

# Jacksonville MQG

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Hello everyone. Please help me welcome Diane Burch to our guild! We are finishing off the year at 81 members strong! What a great year of growth we had! Thank you all for continuing to contribute to our guild! Every single one of you matters and is appreciated! -Candi

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## Budget Update:

As of 11/4/23, our account showed a balance of \$4680.

## JAXMQG News:

-**Happy birthday** to our members born in November: Sarah Squires, Barb Jakeway, Abbey Junker, Debbie Atkins, Caeli Benyacko and Diana Dempsey!

Correction: Please excuse my error in forgetting to add Michele Ortiz to the October birthday list in the last newsletter! Happy belated, Michele!

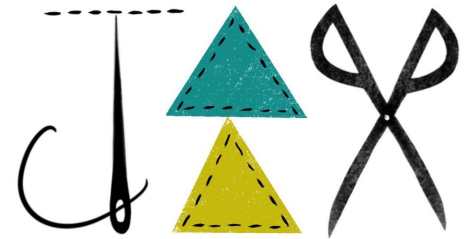
-**Have you updated your profile in Wordpress?** If you have not yet and have any questions on how to do it, please reach out! We would love to have that directory complete with a photo to make it easier for everyone to get to know each other and match the name and face!

-We had great participation for signups for **2024 committees** at the last two meetings! Please see attached document that shows all the volunteers for the various committees! Thank you all!

-The Zoom scrap-sorting hangout was a good success and many members expressed interest in doing **more zoom hangouts on Saturday mornings**. Robbie Knapik will be scheduling more of those in the future; stay tuned!

-Laura Bezares ([wickedawesomequilting@gmail.com](mailto:wickedawesomequilting@gmail.com)) and Christina Flores ([dsty22@yahoo.com](mailto:dsty22@yahoo.com)) have agreed to be our **nomination committee for guild officers in 2024!** If you are interested in serving on the board next year, please email one of them and let them know your intentions! Thank you! **As of now we have the following nominations: Sarah Squires for president, Abbey Junker for vice president, Robbie Knapik for treasurer and Lisa Hamilton for secretary.**

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JAX MODERN QUILT GUILD

## Upcoming Events

Nov 12

Guild Meeting at UMC: 2 PM.

Nov 18 and Dec 9

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

Mandarin Branch (Kori Road) Sew-In: 10-5

Dec 17

Guild Holiday Party at UMC: 2P

### Upcoming workshops:

**Making Maps with Fabric ZOOM Workshop with Timna Tarr: January 20<sup>th</sup> 10-2. Registration opens on 12/16/23.**

**Maze Quilt ZOOM workshop with Malka Dubrawsky: April 20<sup>th</sup> 10-2. Registration opens on 3/23/24.**

**Improv Trinagles ZOOM workshops with Nicholas Ball: July 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens 6/15/24.**

**Beautiful Stones ZOOM workshop with Carolina Oneto: October 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens 9/7/24.**

**Thistles, Cogs and Caterpillar Wheels ZOOM workshop with Jenny Haynes: 11/2 and 3: 1-4. Get ready session: 10/6. Registration opens 9/14/23.**

-It is that time of the year to start **renewing our guild memberships**. But as we transition from paper membership forms to digital formats, I am asking you to please hold off a bit as we resolve one last hurdle on the website. **I will be sending out an email when the renewal process can be started.** Membership fees will remain the same, \$50 for the year, and as always, you will have the option to pay via PayPal or a check.

-It is also the time of the year to sign up for the **Birthday Club!** Each participant fills out a form for the FQ specifications they wish to collect. Sara David will compile the list and send it out to all participants. Participants will then fill a bag that has one FQ for each club participant and bring it to the December meeting. Sara will sort them out and each participant will receive a bag full of FQs during their birthday month. Please see instructions and sign up form attached. Thank you Sara for leading this club for the sixth year!

-We are pleased to announce that we have found a site that offers a wide range of **merchandise that members can order customized with our JAXMQG logo!** Check it out here: [Print Your Cause](#) Please note that the site is setup for direct shipping and is managed by a third party that controls the stock and shipping. The guild pays no fees to have our merchandise hosted there, but the guild will make \$2 for each item sold. Anyone can shop on this site, so it's the perfect link to send out for people shopping for holiday gifts for YOU!!!

-**Our November meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup>.** Christina Flores will be doing a facing demo at the end of the meeting.

-As we are joining the ranks of guilds to host QuiltFest in 2024, I was invited to present **What Is Modern Quilting** at a few of the local guilds. Meeting information for these presentations is below. If you are interested in the presentation, or just want to show support, you are welcome to attend! Please note that any fees paid for these presentations will be added to the guild treasury.

- Friendship Quilt Guild at Argyle Church of Christ 7310 Collins Road: Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- Honeybee Quilters Guild in Mandarin (location TBD): Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

-Members interested in being part of the **QuiltFest Board** representing JAXMQG should plan to attend the January meeting held on 1/16/24 at 6:30 PM at Community Hospice at [4266 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257](#). After attending that kickoff meeting, you can let the JAXMQG board know if you are interested in being one of the six members representing us! As an option (no obligation) and if anyone is interested in attending: the November QuiltFest board meeting will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM (adjusted for Thanksgiving holiday) at First Christian Church on San Jose if you want to get a preview.

-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:

1-Robbie Knapik has issued a **Stripes or Lines challenge** for us at the September meeting that is due at the **November** meeting:

### Stripes or Lines Challenge details:

Challenge item needs to be shown at the November meeting. You get to keep the finished item. Maybe it's an opportunity to get a jump on holiday gift making!

#### The "rules":

- Make an item incorporating a strong use of stripes and/or lines
- Any size (mug rug to super-king quilt). It does not have to be a quilt. Other fabric items like totes/bags are OK
- Published pattern or your own design.
- Stripes/lines can be the fabric used or the design.
- One prize drawn from all who enter.
- A second prize drawn from all who enter with a finished item to encourage people to quilt and bind a quilt top and avoid another UFO.

If you have questions, contact Robbie by email, text message, FB or Instagram message (BoxySweaterGal on IG)

### 2-December Holiday Party challenges:

**Mystery Swap:** Keeping up with the tea cup theme from June, Eve has challenged members to make a Mug Rug (aprox 6"x8") using a Cup Theme. These can be paper pieced, created using cup fabric, collage quilted, applique, etc. The sky is the limit. Eve did mention that if you plan to add 3-dimensional embellishments, they should be added along the outside edges so as not to topple a cup that may be placed on top of the mug rug. **Please WRAP your mystery swap!**

**Star Blocks:** There are two star blocks that members were asked to make. Part of the blocks will be used for a block lottery that a participant can win and the rest will be put together for donation quilts. The first Star is a wonky Confetti Star that is foundation paper pieced using a Black background and Silver for the star itself. The second is 12 inch Sawtooth Star block using Midnight Blue for the background and Gold for the star itself. **Please see attached patterns.**

**Left, Right, Center:** Please bring 3 Fat-Quarters in any of the following colors... Yellow, Gray, Black, or Low Volume.

**There was a request to update our webpage with ongoing challenges.** Ask and you shall receive! Please bookmark this Workshops and Challenges page to view current workshops and challenges planned:

[Workshops & Challenges – Jax Modern Quilt Guild \(jaxmqg.com\)](http://jaxmqg.com)

## Upcoming Meeting Dates and Programs:

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

**December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Party!!! Last meeting at UMC.

**MOVING to Hendricks Ave Baptist Church: 4001 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Charity Quilting Opportunities and Updates:**

Our community outreach committee continues to take quilts of all sizes to donate to various local worthy charities.