

Jacksonville MQG

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Hello! How is everyone doing? I am writing to you all from the beautiful Marywood Retreat Center.

As of August 15th, we have 103 members!!!! Let's shout out a warm welcome to JAXMQG, Barbara Lumpiesz & Emma Newsham!- Sarah

Budget Update:

As of 8/17/24, our account showed a balance of \$14,980.42. Many of the retreat checks have not been processed and I should have an updated, more accurate, balance by the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Robbie.

JAXMQG News:

-Happy Birthday to our members born in August: Sam D., Kim B., Christie R., Carla B., Shannon L., Marcia D., Denise B., Lynn Y., Barbara L.! Best Wishes!

-Our August meeting will be on the 25th at Hendricks Ave Baptist Church. **Doors open at 1:30pm** and the meeting begins at 2:00pm. **The program for August meeting is a Trunk Show and Discussion on fiber art from our very own Melissa May!** Melissa does beautiful work, and I know I am looking forward to learning more about her inspiration and process.

-QF Ticket Pre-Sales:

In an effort to reduce long lines for entry to the show, QuiltFest will have advance ticket sales during our guild's **August** meeting! As many of you volunteer and enter quilts, you get a free day entry to the show, but you may be bringing a spouse, a daughter, a friend, a neighbor to see the show, and they may be needing a ticket. The August meeting will be the perfect opportunity for you to get these tickets! We will have a regular ticket for any of the show days at \$15, and a senior ticket for any day of the show at \$14. **Please bring cash (or check).** Thank you! -Candi

-QuiltCon Community Challenge: Theme is "Lines & Bars" Adele is our QuiltCon Quilt Momma. The quilt top has been finished! We have volunteers to quilt, make the label, and do the binding! Stay tuned for the big reveal.



Upcoming Events

August 20

Cummer Museum: Make & Take Slow Stitch 5-7

August 20

QF Board Meeting: Spring Lake Business Center, Bld 6 6:30

August 25

Monthly MQG Meeting 2pm

Bring Your Name Tag!

September 7

-Sew-in Orange Park Library 9a-4p

-QuiltFest Quilt Take-in Day!!!

September 19-21

Jacksonville QuiltFest

September 29

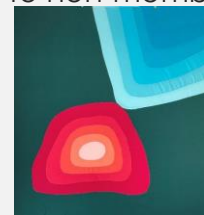
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Upcoming workshops:

Beautiful Stones ZOOM workshop with Carolina Oneto: October 5th.

Registration opens 9/7/24

Opens to non-members 9/21



Thistles, Cogs, and Caterpillar Wheels ZOOM with Jenny Haynes:

Get Ready Session Oct 13

Class November 2 & 3

Registration opens 9/14/24

Opens to non-members 9/28



-Education Opportunities: I wanted to point out that there are two class registrations opening up in September within a week of each other. I've included the important dates and photos of the classes to the right. Both classes will be available via ZOOM {from home}.

-Important message about Airport Displays: Hi members! JILL SMITH is planning to change up most of the **QUILTFEST JAX AIRPORT QUILT DISPLAY** cases on **August 27!** Alison, Candi, and Lisa signed up to help Jill. We could really use EXTRA help so please consider joining us! Just let one of us know so we can give you details such as start time and meeting spot info. We do have a fun time working the displays! Also.. If you have **whimsical, colorful, or heavily quilted items** you would like to display please bring to the *AUGUST 25 JAXMQG meeting and give to JILL SMITH!* She will be at the meeting to collect the items! THANKS!!!!

-No Frills Quilt Retreat, October 24-27:

Are you disappointed that you missed the retreat last weekend? Did you attend and you're ready to go again?!? Good news! We are going to have another No Frills Retreat in the Fall! Check out the details below.

\$140 per person for Members

\$170 for Non-Members, opened September 1st pending availability.

Remaining Seats: 27

Last day to book a room at the discounted rate: September 24

Follow this: [Book Now](#)

-JaxMQG Officer Opening: Would you like to be more involved with the Guild and help organize operations behind the scenes? The board has decided to move up the voting to October so that the next board members have ample time to shadow their predecessor. If you are interested in running for any of the board positions, please reach out to our Nomination Chairperson, Christina F.

Lisa is retiring from the Secretary position after serving the Guild for two years. I've attached a flyer with all the details about what all the Secretary position entails for those interested. Lisa has been hard at work organizing the processes so that the next person should have an easy transition.

