

2024 BNMQG February Newsletter



President's Note:

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

In our guild we celebrate modern quilting by sharing our time, talent, and treasure. QuiltCon 2024 was full of wonder! So many amazing quilts and quilting! The community quilts were astounding as well with many clever ways to involve many members in designs that superseded the contributions of any one quilter in particular.

I attended a workshop “Creating Interactive Guild Programming and Activities” led by the Triangle Modern Quilt Guild. In particular they emphasized the important contribution of time, talent, and treasure by guild members. This really resonated with me and why we value each member, learn from one another, and employ our talents to bring comfort and joy to others in our community. Many more strategies were shared and ideas were generated in our workshop groups that I will be sharing in the future.

As the guild year moves along, we are wondering whom of you would be willing to hold an office (president, vice president, or secretary), become a member-at-large (new role – two will be elected), participate in an existing or new committee, serve on a nominating committee, offer a short workshop, lead a sew day or teach a class, share a winter holiday project in July, etc. Don't be shy, take a turn, be confident; we need you!

Write to me: bnmqgpresident@gmail.com. I am anxious to hear from you.

Time Donations Needed:

Would you help set up/take down for our guild meeting on **Tuesday, March 26**? Just arrive at 5pm. We only need one more person on March 26th to help Nichole. [Signup Genius](#)

Our **April 16** meeting will be busy and we will have a lot to set up. We have three different time slots:

1. 1:30-2:00 for members to help move tables for our speaker and destash sale. [Signup Genius Link](#)
2. 4:00 to help members carry in their destash treasures. [Signup Genius Link](#).
3. End of meeting signup to return the tables to their correct locations. [Signup Genius Link](#)



March 26 Guild Meeting

Our next guild meeting will be a dual meeting, in person and on Zoom.

Allie McCathren: Painting with Scraps

Our program will be a zoom presentation by Allie McCathren. Allie will show us how to enjoy the treasures in our scraps and play with colors and textures in our quilt projects!

News from Community Outreach by: Pat Silva!



We will be handing out the Heartbeat Quilt kits at our next meeting, Tuesday, March 26. We are very excited and hope that you will consider taking one and making it.

Each kit comes complete with 20 premade blocks, batting and backing. There are 30 kits to make and the quilts will be due back to us at our June meeting. This has always been a cooperative effort!! Some members make the whole quilt, some members make top and return it for someone else to quilt and finish. Can't wait to see you on the 26th. If you are interested in making a quilt but can't make the next meeting, please let me know.

Contact Pat Silva: bnmqgcommunityoutreach@gmail.com

A big **THANK YOU** to **Noemi Bowers** for donating the back and batting for these quilts!



BNMQG Gear by: Laurie Schier:

BNMQG is happy to announce the next gear sale! Members will receive an email on April 16th! The deadline for ordering will be May 7th. Gear will be available for pick up at the May BNMQG meeting. Members who order will need to pick up their gear at the May meeting or ask a friend to pick it up for them. If that is not

possible, PLEASE select 'ship to me' when ordering.

The 'store' will include t-shirts and sweatshirts. There are two types of t-shirts. The Bella t-shirts are a bit more expensive and softer. When ordering sweatshirts, the front is embroidered with the BNMQG name and you will have an option to also have the back screen printed with the name and logo for an additional charge.

We plan to have gear sales twice a year. The spring sale will be an opportunity to stock up for the summer. The fall sale will have a delivery at the October meeting for winter/Quilt Con orders. All items will be included in each sale.

If you have any questions, contact Laurie Schierer, BNMQGtreasurer@gmail.com

Kona Challenge:



The due date for our Kona Challenge is our **May 28 guild meeting.**

Sign-Up and Enter the Kona Challenge!

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

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Year. Please consider participating in our Kona Mini-Quilt Challenge due in May. *Find the Kona Challenge Guidelines in BNMQG.org - Members.*

[Kona Challenge](#)

Vice President's Corner (Linda Lambert):

It takes a village of volunteers to make a quilt guild thrive. We have been blessed to have so many loyal and committed members to give of their time, talent, and treasures. I'd like to give a shout out to Carole Fey writing monthly articles for our [Tech Corner](#) on the members website.

Carole has been working with EQ8 since its first release in 1991 when DOS was still king of computer programming and we used floppy disks! Computers have fascinated her since they started to be a part of our lives in the 70's. She didn't get to really indulge that interest until early 2000's, and her last 3 years working was in the IT department with Country Financial. Her job there was to test code to find ways to break it, then figure out why it broke and how to fix it. It was fun every day!

The biggest benefits of using EQ8 have been the ability to design blocks, use those blocks to design quilts, then play with fabric color placement in the quilt. In EQ she can use blocks with just a patch outline to lay out a quilt layout, then play with fabric or color in those patches to find many different looks for the final quilt design. Another big benefit with EQ is being able to print list of fabric requirements for my quilt. It makes a perfect shopping list.

Needle, thread and yarn have been a part of her life since grade school. Her grandmother taught her to knit, crochet and needlepoint. She still knits and crochets, and have added cross stitch, tatting, whitework and surface embroidery to her hobbies list and bounce between them. Now that she's retired, she has more time to play.

