

# Jacksonville MQG

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Hello JAXMQG members! Please help me in welcoming Claudia Baker, Ashley Minor and Bonnie Torres to our guild. We are incredibly happy you all joined us! -Candi

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## Budget Update:

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, our account shows \$6591.75 (net of retreat deposits).

## JAXMQG News:

-Happy birthday to our members born in April: Eva Greenfield and Lisa Hamilton.

- We currently have 66 members (hey all!). I am attaching a copy of an updated **members directory**.

-Margaret Douglass is going to start a **member's spotlight section** for our newsletter! Each month, she will email a few members a short questionnaire that we hope you will answer and send back to her! As we grow, we love to know more about you so I hope you all participate in this!

-Margaret Partyka received the following note from the organizer of the **Backpacks of Love program** at the church: "Good morning, Margaret. I am overwhelmed by the beauty of these quilts you and the others donate. My prayer is that they will bring as much JOY to these children as you have given me. What a beautiful way you are sharing your gifts and talents and we are so blessed to be the receivers. THANK YOU."

-One of our new members, Sam Daugherty, has volunteered to offer her time and talents to overhaul our **website!** We are looking at upgrading our site, so it is easier to navigate, more aesthetically appealing and more functional to our membership. Thank you, Sam and you all stay tuned!

-We still have some spots open for The **Watercolor Quilt ZOOM workshop** taught by Carolina Oneto on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9-3. The cost is \$33 for members. Info here: [Watercolor Quilt Workshop with Carolina Oneto: ZOOM FROM HOME \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.watercolorquiltworkshop.com/wordpress.com)

- QuiltFest Jax will be held at the Prime Osborn Center from September 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. JAXMQG was again invited to host a booth there, and we will also donate a basket for their raffle. Did you know that registration is now open to enter your quilt into the show? We have a fabulous show and tell every month, so I hope to see some of your quilts hanging at the show! [Quilt Registration Info - Quilt Fest Jacksonville \(quiltfestjax.com\)](https://www.quiltfestjax.com)



## Upcoming Events

### April 30

Guild Meeting 2PM at Spring Glen UMC. (1:30 PM to 2 PM social)

### May 21

Guild Meeting 2PM at Spring Glen UMC. (1:30 PM to 2 PM social)

### June 10

Sew-In at [Pablo Creek Library](#) 10-2:30

### June 17

Sew-In at [MANDARIN Branch Library](#) 10-5.

### June 25

Guild Meeting/Party at 2 PM at Spring Glen UMC

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### Upcoming workshops:

Watercolor Quilt workshop with Carolina Oneto. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ZOOM.

Give and Take workshop with Tara Faughnan: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ZOOM.

JAXMQG Quilt Retreat: August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Marywood Retreat Center. SOLD OUT

-Please note that we could not get a library room for a sew-in for May, but we will have TWO opportunities for a sew-in in June, see upcoming events column for dates and locations.

-How would you like a **chance to get your quilt longarm quilted for \$5?** Yes! You read this correctly. Our very own member Jennifer Rootham has generously donated her time to help fundraise money for the guild. Here is the deal: a raffle ticket for \$5 gives you a chance to get your quilt (up to full size) quilted by Jennifer on her longarm, OR if you prefer, Jennifer will host you for four hours to show you how to load and quilt your quilt on her longarm. How cool is that? Attached are the tickets that will be available for sale at the meeting. Raffle tickets sales will run between April 30<sup>th</sup> until May 21<sup>st</sup>, when a ticket drawing will take place at the meeting. All funds collected will go to the guild account for future education/fun spending! Thank you, Jennifer, for a fun and generous idea!

-Please remember there is always a **free table** where you can bring/take stuff. And please do not forget your **name tag!**

-Meeting doors will open at 1:30 for social time/50-50 tickets sale and meeting will commence at 2PM. Our after-meeting program is **sewing an iron caddy** class taught by our very own Margaret Partyka and Kathy Munsterman. See supply list attached. Bring your supplies to sew or just watch, your choice!

### Current Challenges:

- **Fabric postcards due at the April meeting!** Angie Williams challenged guild members to make a fun 4 x 6 postcard. The postcard can be made in any style you like with cardstock paper back and a finished edge (zig zag or binding/facing). Sign the back of your card and include a positive quilting message. Postcards will be swapped at the April meeting!
- **Hand sewn flower blocks due at the April meeting!** This block was introduced by Maryann Mings at the February meeting. Several stunning blocks were already turned in at the March meeting! There is still time to turn in blocks at the April meeting. The guidelines for making these blocks were sent with the March newsletter.
- **Candy fabric strip blocks due at the May meeting!** Jennifer Rootham initiated a CANDY themed fabric strip block! Interested members took candy strips and can add additional fabrics to sew a block. The blocks will be made into a fun kids quilt.
- **Guild Fundraiser group quilt blocks due at the May meeting!** Candi announced a fundraiser quilt idea that consists of geometric blocks sewn by interested members that will be turned into a quilt by Candi, the quilt can be entered in JAX Quiltfest and even Quiltcon 2024 group categories! Interested members signed up to receive fabric/instruction kits. Members who would like to participate but didn't get a block kit can email Candi.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates and Programs:

**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Iron pad/tote class by Margaret Partyka and Kathy Munsterman.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Guest Speaker Lisa Shreck presents "Quilting for Show-What does the judge see?"

**June 25<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Splash Party!!!

**July 30<sup>th</sup>:** Seaglass Quilt by Robbie Knapik.

**August 27<sup>th</sup>:** Candy bag zip bag class by Adele Rivers.

**September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Funky fabric faces class by Deb Boer.

**October 29<sup>th</sup>:** Little Wallet class (pattern by Valorie Wells \$3), taught by Sarah Squires.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** Quilt facing demo.

**December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Party!!!

### Charity Quilting Opportunities and Updates:

Our community outreach committee continues to take quilts of all sizes to donate to various local worthy charities. Kim Blalock tallied a **quarterly charity report that shows that JAXMQG donated a total of 721 items** that include: 46 quilts, 10 weighted blankets, 23 fidget quilts, 323 quilted hearts, 10 baby sack quilts and 308 baby and child items such as burp cloths, pacifier holders, cosmetic bags etc. Thank you all!