



# the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER

The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore



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## President's Message

We had a great meeting in October. Jessica Skultety's program was terrific and showcased a different style of quilt, which I'm willing to try. How about you? Modern looking, graphic, bold new colors, negative spaces, slice and insert whatever your heart desires - same rules, more freedom to design. Think outside your box! Attendance was at 44 returning members, one new member, and two guests, totaling 47. Our Member Roster now totals 72 members! Fantastic, our numbers are growing....

The Block of the Month House Blocks from last month were three dimensional! Complete your next block, November house, and bring it in for show and tell to our November meeting. Food Bank donations were gratefully accepted by the church. Toiletries, baby diapers, and protein foods are always welcome.

Our next program is the Make It N Take It Ornament. Come prepared with pattern from our website (in free patterns section), and cut and folded pieces, sequin pins and whatever else is needed. It should be a lot of fun.

Our birthday wishes for November go to the following members: Susan Balfe, Patti Bomenblit, Mary Pabst, Dona Spencer, & Genny V.

Boy, I'm tired of housework, Let me sew already!!!!  
By the way, is it Thanksgiving already? Oh my goodness, time flies, enjoy Turkey Day.

Laurie v.S.

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## Meetings/Events Calendar 2016- 2017

- Sep 16—Pizza Party, and Big Show & Tell
  - Oct 21— Jessica Skultety, "Modern Quilting"
  - Nov 18—Make 'N Take It
  - Dec 16—Holiday Pot Luck Dinner , Morgan Spencer (My Grove), Ugly Fabric Dare
  - Jan 20, 2017—QUILTO
  - Feb 17—One Woman Show by Connie S.
  - Mar 17—Beachplum Round Robin
  - Apr 21—TBA
  - May 19—"Fabric Calls My Name" by Maria Sendzik
  - May 20—Patternless Stack and Whack
  - Jun 16—Installation Pot Luck Dinner, Group Photo
- Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

### Minutes of October 21, 2016 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Laurie S.

**Quilt Block Attendance Card**- Tennessee block from Facts.co and Quilterscache.com

A Motion to approve Minutes from last month, made by Kathleen C., 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris L.- Approved

**Treasurers Report** - Presented by Ann B. Beginning Balance \$14,471.60; Total Receipts \$352 (income from craft sales); Total Expenses \$411.64; Ending Balance \$14,411.96 Motion to accept: Mary P., 2<sup>nd</sup> - Susan H.- Approved unanimously

**Membership Report** – 70 paid members; Directories to be printed and distributed next month

**Programs Report** – Oct- Jessica Skultety “Modern Quilts” filling in for Vickie Mathas; Nov- Make It N Take It- Ornaments- patterns can be downloaded from “free Patterns” section on our website if you did not get them from the e-mail sent out; Dec.- Spencer Morgan from MyGrove.co, Guest Speaker, Ugly Fabric Dare- bring 1 yard of the ugliest fabric you can find & bring scissors; Jan.- QUILTO!; Feb. Connie S. One Woman Show; Mar. Round Robin; April- Under Construction; April Bus Trip-please submit suggestions of itinerary at next month’s meeting; May- Maria Sendzik Guest Speaker w/ Workshop on the next day, 5/20/17- Stack N Whack; June- Pot Luck Dinner

**Charity Quilts Report** – Marge absent – Debbie P. collecting quilts

**Block of the Month** – going well

**Raffle Quilt** – See sign-up sheets for the workshops: Nov 5<sup>th</sup> & Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Applique technique, 10 am – 2 pm; Jan 7<sup>th</sup> & Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Paper Piecing technique 10 am – 2 pm. “The Last Rose of Indian Summer”

**2018 Quilt Show Report** – Kathleen C. spoke to Nancy at Elks Lodge & booked it for April 2018 with a contract to be signed next year. A Chair Person list was started

**President’s Report** – Laurie S. reported on Jersey Shore Makerfest, a show to attract people to crafts; we will have a table again next year to demonstrate sewing & quilting to students & the general public  
Suggestion – have a category for young people to enter items in our next quilt show – Marcia G.  
Discussion – Networking needed to reach younger people

