

the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore



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President's Message

Happy Fall! Now that the weather is turning cooler... my thoughts turn more and more to my quilting. I just finished this small fall wall hanging.



I hope you are all thinking about the Quilt Show and what project (or projects) you would like to enter. Now is the time to get your hands busy! You can find information about the judged categories on our website. Click on "2016 Quilt Show" on the left hand side of the page. There you will find a PDF file on quilt registration and show categories.

Also, do not forget about the Quilt Show Challenge...that is another way you can participate in the show and have your work on display.

Every quilt has a story and the quilt show is such a nice opportunity to have our members display their beautiful talents with their quilts. The show is a time for our guild to shine. I look forward to seeing your amazing quilts!



happy quilting,
jackie

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2015- 2016

- Sep 18—Pizza Party, Caregivers Presentation and Big Show & Tell
- Oct 16— Ellie Greco, quilt and textile historian
- Nov 20—Make It & Take It
- Dec 18—Holiday Dinner Ugly Sweater Contest
- Jan 15, 2015—QUILTO
- Feb 19—Trunk Show by Linda Felton
- Mar 18—TBA
- Apr 9-10—BPQ Quilt Show
- May 20—TBA
- Jun 17—Installation Dinner

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

Minutes of September 18, 2015 Meeting

Our meeting began with our President, Jackie P. welcoming everyone including new members and visitors along with pizza for all to enjoy. The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of June 2015 were approved.

Our guest speaker was Valerie Johnson Green, from Caregiver. She has 23 yrs. experience with a group of 1,000 volunteers, serving 3,000 Seniors, from Point Pleasant to Bayville. Caregiver also services Alzheimer's patients, with Ms. Green as coordinator.. They offer visits, shopping, transportation, pet therapy just to name a few, and a bi-lingual staff. Their main objective is to keep seniors in their home as long as possible. Ms Green noted that Marlene is associated with a Motor Cycle Ride, portioned for Caregiver. As she states, "People Work From Their Hearts".



Treasurer's Report—presented by Ann B. Beginning checkbook balance of \$7532.47, total receipts of \$868.00, total expenses \$1,886.90, ending checkbook balance \$6513.57. **Proposed Budget** - 2015/2016. A suggestion was made to increase the donation to Toms River Presbyterian Church donation for use of their facility, Motion to add \$100 was carried and approved. The amount of increase will be revisited next year. A letter of appreciation will be sent to church.

Quilt Cards - First sign your name. This will show Attendance & Charity Quilt donations and qualifiers for June prizes. A Charity Quilt can be submitted for missed month.

Quilt Show - April 9th & 10th, 2016. Challenge Quilt kits were given out by Rita and JoAnn @ \$4.00/kit. No entry fee. Entries will be judged at the March meeting along with a place prize for 1st, 2nd & 3rd; all Challenge Quilt entries will be shown at the Quilt Show.

There will be eight Theme Gift Baskets for the Show. At October's meeting members will select themes.

On Sept. 13th the Island Beachplum Festival was a huge success. \$504.00 total sales; including raffle and items made & donated by members. Next show will be Oct 17th, "Harvest Festival", Toms River. Pat asked for additional items, to sell, to draw people to our table.

Due to the efforts of Laurie S, who entered our Show Quilt into the Photo Contest, we won the Cover in Quilt Shop Directory" NE Edition. See sign-up sheets to pre-order @ \$6.95. Jackie acknowledged the photographer, George Tiedemann, who gave of this time and expertise to prepare the Quilt photo with short notice. A special letter of thanks will also be sent out to him.

Charity Quilts - Marge arranged Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 as a Charity Quilt Workshop at the Manasquan United Methodist Church from 10 am to 3 pm. Kits already prepared.

Membership - Marlene collected renewal memberships @ \$30.00 along with updated membership forms . Directory to be printed by October meeting.

