

# ROCKET CITY MODERN QUILT GUILD



Community Outreach



St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital

St. Jude Affiliate Clinic at  
Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children



## UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope to see you at these upcoming Guild events!

- February 10th - **RCMQG Sewcial Saturday**; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; North Huntsville Public Library (3011 Sparkman Dr. NW, Huntsville, AL) and **via Zoom** at 9:30 AM
- February 20th - **RCMQG Monthly Meeting (Hybrid)**; Publix at Airport and Whitesburg (4851 Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville, AL) **AND Via Zoom** (5:30 PM to 6:00 PM - Social Time; 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM - General Meeting)
- February 22nd-25th - **2024 QuiltCon**; Raleigh, NC
- March 9th - **RCMQG Sewcial Saturday**; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; North Huntsville Public Library (3011 Sparkman Dr. NW, Huntsville, AL) **AND via Zoom** at 9:30 AM

## FEBRUARY GUILD MEETING

Join us at the February Guild meeting as we learn about the following exciting topics and activities:

- Program: QuiltFolk Patchwork & Prose Block of the Month
- Challenge #2 Kickoff: Mini Inspired by a Book Cover
- Challenge #1 Continuing: Panel Party!
- Sew & Tell

## SEW AND TELL

What's under your needle? Share your photos on Slack or by email no later than Monday, February 19th to be included in the February 20th meeting presentation!



## JANUARY MEETING RECAP

If you were unable to attend the January meeting, here's a rundown of what you missed:

- Due to hazardous weather, the meeting was held via Zoom. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.
- Amanda introduced the first Challenge of 2024; Panel Party, and presented a program on panels and challenge details,
  - Use a panel to make a finished quilt for St. Jude's
  - May work individually or collaboratively.
  - Finished quilts are due in November.
- Quiltcon 2024 - Raleigh, NC February 22nd-25th
- Information on Current Guild Activities and the Guild Library was shared.
- Amanda presented the Feedback Survey Highlights, Current Volunteer Highlights, and the 2024 Calendar Overview
- Sew and Tell was presented.

## 2024 BOARD

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## PANEL PARTY! CHALLENGE

The first challenge of 2024 was introduced at the January meeting. It's a Panel Party! Members are challenged to make a finished quilt to donate to St. Jude's using a panel.

Panels, as well as coordinating fabric, will be available at the guild meetings and Sewing Saturdays, or you may use panels from your stash. If you are unable to attend in person, please contact [rocketcitymqg@gmail.com](mailto:rocketcitymqg@gmail.com) to make other arrangements so we may send you a panel.

While St. Jude's does not have a quilt size requirement, we try to follow these guidelines: (i) Baby: 36" x 48"; (ii) Throw: 48" x 60"; and (iii) Hospital: 36" x 84".

You may work individually or collaboratively with other members. Quilts are due at the November meeting. All challenges completed will be entered into a prize drawing!

A copy of the Panel Party! presentation is available [here](#).

## Borders



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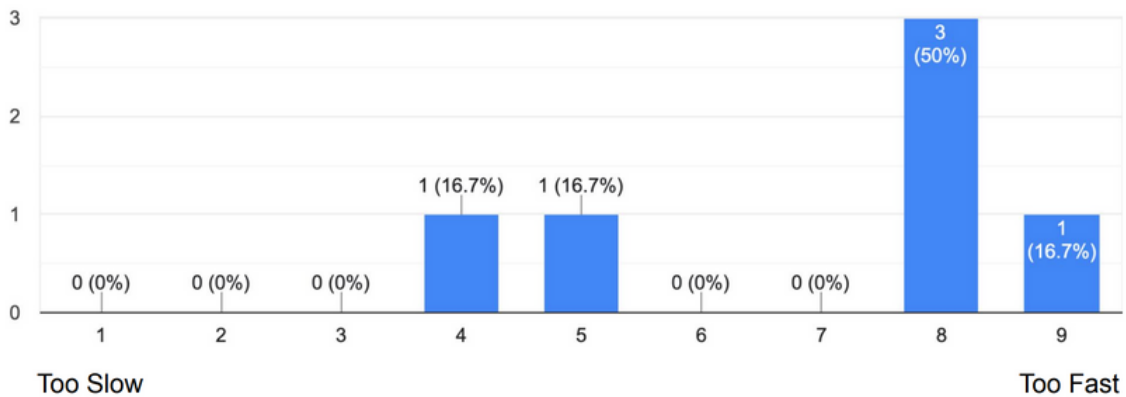
## 2023 SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in the 2023 Feedback Survey! Result highlights are as follows and complete survey results can be found on the website [here](#).

