

## Minutes of the August 21, 2020 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

A virtual meeting of the Beachplum Quilters Guild was held on August 21, 2020. The Zoom Meeting was hosted by Laurie S.

The meeting began at 6:31 PM with 23 attendees. A 24th attendee joined towards the end of the meeting

President Dona S. asked for a show of hands to approve the minutes of the July meeting which were emailed to members and posted on the Beachplum Website. With a show of hands the minutes were approved.

Dona S. informed everyone that there's approximately \$7,000 in our banking accounts and insurance will have to be paid. She has authorized Treasurer Debbie P. to transfer monies between accounts so that we will not be paying fees on the checking account due to low balance. She wanted to remind everyone it's time to pay the dues and that will be our only source of revenue so please send the dues in.

Dona spoke of a new raffle quilt and she had been questioned if raffle tickets could be sold online. She checked with the County Clerk in Toms River and it was an emphatic no. State regulations will not allow raffle ticket sales online. The next Raffle quilt will probably be produced for the 2022 show.

The question of last month as to where to bring charity quilts that are finished and ready for donation was answered. They can be brought to Crafty Fabrics or you can notify Dona S. and she can pick them up. Barbara E. and Pat T. have let Dona know that some organizations are not accepting quilts at this time. Quilts for Kids is accepting quilts but they would prefer comfort size, not full size quilts. Hope House is collecting donations but on a monthly basis they're using "themes" and this month's theme is 'back to school'. That would be school supplies, backpacks, etc. The theme next month is 'baby shower' so small baby quilts would be quite appropriate for donations in September.

The Toms River Presbyterian Church is still not allowing outside groups in because we cannot maintain social distancing with the size of our group. When we will meet again in person is an unknown.

Dona reminded everyone that she needs to know if you have Guild assets in your possession and where they are located in case of a persons untimely demise. She has a spreadsheet that the information is on and her daughter knows to look for that spreadsheet if anything happens to Dona. Any information regarding your possession of assets will be entered on Dona's spreadsheet also.

Dona asked about the virtual quilt show and wanted to know peoples experiences with the virtual quilt show:

- Erma H. said that she went into the Mancuso show and 'wandered around' but she did not take any classes. She took advantage of the online format and took two days to enjoy the show and take her time. There was no price and she did not pay to enter but at the bottom of the site there was a suggested donation and that's what she paid.

- Laurie S. paid eight dollars to enter but she was disappointed that it was not a regular show. At first she had a hard time with maneuvering but she did like the way it was set up with the video and the story card and she liked the fact that she could take screen captures of quilts if she liked the images. But she still felt the experience was not the same as a regular quilt show.

- Toni G. could not get on to the show site, she could not get past the entry screen it said that she had to pay or she could not login.

Dona S. discussed BPQ having a virtual show and there's two big cons to that-- One: the show still need to be hung which means we need to get a venue and pay for that and go through the work of hanging the quilts and Two: then we need to pay for someone to photograph the virtual tour and those would be two big expenses that would be hard to recoup.

The Beach Plum Festival at Island Beach State Park in September has been canceled.

Richard L. contacted Dona and he had gotten a request for two charity quilts for Covid patients. He was sent labels so he could label the quilts and he sent them out.

• **Block of the Month:** Dixie M. and Marcia G. had 16 blocks turned in for the 'Fruit Salad' blocks. Barbara L. won the fruit quilt blocks. Dixie pointed out it is good to know that a block was mailed to her and it only took one stamp. So if a quilt square is folded nicely it can be mailed to her in a regular envelope with one stamp.

Marcia has quilted 45 quilts so far this year for charity, plus she has four more to go! Dona S. thanked Marcia for her work and said the work is absolutely beautiful.

• **Charity Quilts:** Barbara E. said there are more charity fabric at Crafty Fabrics if you want to go pick some up. Dina N. said that Crafty Fabric is very close to her place of employment and if someone has trouble getting

there she would be happy to drop something off or pick something up, get in touch with her if someone needs help with getting there and picking up items.

Dona S. again reminded everyone that the dues are \$30 and they should be mailed to Jackie Pearce. Jackie's address is in the membership directory and it is also on the membership form on our website.

Erma H. says at this point only three quilts have been withdrawn from the quilt show as they are no longer available to display. The way it works is we will skip the numbers and not rearrange the numbering.

