

# Jacksonville MQG

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Hello members! What a summer! It has been a hot one at JAXMQG and we are 76 members strong! Welcome our newest members: Brenda Harris, Margie Read, LaWanda Clark and Leslie Bendt. We have an exciting opportunity to join Jacksonville QuiltFest in 2024! Please read the information and come to the August meeting prepared to discuss your opinion and thoughts about this. -Candi

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## Budget Update:

As of August 10th, our account shows \$4711.81 net of retreat deposits.

## JAXMQG News:

-**Happy birthday** to our members born in August: Kim Blalock, Sylvia Davis, Christie Rivera, Diane Slaughter, Donna Thames, Helen Robst, Samantha Daugherty, Emma Fleischer, Jeanne Terns, Carla Baggett and Carol Pemberton.

-Thank you to Margaret Douglass for leading the July meeting! Our guild is growing, and we are adding many wonderful members that we may be outgrowing our meeting space! It is time **to start considering a different location for next year**, but finding a larger location at an affordable price will take some searching. Any volunteers that are willing to form a small committee that can look for other options for us? Please and thank you!

-Our **education committee** has announced the **FIVE workshops** they booked for us for 2024. Find the info here: [JAXMQG 2024 education announcement – Jax Modern Quilt Guild](#). Thank you Christina Flores, Christie Rivera, Joan Delony, Karen Kimmel, Lisa Hamilton and Melsina Bartlett.

-Members: it is almost time to register for **QuiltCon 2024!** I hope you all know that QuiltCon 2024 is taking place in Raleigh, NC 2/22-25! Members registration opens on 8/15 at 10. **NOW** is the time to log in to your MQG account to make sure you remember your password and have access. Review the **QuiltCon catalog** to see if you want to sign up for any workshops. Workshops **WILL** sell out shortly after registration opens. Long time members who have been attending QuiltCon for a while know the drill, be at your computer logged in right when that clock hits 10 AM, have your top choice workshop/s picked out and try to get in! New members: this is what you need to do: ready, set, go

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## Upcoming Events

### August 12

Sew-In at **Pablo Creek Library** 10-2:30

### August 19

Sew-In at **Mandarin Branch Library** 10-5

### August 27

Guild Meeting at UMC 2 PM.

### Sept 14-16

QuiltFest at Prime Osborn Convention Center 9-5.

### Sept 24

Guild meeting at UMC 2PM.

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## Upcoming workshops:

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. 1 SPOT OPEN

right at 10 AM on 8/15 if you are interested in signing up for any workshop. Lectures don't sell out nearly as fast, so if all you want to attend are lectures, you don't need to be as urgent. And ALL of you get a **4-day free pass** for being members. You would just need to log onto the website and claim your pass anytime between 8/15 and 11/30. Any questions or problems signing into your account? Reach out! [QuiltCon – Presented by the Modern Quilt Guild](#)

-New to MQG or this will be your first QuiltCon? [First Time Guide – QuiltCon](#)

-Our member Sam Daugherty has been working hard to setting up our **new website**, which will have a restricted members only area, this will help us keep track of members and their information, as well give all members a directory for their fellow members with profile pictures! We will start unrolling this after the August meeting, but I am attaching a flyer that Sam made so you see what to expect to happen once she turns the switch on.

- JAXMQG was invited again to set up a **booth at our local QuiltFest JAX**, which is taking place at the Prime Osborne Convention Center on September 14-16<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to sit at the booth and chat up our guild and Modern Quilting during that time. There will be a **sign-up sheet** for two-hour time slots, and I'd like to encourage you to volunteer if you are able. It is really a great way to sit for a couple hours after shopping and looking at quilts and just chat before you resume your show visit 😊 **Thanks to all who signed up!** If you have not signed up yet, I have a few spots open and the sign up sheet will be available at the August meeting. We will also be **donating a basket**, which I have already been filling with many great items donated by many of you. Thanks to all who donated! If anyone still likes to add anything else, please bring it to the August meeting.

-**A CALL FOR MODERN QUILTS:** Please bring me some of your amazing MODERN and eye-catching quilts so we can use them to decorate our booth at QuiltFest. We found out that smaller quilts work best, so nothing larger than say 55-60 inches. Please bring them to the August meeting and you will get them back at the September meeting. Many thanks! Last year, our booth looked stellar, and we want the same this year!

-Speaking of QuiltFest. **We were invited to join the rank of hosting guilds starting the 2024 year.** I am attaching the invitation letter and proposal form, as well as their ByLaws. Please read them and be ready to discuss your thoughts on this! Your current officers feel like this is an exciting opportunity for our guild, and we look forward to hearing what you think about this. We would have to put this for a vote for all membership and proceed accordingly.

-If you have extra time and like to **volunteer for Quiltfest** for a 2-hour slot, they still have many openings. You do receive free entry on the day you volunteer. Link here: [The Jacksonville Quilt Show: Quiltfest of Jacksonville \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

-Our **QuiltCon Community Challenge Quilt** is almost done! Kim Blalock showed the finished pieced top at the July Meeting. Diane Slaughter is doing the machine quilting, and Candi Lennox is doing the binding, it may very well make a completed appearance at the August meeting. Thank you Kim for designing and leading this great effort, and thanks to all members who participated!

-Our **August meeting will be on the 27th.** Adele Rivers will be showing us how to make zippered bags from candy bags (start eating now!) A supply list is attached.

-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 and raffle tickets sale and meeting will commence at 2PM.

### Current Challenges:

-The anything goes blocks that Jennifer Rootham initiated are due for the August meeting.

-Donna Thames has issued a **Maximalist Quilt Challenge!** Part of the challenge is a strips swap that will take place at the **August meeting**. Please read details here:

The Challenge is to do a mini quilt using the Maximalist Mini Tutorial on the MQG website under resources due in **October**. Tutorial here: [Maximalist Mini Tutorial - Modern Quilt Guild \(themodernquiltguild.com\)](http://themodernquiltguild.com)

Since the challenge is Maximalist, there is a **swap component** for those that want to participate in the swap. Swap consists of three 2 1/2" x 22" strips of fabric to sewn together make one strip set (the two outside strips are the same, with a different 2 1/2" inside strip). The mini quilt takes four of these sets. Members can swap as many as they want. Then members can get some different fabric. Ideally you would only need to start with 2 fabrics, and then swap sets to get six additional fabrics in three sets. **Members wanting to participate in the swap: please bring your sewn sets to the August meeting**

### Upcoming Meeting Dates and Programs:

**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.

#### Getting to know our members:

Margaret Douglass has started an effort to **spotlight** a few members each month. If you receive an email from her, please answer the few questions, we would love to get to know you more! Thanks Margaret. Margaret email address is [mrdatl@comcast.net](mailto:mrdatl@comcast.net).

No spotlights this month, let's try again next month please!