

IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Location: Arlanza Library, Riverside, CA

Social time: 1:30pm – 2:00pm

President Candy Scott welcomed everyone in the room and on Zoom and opened the meeting at 2:00pm

Announcements by Candy Scott:

Ector Simpson needed to cancel his presentation on the AIDS Quilt for this meeting. We will try to schedule him again in the future.

QuiltCon: We had about 5 members attend QuiltCon in Atlanta, GA this year. Member Carl Brown had a quilt displayed in the show. Michele will give a recap later in the meeting.

March is National Quilting Month, with Saturday, March 18th being National Quilting Day. Members should try to send a photo for Kate to post to our social media to highlight what we are doing to celebrate this month.

Free Online Classes. Latifah Saafir will be hosting 3 free online classes beginning on March 20th. Registration is required at www.7waystouseaclammy.com. Patti will post sign up info on the website.

New Quilt Store Opened. LuckyDeLuxeFabrics.com opened a brick and mortar store at 932 East Lincoln Avenue, Orange, CA. They get fabric donated from vendors, manufacturers and retiring quilters to sell in the store. Fat quarters are \$1.00 ea and yardage is \$4.00/yd. If in the area, try to support them.

Fabric of a Nation Show: This is the last week for Fabric of a Nation show at the Skirball Cultural Center.

Program.

2022 Block of the Month Reveal. Jennifer and Laura introduced the 2022 Block of the Month Reveal. Inspiration came from a building Evie saw in LA called the “Metro Hollywood Apartments”. The facades are divided up into a grid, with color block areas and windows punctuating each grid, in the style of Piet Mondrian. Evie was reminded of color block quilts, and she based her patterns on this image. Nine quilts were revealed, and they were all unique and beautiful. Pictures will be on the website.

QuiltCon Recap. Michele gave a fantastic slide presentation about QuiltCon, with a focus on Thread Trends. Her slides highlighted types of threads used and quilts where threads were a feature of the design, including varying thread weights, whole cloth quilts with colored threads creating the patterns, and threads that were left loose and over-quilted to form secondary patterns. She highlighted some vendor products including Deco Bob WonderFil (Verushka’s favorite) which lays very flat when pressed, and an organic thread from the Netherlands “Scanfil” that is a low lint thread. Vendors are also showing lots of cross-over products in their booths, including embroidery floss, yarns, punch needles, and wool felt. QuiltCon 2024 will be in Raleigh, NC. Registration begins over the summer.

After a short break with wonderful snacks, the meeting continued.

Show and Share – We saw lots of beautiful quilts. See Member’s Corner for photos.

Retreat – Lynn Hanna reported the cost increase from Vina necessitates an increase in participant cost to \$445,00. We have 15 people signed up for the retreat being held at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center, 38300 De Portola Rd, Temecula, CA 92592 from Monday, November 6th through Thursday, November 9th, 2023. Sign Up forms are on the website in Members Corner, or she has forms with her today. There is a \$100.00 deposit due when you sign up.

VP Communications – Patti Reyes asked members to send photos of their completed quilts to Kate McCarthy (dopaminethreads01@yahoo.com) to post on our social media pages. Photos are also posted on Members Corner.

Membership - Kate McCarthy reported that we had 45 members in 2022. She has personally contacted all members that have not renewed to date. For 2023, we have 43 members, including 6 new members. The current roster will be posted soon.

Treasurer and Opportunity Quilt – Gayle Bennett gave the treasurer’s report and asked members to consider locations/other guilds/art shows, etc where they could take our Opportunity Quilt to sell tickets.

2023 Block of the Month – Trisha Williams. The March BOM will be on the website soon. Color palette inspirations are also on the website if you need inspiration.

2023 BOM Hack – Christine Sharp explained a simple technique of constructing the block in 4 quadrants and twirling the center seam to get the entire block to lay flat. The instructions will be on the website.

2022 BOM Inspiration explained – Evie gave us information on her inspiration for the 2022 BOM, including the history of the building she used, who the architect was, some facts on Googie Architecture and the moderne style of streamlined design.

Basket Drawing was held.

Next Meeting. The next meeting is on April 1, 2023 at Arlanza Library (Hybrid with Zoom). We will have a presentation by Debe Gardner on her Journey to Modern Quilting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm after which the Board met to discuss various matters. Board meeting minutes for Feb 28, 2023 reflect this discussion.

Respectfully Submitted:

Debbi LoCicero and Debbie Lepper, Co-Secretaries