7:10 PM – **Program Speaker, Jessica Skultety, “Modern Quilts”**, President of Central Jersey Modern Quilt Guild, is from Phillipsburg, NJ. She is a blogger, teacher, quilter, & lecturer. She teaches at the Mid Atlantic Mod Quilting Retreat in Lancaster, PA, Pennington Quilt Works, as well as traveling to Quilt Guilds giving lectures and workshops. She originated [www.quiltyhabit.com](http://www.quiltyhabit.com) – blog & The Wonky Press. She learned to quilt on the Internet at age 20. The Modern Quilting Movement was formed at least 10 years ago, but it took off around 2009, when younger quilters, who were inspired by modern art with graphic patterns and bold colors, started blogging about quilting in a new style. The quilts are meant to be functional as well as artistic, and are just as difficult to create as traditional patterns. Modern Quilt Guilds are now all over the world, having spread by Instagram, Flickr, and other social media sites.

Techniques incorporate a minimalistic look with negative spaces, where a patterned block might have been taken out of the line-up. Think Alternative Gridwork by taking out certain traditional blocks and adding negative space. Use of a design wall is essential to free up your mind and avoid ripping out. Improvisational cutting of blocks is another technique without using a pattern, so you slice and insert pieces of solid fabrics or shot cottons for a bold visual statement. Adding low volume prints, black, or gray neutral colors around the center, improvisational block, leads to the negative space in the background. Jessica uses a Janome Memorycraft (10” throat space) to quilt her large pieces, marking with a Hera tool or a chalk pen. She showed 30 or so quilts made over the past 6 years.

She has a list of modern quilters’ websites on her website, including her favorite teacher, Jacquie Gering, [www.tallgrassprairiestudio.com](http://www.tallgrassprairiestudio.com).

8:15 PM – **Door Prizes** went to: Janet P., Sherry B., & Rita R.

**Show N Tell** – Many lovely quilts were showcased by our members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

## Show & Tell October 2016

- Barbara L—Baby quilt and red/white/blue quilt
- Lorraine H—Holiday items
- Cathy S—Holiday wallhanging
- Marlene S—Carpenter star
- Janet P—Two charity quilts
- Chris L—Four patch frenzy
- Connie S—Tree skirt, dinosaur quilt
- Laurie S—Wall hanging: under the sea
- Marcia G—Mug rug, pink and grey Jacob's Ladder baby quilt, blue Hawaii
- Shirley M—Charity lap quilt for Mary Lou G's foster granddaughter
- Pat McC—Charity quilts (baby and lap), baby quilt with cows for new granddaughter
- Sophie K—Table cover with pumpkins
- Pat L—Allaire quilt, bee quilt top, charity quilt top
- Joyce W—Applique for small quilt auction
- Pamela G—Twin bed quilt by daughter and granddaughter with batiks and pattern from Pennington Quiltworks. Quilted by Rosemary Bank
- Pru P—wall hanging: button down zigzag
- Dona S—Yo-yo quilt



Show & Tell October 2016 (cont.)

Marlene



Chris



Shirley



Pamela



Marcia



Connie



Pru



Sophie



Laurie



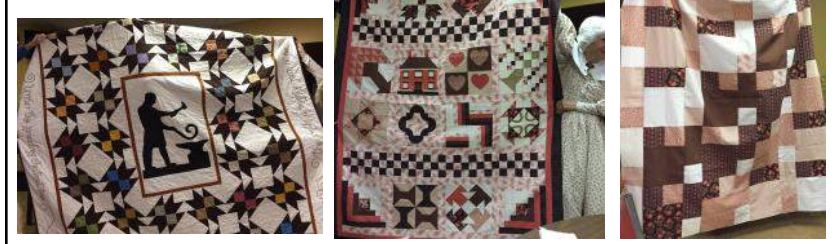
Joyce



Dona



Pat L



Janet



Pat McC



# PROGRAMS

November 18 - Our Make-N-Take will be quilted Christmas ornaments. I will bring samples to the September meeting, include a Star and Pine Cone ornament. They are very lovely and fabric prep work will be necessary prior to the meeting in November. These would make great Christmas gifts or could be used to adorn a special gift.

December 16 - Our Holiday Pot Luck Dinner. In addition, Morgan Spencer from My Grove will join us. AND look forward to the Ugly Fabric Dare

January 20 - Yea! for Quilto, quilters' favorite game! And let's not forget the great prizes.

February 17 - We will have a lecture by our very own, Connie S. She will perform a "One Woman Show" as she narrates, as well as, acts out true stories of our foremothers, and their quilts from colonial times to the present. This sounds absolutely wonderful.