### Challenges

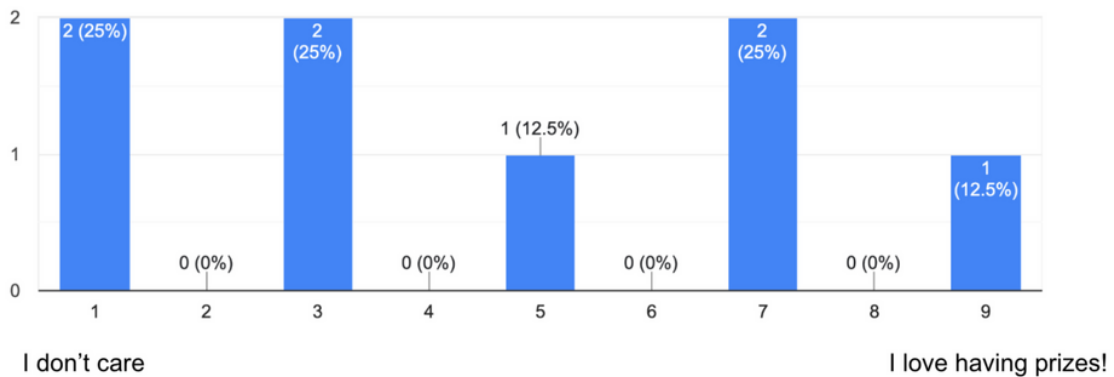
On a scale of 1 to 9, what did you think of the pacing of the challenges this year?

6 responses



On a scale of 1 to 9, how important is it to you to have prizes for each challenge?

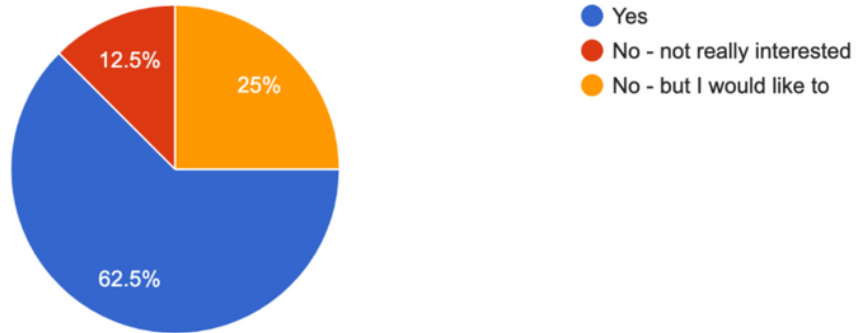
8 responses



Community Outreach

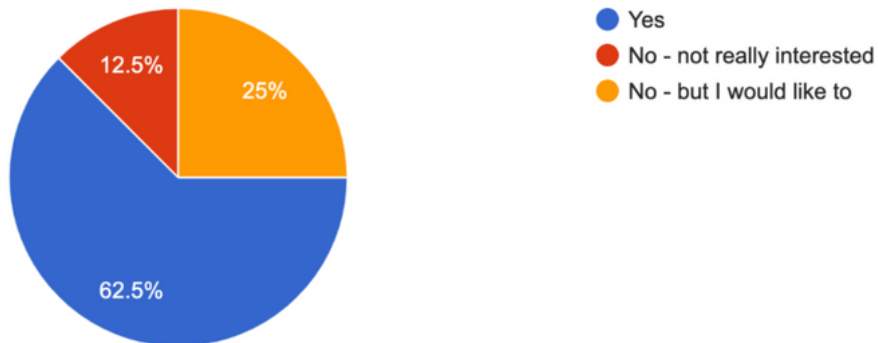
Did you help with any step of making quilts for St. Jude this year? Steps include: cutting fabric, making kits, sewing a block, sewing a top, sewing ba..., attaching binding, sewing on label, washing, etc.

