IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Saturday, October 7, 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 and on Zoom. There was 1 guest in person, Bev Stoney, and no new members present.

Announcements:

Drop-In Sew is the 2nd and 4th Monday: These dates are October 9th and 23rd from 7:00-9:00pm.

QuiltCon: Is being held February 21 – 25th 2024 in Raleigh, NC. Remember to register for your free ticket by November 30th. Candy thinks you will be able to see the wining quilts online with this free ticket even if you are not attending. The free ticket is included with your membership dues.

Membership: Dues are now due for the 2024 membership year. Dues are \$45.00 and payable no later than December 30th. Payment can be online thru PayPal or by check to our PO Box.

October 2023 Block of the Month: The pattern is on the website.

SCCQG will have an exhibit of quilts at Road2CA. Information on what the entry requirements are is on the IEMQG Blog. The theme is "Stitching a Community Together" A photo only of the quilt top is required by October 23rd to be entered.

Nominating Committee for 2024 officers: Michelle, Candy and Donna Palmer have begun to contact members. Please let any of them know if you are interested in a Board Position, or volunteering in another area. Nominations will be announced at the November 4th meeting and voted on at the December 2nd Holiday Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

November Meeting: Member University. This will be a Hybrid meeting, in person at SSgt. Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library, 2985 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504, and on Zoom. The Demos will be Patti Reyes: Reverse Applique; Christine Sharp: Pick up Sticks; Barbara Mathews: Collage Quilts; Pat Klaussen: Interfacing Applique Circles. Annie and Michelle might organize something for the people that are on Zoom as a separate activity from the in-person demos.

Program. Laura Green introduced today's speaker, Carrie Bloomston. Carrie's presentation was on Creativity.

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.

Announcements, continued

Retreat: Lynn Hanna reported that there are 22 people who signed up for the retreat. The retreat is being held from Monday, November 6th (check in at 10am) through Thursday, November 9th (check out at 10am) at Vina in Temecula. The balance of the retreat payment of \$445.00 is due today. Lynn will send out a suggested packing list about 2 weeks before the retreat. There will be a color theory project and participants are asked to bring a <u>solid color fabric</u> in a color that you would like to work in. You will need about 2" x width of fabric or a fat eighth.

Toward 2050 Project: Lynn Hanna reported on a special project being developed by Ann Morton. This project focuses on climate change and how we can become more sustainable. The project will include over 2,500 "flags" that will line a labyrinth at the Phoenix Botanical Garden between January – May 2025. Since QuiltCon is in Phoenix that year, members might choose to participate. For additional information, see https://www.toward2050az.com/

"Lift the Sky Project" in Carlsbad, CA: Lynn Hanna reported that her quilt and her mother's were included in the book published from this exhibit. The Quilts will be on display at the San Diego Airport.

Art for Heaven's Sake: Lynn Hanna reported that his event is October 13th – 15th in Redlands, CA

QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt: Patti is continuing to assemble the quilt.

Charity: Gayle reported that we will make donations of non-perishable food to the D'Andre Lampkin Foundation's Food Pantry. Please bring these to the November meeting.

Candy adjourned the meeting at about 4:15pm

Respectfully Submitted: Debbi LoCicero and Debbie Lepper, Co-Secretaries