



BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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President's Message

President's Message for September Newsletter

The last vestiges of wonderful summer may be nearing their end, but we have a new program year of camaraderie and fellowship in quilting to look forward to! And I, for one, am really looking forward to our first meeting for this 2026/27 program year! I hope you all are excited as well.

Many of us have been busy behind the scenes over the summer. The Bylaws Committee, led by Ellen H., met in early August. Our Bylaws haven't been updated since 2018 so this was an important priority for our guild. The committee made revisions more aligned with the guild's current structure and goals. The general membership will receive a copy of the revised bylaws prior to a final vote at our November meeting.

Other happenings this summer included: Donna D., our new Website Chair, has begun working with our provider to update our older legacy platform. Sue P., our new Fundraising Chair, already had two sew-ins (with a third taking place on the September 11 Bee meeting) for our new raffle quilt to be picked at the next quilt show in 2028. It is coming along quite beautifully! Mary P. has been working on updating our program calendar which is chock full of exciting speakers and projects. Chiara O. met with her Audit Committee in August. Their report will be shared at the September meeting. Chiara is also in charge of our donations, so if you know anyone who is purging their quilting fabric, supplies, notions, etc. please contact her. Ann B. has already started planning for a year of Bee sessions. She also continues to update our Facebook page as

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2026– 2027

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

09/13/26 – Island Beach State Park Beachplum Festival

09/18/26 – Pot Luck Dinner; Budget Review; Audit Report; 2025-2026 Block of the Month Showcase; Programs plans

10/10/26 – Holiday City Carefree Craft Fair

10/16/26 – Guest Speaker-Rachel Derstine, Fiber Artist presenting *Artful Couching*; Collection of Fall Placemats

10/17/26 – Saturday Workshop – Poppies Floral Applique with Couching, led by Rachel Derstine, 9am-3pm

11/01/26 – Ocean County Historical Society Craft Faire

11/20/26 – By-Laws Voting; Make & Take Projects
Gingerbread Man Pillow or Reindeer Snow Globe Banner

12/18/26 – Pot Luck Dinner

01/15/27 – Left-Center-Right Game night and prizes!

02/19/27 – Spring Placemats collected; Cathy M. Trunk Show

02/20/27 – Pick a workshop: Chiara O., designing quilts using pre-cuts; Laurie S., machine applique; Sherre M., 2 hour demo on Stripology; Mary P., biscuit quilts OR open sew day.

03/19/27 – Regular Meeting; Sherre M. Trunk Show

03/20/27 – Barn Block Painting Party. *Location: Wish Upon a Jar*, 3128 Bridge Ave, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742.

04/27 – Event TBD. No regular meeting, No Bee Meeting, No April Newsletter

05/21/27 – Guest Speaker: Sue Pelland-Fast and Fabulous Applique with Leaves Galore

05/22/27 – Saturday Workshop: Sue Pelland-Creating an Applique 'Baltimore Block' with Leaves Galore Ruler, 9am-3pm

06/18/27 – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo; Patriotic Placemats collected

(Presidents Message continued)

our Social Media Chair. And, finally, our Executive Board met on September 3 to discuss this year's goals and budget. More to come as we continue to develop our infrastructure and program offerings. Thank you to all who continually give of your time and expertise. Your contributions will let us start a strong and impactful year!

Aside from our Beachplum news, September is a notable month for sewing and quilting nationally. September 1 marked the beginning of National Sewing Month honoring "an inventive method of self-expression that we not only commemorate in September but enjoy throughout the year. Sewing goes back to 25,000 B.C, also recognized as the Upper Paleolithic Age." We've come a long way, baby! For more information on this historic

sewing month go to nationaltoday.com. Tag @ **nationaltoday_** and use **#NationalSewingMonth**. Share your latest projects, works-in-progress, and favorite sewing tips with a visually-driven community.

September also commemorates National Sew a Jelly Roll Day on September 19, an annual celebration hosted by Moda Fabrics and the quilting community to use pre-cut fabric strips. Many quilt shops host sew-alongs, classes, and special sales (read more via *All People Quilt*) and check out our local quilt shops as well.

As we enter Fall, and the days become filled with golden landscapes, I wish you colorful inspiration to fill your quilting dreams. See you all soon!

Ivette

PROGRAMS FOR 2026-2027

Our October 2026 program and workshop will be presented by Rachel Derstine, an award winning fiber artist from Philadelphia. We will be doing a 16" x 16" raw-edge applique piece, but the class emphasis will be on how to do *couching* to embellish your quilts.

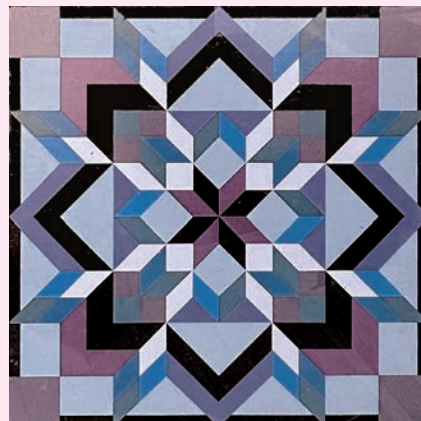


The workshop will cost \$35.00, and a sign-up sheet and money collection started at the June meeting. A supply list will be available by September, but there is nothing but ordinary applique supplies needed. Couching materials will be discussed, but this can be any sort of yarn, thin cording, thick embroidery thread, etc. Class size will be limited to 20 people. We

will open this workshop up to other guilds in September if we don't have enough members interested, so don't wait to sign up!