Programs - Paula has arranged the following programs: October: "Sun Bonnet Sue" presentation, to be given by Michelle McLaughlin . [*Editor's note: see notice of change later in this newsletter.*] November: a favorite "Make & Take". December: Wear your Ugly Sweatshirt or Sweater along with Potluck supper. January 2016: Quilto. February: Trunk Show presented by Linda F. March: To be announced. April: Quilt Show. May 20, 2016 a presentation by Debbie Kalenty, owner of "Quilters Obsession" followed by a Workshop Saturday, May 21, 2016.

BOM - Kits are available for \$9.00. September BOM winner: Debbie P. and fat quarter winner Sue B.

Show & Tell - Shirley led the presentation of a large variety of quilts by our members.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gloria S.
Recording Secretary

Reminder....At our October 16th meeting we will be collecting any craft/quilted items that you wish to donate for the Toms River Harvest Festival. The festival is the next day, Saturday, October 17th. You can give your items to Dona S.

Show & Tell September 2015

- ◆ Shirley M—Whales baby quilt, tote bag and bib for soon-to-be-born grandson
- ◆ Laurie S—Pumpkin wall hanging, painted and quilted
- ◆ Sharon M—Quilted purse for fall
- ◆ Joyce W—Rail fence from donated fabric and wallhanging from donated fabric from the estate of Barbara B
- ◆ Dona S—Two Pick-up Sticks and pieced star quilt (also a familiar block)
- ◆ Marcia G—Hugs and Kisses quilt made by AAUW Cozy Quilters, comfort quilt for members
- ◆ Rita R—Paper pieced mariner's compass table runner made by Jackie P and purchased at Island Beach Plum Fest
- ◆ Helen C—ABC quilt for use in church nursery
- ◆ Jane S—three charity quilts
- ◆ Sue S—Old quilt reworked
- ◆ Gloria R—charity quilt
- ◆ Pat L—Allaire raffle quilt
- ◆ Barbara E—Barbara B's quilt
- ◆ Pat T—Daughter's quilt



Shirley



Laurie



Sharon



Joyce



Dona

Show & Tell September 2015 (continued)



Marcia



Rita



Helen



Sue



Jane



Gloria



Pat L



Barbara



Pat T

Membership Dues and Directory

Dues are overdue...but of course we are always happy to accept late-payers and new members. Dues is \$30. Make your check out to "Beachplum Quilters". When you pay your dues please complete a membership form so we can update our directory. Forms are available at the meetings or you can download the form on our website if you would like to do your membership by mail (Marlene's address is on the form).

New directories are available for pick-up at the October meeting!

If you did not order a copy of **The Quilt Shop Navigator** (our raffle quilt is pictured on the front cover), you can still do so at the October meeting. The cost is \$7, payable by cash or check. Look for the sign-up sheet at the entry table....see Laurie S. Delivery of the books will be in November.



Programs

October 16, 2015—PROGRAM CHANGE

Michele McLaughlin, who was scheduled to present her "History of the Sunbonnet Sue Pattern" lecture and trunk show on 10/16, will not be with us due to a family medical emergency. Hopefully, all will go well for her and her family, and she'll be able to join us at a later date.

Thankfully, Ellie Greco *will* be with us. Ellie is a quilt and textile historian. Though not a quilter herself, she is a quilt enthusiast who loves to collect and study antique quilts. She will present a lecture and trunk show revolving around a particular period of quilt history. A few BP members attended her presentation at the Waretown library not too long ago, and have given her rave reviews. I'm looking forward to an interesting evening. Hope to see you there!

November 20, 2015—Make it and take it project.—Back by popular demand

December 18, 2015—Potluck Supper and Socializing

Wear your party pants again! And, your ugliest sweater/sweatshirt. Mmm mmm good.

