



the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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Presidents Message

As we come to the close of another year, I want to wish each of you a joyful and peaceful holiday season. Being part of this guild has been a true gift—our shared creativity, encouragement, and laughter have stitched us together in the best possible way. I'm grateful for the inspiration you bring to every meeting, every quilt show, and every project we share. May this season offer you moments of rest, warmth, and connection, along with plenty of time to enjoy the comforting rhythm of needle and thread. Here's to a bright and creative new year ahead, filled with beautiful quilts and wonderful friendships.

Happy Holidays to all! ~ Dina

PROGRAM NOTES!

For the December meeting members are encouraged to bring the first quilt they ever made.

Also at the December meeting we will begin to have sign-ups for the February Workshop, *Paper Pieced Clock*. The cost will be \$20.00 plus a \$15.00 fee for the clock works. Mary P. will have a picture of the project, plus a list of materials needed, at the meeting.

December Meeting Potluck Assignments

A - Dsalad
E - Gbread or another side
H - Miside
Mo - Rmain/entrée
S - Zdessert

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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-Ellen H., 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 collected; Guest Speaker

02/21/26 – 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

2025 November Meeting Minutes

Dina brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

November Birthdays: Peggy R., Lynne Z., Donna S., Patti B., Dona S., Carol K., Mary P. and Joan M.

October minutes were accepted with a motion by Richard L. and seconded by Donna S.

We received a Thank You from the Townley Presbyterian Church for the charity quilt they raffled to benefit local missions.

Donna D. reported that we made \$279 on November 2nd Craft Show.

Raffle tickets have been distributed to all members, please turn in your money as soon as possible. Anyone who has not attended a Guild meeting will be receiving them in the mail.

Erma gave the Treasurer's report. Happily, the bank and Erma had the same numbers.

The Bee meeting will have a Sit and Sew in December along with a cookie exchange. In January, they will begin a Watercolor Quilt taught by Maria S.

This month's BOM was won by Maria S.

Richard L. handed out door prizes to the 6 lucky winners: Joan O., Mary P., Liz H., Doreen D., Erma H. and Jan W.

We were happy to recognize 4 visitors - Susan, Joan, Tammy and Ellen.

Chiara updated everyone on plans for the April Quilt Show. Deb F. is coordinating the door prize bags for the show, we need 10. Gift Baskets will be handled by Debbie P.

Karen Dever will be doing appraisals again but we need to have more people signed up in order for her to agree to coming both days. We will send out an email blast to other Guilds to let them know.

Registration for quilts - Ivette R. Everyone entering an item into the show needs to provide their entrance form, story card, a 4x6 picture and \$5.00 entrance fee (checks only written out to Beachplum Quilters) by February 1st. Please limit your entries to 2 per person. Once we see how many entries we have, we will open it up to additional entries, if possible.

Mary P. and the Program committee provided instructions and all items need to make several different ornaments. This year's Make & Take ornaments were very attractive and easy to make.

Meeting was dismissed at 8:30 p.m.

Charity Quilts

During the November meeting there were 14 charity quilts donated. Of these, four were donated to Holisticare Hospice and ten were donated to Child Protection and Placement (formerly DYFS).

Please ensure that ALL charity quilts donated have a sewn on "Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore" label attached. If the quilt is designated for Quilts for Kids, Charity Quilt Co-chair Deb F. will attach those labels, as needed.

Labels can be picked up at Crafty Fabrics, or contact Deb F. or Juanita G.

Quilt Appraisals at our Quilt Show

Karen Dever, an AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, is once again scheduled to give quilt appraisals at our Quilt Show in April, but appointments must be booked ahead of time! If there are not enough bookings, Karen may not be able to be present both days. If your quilt is worthy of being in the show, it's worth getting it appraised too.

Email blasts will be going out soon to guilds near us to let them know they need to book ahead of time also.

Contact Chiara O. to schedule your appraisal. You'll be glad you did!

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.

November Make & Take

At our November Meeting, we traditionally complete a project to bring home with us. The program committee did not disappoint with the option to make either the Cookie Cutter Ornaments that were made at the November Bee Meeting or one of two versions of Snowmen ornaments. They were all adorable!



UFO Challenge

In September, the Programs Committee challenged members to finish those UFOs they had hanging around.

At the November meeting, we saw the first round of items that members completed.

A second round of finished UFOs will be shown at the June meeting (hopefully)!

1. Sofia R.
2. Ivette R.
3. & 4. Ann B
5. Laurie S.
6. & 7. Kathleen K.
8. Sue P.
9. Debbie P.
10. Maria S.



NOVEMBER SHOW and TELL

Donna D.

Sugar and Spice from
May Workshop



Sherre M.

Sweater Weather Quilt

Richard L.

2 Charity Quilts



Ann B.

Charity Quilt

State Trooper Patriotic
Quilt



**NOVEMBER
SHOW and TELL****Amanda F.**
3 Quilt Tops**Gail M.**Great-Grandmother's
Quilt
Bachelor Quilt**Ivette R.**FPP Christmas Trees
Quilt**Kathy M.**

Christmas Stockings



NOVEMBER SHOW and TELL

Dianne W.

2 Charity Quilts



Joan M.

2 Quilts



Pat O.

Snowman Quilt



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 – Sit and Sew
Cookie Exchange

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

At the Bee Meeting members worked on various projects and socialized. Homemade cookies were exchanged. The “High Rollers” prepped fabrics to sell at our upcoming Quilt Show. Maria S. presented information and samples for the Watercolor workshops we are doing in January & February. Mary P. shared future Guild Program news. A wonderful Show & Tell was enjoyed. A fun time for all present.



DECEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Mary P.

Santa Quilt



Maria S.

Panel Quilt

Pat O.

Patchwork Witch's Hat

Money/Gift Card
holders made with
cuffs of shirts used in
other projects

Gift bag made from
a pillowcase

Flags Quilt for
America's 250th
Anniversary sewn
completely on her
Featherweight,
channeling Betsy Ross
Back of Flag Quilt



DECEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Sue P.

Embroidered Crafter

Ribbon Table runner

Winter Wall-hanging made with embroidery machine

Paper pieced tree



Laurie S.

3 Yard Tree Quilt

3 Yard Christmas Quilt

Hexagon Christmas Quilt

Ugly Sweater



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September through June
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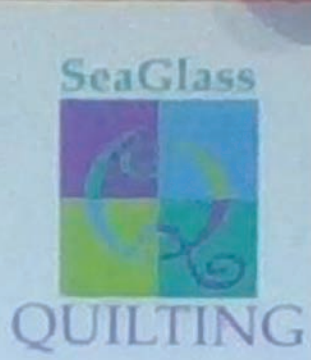
2026 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

December Meeting Checklist

- Name tag and a welcome smile for guests
- Pot Luck Dish
- 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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THE BEACHPLUM QUILTERS OF THE JERSEY SHORE BEE MEETINGS

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September through June

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