The Saturday, March 20th workshop will be Barn Block Painting! This will take place at Wish Upon a Jar, 3128 Bridge Ave, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742. The shop will be closed to the public so the guild can enjoy this outing from 10am-1pm. There will be three different quilt block patterns for you to choose from, and all materials will be provided for you to paint your very own 14" x 14" wooden Barn Quilt Block while sipping some coffee (or tea)!

Details and sign-up will be coming out this fall. Class size at this venue will be limited to 25 people.



In May 2027, Sue Pelland will be joining us for a presentation on her specialty rulers that let you cut applique shapes with a rotary cutter. The Workshop on Saturday will be using Sue's techniques and rulers to create a Baltimore Block style applique block.

Details and sign-up will be coming out in early 2027. Again, class size will be limited to 20 people.

These exciting events aren't the only things planned for the 2026-2027 year! At the September meeting we will get more details about what's coming up.

Barn Block (left) and Sue Pelland Baltimore Block (below) images are examples of what's possible. Final Patterns have not yet been determined.



Beachplum Bee News



September 2026 Meeting

Please note new date and start time

"Those who sleep under a quilt are covered with love."

Hi Everyone,

Our next Bee meeting will be Friday, September 11, starting at noon at Manasquan United Methodist Church. Parking is plentiful. Please enter through the back glass door at the end of the sidewalk. Bring your lunch if you'd like. *We hope you'll join us!*

There is still time to renew your Beachplum membership for 2026/2027. Please bring a \$30 check made payable to "Beachplum Quilters". Membership forms will be available.

Meeting Activities

After our summer break, we'll gather for a Sit-and-Sew session—bring any project you'd like to work on. We have irons and cutting mats. We'll also finalize plans for upcoming Bee Meeting projects and programs. Sign-up sheets for set-up, take-down, and refreshments will be available, so please volunteer if you can.

Show and Tell

Bring your finished summer projects to share.

Refreshments Available

And provided by Volunteers Mary P. and Regina L.
Set-up & Take Down Volunteers are Donna D. and Regina L.
Volunteers - please arrive by 11:30 am.
Contact Maryann F. or Jackie P. for more info

Thank you to everyone who attends our Bee Meetings and lends a helping hand.
We cherish this time together to sew, share, and celebrate our love of quilting.

Happy Quilting!!



BEE NEWS

Bee Meetings Calendar 2026 – 2027

All meetings at The Manasquan United Methodist Church,
first Friday of the month, September through June. Meetings start at 12 noon.

09/11/26* – Catch-up and
Summer Show and tell

10/02/26 – TBD-Sweatshirt
Jacket with Maria S.

11/06/26 – Ornament-TBD

12/04/26 – Cookie
Exchange, Sit and Sew

01/08/27* – Sew Together
Bag with Sherre M., Part 1

02/05/27 – Sew Together
Bag with Sherre M., Part 2

03/05/27 – Project TBD

04/02/27 – Project TBD

05/07/27 – Project TBD

06/04/27 – Project TBD.

* *Meeting date changed to
second Friday of the month
due to Holiday conflict.*

The Bee Meeting calendar for 2026-2027 is still being finalized, but there are some plans on the schedule.

For September, if you don't have a project to work on, bring your machine with white thread and help put the next Raffle Quit together. There have been two working sessions over the summer and it's time for the final assembly!

CALLING ALL 2025-2026 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!

Charity Quilt Report

For the 2025-2026 year, 71 charity quilts were donated by Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore. Organizations that received the quilts were:

- Providence House: a shelter for women and children in domestic violence situations,
- Child Protection and Placement (formerly DYFS) for children in the foster care system,
- Regional Cancer Care Associates: for adults receiving cancer treatments,
- Holisticare Hospice: for adults receiving hospice care,
- and a few individuals in need via church organizations.

Please feel free to suggest another organization to which quilts can be donated for the 2026-2027 year.

Also, as an FYI, the Ocean County Quilts for Kids Chapter has been stood down. This WILL NOT impact Beachplum charity quilt donations: There will certainly still be donations made to support children; they will simply be solely from the Beachplum guild."

See you in a few weeks!

Deb F.
Charity Quilt Chair

Dues are Due!

The 2026-2027 season officially starts this September. But—you can't 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 a challenge, or attend a workshop—if you are not a member!

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

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.

September Meeting Potluck Assignments

A - Dmain/entrée

E - Gdessert

H - Misalad

Mo - Rbread or another side

S - Zside

Ann B. was busy this summer...

PMQ Quilt I finished in July and gifted to my great niece Emma, who is taking it to college. Quilted by Chiara O.



