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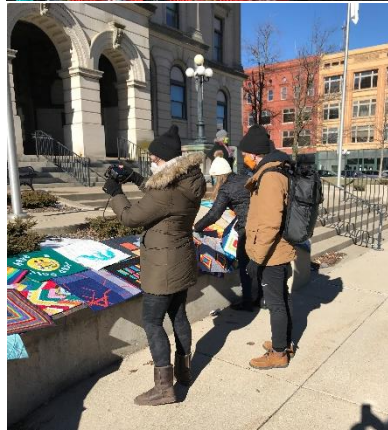
Next meeting – January 26, 2021 – zoom opens at 5:30pm CST



Happy 2021 Modern Quilters,

What a different way to begin 2021 for BNMQG after our first ever awesome Holiday December meeting and pincushion swap!

Quiltfolk Magazine’s photographer Azuree Wiitala and her stylist Trevor Holloway were here on Friday, Jan. 22 to take photos for the **APRIL issue of Quiltfolk**, Magazine. Photos were taken at the McLean County Museum of History. I don’t have any of the professional photos but I grabbed a few today that I’ll share in this newsletter. We went to the BCPA and they fired up a drone to take an aerial photo of your quilts. Fun to watch. I found out that this is the first issue they are considering using aerial photos – maybe ours will make the cut.



Thank you to the 25 of you who fought through the cold! So glad we had some sunshine and not much wind. Thanks to Betty for taking care of handing out pieces of Horizon fabric for the next mini quilt challenge (see more about that later in the newsletter), Mark Cowles and Kelly Cummings for the fantastic embroidery on the masks, and Kathy Cook for sewing the masks.

I have all the quilts that you loaned us for the rest of the photo shoot. Contact me and we can make arrangements for me to get them back to you.





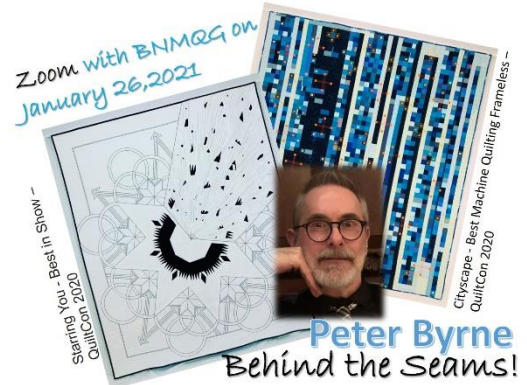
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January Meeting

Welcome to our **new members**: Kelly Harvey, Bev Donnan, Heather Barrick and Sandra Marconi
 Please add 1-2 photos for **Show and Tell** in the January Show and Tell album in the BNMQG Facebook Group. Considering how long our meetings can run, please limit your comments in Show and tell to around 60 seconds. Thanks.

We will be welcoming **Peter Byrne**, an award-winning quilter to our meeting on Jan. 26, 2021 at 6pm via zoom. In 2017, Peter joined the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild to expand his quilting experience, and in 2018 he was already teaching quilting at a local sewing school in Toronto. Learn more about his story at our meeting and his presentation, "Behind the Seams". Here are places to find out more about Peter and his quilting:

Email: petersquilts@gmail.com
 Instagram @petersquilts & @hoverquilting.
 You can find him on Facebook under Peter Byrne
 Check out his website at www.peterbquilts.com



Don't miss this meeting.... The travel isn't long. The weather isn't a problem and you don't have to wear a mask. ZOOM is really easy (just ask anyone who has attended our meeting via zoom). Lisa B. does an amazing job of running the behind-the-scenes stuff. AND if you still haven't joined us for a meeting via zoom and you're still intimidated by the technology, email me. We can have a private zoom (it probably would only take 10-15 minutes) in the days before the meeting so you can see how easy it is. We want all of our members to be able to attend our meetings and it's so much fun to see each other's bright and cheery faces.

