

Jacksonville MQG

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Hello members. Happy 2023 to us! I am wishing you all a happy, healthy and creative year! I am looking forward to a year full of quilty fun with you all!

-Candi

Budget Update:

As of December 31st, JAXMQG has a balance of \$8097.56.

Meeting Agenda:

-Happy birthday to our members born in January: Jessie Silverman, Beth Power, Ruth Chow and Symone Williams!

-A HUGE thank you for our outgoing board members: Franci Sheffield, Laura Bezares and Margaret Partyka. Their efforts in 2022 had helped grow our guild into a vibrant community. If you have not seen it, please take a look at our Year In Review post here: <https://jaxmodernquiltguild.wordpress.com/2022/12/28/jaxmqg-2022-year-in-review/>

-A big welcome to our new board. Candi will continue serving as the president. Margaret Douglass, Robbie Knapik and Lisa Hamilton will serve as the VP, Treasurer and Secretary respectively in 2023. Big thanks to them for volunteering.

-Also thanks to the many of you who volunteered to serve at a **committee** this year. I have sent all volunteers an email to introduce them to their fellow committee members. The board hopes that all of you committee members feel empowered to take charge of your committees and run them in a way that is fun and effective for you and the guild. Committee assignments are as follows (and if I made a mistake or you didn't hear from me, please let me know!):

Hospitality: Diane Slaughter, Adele Rivers, Deb Boer.

Fundraising: Franci Sheffield, Christina Flores, Jennifer Roothan, Candi Lennox

Meeting Programs: Robbie Knapik, Lisa Hamilton



Upcoming Events

January 29

Guild Meeting 2PM at Spring Glen UMC with freehand curved demo by Candi.

February 19

Guild Meeting 2PM at Spring Glen UMC.

Upcoming workshops:

Fabulous Curves workshop with Cindy Grisdela. **IN PERSON: March 18th, 2023**

Watercolor Quilt workshop with Carolina Oneto. **May 7th, 2023. ZOOM.**

Give and Take workshop with Tara Faughnan: **October 7th, 2023. ZOOM.**

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

Retreat: Franci Sheffield, Robbie Knapik, Paula Fuqua, Diane Slaughter, Abbey Junker.

Party Planning: Franci Sheffield, Eve Vallorini, Abbey Junker, Laura Bezares.

Challenges/Swaps: Margaret Douglass, Angie Williams, Symone Williams, Donna Thames, Robbie Knapik

Block of the Month: MaryAnn Mings, Jennifer Roothan

Community Outreach: Kim Blalock, Ruth Jackl, Sylvia Davis, Eva Greenfield, Donna Thames.

UFO Club: Paula Fuqua, Margaret Douglass

Social Media: Lisa Hamilton, Abbey Junker, Adele Rivers

Membership: Stephanie Doaner

Education (2024): Meslinia Bartlett, any 2023 members willing to continue as well?

-And did you hear? Adele Rivers is going to lead us into an **improv sew-along for 2023!** Please see attached handout for details!

-It's the time of the year to renew your **JAXMQG 2023 membership**. The cost is \$50 for the year (\$52.50 if you pay online via PayPal). The link for renewing your membership is active on the blog, or you can bring cash/check to the meeting. And please remember that everyone needs to fill out a new membership form each year.

<https://jaxmodernquiltguild.wordpress.com/membership/>

-A couple of meeting changes for 2023: 1- **Social time on meeting days** from 1:30 to 1:59. Meeting will start at 2 PM. 2- **50/50 raffle** during the meeting: buy one ticket for one dollar or six tickets for five dollars, for a chance to win half the money collected from tickets sold at that meeting. The guild will keep the other half collected and use the funds to fund the fun prizes/parties offered in 2023!

-It is a new year, which means it is time to set new goals to finish some UFOs! Do you have projects that you want encouragements to finish? Of course, you do! Join the **UFO club** and finish them! I am attaching the UFO tracking sheet. You can fill out each sheet with up to 10 projects you'd like to finish. The only requirement is that they must be projects that were started before 2023. Hand your filled out sheet along with \$10 to Paula Fuqua/Margaret Douglass and start bringing these projects as you finish them throughout the year for show and tell. For each project you finish, you get a checkmark, and a ticket entered in a drawing that will happen at the December meeting. The UFO challenge winner gets half the money the UFO club collected. The guild keeps the other half to fund education and other fun stuff. You can join the UFO club at any time during the year.

-Bring your show and tell and finished UFOs to share at meeting. And remember there is always the **free table** where you can bring/take stuff. And don't forget a **name tag!**

-**Door prize** for the January meeting was donated by Quilt Folk and Candi Lennox.

Challenges:

New challenges will be announced by the new committee. But Sylvia is still collecting hearts to display in hospice and nursing homes rooms for Valentine's and St. Patrick's Day.

Upcoming Meeting Dates and Programs:

January 29th: Freehand Curves by Candi Lennox

February 19th: Sandwiching a quilt using a pool noodle and pinmoors By Robbie Knapik

March 26th: Guest Speaker Lisa Schreck lecture titled: Quilting for Show- What does the judge see?

April 30th:

May 21st:

June 25th: Summer Splash Party!!!

July 30th:

August 27th:

September 24th:

October 29th:

November 12th:

December 17th: Christmas Party!!!

Charity Quilting Opportunities and Updates:

In 2022 JAXMQG guild members donated a total of **793** quilted items which included: quilts, weighted blankets, fidget quilts, and hanging hearts. We donated to veterans, foster care children, seniors, women support, and more. Below is the quarterly breakdown:

*Quarter 1= 47 / Quarter 2= 162 / Quarter 3= 109 / Quarter 4= 475 **includes 384 hospice hanging hearts!*

In addition, the guild held an opportunity quilt event which raised \$3325.50 for UKRAINE UNICEF. Paula F. and Kim B. coordinated a sock drive for City Rescue Mission and members donated a whopping 617 pairs! The guild also collaborated to create a stunning quilt for the 2023 MQG community outreach challenge.

We are looking forward to fulfilling our mission by continuing donating and giving back to our community in 2023!