

**IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Saturday, February 3, 2024**

Location: Arlanza Library, 8267 Philbin Ave, Riverside, CA 92503

Sit and Sew: 10:00am; Lunch 12:30pm; 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 one guest, Christine Scott, who saw our Instagram Posts and came to our meeting. Welcome Christine.

**Announcements by Candy Scott:**

**Raffle Tickets:** will be available until after refreshments for the raffle basket. See Sharon Burgh.

**Introduction of new Board Member:** We welcome Pam Knutson who will be our VP Communications and Social Media. Patti Reyes is getting her up to speed with the blog and website postings.

**Drop-In Sew:** is on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Time is 7:00-9:00pm.

**QuiltCon:** Is being held February 21 – 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Raleigh, NC. Lectures will be available online, including the awards ceremony, for \$265.00/member. Deadline to purchase passes is February 15, 2024 at 8:59PM PST. Last day to watch the lectures is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Tip of the Month:** Download the Robert Kaufman Quilting Calculator App from the Apple or Google stores.

**Future Programs - Jennifer Bolling:** The March program will be Audrey Essary (Zoom), May will be Jacquie Gering (Zoom) and September will be Sarah Goer (Zoom). There is a \$10 guest fee if others would like to attend the programs. The March meeting will be at Arlanza Library because Casa Blanca is not available. Arlanza Library is at 8267 Philbin Ave, Riverside, CA 92503.

**February Program – Jennifer Bolling:** Our member, Samantha Saturday, spoke about a quilt artist she follows on Instagram. Jennifer Candon <https://www.jennifercandon.com/> creates bold works and calls herself a “Textile Muralist”. Samantha showed some images of Jennifer’s studio, creative process and finished works.

**2023 Block of the Month Reveal & Show and Share:** We had a wonderful show and share of the finished 2023 BOM quilts. Each was unique and beautiful. See the website for photos. Members also displayed recently finished projects. These will also be on the website.

**Refreshment Break****Announcements, continued:**

**Membership:** Kate McCarthy reported about 50% of members have renewed and paid their dues. She will contact others that have not renewed. Dues are \$45.00 and payable no later than the March 2024 meeting.

**Retreat:** Lynn Hanna reported that a contract has been signed for the 2024 retreat which will be held Nov 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> at Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula. We have reserved 9 rooms since 18 members have paid their deposits. There are 2 people on a waiting list and Lynn will confirm if space is available in September. Other members that would like to attend the retreat will be added to the waiting list.

**February 2024 Block of the Month:** Nancy Thomas reported that the February pattern is on the website.

**2024 Philanthropy:**

**Charity Quilts and Pillowcases:** Candy reported that there is plenty of Kaufman fabric for anyone that would like to make a quilt. There were also many pillowcases donated.

**IE Craft Collective:** Gayle Bennett reported that she has taken several quilts to this non-profit to try and sell them for the guild. We get 70% of sales with the Craft Collective taking a 30% commission.

**Raffle Drawing:** Pam Knutson won the raffle basket.

**New Business:** Pat Klaussen is in the hospital in Ontario. Consider sending her a card to raise her spirits. Sharon announced that Target has a new Gee’s Bend Collection to include books and décor articles. Jennifer Bolling reminded members about the ongoing Recycling/Upcycling Quilt Challenge. The only rule is no rules. They will be revealed at the June meeting.

Candy adjourned the meeting at 3:25pm

Respectfully Submitted:  
Debbi LoCicero, Secretary