8 responses



Did you make any pillowcases for North Alabama Foster Closet in 2023?

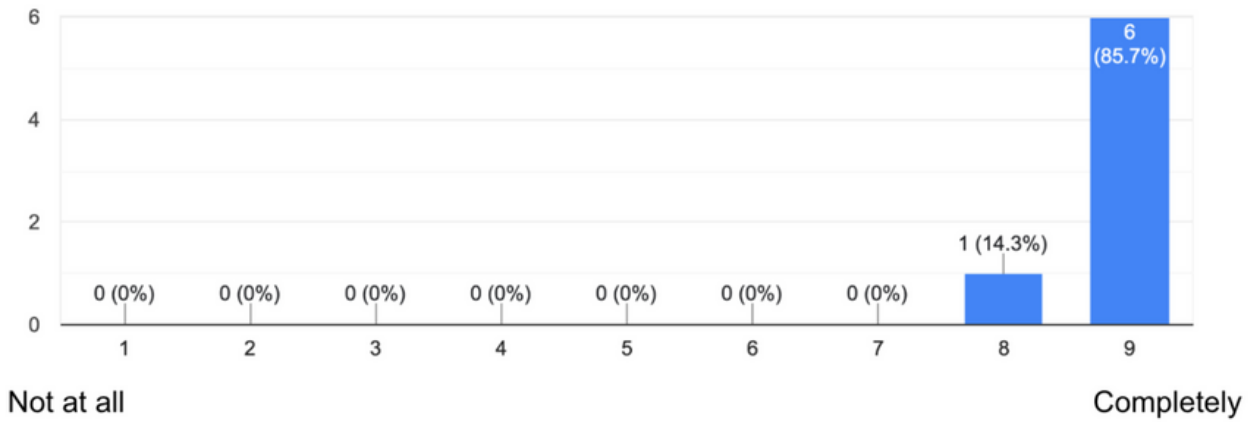
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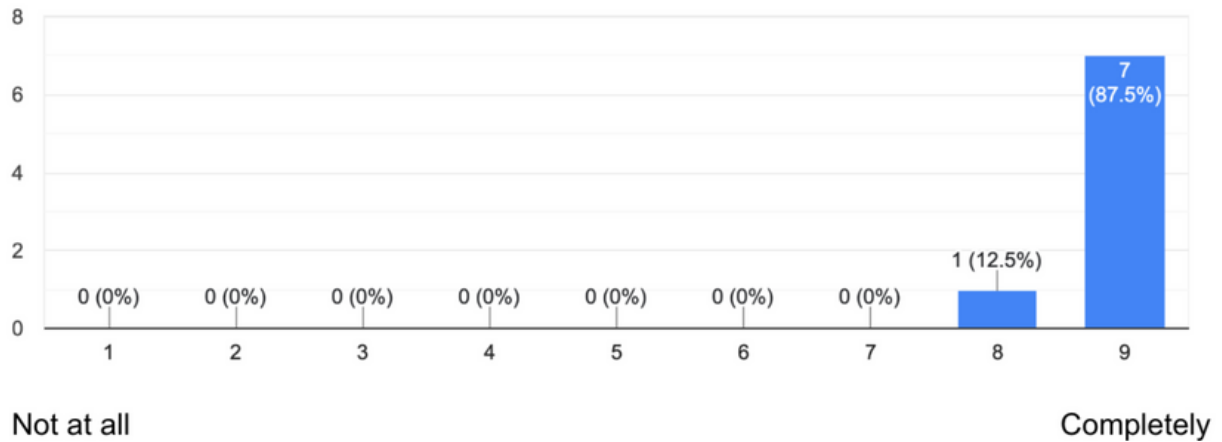
On a scale of 1 to 9, how much do you agree with the statement "I understand how to report issues to the DEAI committee."

