

Jacksonville MQG

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Hello members! It's September! Which means it is time for QuiltFest! I hope you all have the time to come enjoy the show and vendors! I hear many of our members will have ribbons hanging on their quilts! And let's welcome Julia Chervoni and KelliRae Boann Adcock to our talented group! -Candi

Budget Update:

As of 9/12/2023, our balance shows a balance of \$5658 net of outstanding retreat refunds.

JAXMQG News:

-**Happy birthday** to our members born in September: Margaret Partyka, Chris Parisen and Linda Santanam.

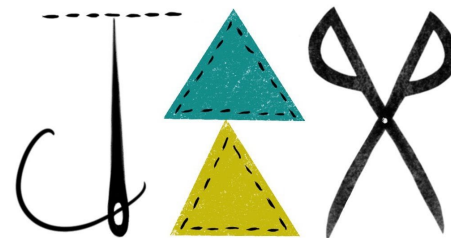
-Guild officers had a chance to visit Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church to check out their Fellowship Hall, and wow! It is at least 3 times larger than our current room and NO POLES! We are very excited that we will be able to **move locations** at the new year to a more spacious room that will accommodate us better. Thank you Margaret Douglass for getting us the use of your church hall!

-Many of you have already used the link for our **new website** to update your password, thank you! I know a few of you still don't have the link, and Sam is working on that! We appreciate your patience.

-QuiltFest is happening at the Prime Osborn Thursday through Saturday (Sept 14-16) from 9 to 5. Thanks to all who volunteered for our booth and the show! It is going to be a great show and I hope to see you all there!

-Speaking of QuiltFest. **We were invited to join the ranks of hosting guilds starting the 2024 year.** We had 48 members present at the August meeting that voted yes to joining. Sarah Squires sent out a survey to collect votes regarding this move. If you haven't answered the survey, please do so. We will have the final discussion during the September meeting. As of now, 53 members have responded, and no one voted against joining.

-It is this time of the year to start thinking about **2024!** If you have enjoyed guild "things" in 2023 or would like to improve other guild



JAX MODERN QUILT GUILD

Upcoming Events

Sept 14-16

QuiltFest at Prime Osborn Convention Center 9-5.

Sept 24

Guild meeting at UMC 2PM.

Oct 14

Pablo Creek Library Sew-In 12-2:30.

Oct 21

SOUTH Mandarin Branch Library Sew-In: 10-5.

Oct 29

Guild meeting at UMC: 2PM.

Upcoming workshops:

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

“things”, this is your time to shine! We have many **committees**’ slots to fill, and I will have a sign-up sheet at the September and October meetings. Please consider the area you want to commit your talents to! We will also be **electing a new President and Vice President for 2024!** Robbie Knapik and Lisa Hamilton have generously agreed to volunteer one more year for their treasurer and secretary positions. And I am aware we have at least one volunteer each for a president and VP (yippee!). I do need a couple of members (who don’t wish to run for office) to form a **nomination committee** to collect officer volunteer names and conduct the voting at the November meeting. And THANK YOU!

-Our **September meeting will be on the 24th**. Deb Boer will be showing us how to make funky fabric faces collages. Please see attached supply list.

-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:

-Donna Thames has issued a **Maximalist Quilt Challenge!**

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 \(themodernquiltguild.com\)](https://www.themodernquiltguild.com)

Upcoming Meeting Dates and Programs:

September 24th: Funky fabric faces class by Deb Boer.

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

November 12th Quilt facing demo.

December 17th: 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. We have sent out 8 quilts to Maui in August, Thank you Kim Blalock for shipping the quilts!

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.

Please meet Bonnie Torres and Paula Wester!



1. How did you get started with quilting? What excites you about the art?

I started quilting about 15 years ago when a friend invited me to join a Monday night sew in at a LQS where she worked part time. I wasn't sure it was for me as I was not good at sewing garments and didn't think I could do this. I was wrong and it didn't take long before I was hooked. I have previously done other crafts, stained glass, polymer clay, knitting, felting and a bit of beading. I had tired of them all and was ready for something new. Most of my quilts are traditional some more modern but the modern and art quilting is where I want to go at this point.

*What would you like to learn through your JMQG membership?

There is always something to learn at our monthly meetings and seeing what other members are creating just gives me so many new ideas and the classes just take me to another level.

*Do you have a special skill you would like to share at one of our meetings?

At this time I'm not sure what I could share with the group, but I'm sure I will at some point.

*Is there a favorite fabric and/or pattern designer you enjoy?

I can't say that I have a favorite fabric designer or pattern maker. There are so many talented people out there.

*Preferences:

Improv, Tule Pink, Designer Fabric.

Bonnie Torres



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As a newlywed in the early 1980s I wanted a quilt to use for our bed. At the time I liked the country look for my decor. So I decided to make a quilt. I took a class and made a Dresden plate quilt, hand-quilted. I have been using that quilt for 40 years and recently took it off my bed for some much needed repairs. I have made a few other quilts along the way. My mother and I collected old quilts from estate sales and in her retirement years she became an avid quilter. When she died she had two quilts in frames partially quilted and I still take them out from time to time and add my stitches to hers.

My husband and I moved to Jacksonville from DC in 2019, and I decided to take up quilting again. I see quilts everywhere - in architecture, in nature. I have so many ideas, but find myself working on skills first and hopefully the art will come with time.

*Is there a favorite fabric and/or pattern designer you enjoy?

No favorite fabrics or designers yet.

*Do you have a special skill you would like to share at one of our meetings?

I wish I had a special skill to share.

*What would you like to learn through your JMQG membership?

I really enjoy the community of quilters. I love the modern quilts that you all make (I am way over the country look and now prefer sleek simple lines). I am interested in learning new skills and becoming a little more confident in my own creations. The MQG environment has already been encouraging!

*Preferences:

Don't hold me to these preferences -

Right now I aspire to improv but find myself using patterns to improve my skills. Tula Pink and Batiks.

Paula Wester