

LAMQG May Meeting Minutes

5/9/22

25 members in attendance + Emily

Greg- Welcome back! Dena introduced visitor Erika.

Emily Watts

- Never given a trunk show before but she has been to lots!
- Has a ton to share tonight.
- Will share some wisdom with each of the quilts
- Mom of 2, animator
- Animation informs her aesthetic style
- Started quilting when her first child was born. Taught herself to quilt (with the help of youtube)
- First quilt- didn't know that you could quilt any way you want, didn't realize bias tape would create a finished edge so made it more difficult than it should have been, she did many things differently than she would today
- Then she went through her educational process with mostly quilt kits. Didn't realize you had to cut the fabric yourself so she started out hand cutting with a metal measuring tape, no rulers, no cutting mats.
- 3rd quilt- she had some more tools, learned how to quilt angles/points
- Tried to limit herself to learning one new thing per quilt because it was overwhelming all the things she wanted to learning
- Worked on curves and then got the Jacquie G book and learned how to do more interesting quilting
- Got a bit sick of quilting at this point. Precision was paralyzing. She would get over focused on mistakes and had a lot of WIPs. Pattern testing & obligation sewing brought her down. Lost the joy. So she decided she'd find a new hobby.
- Husband helped her remember the joy in her first quilt, her "garbage quilt" and she rethought what she wanted to create.
- She forced herself to glue baste shapes on the background (she had to mess up the page) and didn't want to second guess everything. She found the joy again (Lucy with the big bow).
- She drew a line around her think for her broken charm bracelet.
- So her next few quilts were focused on different ideas but the same process. House plants, baby doll bows & dresses, donuts, poptarts, 500 Days of Summer movie (fantasy vs. reality- throwing a drink at someone)
- "Things I like" is a cohesive brand- that wisdom helped her stop focusing on the meta. Make things you like!
- Keep the thing you like best for yourself, make the thing you like 2nd best your job.
- When she lays down the lines of the bias tape, she feels the dao/ the flow, what makes her happy and meditates from there.
- When you are born, you have these red threads growing from your heart that will connect to the people you love, they may be short or long, near or far but will remain unbroken.

- Uses the clover fusible black pre-made bias tape

Greg went over some upcoming events, social sews, etc.

International Quilt Festival call for submissions

Retreat- Maureen went over pricing and we will be opening up registration soon. We will create a lottery if we have more than the available 22 spaces.

y's class is next Saturday May 14 at the school in Burbank, doors will open at 9:30 to set up.

Voted on moving elections to July or Aug. Asked for volunteers for the election committee.

Ongoing color & anniversary challenges

Show & tell

Ann H. gave a Miriam's House update.