

## IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Location: Casa Blanca Library, Riverside, CA

Sew In: 10:00am; Social time: 1:30pm – 2:00pm; Meeting 2:00pm

President Candy Scott opened the meeting at 2:00pm and welcomed everyone in the room. There were no new members or guests present.

### Announcements:

**Kaufman Fabric Donations:** We are now on the list to receive fabric donations from Kaufman. Candy received 5 large bags and has sorted it. There are lots of fabrics to use for charity quilts as well as jelly-rolls. Anyone that wants fabric can take some. All Kaufman asks is we take a photo of the quilt and send it to them.

**The Huntington Library in Pasadena:** An exhibit of Gee's Bend quilts "Shared Legacy" is currently on display. This exhibit celebrates the artistry and cultural significance of work by members of the Gee's Bend Quiltmakers' Collective of Alabama. The exhibit ends on September 4<sup>th</sup>. [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org) for more information.

**Quilt Con 2024:** This show will be in Raleigh, NC February 21 – 25, 2024. It will be in Phoenix, AZ in 2025. Announcements will start soon, so be sure you watch for information on classes, hotels and show themes.

**Drop-In Sew is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday:** These dates are May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm Hybrid meeting:** Thank you to Jen and Al Boling for securing a location for our June meeting. This meeting, with a program by Verushka Zarate, will be held at the D'Andre Lampkin Foundation, 2151 E. Convention Center Way, Suite 210, Ontario, CA. This is right across the street from the Ontario Convention Center. Guests in attendance or on Zoom will be charged \$10 to attend. The rental fee was waived, but are asked to bring non-perishable foods for the Foundation's Food Pantry. We also donated several quilts for them to auction at their fundraiser.

**Yard Sale Fundraiser:** Christine Sharp and others are hosting a yard sale fund raiser for our guild from 8am – 12noon on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The address will be on the website. Members may bring anything they would like to donate to the June meeting. Items that are not sold will be donated to charity (not returned to the Member). There are also 2 sewing machines available. Christine will advertise the yard sale on Next Door.

**AIDS Quilt Project:** Kate McCarthy introduced Ector Simpson from the Mizell Senior Center in Palm Springs. Ector gave a brief overview of the AIDS Quilt Project. This is the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and to continue to call attention to HIV/AIDs, Ector is working with the founder to bring several quilt panels to Palm Springs for a 4-day display. He also hopes people will make a panel to add to the quilt. Finished panels are 12' x 12', but quilt segments can be any size and they will be fit together into a finished panel. Panels can be made to remember someone who has died from AIDS or celebrate an AIDs survivor. Panels must be completed no later than 15 October 2023 to be included in the exhibit that will be held at Mizell. Kate will have details about how the panels are to be constructed to be included in the larger 12' x 12' panel. After leaving Mizell, the panels will be exhibited at Eisenhower Medical Center for a Conference in December to commemorate World Aids Day.

**VP-Communications:** Patti Reyes reminded members to subscribe to our Blog Posts to get meeting recaps and other information from our website. She also stated that a benefit of being a member of IEMQG entitles everyone to automatic membership in MQG. MQG has a new App for choosing colors for quilts available in its website. Search "Color for Quilts". Patti also announced a raffle basket consisting of a lovely handmade bag with pockets and zippers and stuffed with plenty of goodies will be raffled off at the June meeting. Patti also announced that the Quilt Con "Make a Difference" Challenge has been announced. It will support "Wild Earth Allies" and the theme is Biodiversity.

**Opportunity and Charity Quilts** – Gayle Bennett reported that the Opportunity Quilt was displayed at the D'Andre Lampkin Foundation Fundraiser last week and some tickets were sold. She will also be bringing some fabric that people can use for charity quilts.

**Membership/Social Media** – Kate McCarthy reported that she is going to feature our members on our social media. She has sent an email to several new members explaining what she is looking for and she will roll out this feature soon.

**Retreat:** Lynn Hanna reported that there are 20 people signed up for the retreat. We have 2 spaces left. The retreat is being held from Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Sign Up forms are on the website in Members Corner. Cost of the retreat is \$445.00. with a \$100.00 deposit due when you sign up, and the balance will be due in September/October.

**2023 Block of the Month:** The May BOM is on the website. Patti showed some examples on the website. Remember to use Christine's BOM Hack of working in quarters and twirling the center seam to get the entire block to lay flat. The reveal is coming up in July.

**Show and Share:** Many beautiful quilts were shown, including several 12" x 12" by members of Evolving Threads, a collage quilt with sunflowers, a star quilt and a pattern adaptation of a Robin Pickens quilt. See the website for details and photos.

After a short break with wonderful snacks, the program was presented.

#### **Program.**

**Laura Greene** presented a slide show entitled "Wild Wedges" with variety of wedge quilts from various sources, including those exhibited at Quilt Con, Road to California and elsewhere. She also showed a short video by the author of the book *Wedge Quilt Workshop* on a method to construct inset circles to form the center of wedge blocks. Members in the room were given paper templates so they could practice this method.

Candy Adjourned the meeting at about 4:00pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Debbi LoCicero and Debbie Lepper, Co-Secretaries