7 responses



On a scale of 1 to 9, how much do you agree with the statement "Should I have or witness an issue, I feel comfortable reporting it to the DEAI committee."

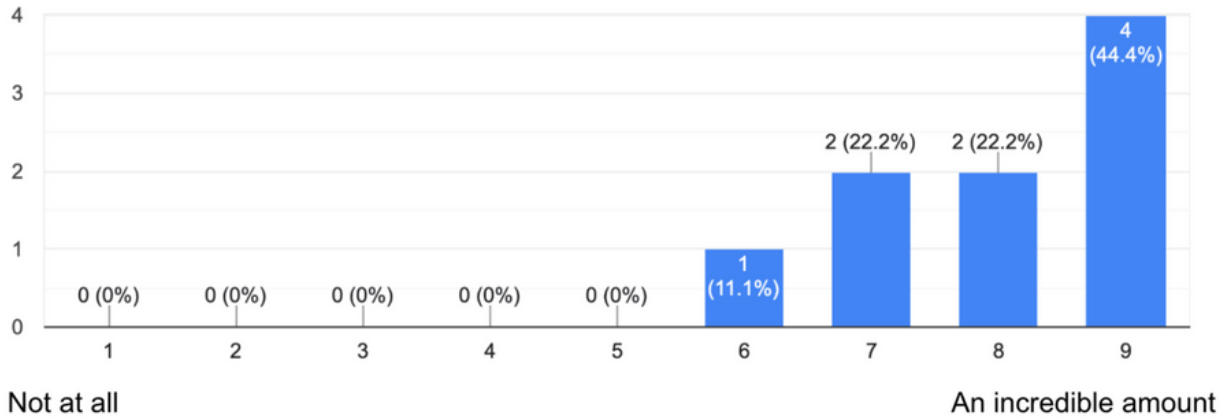
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### Membership

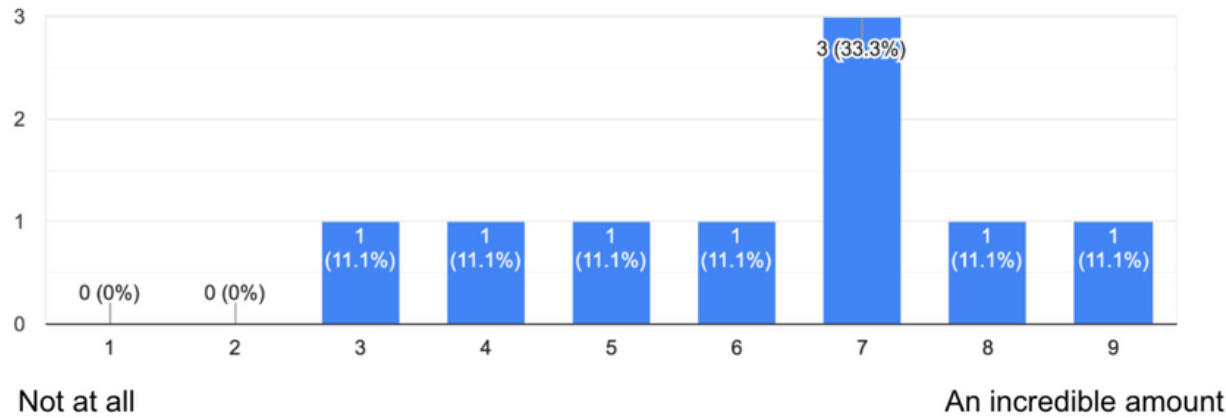
On a scale of 1 to 9, how much value do you feel that you get from being a RCMQG member?

9 responses



On a scale of 1 to 9, how much value do you feel that you get from being a member of the national MQG?

