



2024 BNMQG January Newsletter

Stitch... Stitch...Stitch...

Stitch Peace and Joy

Stitch Grief and Sorrow

Stitch Healing and Hope

Stitch Creatively and be Surprised

Stitch for Family, Friends, Yourself and for Others

Stitch with each other

Stitching... Stitching... Stitching...

President's Note

Welcome to the New Year, BNMQG modern quilters!

It seems I am always busy at my sewing machine in January... In December, among other things while my sister, Marion, was here, we (mostly she) gave my sewing room a good organizational upgrade. We purchased some pull out basket drawer units from IKEA and many miscellaneous stashes of fabrics all of a sudden found a home with likewise mates. I know where my projects live, and now I can likely find that special fabric. We also accomplished a lot of quilting; the binding and labels are almost done! All of a sudden it is a joy to sew in this space!

- *Vivian Hoette*

January 20th Workshop

**Workshop: Inspired by Architecture Presenter:
David Owen Hastings**

When Sat, January 20, 10am – 4pm

Where Zoom invite will be sent to workshop participants
[\(map\)](#)

On January 20, David Ownes Hastings will offer a six-hour workshop on Zoom, “Inspiration from Architecture.” There are still openings for this workshop.

[Workshop Link](#)



January 23rd Guild Zoom Program Emilie Trahan will present “Improv Quilting: Quilt As You Grow.” Catch up with Emilee on [The Modern Quilt Guild Website](https://www.modernquiltguild.com).

You can also find Emilie on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mili.tra/>

The Zoom link will be sent Sunday evening, January 21.

February 15 Tech Thursday 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. with Carole Fay!

Carole will be offering a zoom demonstration on EQ8. There will be a poll at our January Zoom meeting to determine your interests. In preparation, would you want this first Tech Day to be:

- An Overview of what EQ8 can do?
- How to use EQ8 to design blocks?
- How to use EQ8 to design quilt layouts?

Please help us plan by going to the sign-up genius for this Tech Day at 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm sessions. (BNMQG.org - Members - Sign Ups). These are free sessions for members of BNMQG. This year our Tech days might be any day of the week!

QuiltCon Feb 22-25, 2024 in Raleigh, NC!

Member Quilts! We are so proud of our five members whose quilts have been selected for QuiltCon - Wow! We plan to feature you in the February meeting to **CELEBRATE YOU and YOUR WORK!**

- ❖ Karla Krogsrud Miles: “Linearity: Points and Counterparts”
- ❖ Kathy Cook: “More Than Most”
- ❖ Teresa Conn Arendell: “Lines of Travel”
- ❖ Dawn Polomski: “Pink House”
- ❖ Judy Zoelzer Levine: “Boing-f”

Lecture Pass Even if you are not attending QuiltCon in person you can purchase a Lecture Pass for \$265. [QuiltCon 2024 Streaming Lecture Pass - Modern Quilt Guild \(themodernquiltguild.com\)](https://www.modernquiltguild.com). Then you can attend the lectures in the comfort of your own abode.

Going to QuiltCon? Please let us know because we plan to coordinate a group photo etc., probably Thursday noon. You'll find a link in Members - Sign Ups.

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

See all these events and more at [BNMQG.org Meetings/Events](https://www.bnmqg.org/Meetings/Events)



February 27th: Maximalism Love using all kinds of colors, solids and prints? We will explore the ways to use these in modern designs. In other words, this will appeal to the side of our brains that want it all while still creating a design that pleases all our senses.

PLUS - We'll hear "How I created" from our member celebrities about their QuiltCon Show Quilts



March 26th Our Zoom Lecture will be presented by Allie McCathren: Painting with Scraps

Looking forward to learning how to enjoy the treasures in my scraps and play with colors and textures in my quilt projects!



April 26th: In-Person Lecture by Carol Wilhoit: Get your Stash Together

Carol will give us ideas to use the new stash we acquire at this meeting and our own precious stash!

Destash Sale Make sure to start working on the sorting through your stash to bring to the sale!



Mini-Quilts and Julep!

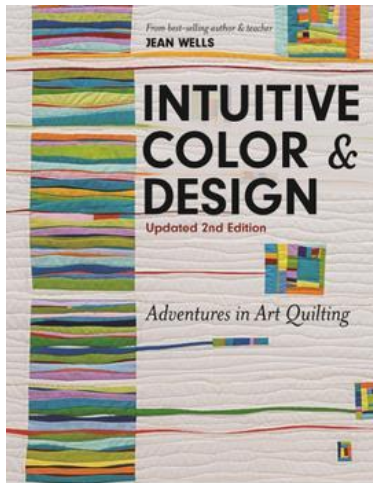
The Kona Cotton Company has announced the Kona Color of the Year for 2024 is Julep. Julep is a light and vibrant ice green color that can add a refreshing touch to any quilt project. Robert Kaufman Fabrics, the manufacturer of Kona Cotton Solids, creates a standout shade for their KONA Cottons lineup every year,

dubbing it the Color of the Year. Please consider participating in our Kona Mini-Quilt Challenge due in March. *Find the Kona Challenge Guidelines in BNMQG.org - Members.*

If you are interested in exploring some free quilt patterns with Julep, check out the following links:

- [Fun Patterns](#)

Happy quilting! 🧵 ✂️



Book Thoughts by Jamie Willis

Intuitive Color & Design; Adventures in Art Quilting

By Jean Wells

C&T Publishing, 2009

Jean Wells (Owner and founder of the Stitch'n Post Quilt Shop and Sisters OR Outdoor Quilt Show) changed her personal quilting direction in quilting after a course with Nancy Crow and seeing the Gee's Bend Exhibit in San Francisco. Jean began a more improvisational style by using the structure of the elements of art and principles of design to create her new art quilts often based on her daughter's (Valori Wells) photographs as well as some of her own, The author explains her process of design, how she reduces images of nature into simple abstractions, and then begins the process of piecing her ideas. Jean stresses if you are willing to spend the time planning and making linear sketches you can achieve your ideas in cloth. Jean refers to herself as an "art quilter" but her process of serious color study, cutting without rulers, linear & spontaneous piecing, cutting units apart, and finally reassembling is as modern as it can get. The book offers pages for reproduction for planning the quilting lines

and a special chapter with the best directions and descriptions for unconventional finishing methods. I have returned to this book over and over for instruction, inspiration, and quilt study. Get your cup of tea and get ready to take notes and start planning your next original quilt.

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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