

IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Saturday, August 5, 2023

Location: SSgt. Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library, 2985 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504; (951) 826-2120.

Social time: 1:30pm – 2:00pm; Meeting 2:00pm

President Candy Scott opened the meeting at 2:00pm and welcomed everyone in the room. New member Bonita Knight from Joshua Tree attended today. We also had a guest, Pam Knutson, attend. She intends to join after today's meeting.

Announcements:

Drop-In Sew is the 2nd and 4th Monday: These dates are August 14th and August 28th from 7:00-9:00pm

QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt: Lynn Hanna reported on the Outreach Quilt progress. Another Sew Day is August 9th and September 20th. Bring sewing supplies to Lake Matthews Meeting Room to sew from 10am – 4pm. Bring your lunch. The top size needs to be no smaller than 60x80; the maximum size is 65x85. Anything outside of these parameters will not be hung. We need lots of blocks completed to get to this size. The top will need to be completed by October so a photo can be submitted as not all quilts will be accepted this year.

QuiltCon: Is being held February 21 – 25th 2024 in Raleigh, NC. The class and lecture schedule has been announced. Registration opens on August 15th.

August 2023 Block of the Month: The pattern will be on the website when Trish returns.

Loose Ends – Completing Projects Left Unfinished. This organization matches people who have projects left unfinished by their loved ones (knitting, quilting, cross-stitch, crochet, etc) due to declining health or death and matches them with volunteers who will finish the project. More information can be obtained on their FB page or their website <https://www.looseendsproject.org/>

Retreat: Lynn Hanna reported that there are 21 people signed up for the retreat. The 1 remaining space is now open to members and non-members. The retreat is being held from Monday, November 6th (check in at 10am) through Thursday, November 9th (check out at 10:am) at Vina in Temecula. There will be a pop-up fabric shop on Tuesday morning, Lynn has coordinated a color project and there will be pillowcases and other things to work on for charity. Those that want to go wine tasting can coordinate amongst themselves. The cost of the retreat is \$445.00. with a \$100.00 deposit due when you sign up, and the balance is due by the October 2023 meeting.

Charity Quilts: Gayle Bennett reported that member Becky Brecky donated lots of kits that can be made up into quilts. If you want the kit for personal use, you are asked to please pay 50% of the marked price to the guild. If you want to make a kit for charity, see Gayle.

Refreshments and Show and Share: After a brief break with refreshments, we had Show and Share with several members showing their beautiful creations. See the website for photos.

September Meeting: HYBRID Meeting. In person and Zoom at SSgt. Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library, 2985 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504. Laura Green introduced the fall challenge at our August meeting. The Program at the September 2nd meeting will be a further explanation of the Fall Challenge quilt, to make a Mini Quilt using Maximalism techniques. We will be viewing the Video tutorial on from the MQG website. Maximal quilts have no place for your eyes to rest, with the concept of filling the space. Laura suggested members begin to think about a group of 6-9 fabrics from a collection – be sure it is fabric you LOVE! This concept has you strip together fabrics in groups, slash up the pieces and sew them back together again. Maximal quilts often feel like a Bookshelf with many things crowded on them.

Program.

The program included slides of gift ideas to make as suggestions for the holidays. Various items were shown, including gnomes, tote bags, tablet/phone covers, etc and members had time to discuss the items amongst themselves. This was inspired by the Laura Lindsay book "Sewing to Sell" and her YouTube videos. More information is available at <https://shop.gingercake.org/products>

Candy Adjourned the meeting at about 4:00pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Debbi LoCicero and Debbie Lepper, Co-Secretaries