Carole says guilds are a perfect way to meet people who share similar interests. They are also a place to meet and talk with others who have skills that inspire and push me to think outside my box. For example, in our guild, Cathy Cook is a big inspiration to her. Her work is so creative and free, it always invites me to ponder the "what if" possibilities of quilt design! Carole believes, "Working with fabric and fiber-fabric, yarn, thread-I think those of us who work in this

medium can't help but put a piece of ourselves in to our work. We feel the fabric and thread as we sew, our thoughts are stitched in to every piece we create. These quilts we create, no matter the size, are our gift to share and brighten the world around us.”

Block Study by Sheila Robles



The March Block Study from the Modern Quilt Guild Resource Library is called “Staggered Stripes”. It is a fairly easy pattern with a dramatic effect. Will you give it a try and bring it to our March meeting?

Book Thoughts by Jamie Willis



Quilt Recipes by Jen Kingwell

Published by Me & My Girls PTY LTD, AUS, 2021

Jen Kingwell’s vision for her book was to “combine quilts with beautiful interiors.” The book is dedicated to her mother who filled their home with baked goods every day. Baked in wood-fired oven on their family dairy farm in Australia. Jen speaks of the similarities between quilts and desserts. Both are from loving hands, often gifted, and deeply appreciated by families and friends. The book includes photos, excellent directions, templates, and inspiration for 13 of her signature quilts. Nine of her mother’s dessert recipes are beautifully photographed and stimulate your sweet tooth. Kingwell remembers them from her childhood and lovingly shares with her fellow quilters. They range from ginger biscuits (cookies) to sponge cake with whipped cream filling. This book is inspiring to our senses and provides inspiration for future quilts. The photography is stunning and the book touches our heart. We can all relate to warm memories of family quilts and recipes. So grab your cuppa, a copy of Quilt Recipes and be prepared to be inspired.

Recipes stimulates our senses. Jen’s unique sense of color and unusual fabric combinations plus the gorgeous photography of the quilts and mouthwatering desserts, makes this a book that you pick up repeatedly. The desserts range from ginger biscuits (cookies) to a yummy sponge cake with whipped crème filling.

April 16 Guild Meeting:



Please note the change in our April Guild Meeting Date

April 16th: 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: BNMQG is hosting another Destash Sale at our April 16th meeting. Proceeds from the sale go towards our speakers and other guild activities.

To get an idea of how many tables will be needed to be set up, please use the sign-up genius to let us know if you will need 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, or a full table. If you have extra sewing supplies, including books, patterns, notions, kits or fabric and are willing to donate to the guild, please sign up below.

Please price donated items before arrival, in full dollar increments. If you have lots of little stuff, please group these together into a zip lock bag or something creative. Shopping time will start at 5pm; you can start dropping off your donations at 4:30pm.

Any items not sold are the responsibility of the person donating the item and should be taken home in the even they do not sell. If you will be participating in the De-stash Sale at the April meeting, please use the sign-up genius to sign up for a table. [Sign-Up Genius Link](#)

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April Meeting Destash Sale

More to Share:

As the BNMQG board plans for our in-person meetings, we want to encourage members who have information about quilting opportunities to bring fliers or other written handouts to distribute. This will help members get all the information they need to take advantage of the wonderful chances to learn. There will be time at the end of each meeting for members to briefly highlight these opportunities after show and tell. Members are encouraged to stay to the very end to not only hear this valuable information but to also ask any questions they may have!

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

See all these events and more at BNMQG.org Meetings/Events

Getting the Most Out of Your AccuQuilt Machine



SATURDAY, APRIL 6
1-4PM

Presented by
Laura Strickland
Orange Blossom Quilts

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To register
go to haaqg.com
\$25 members
\$35 non-members

Hands All Around Quilt Guild
haaqg.com



Saturday, April 6, 2024

BNMQG Members may attend the HAAQG Workshop:

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Laura Strickland, Orange Blossom Quilts

"Getting the Most Out of Your AccuQuilt Machine."

Members: \$25, If you are a member of BNMQG, you may register for the \$25 member fee because you are a sister guild member. *Please note, this signup is on the HAAQG website.*

Just a reminder that our guild has a sharable

AccuQuilt library located on the [Members](#) page!

Libraries

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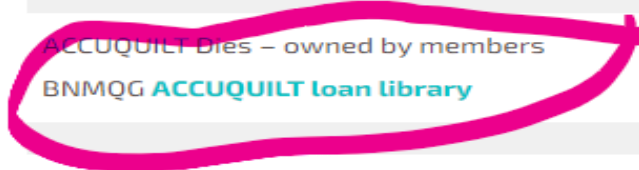
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Use the [registration form](#) on the HAAQG website to sign up.



March Birthdays:

Barb Stevens	March 4
Brenda Stultz	March 8
Ann Unes	March 12
Linda Williams	March 23
Anita Tullier	March 31

BNMQG Social Media:



Have you joined [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*](#) (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](#).



Facebook)

[@bnmqg](http://www.bnmqg.org) (Instagram)

[BNMQG](#) (members only Facebook)

[Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild](#) (public



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