QUILT Raffle

<https://bnmqg.org/bnmqg-quilt-raffle/>

This fall BNMQG was given 7 quilts by Kendra Kelley. She hoped that we would be able to find a home where they would be treasured and well taken care of. The board voted to raffle the quilts off and use the money for our charity work. Ms. Kelley thought that would be a wonderful way to make sure they got a good home and do some good in the community. Tickets will be available on



our website to purchase. Each month, starting in February, we will be choosing 1 person to win the raffle until each quilt has found a new home. Tickets can be purchased at \$5/1 ticket or \$20/5 tickets. The winner will be responsible for picking up the quilts or paying shipping to have them mailed. Please share the link and information on your social media sites and with your quilting friends. Remember that all the money raised will be used for our charity projects.



It's time for some SEW DAYS! Mark your calendars for Sat., February 6 and Sat., March 6 from 10 am – 2 pm. Zoom invites will be sent that week.



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Holiday Zoom Party and Pincushion Swap follow-up

This was a success and we had fun swapping and opening our pincushions. Time to socialize and laugh was something we needed to do and connect! Thanks to all of you who participated! Maybe again next year?

Check this out!



We're going to roll for the next installment of the Take a Chance Challenge this month. The time commitment can be small to participate in this challenge BUT the reward is BIG.

Congratulations to Leslie Swearinger

who won a extra entry into the Grand Prize Drawing at our October meeting!

The roll for the **January project** is:

BLUE and shape is circles – wonky or not!

Upload your entry by 2pm on January 26 and view the other entries on our [Shutterfly Challenge page](#).

Kona Color of the year Mini Quilt Challenge

The quilt challenge rules and entry form were attached to an email earlier this month. We'll get this up in the member area of the website ASAP. The Kona color for 2021 is Horizon – it's a sky blue. Since we are still remote, we are collecting the \$1 registration fee when you submit your finished quilt in May. Hopefully we'll have a place to display them by that time. In the meantime, if you'd like a small piece of Horizon fabric to get started, let me know and we can arrange a porch pickup. Sewing Studio has this in the store now.



Heart Beat quilts – Please pick up a quilt kit now!

We still have quilt kits to pick up. Pat Silva put together 30 quilt kits so we'll have some ready to give the hospital. Please consider picking up a quilt kit – blocks are made, backing, batting and binding are included – nothing to buy, just your time and talent are needed. They don't take much

time to put together and if you don't like the quilting or binding part, I'm sure someone else would quilt or bind if you will put the blocks together into a top.

Please call or text one of these three people to make arrangements to pick up a kit to finish.

North Normal – Betty W Central Bloomington-Normal – Pat S Southeast Bloomington – Nancy P
Phone numbers and addresses are in the member area of the website.

Tech Tuesdays



Our own EQ expert Carole Fay gave us a bunch of information about designing English Paper Pieced quilts with EQ software on January 19. Thanks Carole.

Coming soon – EQ and Poly Draw Blocks on February 9. These classes last about 45 - 60 minutes via zoom and one is presented at 11 AM and one at 6 PM.

We are looking for

1. **Someone to teach a class or classes on using a Cricut machine.**
2. **More topics for Tech Tuesdays** – anything tech related – social apps, computer/Internet related topics, software, quilting tools/rulers, etc.. Want to suggest a topic or have something you can share with us? Want some more information on Electric Quilt? Please let me know.



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VP Corner

from Kathy Cook



Juli Smith is a modern quilter based in San Diego and a member of the San Diego Metro MQG. Color and form are foremost in her work which is heavily influenced by her training as an architect. Her quilts have been included in several QuiltCon exhibits and she will have three quilts in this year's

QuiltCon Together coming up next month. You can enjoy more of her work on Instagram @zahada_mod or at www.zahadamod.com



Going to QuiltCon Together 2021?



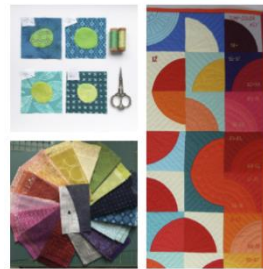
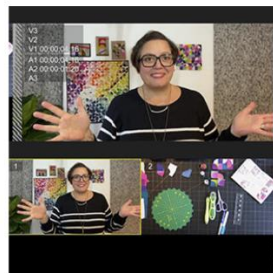
Join us for a planning session so we can all make the most of this year's virtual QuiltCon on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6 pm via Zoom. Sign up for this opportunity on SignupGenius so you'll be sure to get the link for the zoom. Make sure to have your **QuiltCon schedule** and **paper and pencil** handy for this meeting.

