



IEMQG General Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Gayle Bennett, President, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Twenty-seven participants logged on to join the meeting.

Program – My Best Binding by Laura Greene

Laura shared slides as she presented lots of information about bindings.

The first tip is “Don’t assume your quilt is square.” Use a square ruler, flat surface, and rotary cutter to make sure your quilt is a true rectangle. Measure through the center and use that measurement to get the edges squared.

Prepare the Binding tips:

Measure the perimeter and add 12 inches to the length. Press, do not iron, the fabric before you cut it. For the strongest binding, cut on the bias. If you are using the straight grain, cut across the width of the fabric and join pieces, rather than the length of the grain. This results in a stronger binding. Use 4-6 post-it notes under the ruler to make an edge to line up the fabric for straight cuts.

Laura discussed mitered corners, continuous binding, bias binding, mock flange binding, hand sewing, and back facing. She shared tips about each binding type; but, recommends finding YouTube videos to step out the process for the one you want to try. Resources Laura mentioned include: Kimberbel Designs for striped bias grain binding, Joe Cunningham for back facing, IEMQG member, Elizabeth Eastmond for great facing tutorial, Brenda Gael Smith for creating the binding first then attaching it to the quilt.

Laura prepared a handout which will be available for download. Find it on the IEMQG website.

Guild Business

The Wild Strawberry Block deadline has been extended to next month. Create one for Show-and-Share.

Laura has lots of charity quilt kits ready for you to sew. They all have fabric for the front and back, a pattern or directions, sometimes a book, or you can use your own pattern. Please call or text Laura and she will arrange to get you the materials. Her phone number is (909) 684-9788.

The attendance raffle fat quarters will be sent in the mail to the lucky winner.



Show & Share – All

A variety of beautiful wild strawberry blocks and quilts were shared by the membership.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Zoom, September 5, 2020, at 2 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Hanna
Secretary