

Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild

Guild Meeting May 25, 2021 virtually

MINUTES

Members Present: (36) Jane Austin, Jo Anne Bair, Vicky Bedell, Joyce Bingeman, Rosalind Carr, Judy Crockett, Mary Dittenber, Deb Ebke, Rhonda Eddy, Carolyn Garner, Nancy Goff, Sheila Green, Tammy Hensley, Phyllis Higley, Kate Honeyman, Colleen James, Kristie Jarchow, Sara Kenny, Tanna Kinnaman, Bonnie Kucera, Jeni Ehlers, Sarah Maseth, Jennifer McKitrick, Tom Meyer, Pat Modrell, Charrye Olberding, Janeese Olsson, Albie Osborn, June Pederson, Elisa Salas, Zita Schneider, Mary Sedlak, Liz Thanel, Martha Turner, Jennifer VanDyke, Diane Wilson, Lora Yardley. **Guest:** Irene Roderick

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Co-Presidents, Mary Dittenber and Jeni Ehlers.

Announcements:

- Our May 15 Sew Day was in-person at the IQM. Future Sew Days will be the second Saturday of odd months.
- Guild meetings will now resume in person at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the International Quilt Museum.
- Threads Across Nebraska, the Nebraska State Quilt Guild annual show will be October 7 and 8 in Kearney. LMQG has been given permission to display up to 14 of our Cindy Grisdela challenge quilts. Only one per quilter can be submitted. Members are encouraged to participate by completing their own before the end of August.
- LMQG has been given permission to auction our coral and cream TOM quilt but must have a member on site with the quilt for the duration of the show. Volunteers are needed.
- LMQG Retreat: Mary asked for volunteers. Sara Kenny suggested the newly renovated Joy Holling center. Sara volunteered to assist with the retreat.
- June 29 Guild Meeting: Bias Part 2 Technique Demonstration, Members are encouraged to bring their TOM blocks; there will be a special raffle.
- Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival: June 17-19, in Olathe, Kansas at the Overland Park Convention Center. Information at <https://kcrqf.com/festival-info/>

Speaker: Irene Roderick

Irene spoke about her improv technique. Her influencers were Gwen Marston, Nancy Crow, Joe Cunningham, Sherri Lynn Wood, Maria Shell and others. She began with oil paints and needlepoint design, furniture painting and murals becoming a non-traditional student earning her MFA at age 51.

She lives in a tiny house and shared photos of the home and her work area. She began quilting with traditional quilts, learning traditional techniques. She attended her first QuiltCon and fell in love with modern quilting, determined to submit an entry at the following year's show, which she did. She saw Fredrick Hundertwasser's work and fell into improv, finding the free expression that she didn't find in painting.

She learned to dye fabric, generally dying what she needs for her quilts. She listens to rock & roll as she works. During her slide show she shared how she began her Dancing With the Wall series. Her quilt "Mr. Bojangles," part of the series, was purchased by the International Quilt Museum.

Seeking to show motion and movement in her work, she told the group she doesn't plan, preferring to let the design develop and works from the center out. Irene said it was important to keep learning, keep gathering new tools and techniques and keep pushing your process.

She shared a number of quilts made with set-in, very narrow lines and curves that were fascinating. Answering a question, she said she marks her lines with chalk, then creates them in fabric and has a class on-line. She now makes sketches using an app called Procreate, an Apple product.

Irene shared slides of dozens of quilts and answered questions, providing her contact information: hixsonir@utexas.edu The program was very well received.

Additional announcements:

Sheila Green shared that on June 4 at the IQM First Friday event there will be a 5:30 program presenting the giant mask quilt. Admission is free and the event runs from 4:00 through 7:00 p.m. At noon on June 5, a similar presentation will be made of second mask quilt at the Nebraska History Museum. Following these presentations, there will be a story by Cindy Lange Kubick in the Lincoln Journal Star. Elisa thanked Sheila for her outstanding work with the Covid Sewists over these many months.

Show and Tell:

Those participating were: Bonnie Kucera, Colleen and Brooke James, Martha Turner, Elisa Salas, Rhonda Eddy and Tom Meyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 29, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the IQM.

Respectfully submitted,

June Pederson, Secretary