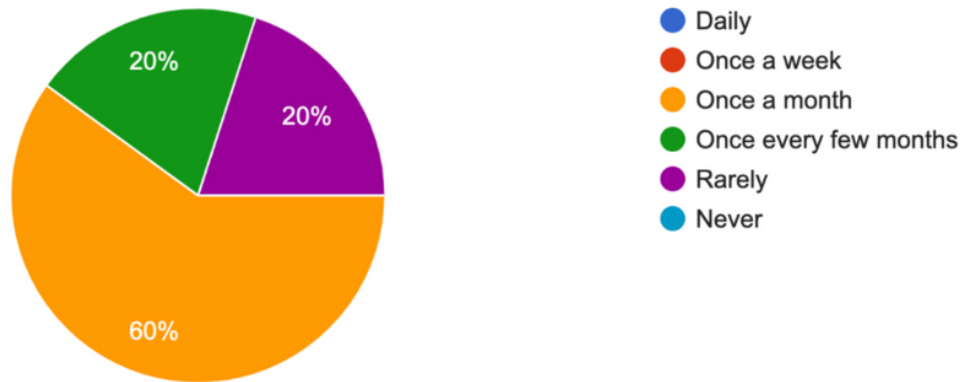
9 responses



### Website

How often do you use the website?

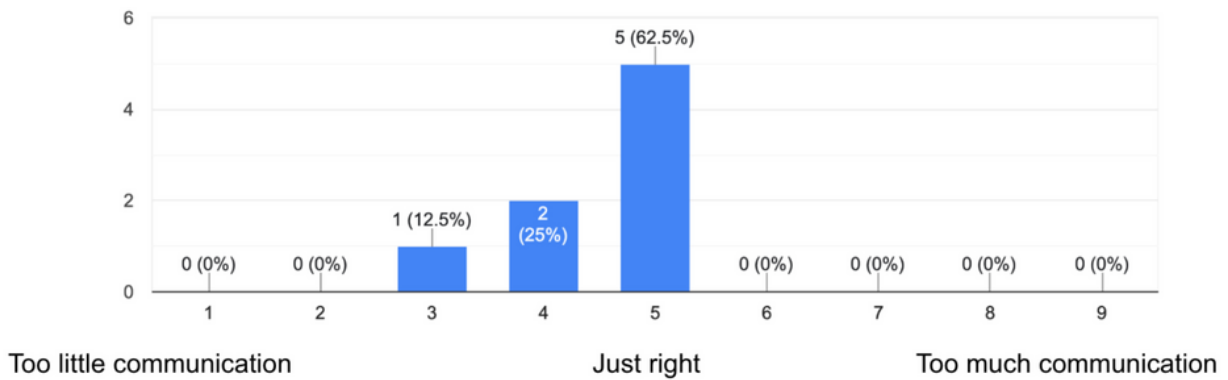
10 responses



### Communication

On a scale of 1 to 9, with 5 being "just right", how well did you feel that the officers communicated with the guild this year?