• **Programs:** Laurie S. spoke about the programs and our October speaker Jody Beck. Jody will do a Zoom trunk show and is willing to do a Zoom workshop the next day. (Her originally planned Friday Night presentation 'Planning a Quilt from A to Z' could not be done virtually.) Jody was going to get a sample created for the workshop item and get it to Laurie but she has not done that yet. The workshop would be four hours to work on the kit and then two hours on your own stuff if we wanted to add the those two hours. The workshop item is a panel with border but Jody has a different technique where she makes the border first. We need to figure out how we're going to do a zoom workshop and IF we are going to do it. The sign-up sheet will have to be in an email and you'll have to let Dona S. know you're interested. Jodie's website is <[www.jodysjemsquilting.com](http://www.jodysjemsquilting.com)>, you can look to see her bold and beautiful pattern, that is what we'll be making.

Mary P. asked how much the October Workshop would cost. Normally the BPQ fee is \$25 plus the kit fee from Jody Beck. The pattern is 'Bold and Beautiful' the kit is \$21 plus \$10 dollars for the pattern for a total of \$31. BPQ will probably bypass the normal \$25 dollars they charge for workshops because we are not renting a building. If we do workshop Laurie will get sent the kits and she'll distribute them to all the participants. Jody is requesting that there be a minimum of 10 people in the workshop and 20 people maximum. Jody's Friday Night lecture fee is \$225 dollars which would be paid for by the Guild, and then the four hour workshop from 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday would be \$350. If we want to go to the six hour workshop the costs would go up but the general consensus was that six hours would be too long for a Zoom meeting. Laurie S. said that she did do the Cherrywood Fabric workshop virtually and six hours IS a long time to do the work on the computer and do the workshop work too.

Laurie S. said the fee for the lecture is reasonable and Jody is honoring her price from when she booked the lecture two years ago. There will be no hotel costs so we will not have to cover that. There is no discount for the virtual class Jody has checked around and that is not being done.

We need to get more information so we can nail down whether or not the Saturday virtual workshop is in our best interest. Dona S said her general feeling was Friday night the zoom trunk show would be good but the Saturday workshop probably not.

Dona S. is planning an executive board meeting, it will be held at Lori S's house and we must be Covid compliant with masks and social distancing. At that time we can decide whether we will have the workshop in October.

• **Show and Tell:** Emilie L. had a Little Paws Wall hanging for the lobby of a new building of an animal shelter she works with and a scrappy quilt with 256-2 ½ inch squares. Barbara L. had a pink squares quilt made for her granddaughter.

Erma H. had fabric from her trip to Alaska 15 years ago. The quilt she made was Bears and themes from Alaska and cabins on the back. She also made the same quilt for her grandson and someday they will get to go to Alaska together, they were supposed to this summer.

Toni G. made a tote bag out marine vinyl, working with her embroidery machine for the motif. She plans to donate to the shelter she works with.

Laurie S. had four things to show: A charity quilt that was blue and rose florals, all the fabrics came from the charity box, she had her Cherrywood Challenge mini quilt that was the project in the virtual class and she had a stepping up quilt. She also had a baby quilt which was a UFO that she finished and Diane at Crafty Fabrics gave her hand on.

Ginger C. had a floral block of the month and decided to do it as a quilt as you go. She found out her grandniece is having a baby girl so it's perfect for the baby. She also made a scrappy stuffed Dachshund. Her cousin's son is getting married and the bride's color is Tiffany blue, and although it's hard to buy fabric on the Internet she found some beautiful sea blocks in Tiffany blue fabric and made a quilt with a matching pillowcase.

Janet P. had a table topper that was English paper pieced and will be hand quilted in the center section.

Sophie K. made the AQS Moravian Star and she is working on the 'Afternoon Delight' AQS block of the month.

Barbara E. had two large quilts, an Aztec pattern quilt and an Astronomy Fabric quilt. She also a little minky dog and carrier and found that working with the minky is very hard-- it's slippery and it's hard to see the notches!

Sherry M. had a snowflake quilt which was a block of the week.

Terry P. had what she's referring to as her 'disaster quilt', she started two months before Hurricane Sandy but had to put it away, then she couldn't find it. With time on her hands because of Corona she was cleaning things out and what she thought was the pile of black fabric was this quilt! So what started in the time of Sandy is going to finish in the time of Corona.

Ann B. had a 'Mugs' quilt sewn on her featherweight which she hadn't used in 15 years. She also had two charity quilts that are baby quilts, made from her stash with a pattern that was a Facebook stay-at-home class.

Marcia G. had a table runner from a workshop with Judy Niemeyer, it was paper piecing and once she got the hang of it she liked it.

Debbie P. is making a quilt for her nephew's seven year old son that has construction truck vehicles that'll be appliquéd on.

Dona S. had a charity quilt quilted with feathers by Marcia G. She also had a quilt that she made a lot of railfence blocks out of pieces that were 1.5 x 3.5 strips. After putting it together and taking it apart many times she finally got to the point where it is what it is.

Dona S. asked if there was any other questions, everyone was good and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna DeAngelis  
Recording Secretary