



IEMQG General Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2020

Riverside Main Library • 3581 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Gayle Bennett, President.

Welcome/Guest Speaker Introduction – Gayle

Charity - We are collecting charity quilts. The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) for San Bernardino will be our designated charity for distribution to children pulled from their homes in extreme circumstances. Many are taken in the middle of the night and depending on the circumstances they can spend the night at the DPSS. We do not have anyone specifically handling Charity. We are asking for our members to sign-up to help staff the Charity Table at meetings, simply record the information for the person donating and this duty will rotate on a monthly basis. Quilts can be lap or any size for comfort.

Quilt kits are available for guild charity projects. Amy French donated a large amount of Allison Glass fabrics. The kit includes top, binding and backing. The guild has a large roll of batting for members to use for charity quilts. If you reach out to Gayle, she can bring batting in whatever size you need. You aren't obligated to quilt the projects as we do have resources for that with our members. We appreciate quilt tops also.

Raffles - Raffles this month will be a choice between a scissor/needle threader gift or a Latifah pattern and a spool of thread. Tickets are encouraged and helpful for our guild.

Membership Survey - A survey is being distributed by Gayle for our members to provide some candid feedback about the guild. The surveys will be anonymous, and the results will help shape what we do in the months ahead.

Program – Elizabeth Eastmond “English Paper Piecing”

Elizabeth was encouraged to try EPP by a friend that mentioned it was a new method for piecing to try. Elizabeth is inspired by her travels and interesting finds along her journey.

The first project we learned was traditional hexagon EPP using a basting stitch. An awesome trick Elizabeth shared to begin was utilizing a hole punched in the center of the hexagon to secure the fabric with a pin (versus glue). We began the process to make a flower piece using a light hexagon for the center and dark hexagons to fill out the flower petals. Elizabeth explained how the stitches are long basting stitches and then the stitches to combine hexagon pieces are small and not through the paper.

Our second project was using a ¼” glue stick (Fons & Porter preferred) to essentially secure the fabric around the pieces. Then the construction to secure the pieces together is the same, small stitches. Elizabeth cautioned not to use too much glue on the edge of the pieces as it makes it challenging to get the needle to go through the pieces when securing them together. We were cautioned NOT to trim dog-ear pieces as we're constructing petals/pieces. Trimming leaves the raw edges exposed on your project.



Break

Guild Business

Block Lotto – Elizabeth (in Simone’s absence)

The new Block Lotto was unveiled for this month called ‘Drunkish’. She would like it to be in 3 analogous colors – blue/blue green/green. The drawing was also conducted for those that presented blocks for Tri-ball.

Raffles – Judy (in Pat’s absence)

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

Programs – Becky

Special thanks to Elizabeth for her wonderful workshop today.

Next month is our guild challenge “Urban”. Quilts are to be no larger than 24" in either dimension (w or l). The blue color swatch that was distributed needs to be included in the project in some manner. Linda Rasmussen will be curating the event again. We love her feedback and constructive advice about our work. If you don’t want yours included, you can opt out of that part of the challenge.

Sit-and-Sew is April 18th 10am to 4pm at Quilter’s Cocoon in Riverside. There is a \$5 fee payable at the event. Becky shared that the owner of Quilter’s Cocoon recently visited Hoffman Fabrics and she will be getting lots of new fabric in the shop.

May’s guild program will be with Laura Green about quilt binding. She will share various binding techniques that she’s learned over the years, many from Helen Frost.

Membership – Judy

We have three new members, Welcome! We also have four visitors joining us today!

Announcements – All

March 28-29 quilt show hosted by the Glendale Guild.

Show & Share – All

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer G. Adams

Secretary