



## IEMQG General Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2020

Riverside Main Library

3581 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Gayle Bennett, President.

### **Welcome/Guest Speaker Introduction – Gayle**

Gayle shared Latifah’s history as a founding member of the MQG and also the chapter of the MQG.

### **Program – Latifah Saafir Lecture “How Many Ways to Sew a Curve?”**

Latifah, and her sister, learned to sew from their mother as a young child. She began quilting in 2009, her quilts were heavily influenced by her upbringing between LA and TX. Her earliest projects included bias binding and curves! She discussed her love of using bias tape for artistic elements on the quilt as well as for binding.

Latifah shared her exploration into various techniques such as the six-minute circle method. Latifah showed a variety of her quilts and shared the Clammy Journey with us! Latifah shared that she developed a technique called Pinless Piecing. If you search her on Google, you can find the video that explains how the technique works. She said this technique was used in tandem with the Glammy Clammy!

She has designed three collections with Hoffman Fabrics – Graphic (inspired by LA graffiti street art), Double Dutch (dedicated to her urban childhood), and 1985 (inspired by the Hoffman Archives).

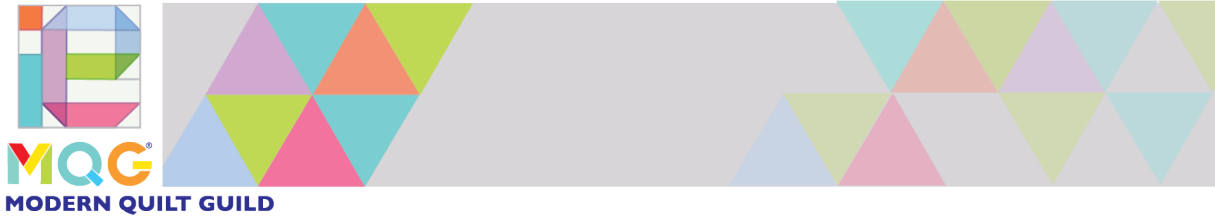
### **Break & Shopping at Latifah’s Pop-up Shop – Clammy, Clammy and more Clammy!**

### **Guild Business - Gayle**

Board 2020 Announced – Gayle, President; Candy Scott, Treasurer; Jennifer Adams, Secretary; VP(s) of Programs Becky Brekke and Laura Greene; VP of Communications, Elizabeth Eastmond; Hospitality, Pat Klassen; Membership, Judy Racine

Guild Communication - Gayle encouraged everyone to sign-up to follow our guild on Facebook and Instagram. We utilize social media for announcements related to the meeting location (should a change be needed), upcoming events and other important announcements. Jennifer shared that an email will be sent with an easy link to access updates and communications made to the guild website. Please check your spam folder as sometimes those messages end up there.

Road Challenge - Attendance/Sign-in Reminder to sign-in in the lobby when you attend Road. Last year we were lucky enough to win the challenge prize of \$500. We would love to win that again so please take a minute to sign-in on the iPads in the lobby at the Information Desk when you arrive!



Road Atrium Display Quilt Collection – Final Date 1/12/2020 Thanks for everyone that brought the quilts today. All quilts will be turned in to Road for display in the Atrium (lobby) at Road to California. Gayle's husband, Mike, will come in to photograph our quilts (hopefully) prior to the start of the event. Regardless we will get some wonderful pictures to commemorate the special honor! Gayle also mentioned that following the end of our meeting today, she asked if anyone has a minute to help her haul the 40+ quilts in her passion to her car, she would appreciate it!

Raffles – Gayle shared the current need for someone to assist on a monthly basis to sit at the table at the meeting and collect funds and hand out tickets. This would be a one-month obligation and a sign-up list was sent around the room for anyone available/interested to sign-up! Gayle will make sure you are reminded just prior to your month so you're aware.

Charity – We are in need of someone to help coordinate our charity efforts. The job is very fun and flexible. This person would basically be responsible for determining a charity to donate our quilts and make a recommendation to the Board. Gayle shared the importance of this role and the minimal time involved in this role.

#### **Programs – Becky**

Sit & Sew – First Sit & Sew will be held two weeks from today on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm at the Quilters Cocoon.

February Program – Next month will be our very own Simone Bradford to share Color Theory with the guild. You won't want to miss it!

#### **Block Lotto January 2020 - Simone**

Simone shared our January/February block called Tri Ball. Block is two raw geese and a rough-edge applique circle. She showed wonderful examples of the possibilities for the block with several quilt examples. Simone will have full instructions available and template available on her blog as well as on our guild blog later this week. She's asking that you do the triangles on the block be done in cool colors; applique circles in warm colors and neutral backgrounds. The block finishes at 7 ½". You will receive a raffle ticket for however many completed blocks you bring. This is a very quick and easy block to make!

#### **Opportunity Quilt – Cat**

We are on track to start assembling the blocks. It's not particularly travel-friendly as it's a large project (lots of 2 ½" blocks – lots of them!). Cat is off the whole week of Road to CA if anyone is interested in coming by her home to help her sew and assemble the Opportunity Quilt. Goal is to have the quilt completed by February. Please contact Cat if you're interested and available to help. Cat is also looking to borrow any available sewing machine for the project. Cat provided a brief overview of the



Opportunity Quilt project as a fundraiser for our guild. This will continue for the next year and culminate (hopefully, booth space permitting) at Road to California in 2021.

#### **Show & Share – All**

A variety of beautiful modern quilts were shared by the membership.

#### **Raffles - Pat**

Winners of the fat quarter bundle prize for the revenue raffle and also the name tag raffle prize were presented with their prizes.

#### **Announcements & Adjournment – All**

Bus trip to the Glendale Quilt Show on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The bus ride includes an admission ticket and will leave from Redlands. Please see Evie for more information.

Blueprint (formerly known as Craftsy) is offering a free preview this weekend for anyone interested. There are a lot of wonderful classes and free preview will be offered until January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder, our meeting next month will be at the same location – here at the Main Library location for Simone’s Color Theory Lecture. We hope to see you all then!

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer G. Adams  
Secretary