

Jacksonville MQG

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Hello! Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. We spent the holiday with my husband's mother's side of the family, and we don't see them very often so it was nice to see some of Ben's cousins, Aunts and Uncles for the first time in years.

I hope to see you all this weekend, but if you are unable to attend, I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday season! It's been an honor to be your guild President for the year, I pass the torch on to Allison in the New Year.

As of December 9th, we have 110 members! Welcome to our newest members: Maureen P., Shirley A., Lynn B., Cathy P., and Angela K! -Sarah

Budget Update:

As of 11/12/24, our account showed a balance of \$8,182. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Robbie.

JAXMQG News:

-**Happy Birthday** to our members born in December: Melsenia Bartlett, Tara Benyacko, Teddy Broeker, Jeannie Terns, Bonnie Torres, Paula Wester, Emma Newsham, and Maureen Pavlik! -Best Wishes!

-**Our December meeting will be on the 15th at Hendricks Ave Baptist Church. Doors open at 1:30pm** and the meeting begins at 2:00pm. **This is our Annual Holiday Party so I hope to see everyone in the Holiday Spirit with your Fascinator Hats, holiday garb, house and tree quilt blocks, and \$1 bills if you'd like to participate in the LRC game. Be sure to bring your own drink!**

-**JaxMQG Officer Opening:** Here's the Executive Board nominations for 2025!

President: Allison McConoughey
Vice-President: Bonnie Torres
Secretary: Debbie Adkins
Treasurer: Robbie Knapik

-**Holiday Food Drive:** Thank you so much for your generosity donating to the holiday food drive!

-**2025 Membership Renewal is OPEN: [RENWEAL SIGN-UP](#)**

Please visit the website to renew your membership for 2025. If you are having any issues please reach out to Robbie at (904)703-5201 or rmknapik@gmail.com. *If you plan to pay using CASH or CHECK, please update your member profile via the link above FIRST.*

There will be a SEPARATE TABLE from the "sign-in" area for Membership Renewal to help reduce a bottleneck at the door.

December 15 Holiday Party
Monthly MQG Meeting 2pm

January 4
Sit & Sew 9a-4p Fleming Island Library

January 19
Monthly MQG Meeting 2pm

February 1
Sit & Sew 9a-4p *Orange Park Library*

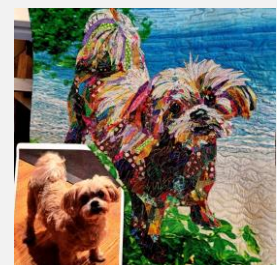
February 16
Monthly MQG Meeting 2pm

Upcoming workshops:

Wild! Collage Flower
In-Person with Phyllis Cullen:
\$45/person March 15th
Hosted by SAQA Pod2



Wild! Collage Animals
In-Person with Phyllis Cullen:
\$45/person March 16th
Hosted by JaxMQG



**REGISTRATION FOR PHYLLIS CULLEN
CLASSES WILL OPEN DEC 15 @
MEETING**

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

Houses and Trees Blocks: There are a variety of House and Tree Block Patterns in the Files Section of our Members Only FB Group! For specific details, follow the link to the website above. **Blocks due at the December Holiday Party!**

Children's Book Inspired Mini-QUILTS: I posted a short video in the member-only fb group showing a display of children's books that had small quilts that were inspired by the books. There was a lot of interest in doing something like this for the Clay County Library System. I spoke to the program coordinator, and she is super excited! They LOVE the idea and would like to incorporate it into their Summer Children's Program Planning. So, what happens next.... In JANUARY, Sarah will provide details and guidelines. We'd like to have the completed quilts by the end of March so that the library can start advertising and programming in April & May.

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

Year to Date Donations: 530 items

I shared a group called Kennel Quilts in our JaxMQG Member's Only group. For more information please visit their website [HERE!](#) For more information about the organization and even free patterns if you are interested. Sarah is collecting these quilts to get them where they need to go.

Quilt Fest Updates: [QuiltFest Info](#)

Lisa updated the QuiltFest page on our Member-facing Website for us and I sent an email out with highlights and information on 10/24.

Save the Dates: Here are the important dates for next year, as well as the education opportunities that are already booked for 2026!

2025 Meetings:

January 19
February 16
March 23
April 13
May 18
June 8: Party
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21: Party

2025 Education:

March 15: Phyllis Cullen, Collage Flowers (in person) \$45
March 16: Phyllis Cullen, Collage Your Pet (in person) \$45
April 19 & 20: Maria Shell, Game of Improv (in person) \$TBD
November 1: Cindy Grisdella, Inspired by Art (in person) \$TBD

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

February 16: Registration Opens for Members \$140/person
April 24: Last day to cancel with refund
May 1: Registration Opens for Non-members \$170/person
May 6: Room Discount Cutoff

July 10-13: Marywood Retreat Center

January 19: Registration Opens
April 13: Final Payment Due
May 1: Last day to cancel with refund
*Will fill openings due to cancelation from the Wait List, in order placed on Wait List.

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

July 20: Registration Opens for Members \$140/person
September 10: Last day to cancel with refund
September 15: Registration Opens for Non-members \$170/person
September 23: Room Discount Cutoff

2025 Sit & Sew:

The Clay County Library Coordinator was able to book the FIRST SATURDAY of every month in 2025 for JaxMQG. The Sit & Sew will be located at the Fleming Island Library. *There is one exception for location and that is the month of February, we will need to meet at the Orange Park Library.*

-Airing of the Quilts: October 11, 2025

The Clay County Library, Let's Play Clay, and Clay Parks & Recreations have already committed to continuing the fabulous annual event for the next two years! Please mark your calendars for October 11, 2025 for NEXT YEAR'S event!