

9-17-2020

Cotton Boll Quilt Guild Zoom Meeting Minutes

Meeting was orchestrated by Cory Unruh and participants started trickling in around 6:20.

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

Participants:

Beth Helfter - Guest speaker	Cathy McVay	Flavin Glover
Beth Anderson	Harriet Haughton	Deborah Fillmer
Cory Unruh	Becky Berry	Judy Morgan
Shirley Reed	Carol Bradshaw	Virginia Bentley
Cindy Reinke	Linda Hayes	Ruth Cope
Debbie Reesman	Kim Scarborough	Brenda Gerbec
Teresa Bookwalter	Mary Ann Hampton	Irene Nelson
Judy W.	Lola Newman	Michelle Kloeti
Sandy Johnson	Jenny Head	Doretha Smith

Introduction of Speaker - At 6:35, our guest speaker was introduced - Beth Helfter from Pepperell, Massachusetts. Beth Helfter is a quilt designer and national teacher who loves scrappy, bold color, unique design, and focusing on the fun rather than the fuss of quilting. She's known for her inspired designs and relaxed attitude.

The focus of her presentation was on accordion sewn half square triangles. She came up with the idea when making half square triangles. She didn't want any fabric next to its own. She asked herself, "Can I make HSTs that don't have a match?" She demonstrated how this can be done. Instead of using two squares of fabric and sewing on both sides of drawn diagonal, she makes an "accordion" of sorts with the squares.

Instead of drawing the diagonal on the back of each square, she uses a sewing guide sticker on her sewing machine (clearly perfect angles by Kari Carr). While I would love to write the whole procedure, it wouldn't be as effective as if you were to watch her in person.

She has an Accordion Lesson Sheet available online. In addition, there is a video on YouTube. On her webpage(evapaigequilts.com) are other resources and mini sessions to learn her accordion half square triangle technique.

After her presentation, she opened the floor to receive questions. After questions were answered, meeting came to a close at 7:44 pm. Goodbyes were said.



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Minutes respectfully submitted by Irene Nelson

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