If there is anyone interested in taking over as treasurer, let Christina know. If there is no interest, Robbie has offered to stay on for another year, but we will need a new Treasurer in 2026, as Robbie will be retiring after serving the Guild for three years. If you think this would be a good fit for you, we would like for you to shadow Robbie in 2025 while she puts the finishing touches on QuickBooks and creates the 2026 Budget.

-Cummer Museum, Fabric of a Nation Exhibit: July 5 – September 29

There are a couple more guild activities at the Cummer Museum if you have not already visited the exhibit. TODAY is the Slow Stitch demonstration (registration required)!! There is an event with all the details on the main JaxMQG FB page. I've attached the calendars with the dates for the programs and free admission days to the email. The free admission days are subject to change, so please double check the Cummer's website.

Check out the video link below for the Fabric of a Nation sneak peek!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bEv5WebA40&t>

Current Challenges: The challenge details are on our website! <https://jaxmqg.com/programs-challenges/>

Optical Illusion Block: Eve presented the Black & White string blocks at the June meeting and we extended the deadline to August since many of our members were away in July. For specific details, follow the link to the website above. **Blocks due at August meeting!**

Charity Quilting Updates: [Community Outreach Info on JaxMQG Website](#)

Year to Date Donations: 233 items

Quilt Fest Updates: [QuiltFest Info](#)

Opportunity Quilt

The Opportunity Quilt has been finished and was shown at the May meeting! Amazing job, everyone! Now we can start selling those opportunity tickets! **We've created an event on the main JaxMQG Facebook page that we encourage everyone to share with their friends.** The link to online ticket sales is on the event page, to keep things simple.

You can also share the raffle directly from the **BetterWorld Website** in the top right corner of the website: [Purchase Opportunity Quilt Tickets](#)

QUILT REGISTRATION

THANK YOU SO MUCH for all of you who took on the challenge and entered a quilt into the show! I am thrilled and incredibly impressed with the representation of JaxMQG and the turnout for the brand-new modern category! The total number of quilts registered came out to over 460 and our members registered 87 of those quilts. The new modern category will feature 77 quilts, which will be the **LARGEST** category in the whole show! Just WOW! I am so grateful to all of you and seriously cannot wait to see all the pieces on display.

Volunteer Positions

Please register for volunteer positions asap. Volunteers are what make this QuiltFest run and there are so many ways to do that. Volunteers get into the show for free on the day they Volunteer. This year there is a document at the bottom of the signup page that describes each of the volunteer positions and what the work involves. Here is a direct link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F44AFAD2FABFA7-jaxquilt>

At the top of page is the link to **CREATE A SIGNUP**

Or first go to the bottom of the page, open the pdf for position descriptions.

If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Torres.

Silent Auction

If you have items to donate to the Silent Auction, please give them to one of our QuiltFest Board Members so they can get them in the right hands asap. **Jill is organizing the Silent Auction and will be at our August meeting so you can also give them directly to her.** Please be sure to document these items on the Guild donation log at meeting check-in.

Quilt Sale Table & Boutique Forms

Margaret Douglass will have the necessary forms to sell items at the quilt sale table and in the new boutique. If you have questions, let her know!

Save the Dates: Lisa made a couple new blog posts with important 2025 dates so that everyone can start planning and marking those calendars! If you missed the posts, please check out the dates below...

2025 Meetings:

January 19

February 16

March 23

April 13

May 18

June 8

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21

2025 Education:

January 25: Cassandra Beaver, Piecing Full Circles (zoom)

March 15: Phyllis Cullen, Collage Flowers (in person)

March 16: Phyllis Cullen, Collage Your Pet (in person)

April 19 & 20: Maria Shell, Game of Improv (in person)

November 1: Cindy Grisdella, Inspired by Art (in person)

2026 Education:

March 14: Timna Tarr, Mosaic Tile (zoom)

April 11: Brigit Dermott, Playing with Shapes (in person)

May 16: David Owen Hastings, Inspired by Architecture (zoom)

October 3: Geeky Bobbin, Orbital (zoom)

2025 Retreats:

June 5-8: No Frills, Courtyard in Orange Park

May 6: Room Discount Cutoff

July 10-13: Marywood Retreat Center

October 23-26: No Frills, Courtyard in Orange Park

September 23: Room Discount Cutoff