



IEMQG General Meeting Minutes June 13, 2020 Via Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Gayle Bennett, President.

Welcome – Gayle

Gayle thanked everyone for attending our very first Zoom meeting and for our patience as there were some technical difficulties getting started. This June our Guild is celebrating our 4th year of existence, however, this “Birthday” meeting was not at all what we all had in mind a few months ago. It is very nice to “see” everyone again! Moving forward we are not sure what the future will be like but perhaps we can continue with this Zoom meeting format.

Zoom Tutorial - Laura

Laura Greene gave some tips and a quick run through of some of the Zoom functions and features.

Program: Urban Challenge - Laura

Thanks to everyone who entered our 2020 IEMQG Urban Mini Quilt Challenge. The following members submitted and spoke about their wonderful “Urban” quilts:

Gayle, Elizabeth, Cassandra, Ruthann, Debi, Laura, Lynn, Pat, Helen, Jan, Patti, Melody, Marsha and Janet. Note: Unfortunately, Janet’s quilt was not presented, but you can see it on our blog.

Guild Board Choice Winner was Pat Klassen and the *Participation Winner* (random drawing) was Laura Greene.

After the Urban Challenge quilts were shown, Laura talked about the MQG’s Modern Monthly newsletter. For May, there was a block that caught her eye, Strawberry Wild Block by Sara Flynn, a member of the Portland MQG. Laura presented the blocks she made and gave five very helpful tips:

- Download the pattern pages 6-13
- Parallel sides for drunkard’s path
- Don’t stretch the fabric (pre-starching helps)
- Square up your blocks to 6.5” or they won’t fit together properly
- Match seams

Let’s make some blocks and show them off on our Facebook and Instagram sites. Please use the MQG as a resource as it’s included in your Guild membership. We can’t wait to see what you create!



Guild Business & Announcements:

Opportunity Quilt Reveal – Gayle/Cat

Cat revealed the Guild's first ever Opportunity Quilt! She designed and quilted it and made it with the help of Guild members, and it is STUNNING. Her inspiration was from a pattern called Shattered but she deviated from the pattern to make it suit her own vision. It features blurred lines with color change. She and Pat spent over 20 hours in order to perfect the layout. Members contributed by sewing hundreds of HSTs and also help with piecing. The back is also very beautiful and noteworthy. The Opportunity Quilt needs to be bound and Gayle will take on that task.

At this time, we are optimistic to start selling raffle tickets beginning in 2021. Stay tuned for more information!

Charity - Gayle

Cat is collecting charity quilts for San Bernardino County CPS. They are very appreciative of our donations thus far, and are happy to receive more. If you have charity quilts please contact Gayle if you want to arrange to drop them off or we also have Guild members willing to pick up! We have people in various locations convenient to most of us. We have run out of batting, but Gayle is waiting to hear back from Quilter's Dream to order some more and you will be advised when batting is again available.

Retreat - Gayle

Gayle has not received any recent feedback from Tina regarding our November retreat at Vina de Lestonnac. We will update you at our next meeting or via social media as soon as we hear back. We have 4 more openings for the retreat.

Communication - Elizabeth

All but 10 members have signed up for blog posts. If you have any issues or questions, please contact Elizabeth.

Membership - Judy

32 members in attendance

2 new members: Debbi LoCicero and Kathleen Herring

2 guests: Nancy Wilhelm and Anny Schomberg

Show & Share – All

A variety of beautiful modern quilts were shared by Pat, Debbi, Lynn, Laura and Ginger.

Announcements

As Flag Day is tomorrow and the Fourth of July is coming up, please share your patriotic quilts with us. They can be red, white or blue or any combination thereof. For information on submitting, please see the blog.



Would you like us to have another Zoom meeting? If so, we'd love to hear your feedback! Feel free to contact us at jemodernquiltguild@gmail.com.

We will keep you posted on our upcoming programs. And **THANK YOU** for putting up with our technical glitches and for your chat comments on how we can improve (less screen sharing!!!).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Brekke
Secretary