8 responses

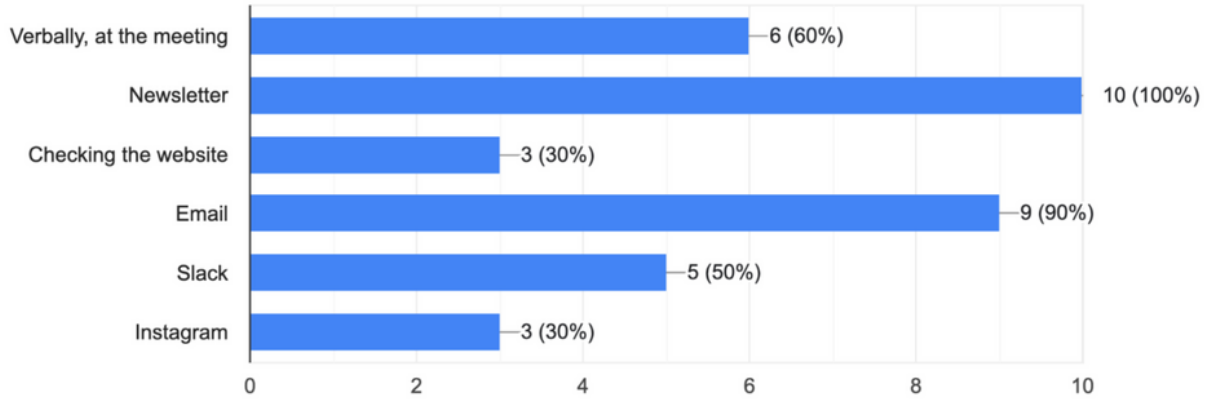




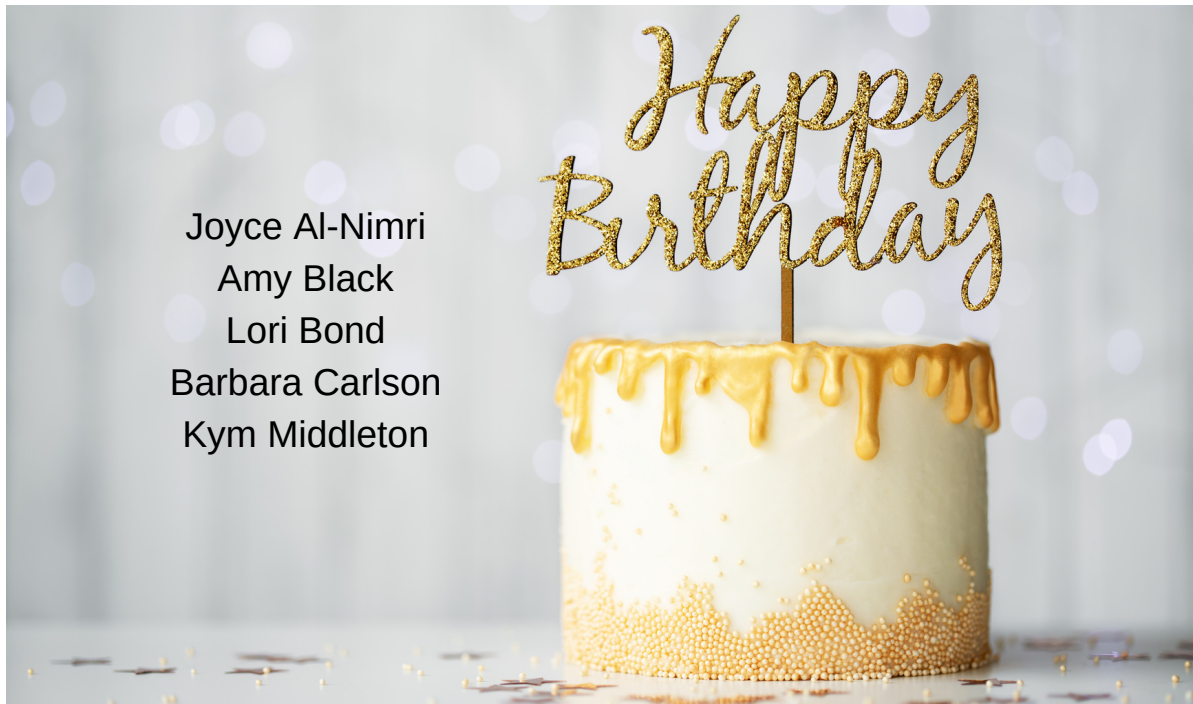
Communication (continued)

Please choose your preferred methods of communication (check all that apply).

10 responses



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



## CALL FOR QUILTS

### **ENTER YOUR QUILTS IN THE 2024 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW**

You labored for hours on your latest creation, so why not share your quilt with others who will appreciate it? You may also get some well-deserved recognition for your hard work.

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will offer more than \$6,500 in awards at their 43rd annual show June 21-22, 2024, at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. There will be 14 categories in which to enter your quilts, including one for juniors (ages 16 and under) and an additional 14 special awards.

The deadline for entries is April 22, 2024, but may close early if they reach capacity before that date.

Visit [www.smokymtnquilters.com](http://www.smokymtnquilters.com) for more information and entry forms.

