

IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Sunday, June 4, 2023

Location: D'Andre Lampkin Foundation, 2151 E. Convention Center Way, Suite 210, Ontario, CA.

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. Six guests attended the meeting, and several guests were on Zoom.

Announcements:

Happy 7th Birthday IMEQG! The Guild was started by Michelle Nichols, who was present to celebrate the day with us!

D'Andre Lampkin, founder of the 501(C)3 Lampkin Foundation, gave a brief overview of their mission and focus. He thanked us all for contributing to their food pantry. Their food pantry supports between 3 – 5 families per week/20 families per month. Their goal is to help these families become more resilient by assisting them with finding jobs, a service that the Lampkin Foundation can provide with an associated healthcare aide education and staffing organization.

Yard Sale Fundraiser: Christine Sharp and Kate McCarthy are gearing up for the yard sale fund raiser for our guild from 8am – 12noon on Saturday, June 17th. The address is 4580 Oakwood Place, Riverside, CA (Christine's sister's home). Christine and others will take any items members brought to the meeting for the sale. Items that are not sold will be donated to a charity (not returned to the Member). There are also 2 Bernina sewing machines donated by Mary Hodge (a member in Ohio) that are being sold, but not at the yard sale. If anyone is interested in these, please see Laura.

Drop-In Sew is the 2nd and 4th Monday: These dates are June 11th and 25th from 7:00-9:00pm

In Person/Hybrid Meeting Location has changed. We will now hold all Hybrid meetings at the SSgt. Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library, which is located at 2985 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504; (951) 826-2120. They have better WiFi and facilities than Arlanza Library.

- The July 1st meeting will be held at Casa Blanca. Wedge Challenge Reveal will be held, and Patti Reyes will give a presentation on Temperature Quilts.
- The August 5th meeting will be held at Casa Blanca. This will be a class (10:00-12:30) by Christine Sharp, Unique Xmas Stockings, followed by BYO Lunch from 12:30-1:30 and our meeting will begin at 2:00 with a program on Quilted Xmas Gifts.

QuiltFest Long Beach: is July 5 – 7th at the Long Beach Convention Center. Evolving Threads will have an exhibit of 48 of their member's mini-quilts. If you would like to help with paid "volunteer" positions, please talk to Kate.

Retreat: Lynn Hanna reported that there are 21 people signed up for the retreat. We have 1 space left. The retreat is being held from Monday, November 6th through Thursday, November 9th, 2023 at Vina in Temecula. 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. If the 1 space is not filled by July 1st by a member, it will be opened up to non-members.

QuiltCon: Is being held February 21 – 25th 2024 in Raleigh, NC. The class and lecture schedule has been announced. All entry categories have also been announced. Patti and Lynn will be designing the Community Outreach Quilt. Kelli Bachli will provide the quilting. More information on sewing days will be announced.

AIDS Quilt Project: Kate McCarthy distributed a handout about the project so anyone interested can begin to work on a panel. More information about a community sew day at Mizell Center in Palm Springs will be provided when it's available.

2023 Block of the Month: See the website.

Program.

Laura Greene introduced Verushka Zarate. Verushka's presentation and trunk show entitled "Finding Pride and Joy in Quilting" was very dynamic and enjoyable. She featured her journey to quilting which is based on complex Foundation Paper Pieced patterns that she designs.

After the Program, Birthday Mini Bundt Cakes were enjoyed by everyone. A raffle of a beautiful quilted bag filled with goodies was held. It was won by Jennifer Boling. Candy Adjourned the meeting at about 4:00pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Debbi LoCicero and Debbie Lepper, Co-Secretaries