

Hello! I can't believe how quickly this year is flying by! I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Did you see the solar eclipse today? I got to see it while we were on break from a breastfeeding class at NAS JAX. Anywho, back to it... As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, we have 89 members. Let's shout out a warm welcome to JAXMQG, **GiGi McKnight, Becky Moseley, and Janel Bendis** - Sarah

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## Budget Update:

As of 4/5/24, our account showed a balance of \$14,143.53. A portion of that, \$5,609, is going to our remaining balance owed to Marywood and the Courtyard for retreats. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Robbie.

## JAXMQG News:

-**Happy Birthday** to our members born in April: Kellirae Boann-Adcock, Lisa Hamilton, and GiGi McKnight! Best Wishes!

-**Our April meeting will be on the 21st** at Hendricks Ave Baptist Church, 4001 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. Doors open at 1:30pm and the meeting begins at 2:00pm. **The April program is a Pop-up Shop from our very own Paula with Sew Modern Chicky!** Bring your Cash, Check or Card. Just between you and me, try to bring cash... it saves a small business a little bit of money not having to pay additional credit card processing fees. Paula has lots of beautiful modern fabrics, precut bundles, and fun patterns! As JaxMQG members, she also gives us a bit of a discount.

-**No Frills Quilt Retreat, June 27-30:** To keep costs down and attendees at a maximum **No Frills** means no meal service, no games, and no door prizes.

\$140 per person for Members

\$170 for Non-Members, opens May 1<sup>st</sup> pending availability.

**Remaining Seats: 20**

-**Cummer Museum, Fabric of a Nation Exhibit:** If you missed the email from February, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/QdLfva1voQWYjGyd8> for more information. The form includes details, dates, and times for each of the quilting programs that our guild will present at the Cummer Museum for the Fabric of a Nation exhibit. If you have further questions, please reach out to Lisa Hamilton at (904)610-0269.



## Upcoming Events

**Apr 13**

**QF Sewcial 12-4**

**Bee's Quilt Shop- St Augustine**

**Apr 16**

**QF Board Meeting 6:30p**

**Community Hospice, Sunbeam Rd**

**Apr 20**

**Maze Quilt ZOOM Workshop 10-2**

**Apr 21**

**Monthly meeting 2p [Bring Your Name Tag!](#)**

**May 11**

**South Mandarin Library Sew-in 10a-5p**

**May 13**

**St Augustine Piecemakers, "What is Modern Quilting Presentation" 10a Village Church, 4229 Pacetti Rd**

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## Upcoming workshops:

**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.**

## Current Challenges:

**Freestyle Curved Piecing Challenge.** The goal is to make blocks with curve shapes NOT using a ruler or pattern. Make 1 (or more) square block(s) 12.5". Use black and white prints only, plus 1 solid or blender color. You can substitute a solid black or white for one of the B/W prints, but not all. Blocks should consist of 2 to 3 curves plus background piece. Only one curve is the color piece, not the background. Try making each curve a little different shape for interest. You will want to start with a larger than 12.5" background piece because it will need to be trimmed down. Check out the YouTube link Eve shared for reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Trgij2tync>

**10 Year Anniversary: Color Challenge.** Next month is our BIG reveal and prizes! I hope everyone is adding the final touches to their Color Challenge projects.

**Art Nouveau Challenge Quilt: Triumph of Nature.** If you attended or plan to attend the exhibit at the Lightner museum. The challenge details are on our website! <https://jaxmqg.com/programs-challenges/>

## Charity Quilting Opportunities and Updates:

**Year to Date Donations: 138 items**

## Quilt Fest Updates:

### QUILT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for QuiltFest began on April 1, 2024 and ends on July 25, 2024. Everyone is encouraged to use the online form and QF will send you a PayPal invoice for payment registration. QF will still accept mail in forms and payments, that information is at the link below. If you are entering the QuiltFest Challenge, you have already paid your registration fee when you purchased your challenge kit. However, you must still fill out a form

to enter your quilt into the show. Follow this link to register online: <https://quiltfestjax.com/enter-your-quilt/>

**Sewcial at Bee's Quilt Shop, April 13 12-4p:** Bee's Quilt Shop is hosting the seven Sister Guilds for a Quilt Fest Sewcial! Each guild will have table space to promote their guild, guild activities, and community service. We need a few volunteers to take a shift to promote the Guild. I hope to see everyone there, supporting Bee's, promoting QuiltFest, and representing JaxMQG. Everyone is encouraged to carpool as parking is limited. We will be allowed to use the parking lot behind the shop that is part of the medical facility next door.

**Quilt Sale Booth:** The inventory sheets will be handed out to a QuiltFest rep at the May QF board meeting meeting, so you have plenty of time to get items documented prior to the show. QF accepts all size quilts made by you in good condition, including antique quilts. There will be a miscellaneous table but the quilt sale table does not accept small items such as pillows, bags, clothing items, etc. This table usually has UFO's, quilt kits started and unfinished tops, things of that nature.

The Quilt Sale table will not compete with our vendors, silent auction, and now our new boutique. QF does not accept fabric, books, patterns, etc..

The Quilt Sale table will allow items to be discounted on Sat. They will only use this price if the customer asks about it. If you change your mind during the show and want to discount on Saturday, you will need to come to the sale room and mark your new price with initials on the inventory sheet and tags.

At the end of the show, you need to have your pink copy of the inventory sheet to pick up whatever items do not sell. It may take a little over an hour to take down; no items can be retrieved until take down is finished.

**Silent Auction:** Be thinking about small pieces that you may like to create new, or something that you already have done, that you would be willing to donate to the Silent Auction. Items Due September 10<sup>th</sup> to Jill Smith.

**Boutique:** The Boutique is a new addition to QF this year! The Boutique is going to be an area similar to the Quilt Sale Table. Members from the seven sister guilds can display handmade items that they wish to sell in the boutique. These items could include, but are not limited to, handmade: bags, table runners, placemats, mug rugs, wall hangings, etc. The hope is that if you do choose to sell items in the Boutique, you will donate at least one item to the Silent Auction. 15% of the sale of each item will go back to Quilt Fest for operation of the show.

**"Me" Dolls:** "Me" Dolls are a Community Service project that QuiltFest has participated in for years. These dolls are sewn together with any skin tone muslin fabric on one side and a bright happy print on the other side. Doctors and nurses can draw on the doll to show the child what is going to happen to them during their procedure. If you would like to make a doll or two, or maybe a few... This pdf file can be printed and put together to construct the template needed to make the dolls.

You'll need to cut two template pieces from fabric, sew them along the outside right sides together, leaving an opening to turn right side out. For durability, you can shorten your stitch length to 2.0.

*You will need to clip the seam allowance (without cutting the stitching thread) at the concave angles, like the neck, under the arms, and in between the legs.* If you do not already have poly fill to stuff the doll, you CAN donate the "flat" doll and there will be an area at QuiltFest for other volunteers to stuff the dolls.

## Local Happenings:

### All Florida Shop Hop- March & April

Many of us participated in the All Florida Shop Hop last year and had a blast. It's a great opportunity to check out what other shops have to offer. I especially like to see the shop samples to get inspiration for future projects. I hope some of you will get together and have some wonderful Sew Sister adventures. Safe Travels!

**If you know of any awesome local events that we all should know about, please post them in the Members Only FB Group, or let a board member know and we'd be happy to spread the word!**