March 17 - Beachplum Round Robin. Following our meeting we will break up into several stations with our Members demonstrating their various techniques. This was done at our Quilt Show and was very successful.

April 21 - Under construction. To be announced.

April - Bus Trip. Details to be announced.

May 19 - Lecture given by Maria Sendzik entitled "Fabric Calls My Name". To make a quilt "sing" she will demonstrate proper fabric choices when applied to Stack-N-Whack, One Block Wonders and Bargello. The following Saturday, May 20th, Maria will present a pattern-less Stack-N-Whack workshop.

June 16 - We will have our summer farewell pot luck dinner and installation of officers.

We will be needing volunteers for our March meeting. Do you have a specific technique that you would like to demonstrate? **Just say yes, it really is that easy.** I'll be the first to volunteer, by demonstrating various binding techniques. **Now it's your turn!**

Submitted by Gloria Squicciarini



### First Saturday Workshops—Update

Hi BPQ Members!!

Dona and I hope you are enjoying Autumn and are ready to help make a gorgeous 2018 Raffle Quilt called The Last Rose of Indian Summer. Our initial First Saturday Workshop was November 5 and our next is December 3, continuing with appliqué. We hope you are more comfortable (and feel the it's not the "A" word-- that's a joke) and confident with the different methods you have been exposed to. Quilting is supposed to be relaxing-- right??

Next we start on January 7, 2017 with paper piecing. We need your help this time. Please bring some dark colored fabric: two fat quarters -- 1 of 2 different colors. We will provide white fabric. That would be a big help!!

Then the following month-- February 4, 2017--we will continue working on paper piecing, finishing up that section.

We will have evaluation papers at the end of each session for feedback.

Pamela G



## Block of the Month—October



## Classifieds

Long arm quilting services - custom, semi-custom, and all over designs available. Every quilt or project will be given individual attention to highlight the design and shine! Call or email for additional information. Kristin Alfano 317-902-2034 or [kalfano@mail.com](mailto:kalfano@mail.com)

Jim Shore nativity in the original packaging. All the figures are wearing quilt motifs. \$50. Call Connie Safran at 732-458-1815.



Jim Shore Santa and snowman. \$10 each. Please call Connie Safran at 732-458-1815



HQ Fusion Longarm machine with 12' HQ Fusion Frame, stitch regulator and HQ bobbin winder. Four years old, in good working order. Moving. Must sell. Asking \$8,000 but negotiable. Contact Shirley at 732-600-5338.

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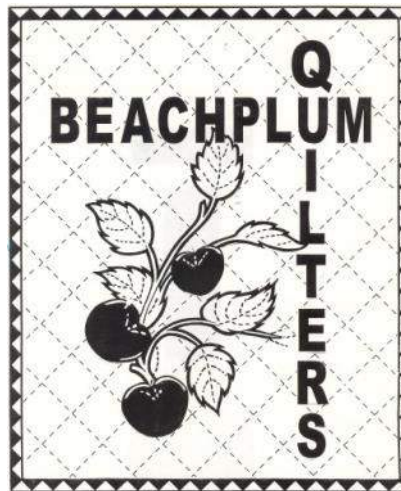
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of  
each month September through June at  
the Presbyterian Church of Toms River,  
1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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**Block of the Month**

Mary Lou Gilbert

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**Door Prizes**

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**Show & Tell**

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**2017 Event**

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**2018 Quilt Show**

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**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

**December 4, 2016**

E-Mail your news using Arial font to

**[Marcia\\_guza@yahoo.com](mailto:Marcia_guza@yahoo.com)**

**NOVEMBER MEETING  
REFRESHMENTS**



Coffee and tea will be provided.  
Otherwise, bring your own beverage.

Assignments for refreshments are as follows:

A through E—please bring a dessert, fruit dish or  
nosh.

Everyone else can participate if desired. Please  
remember to bring your coffee mug, plate, utensils,  
etc., and to clean up your own dishes after  
the meeting.

**NEXT MTG CHECKLIST**

- Name tag and a welcome smile for guests
- Block of the Month
- Coffee mug, plate
- Show & Tell
- Assigned refreshments
- **Donations of items for the food pantry**

**2017 Special Event-Bus Trip  
April, Date TBA**

**Next BPQ Quilt Show  
Date: April 14-15, 2018**