

IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Saturday, January 6, 2024

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 were no guests or new members present.

Announcements by Candy Scott:

Drop-In Sew: is on Monday, January 8th and 22nd. Time is 7:00-9:00pm.

Road to California: is being held at the Ontario Convention Center January 17 – 20th.

QuiltCon: Is being held February 21 – 25th 2024 in Raleigh, NC.

February Meeting: will be at Arlanza Library because Casa Blanca is not available. Arlanza Library is at 8267 Philbin Ave, Riverside, CA 92503. It is likely that the March and April meetings will also be at Arlanza as Casa Blanca does income taxes for residents in our meeting room.

2023 Block of the Month Reveal: will be held at the February meeting. Only the top needs to be completed.

2023 Philanthropy: 49 quilts and 109 pillowcases were donated to our House of Ruth; lots of food was donated to the D'Andre Lampkin Foundation's Food Pantry.

2024 Philanthropy: we have picked up lots of Kaufman fabric that is available for charity quilts. She will have it available at the February meeting. There are lots of 10" squares in pastel mint colored fabric. Be creative to sew this up! There will probably be more fabric available in May. If you make a quilt, please take a photo and send it to the guild so we can let Kaufman know what is done with their fabric. Laura Greene will be handling philanthropy for our guild in 2024.

VP Communications and Social Media: This position is still open.

Program: Jennifer Bolling announced that the February meeting will be a Sew-In to work on anything you want. Sewing begins at 10:00am, bring your lunch and beverage at 12:30pm, social time at 1:30 pm and meeting begins at 2:00pm. Block of the Month reveal will be the February program. This month's program by Laura Greene, introduced members to the many features on the MQG Website. There are lots of videos, tutorials, articles and patterns that members can access. After walking us thru various aspects, Laura searched on words like "Recycled, Reuse, Reclaimed, and History" to find information on using reclaimed or recycled textiles. This theme will be the spring 2024 challenge for members. The only rule of the challenge is that there are No Rules!

Refreshment Break**Announcements, continued:**

Membership: Kate McCarthy reported dues are now due for the 2024 membership year. Dues are \$45.00 and payable no later than the March 2024 meeting. Payment can be made online thru PayPal or by check to our PO Box. Membership forms are on the website.

Retreat: Lynn Hanna reported that the 2024 retreat will be Nov 4 – 7th. We will be returning to Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula. Cost will be \$560, double occupancy only. Deposit of \$100 due in today. So far, deposits have been received from 12 members, with 3-4 more indicating they will send money now. Members can sign up for either the payment plan or a balloon payment of \$460 in October. The payment plan option is \$100 deposit in Jan, with 4 equal \$115 payments in April, June, Aug and Oct. The contract is due soon.

January 2024 Block of the Month: Nancy Thomas reported that the pattern "Blockheads" by Moda will be used this year. She also showed some color placement studies of how the block can be changed by fabric placement. Join the Facebook group for more ideas.

Raffle Basket Tickets: are available at 6/\$5.00.

Candy adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Debbi LoCicero, Secretary