January 15, 2016—QUILTO—Everyone's favorite game (prizes I mean)

Feb. 19, 2016—Trunk Show by Linda Felton

March 18, 2016—Under construction

April 9 & 10—Quilt Show (no April guild meeting)

May 20, 2016—Under construction

November Meeting Project Heavenly Yo-Yo's Make It and Take It

Come and sew a sweet little angel

Guild will provide:

- * Circle templates for each table
- * Angel Body—wood spool, dowel, head of angel, wings



Members should bring:

- * Pencil or some kind of fabric marker to trace circles
- * Fabric cutting scissors
- * Needle and thread
- * Fabric for angel dress—nine different fabrics, the largest piece should be about 11" square (circles will be cut at 10", 9", 8", 7", 6", 5", 4", 3", and 2 1/2")
- * Narrow ribbon to tie on dress (approx. 12")



Quilt Show - April 9-10 2016

Small Quilts Auction

Please remember to make and submit small quilts (maximum size 36") for the Small Quilts Auction to be held at the quilt show. Please contact Liz H if you have any questions.

2016 Beachplum Quilt Show Challenge

You're invited to join the fun and creative journey of our challenge. The challenge will appeal to everyone no matter the skill level or experience. This year's theme will be "**Creative Garden Challenge**".

The most important part of the challenge is to have FUN!

Rita R. and Jo Ann M will have challenge bags available for \$4.00. In the bag is the Challenge Fabric, a white flower picture for your "special" challenge addition, the rules and guidelines. **Please note that the white flower can be small, medium or large, it should be in proportion to the item that you are making.** You can make anything you like (only one entry per Beachplum Guild member), within the parameters of the rules. Deadline to turn in your finished Challenge Quilt is our March, 2016 Meeting. During the meeting the challenge quilts will be voted on and awards/prizes will be presented. The quilts will be displayed at the April 2016 Beachplum show in a special display.



Country Store

The Country Store is open for business, that is for collecting items to sell. Clean out your sewing rooms!!! Bring in items you no longer need or just don't want to use anymore.

The fabric that you know you're not going to use but just keeping pushing aside...any notions, rulers, embellishments, books, magazines, kits or stencils. If you have old cutting mats in somewhat decent condition we will take those also. Bring in those rotary cutters and scissors. We will take quilt tops or blocks that have been packed away that aren't ever going to be used. **We will take all items quilt- and sewing-related.**

The Country Store will not be asking members to make hand crafted items. But, if you do decide on your own to make something, the Country Store will gladly try to sell it. Please provide a price for the item. It is very difficult to put a price on something that someone else has made. The Country Store does not want to over or under price a hand made item. We realize what goes into making something. Also, if you do decide to make something please let the Country Store know whether or not you would like your handmade items back if they do not sell.

You can bring items to the meeting each month, Debbie Perks will be collecting for the Country Store.

Beachplum Fundraising News

On Saturday, Oct. 17th, Beachplum members will sell raffle tickets and small items at the Toms River Harvest Arts Festival which is held on Washington Ave. from 8 am to 5 pm. An announcement will be made at the October 16 meeting if more volunteers are needed.

In early December we plan to do a large Christmas Craft show which permits a raffle quilt. Your suggestions for a venue will be helpful. Pat asks that you check to see if a raffle quilt would be permitted.

We plan to do the Mancuso Somerset Show at the end of February as well. We will ask members to white glove and "woman" our booth. Choose the event which is best for you. We will need about 50 participants to make these sales successful. Let's make a big effort this year and rest next year (there will not be a 2017 raffle quilt).



If you have not already, please pick up your raffle ticket books. See Pat for your tickets at the beginning of each meeting.

From Jacqueline Steves, The Art of Home

This VERY VERY FUNNY story has been making it's way around the interwebs. It's one man's hilarious description of his wife's quilting "habit." It's long but soooo worth the read! An excerpt:

