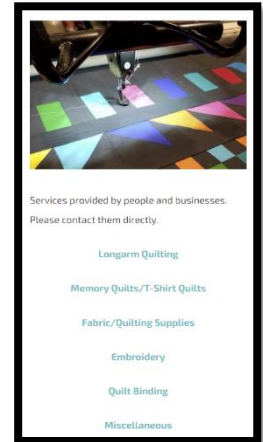
All current sign ups are linked on the [Member's area](#) of our website – it is password protected. If you are a new member, the password was included in the welcome email. If you are a returning member, the password was emailed out on November 1st. If you can't find it, please ask a board member at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

Sign Ups currently available include Hospitality and our 2023 Retreat Waiting List. 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 was a great success! We have helped so many people going through cancer treatments in our community.

So far, **67** quilts have been delivered to the [Illinois CancerCare](#) from the **420** blocks made by members!

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

Make sure you bring any raffle tickets that you have sold to our August meeting!

The drawing will be held at our August meeting. Remember, the person who sells the winning ticket is also going to be a winner too!

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



Decatur Art Exhibit - August 2023

BNMQG has been invited to have a show of modern quilts from August 4 – 24, 2023.

Thanks to all of those who came to the reception on August 4! The gallery space is wonderful – it was amazing to see all of the BNMQG quilts hanging!

If you missed the reception, you can still view the quilts until August 24th – it is well worth the short drive to Decatur!

DECATUR AREA ARTS COUNCIL

**August 2023: Bloomington-Normal
Modern Quilt Guild Showcase**

ANNE LLOYD GALLERY
125 NORTH WATER STREET
DECATUR, IL 6252

You will love the bright colors and designs!

Dates:
August 4th - 24th, 2023

Location:
Anne Lloyd Gallery

Times:
Monday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm

Phone Number:
217-423-3189





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VP Corner with Pat Silva

We are greeted every month with “Hello Modern Quilters”! That is the voice of our president, leader and dear friend Lisa Baermann. Lisa started crafting at the age of seven with the help of her grandmother, who taught her how to crochet. She made her first rag quilt in 2005. Shortly after in 2007 she bought an Embroidery Combo machine and proceeded to do a lot of embroidery on clothes and bags. Lisa then decided to make a traditional baby quilt. It was a simple pattern of sewing squares to squares and included embroidery, but she was hooked. It was then that she shifted from embroidery to quilting. She made her first panel quilt, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and quilted it on her domestic machine. She knew there had to be an easier way and bought her first longarm in 2013, and followed that with an upgrade in 2019. Initially, Lisa was an internet quilter through Missouri Star Quilting Forum. She joined the HAAQG with Nancy Powell. They were then recruited by Betty Woodruff and joined the BNMQG in 2016. Lisa considers herself a modern traditionalist quilter but with the encouragement of Nancy and other modern quilters she is challenging herself to become more modern. I think I can speak for all of us when I say I am very grateful that Lisa joined the BNMQG. We will miss her guidance but I know she will continue to influence our guild in the months and years ahead. We have been blessed with her leadership, her smile and her continued support. “Thanks so much, Lisa!”



2023-2024 BNMQG Membership



Can you believe it is time to renew your BNMQG Membership? Time is flying by! You can bring your [membership form](#) and check to the August meeting. All members need to complete a new membership form.

Please renew before October 31st – at that point you will be removed from the Facebook group and will no longer receive emails (including zoom invitations) that are sent to members.

Membership fee will be \$45 starting with the 2023-24 guild year.

The board is considering an amendment to the bylaws to remove the half year membership option.

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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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

August 4th - 24th – Decatur Art Gallery Exhibit

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](#).

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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 – Carol Lou Eisenhardt, Stormy Helton, Ann Unes
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