

**IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Saturday, March 2, 2024**

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

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 in attendance on Zoom. Welcome Garnette.

**Announcements by Candy Scott:**

**Raffle Tickets:** Sharon Burgh will be selling raffle tickets for a new basket.

**Drop-In Sew:** is on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. Time is 7:00-9:00pm.

**March Program – Jennifer Bolling:** Jen introduced Audrey Essary, of Cotton and Bourbon Quilting who will present a program entitled “Finding My Voice in Modern Quilting”. Her quilts feature modern curved designs. Follow her on IG and check out her website to find information on patterns and techniques.

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

**Spring Fling Quilt Run:** will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 5pm. Seven quilt shops are participating. Additional information is available at <https://springflingquiltrun.com>

**QuiltCon:** Candy and others attended QuiltCon in Raleigh, NC. Over ten thousand people from at least 18 countries attended this year and over 600 quilts were exhibited. Candy reported that our Community Outreach Quilt was sold. The Book of all exhibited quilts is available for \$65.00 including shipping, on the MQG website.

**Show and Share:** Several members displayed donation quilts that they recently made.

**Membership:** Candy reported about our payment deadline to MQG is Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Members unpaid at that time will be removed from the MQG member list and will no longer have website access.

**Retreat:** The 2024 retreat 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 3 people on a waiting list. Other members that would like to attend the retreat will be added to the waiting list. Lynn Hanna, Debi Gardener and Debbi Lo had a planning meeting last month.

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

**Charity Quilts and Pillowcases:** Gayle reported that about 10-12 Quilts and Pillowcases will be taken to House of Ruth in the near future. There is plenty of fabric for anyone that would like to make a quilt. It is appreciated if you can provide backing and binding, and we have members that will longarm the tops for our charity projects.

**IE Craft Collective:** Gayle is looking for an old ladder that we can use at the Craft Collective to display quilts we are trying to sell.

**Pat Klaussen** is home from the hospital and sounded very good. She is gaining strength, and hopes to be driven to our April meeting. Consider sending her a card to raise her spirits. Her address is in the Membership Directory.

Candy adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Debbi LoCicero, Secretary