When, some years ago, Gloria told me that she was going to build upon her years of sewing experience, and take up "quilting", I thought she was telling me that she was going to take up a new hobby or a new craft. I was completely oblivious to the fact that what she was really announcing was that she was taking up membership in a tightly knit (if you'll pardon the expression) group of individuals whose loyalty to one another makes motorcycle gang members seem uncommitted, and whose passion for quilting activities makes members of cults look positively disinterested. As is the case with many spouses, I was completely unaware that there existed this parallel universe called quilting... I cannot now identify what was the first clue I detected indicating that Gloria had entered the fabric world equivalent of Harry Potter's Hogwarts. It might have been the appearance of the fabric. Bundles of fabric, mounds of fabric, piles of fabric, towering stacks of fabric.... I have discovered that one of the art forms mastered by quilters is the ability to purchase container loads of fabric, conceal it in the house, and camouflage the purchase so that it slips right under the nose of the unsuspecting spouse. As a loving and obedient spouse, I have on many occasions found myself in quilt stores where I serve two useful functions: I can reach bolts of fabric stored on top shelves; and I can carry numerous bolts of fabric to a cutting table. However, I have also started to listen to what is said in quilting stores, and one day, in a little quilting shop in the heart of Alberta farming country, I heard something that made it clear to me that quilters are so clever and, dare I say, devious, that there is really no sport for them in fooling us naive husbands. Gloria had decided to buy some fabric... and had gone to the till to pay for it. Upon running through Gloria's charge card, the clerk quietly said, "Now, when you get your credit card statement, don't be alarmed when you see an entry for our local feed store. We run our charges under that name so that if a husband looks at the credit card statements, he will think that the entry is just something he bought at the feed store for the farm"....

Submitted by Shirley M

Here's an idea shared by FaceBook friend:

Each quilter should buy a yard each of 7 or 8 coordinating prints and solids. These fabrics are to be used every time you make a test block or a new block you are learning to make. You then save the blocks and before long (maybe) you have a bunch of color-coordinated blocks to put into a sampler quilt. The blocks do not all have to be the same size (you can add sashing around smaller ones if needed).

Don't use this fabric for anything except test block (or the quilt police will come after you).

Submitted by Marcia

Classifieds

Classified: For Sale Elna Sewing Machine Excellence 760 Three years old (just serviced) (very good condition) Purchased at Quilting Possibilities Contact: Joe Soltes (732-244-1074 or 732-581-2710)

Alto's Quilt Cut 2. Contact: Joe Soltes (732-244-1074 or 732-581-2710)

Classified: For Sale Q Snap Floor Model Quilting Frame. No-tool assembly, white tubing, 32" or 64". Basic frame plus extension (doubles the size). When taken apart it fits into 2 flat storage boxes. Can be used for basting, quilting or tying. For pictures and more info, go to <http://www.qsnap.com/> Price when new: \$150--- Sale price \$50 Contact Mary Lou Gill. 732-657-9773

Wanted: Looking for someone who does repairs on cotton coverlet. I have in my possession a cotton quilted coverlet with scallop edging, it was purchased at an antique shop. The edging is in need of desperate repair, it has frayed (in some spots very badly). Does anyone know of someone who could repair something like this, if so please let me know. Debbie P.

For Sale: Children's book, *Nutmeg, Basil and Grandma's Quilt* (for age group 4 - 8). Story written by quilt member Deborah Ann Perks. This would make a nice gift for the holidays coming up, birthdays or just for that special little someone. Let that little one enjoy the adventure of Nutmeg and Basil as they sail the riverbank on their boat and find out what happens with Grandma's quilt. Cost is \$10., I will have copies with me at the meetings. Debbie P.

Classified: For Sale

Singer sewing machine about 5 years old, all attachments included. Retro looking (black). \$100. Contact Jane S.

Classified:

I am now accepting long arm quilting projects. Edge-to-edge only. Competitive rates, relatively fast turn-around. Call or email me (Marcia, 732-610-4282, Marcia_guza@yahoo.com) or call Diane at Crafty Fabrics in Brick, 732-920-6220 for more information. Refer to "How to prepare your quilt for a longarmer" on the Beachplum Quilters website.

Block of the Month



Sept 2015



Oct 2015



2015-16

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(vacant)

OCTOBER MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Coffee and tea will be provided. Other-
wise, bring your own beverage.



Assignments for additional refresh-
ments are as follows:

K through **O**—please bring a dessert, fruit dish or
nosh.

Everyone else can participate if desired. Please
remember to bring your coffee mug, plate, uten-
sils, 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 personal care items

Quilt Show Date:

April 9-10 2016