## SEWING SATURDAY

Join us Saturday, February 10th at the North Huntsville Library for Sewing Saturday!

With Sewing Saturday falling right before Valentine's Day, we will have an optional project available that day for a make-and-take quilted heart. Ribbon and batting scraps will be provided. Please bring fabric scraps of your choosing if you would like to participate. More details are available at [IFAQH.com](http://IFAQH.com).

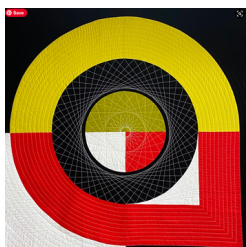


## THE MODERN QUILT GUILD HAPPENINGS

Log on to [The Modern Quilt Guild website](#) for more information about the following events and activities!



- 2024 Location: Raleigh, NC
- Jacquie Gering: QuiltCon 2024 Featured Lecturer & Exhibit
- Click [here](#) for fun things to do and yummy restaurants in Raleigh prepared by Kara Holland of Lo & Behold Stitchery



Jacquie Gering



MQG members can live-stream **all 28** QuiltCon 2024 lectures with the purchase of a Streaming Lecture Pass! With the purchase price of \$265, you will be able to view the replays until March 4, 2024. The deadline to purchase is February 15th.

Click [here](#) to purchase the Streaming Lecture Pass.

## MQG RESOURCES

### On-Demand Education: Modern Traditionalism with Holly Clarke

- How do quilters apply traditional quilting elements to their modern quilts? Holly Clarke, a Winnipeg MQG member, explores traditional and modern quilt aesthetics and how the two are used together to create interesting modern traditional quilts.



## 2024 YEAR AT A GLANCE

We are excited to present the 2024 programs and activities highlights. In addition, each newsletter will feature the next three-month's programs and activities chart in greater detail. We welcome your participation in any or all of these events!

Month(s)	Event
January - November	Panel Quilt Challenge
February - June	Mini Inspired by a Book Cover Challenge
March	Program: Quilted Fashion Inspirations and Fashion Show and Tell
April	Community Outreach Assembly Day
May	Program: Destashing Bonanza! QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt
June	Program: Art Critique Techniques
July	Challenge 3 Mini Portrait of a Person or Animal
August	Retreat at Place of Grace, Clarkrange, TN
September	SewSignment Sale
October	Huntsville ShopHop
November	Panel Quilt Challenge Reveal
December	Holiday Party

## 2024 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### FEBRUARY 2024

Date	Event	Details
02/04/2024	RCMQG Board Meeting	
02/10/2024	Sewing Saturday	Theme: I Found a Quilted Heart
02/20/2024	RCMQG General Meeting	Program: Quilt Folk Patchwork & Prose Block of the Month
02/22/2024 - 02/25/2024	QuiltCon	Raleigh, North Carolina
February	Challenge #2	Mini Inspired by a Book Cover Challenge Kickoff
February	Challenge #1	Continue Working on Panel Quilt Challenge

MARCH 2024

Date	Event	Details
03/03/2024	RCMQG Board Meeting	
03/09/2024	Sewing Saturday	Theme: Work on a Challenge
03/14/2024	Heritage Quilters of Huntsville Quilt Show - Judge's Reception	7:00 pm Details Forthcoming
03/19/2024	RCMQG General Meeting	Program: Quilted Fashion Inspirations and Fashion Show and Tell
March	Workshop	Quilted Coat Part 1
March	Challenge #2	Continue working on Mini Inspired by a Book Cover Challenge
March	Challenge # 1	Continue working on Panel Quilt Challenge

APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Details
04/07/2024	RCMQG Board Meeting	
04/16/2024	RCMQG General Meeting	Program: Sally Wright Trunk Show (tentative)
04/27/2024	Sewing Saturday	Theme: Community Outreach Assembly Day & Prize Drawing
April	Challenge #2	Continue Working on Mini Inspired by a Book Cover Challenge
April	Challenge #1	Continue Working on Panel Quilt Challenge