



BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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President's Message

Welcome back, Beachplum Quilters!

I hope your summer was filled with sunshine, stitching, and maybe even a few new projects! As we gather this September, we're heading into an exciting—and busy—year with our much-anticipated show on the horizon. The Executive Board met and are excited about what our new quilting season brings. There will be plenty of opportunities to share your creativity, lend a hand, and help us shine as a Guild. Reach out to our various Committees and let them know how you can help our Guild thrive - it doesn't matter if you can help on a regular basis or just contribute a "one and done." Whether you're piecing like a pro or just dusting off your machine, your energy and enthusiasm are what makes our Guild so special. Let's make this year one to remember as we celebrate and share the art of quilting! (Plus, I love our Pot Luck dinners!)

Let's all do our best to make this year Sew Fabulous!

Dina

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2025– 2026

All meetings/events at The Presbyterian Church of Toms River unless otherwise noted. Underlined denotes Guild Meeting.

09/19/25 – Pot Luck Dinner; Budget Review; Audit Report; 2024-2025 Block of the Month Showcase; Programs plans; Quilt Show Challenge presented; Summer Show & Tell; "Use your stuff" challenge project presented...

10/17/25 – Guest Speaker, Collection of Fall Placemats

10/18/25 – Saturday Workshops – Choose 1 of 4 offered:
1) Work on BOM; 2) Working on Sugar & Spice (from May);
3) Is your quilt ready for the Show; 4) Free sew with friends

11/21/25 – Make & Take Project-Cathedral Window Ornament; "Use your stuff" challenge reveal #1

12/19/25 – Pot Luck Dinner, Bring in the first quilt you made for a special Show and Tell.

01/16/26 – Quilt related game night and prizes!

02/20/26 – Spring Placemats; Guest Speaker

02/20/26 – Saturday Workshop – Paper pieced clock

03/20/26 – Regular Meeting, Quilt Show preparations; Quilt Show Challenge vote; Guest Speaker: Pat L.

04/26 – Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show
No regular meeting, No April Newsletter

05/15/26 – Guest Speaker TBD

05/16/26 – Saturday Workshop: TBD

06/19/26 – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo; "Use your stuff" challenge reveal #2

September Meeting Potluck Assignments

A - D bread or another side

E - G side

H - Mi main/entrée

Mo - R dessert

S - Z salad

CALLING ALL 2024-2025 BOM WINNERS!

Please bring your BOM Quilt (completed or tops) to the September meeting so the guild can get a look at the past year's work and vote on their favorite!

June 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Dina called the meeting to order and welcomed us to our pot luck dinner. Dinner was wonderful and abundant. We had a specially made 40th Anniversary cake which looked like the quilt top we made to celebrate. Thank you, Sofia R, for the beautiful and delicious cake!

June Birthdays: Kristy F, Diane C, Sharon T, Maryanne F, Marlene S, Liz H.

Door Prizes: 1. Sherri M 2. Sophie M 3. Pat O 4. Diane W 5. Joann M 6. Mary P.

Dina thanked Richard L for doing such a great job with the door prizes.

BOM - Marcia G and Dixie M explained that Maritza C and Regina L would help out with BOM at the meetings. June's BOM was won by Donna D.

Dixie M showed everyone the finished Guild 40th Anniversary quilt and the labels on the back. Everyone who submitted a block was named on the label. She also thanked, Kathy M, Jackie P, Debbie P and Sherri M, the people who helped with assembling, quilting, binding and other things to make this quilt a reality, as well as those who sent in blocks.

We had our BPQ group picture taken.

Membership – Gail reported that we had many members pay for the 2025-26 year membership. If you didn't you can send it in over the summer or bring your money for membership to the September meeting, Thank you!

Charity Quilts – The new Charity Quilt Committee is Debby F. and Juanita G. Remember to pin your name to your charity quilt. If you have any suggestions for places our donations would be useful, please contact either Juanita or Debby.

New Meals on Wheels Committee are Maryann F and Chris G. The winners for the June contributions drawing were Carol C. and Carol K. The next placemat collection will be in November.

Programs - Mary P wants everyone to fill in the interest survey so she can plan things we want to do. She also thanked everyone who helped her this year. The Scrappy Group Challenge was won by the members of the "Happy Ladies and One Witch" group and those ladies received a gift. Dina thanked Mary and her committee for a great year of programs. She Looking forward to the upcoming events.

Fundraising – Donna D reminded everyone that the Beachplum Festival at Island Beach State Park is September 7, 2025 from 9-4. We need to be there at 8am for setup. Please sign up for a shift.

Treasury – Erma H. renewed our license to sell raffle tickets.

Quilt Show – Paula P, Reminder, our quilt show is April 11-12th 2026. Please sign up if you would be interested in doing a short Demo.

Dina explained her bucket list and invited others to make their own bucket list. She plans on doing at least two workshops per year for the next 3 years. Then she shared that she was awarded a scholarship to "Quilting by the Lake" from the Schweinfurth Art Center and showed us the book and pictures of the Bojagi workshop she was taking. She suggests that we "feed" ourselves over the summer and have fun!

Dina also reminded us to remember our "Sew Sisters and Brothers" over the summer. We are more than just a Guild, we are a Community. What a great idea.

Dina adjourned the meeting with good wishes to have a wonderful summer.

Charity Quilts

16 member-donated quilts were received during the June meeting. Eight were donated to Ocean of Love for children fighting cancer and Eight were donated to Holisticare for adults in hospice.

Thank you to all the members who continue to make and donate charity quilts, and to Marcia G. for quilting oh-so-many of them.

Please make sure your name is pinned on to your charity quilt donation with a safety pin! This will help us keep track of who donated a quilt. Thank You!

Meals on Wheels Placemats

The June collection of placemats resulted in 69 patriotic/summer theme placemats.