QuiltCon Together is Just Around the Corner

It will be here in less than a month!

If you haven't had a chance to register or if you want to see what is on your agenda during QuiltCon, our new-and-improved registration system will be up and running later this week!

[Get notified when registration reopens »](#)



The Highs and Lows of Temperature Quilts

Webinar
 Tuesday, January 26th
 1 p.m. CST

Join panelists Jo Avery, Karen Foster, and Linda Hungerford for this webinar as they discuss creating temperature quilts from start to finish.

[Register Now »](#)



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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.

Website/Blog – There was a new password sent to you via email for the member area on our website on November 2. (<https://bnmqg.wordpress.com/>)? Look for this password in your email. This password will be only available to members whose dues are paid. You'll need this if you want access to the Member Only area on this site. Contact Lisa Baermann if you need help - l.baermann@comcast.net

Tip for January: Did you know that you can link your Google calendar with the BNMQG calendar so you don't miss any BNMQG events? At the bottom left of your Google calendar, find "Other Calendars" and press the "+". If you add with url – use this link:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1/r/month/2021/3/1?tab=mc>

In the member area, please check the list of members and double check that your contact info is correct. If you need to correct your information, please send an email to: BNMQG@hotmail.com and put **Attn Cathie** in the subject area. Thanks.



Have you joined BNMQG on Facebook? The BNMQG is a NEW closed 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, 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 download files, newsletters, registration forms, workshop instructions, renewal forms, etc. This was not possible on our Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild (PAGE). This is different from the other Facebook page where anyone can see posts on that page and files aren't allowed to be shared -
<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 hastags #BNMQG and #BNMQGquilts. Want more Instagram help, let us know and we'll work it into some Tech Tuesdays!

I can't wait to see you on Zoom at our meeting on Tuesday. Call your BNMQG friends and have them meet you there. Grab a snack and/or drink and enjoy the meeting! - Nancy



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For your BNMQG Calendar

January 26 – Behind the Seams with Peter Byrne who was awarded the Best of Show at Quiltcon 2020.

February 6 – Sew Day 10 am – 2 pm

February 11 – QuiltCon Planning Meeting – make sure to signup

February 18-22 – QuiltCon Together, virtual QuiltCon 2021

February 23 – Favorite things from QuiltCon and Kona Challenge formally announced

March 6 – Sew Day 10 am – 2 pm

March 23 – Lauren Loewen – Quilt Photography

April 27 – Quilting Modern

May 25 – TBA

June 22 – Maria Shell Lecture

June 26 – Maria Shell Workshop

July 27 – Kona Mini Quilt Show

August 24 – Election of Officers and Program Heather Black

2021 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

- **International Quilt Festival**
 - Quilt submissions for many of the exhibits debuting at this year's Quilt Festival in Houston are being accepted now! <https://www.quilts.com/enter-your-quilt/>
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- **February 18-22, 2021** – Virtual QuiltCon <https://www.quiltcon.com/>
 - **March 4-6, 2021** - Indiana Heritage Quilt Show <https://www.ihqs.org/2021-calendar/2020/3/5/ihqs-2020>
 - **April 9 – 10, 2021** – Decatur Quilters Guild 40th Anniversary Party - Ruby Celebration - Decatur Civic Center, 1 Gary Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL 62522
<http://www.deaturciviccenter.org/events/447/decat-ur-quilters-guild-40th-ruby-celebration-quilt-fest>
 - **April 15 – 17, 2021** – Original Sewing and Quilt Expo Chicago 2021 in Schaumburg, IL
<https://exhpo.com/usa/chicago-sewing-quilt-expo/>
 - **April 30 – May 1, 2021** – Hands All Around Quilt Guild Quilt Spectrum – Interstate Center, Bloomington
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Membership – Noemi Bowers
MQG Liaison – Cathie Haab
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Nominating Committee – Sandy Sanders, chair
Photographer – Kelly Cummings
Survey board and door prize – Danna Boore
Webmaster and Zoom expert – Lisa Baermann
Block Lotto and Fabric Raffle – n/a
Fabric Raffle Sales – Pam Laws