Maryann F. and Chris G. will be chairing this ongoing project for the 2025-2026 term. Autumn/Winter Theme placemats will be collected in November



Photos courtesy of Laurie S.

Our 40th Anniversary cake at the June Meeting was a work of art, and delicious too! A special THANK YOU to Sofia R. for making, decorating AND donating this beautiful treat for the entire guild to enjoy.

TIPSY CORNER

 I put Color Catcher sheets in garment bags when washing quilts or anything else I think might give off dye. This keeps the sheets from getting caught in the door seal of my front load washer and they still catch the dye. I use 2 sheets for large loads.

- Ann B.



40th Anniversary Quilt

Here is a chance to see the Guild's 40th Anniversary quilt in all its glory!



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10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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BEE NEWS

Bee Meetings Calendar 2025 – 2026

All meetings at The Manasquan United Methodist Church,
first Friday of the month, September through June. Meetings start at 1 pm.

09/05/25 – Bee Meeting;
Planning Meeting

10/03/25 – Bee Meeting;
Charity Quilt Sewing

11/07/25 – Bee Meeting;
Cookie Cutter Ornaments

12/05/25 – (TBD)
Sit and Sew

01/02/26 – Bee Meeting;
Watercolor Heart 1
with Maria S.

02/06/26 – Bee Meeting;
Watercolor Heart 2
with Maria S.

03/06/26 – Bee Meeting;
Finish Small Quilts for
Auction

04/03/26 – Bee Meeting;
Sit and Sew

05/01/26 – Bee Meeting;
Sewing Machine Mat
with Ann B.

06/05/26 – Bee Meeting;
Topic TBD

Members enjoyed chatting and catching up after the summer break while working on their projects. In a discussion led by Mary P., ideas for future meetings were shared, and a schedule was developed. Show & Tell was amazing once again.

Bee pictures start on page 10.

DEMONSTRATIONS BOOTH AT THE QUILT SHOW

At the Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show 2026, we'll have a booth where members will demonstrate several quilting techniques to the show attendees. Apart from the "entertainment value," we're hoping to raise interest in our "little hobby" and entice others to join our great guild.

**Do YOU have a favorite technique you'd like to demo?
The more the merrier!**

Mobile #: 856-392-9233 (call - leave voicemail or text) OR Sign up at a meeting

Thanks, Paula P.

PS: Demo Volunteers..please let me know which day/days you'd like to do your demo & how much time you'd like. Then I can prepare a poster so attendees can schedule their time at the show.

Patchwork Paradise CHALLENGE KITS

It's that time again! The Patchwork Paradise Challenge kits are ready, and they will be available for sale at our September guild meeting. Reaching the goals of this challenge will take you in new, but meaningful directions, and the end product will be quite a departure from the past few challenges. However, there's still a focus fabric—this time from Clothworks—and the cost is still \$5.00.

We designed this new project with all of you in mind. It's doable, fun, and even practical in the end. If you are thinking of participating, please don't delay. We have just 40 kits available.

As always, thanks for your support. We can't wait to see what everyone creates!

Dues are Due!

The 2025-2026 season, culminating with our biennial Quilt Show, officially starts this September. But—you can't display a quilt in the show, or participate in the Block of the Month, or enjoy our fabulous potluck meals, or win a door prize, or display your work in show and tell, or participate in the challenge, or attend a workshop—if you are not a member!

Membership Chair Gail M. will be there at the September meeting to get you all squared up so you don't miss a thing!

The cost of dues has remained unchanged again for another year—\$30.00. Cash or a check made out to Beachplum Quilters will be accepted at the meeting.

JUNE **SHOW and TELL**

Dina N.

Block mounted
on art canvas



Sherre M.

Flag Quilt



Pat T.

Charity Quilt



Mary Lou G.

Philadelphia Eagles
Quilt



Christine G.

Funky Tula Pink



Pat O.

Autumn Kaleidoscope
Quilt



JUNE **SHOW and TELL**

Sophie K.

Wagging Tails
Baltimore Rabbit



Richard L.

3 Quilts



Cathy S.

2 Charity Quilts



JUNE **SHOW and TELL**

Dona S.

2 quilts by R. Roccia



Kit D.

2 Twin Size Quilts



Ginny W.

T-Shirt Quilt

Pat L.

Stash Breaker



SEPTEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Maria S.

Dina Quilt
Table Runner



Susan A.

Winter Trees Quilt



Ann B.

Sugar and Spice Top



Maryann F.

Beach Bums
Scrap Happy



SEPTEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Pat L.

Panel Use

Vintage YoYo
Repair Dept.



Sue P.

Missouri Stars Quilt Top

Sugar and Spice
Quilt Top

Table Runner
and Topper

Island Peach State Park
Festival Donations



SEPTEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Laurie S.

Nightmare Before
Christmas Quilt
Sugar and Spice Top
Various Halloween
Pieces



SEPTEMBER BEE MEETING



THE BEACHPLUM QUILTERS OF THE JERSEY SHORE, INC.

P.O. Box 749, Island Heights, NJ 08732-0749

Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month
September through June
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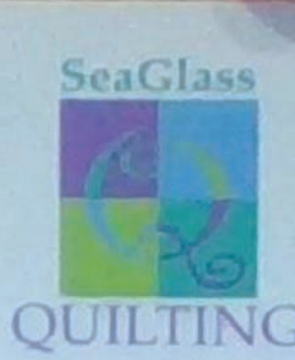
2026 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

September Meeting Checklist

- Name tag and a welcome smile for guests
- Potluck Dinner contribution
- Block of the Month
- Show & Tell
- Charity quilts
- **Donations to The Hope Center:** Feminine pads, tampons, toiletries, diapers, formula, baby food

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September through June

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