FOR SALE

Antique white sewing machine with treadle oak table. Not presently wired for sewing. Instruction booklet in drawer. \$350.
Please call Pat Lundervold 732-681-5196

Beachplum Ruler Library

The rulers listed below are available to any member to borrow. This is a great resource if you want to try a new technique before spending money on a ruler you may only use once! Contact Gail M. to borrow a ruler.

RECTANGLE RULERS

Quilt in a Day 6" x 12"

Fiskars 6" x 24"

Omnigrd (yellow lines)

4" x 14" 3" x 18"

3.5" x 24" 6" x 24"

Omnigrd (blue lines)

6" x 18"

SQUARE RULERS

Sullivan- The cutting edge

4.5" x 4.5"

Bloc _Loc

6.5" x 6.5"

Quilt in A Day

16" Square Up

Omnigrd (Yellow lines)

15" x 15" 12.5" x 12.5"

6.5" x 6.5" 6" x 6"

4" x 4"

SPECIALTY RULERS

Omnigrd

Right angle triangle
(half sq triangles)

Fons & Porter

Easy Diagonal set Ruler

Quilt in a Day

Small Flying Geese Ruler

Precision Machine Quilting
Ruler 2" x 8"

6.5" X-Blocks-
blocks and borders

Shortcut Binding Tool-
flange and machine sewn
binding- easy binding strips
attachment

Marti Michell-

Ruler for 60 degree triangle /
equilateral triangles

Easy Kite tool

by Sharon Hultgren

Add a Quarter -12" ruler

Star / Wedge Rulers

Easy Six by Sharon Hultgren-

6 pt stars and tumbling blocks

Star Maker 5 by Kaye Woods

Creative Grids

Non Slip 15 degree triangle

Philips Fiber Arts

10 Degree Wedge

Jewel box Gem

Thirty Companion tool

Jewel Box Junior Gems 5 & 10

Deb Tucker

Tucker Trimmer I

V Block

Wing Clipper

Rapid Fire Hunter's Star

(2 of this ruler)

Diamond Rects

Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star

How I Spent My Summer Vacation (well, not the entire vacation)

By Dixie M.

Edelweiss, a pre-cut quilt kit by Camille Roskelley with Riley Blake fabrics. I didn't know I needed to make this quilt until I saw an advertisement for it online. It was fun to put together, and Sherre M. quilted it.



Etoiles Rouges is my 92x92 quilt designed by Australian quilt designer Kathryn Kerr. This talented woman has quite an extensive following. The block patterns were all variations on the Ohio Star. This was not a kit. I bought my fabrics from all over the internet. Each week for 50 weeks a new block pattern was emailed. I didn't always keep up, but in about a year and a half I finished it, and Chiara Oliver quilted it.



Hexagon Basket Quilt top made circa 1940's by my great aunt, Myra D. King. Unfortunately, there's no information on when or how this was made, but it looks like it may have been a newspaper pattern. The unfinished top sat for years in my mother's hope chest. I asked to take guardianship of it, and in the 1980's, having no clue or even interest in quilting, I took it to Lucille Clark's Morning Star Quilt Shop in Bay Head to ask her to hand quilt it for me. My aunt had already drawn in all the quilting lines lightly in pencil, so Lucille didn't have to figure out a motif. Lucille's workmanship breathed life into a very old top; I was grateful, and the quilt continues to be one of my prized possessions.



2026 Fundraising Participation Opportunities!

Hello friends,

As our 2026/2027 year is about to begin, I have a few dates for your consideration. If you are interested in participating with your bubbly personalities, please think about signing up to help at one of the events listed. I will have sign up sheets at the Bee Meeting on Friday, September 11 at the Manasquan Methodist Church at noon and again at the regular guild meeting on the 18th at The Presbyterian Church of Toms River at 6:00.

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at *Island Beach State Park Beachplum Festival* from 8:00 – 3:00.

Saturday, October 10, 2026 at *Holiday City Carefree Craft Fair* from 8:30 – 2:00.

Sunday, November 1, 2026 - *Ocean County Historical Society Craft Fair* held at the Toms River High School South Cafetorium 10:00 – 3:00.

Please remember, many hands make light work. We have fun working together to make money for speakers and other financial needs of our guild. Come join us!

See you soon.

Sue P.

Some of the items made for sale at Island Beach State Park Beachplum Festival, Holiday City Carefree Craft Market and Ocean County Historical Society Craft Fair.



Make-up bags, baked potato bags, purse/backpack mini-bow charms, bowl cozies, cord keepers, shoelaces(!), clothing protectors, table toppers, table runners, tote bags.



Deadline for the next newsletter is

September 5, 2026

E-Mail your news in a Word document (not PDF)
or email text to:

Donna D.: dondea916@gmail.com

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We didn't forget the holidays that are approaching!
Tote bags, table toppers, table runners, decorative items, potholders, coasters all bring smiles with their lively holiday fabrics. Many thanks to the members who contributed their time and talents to make and donate the fabulous creations on these pages!



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MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm
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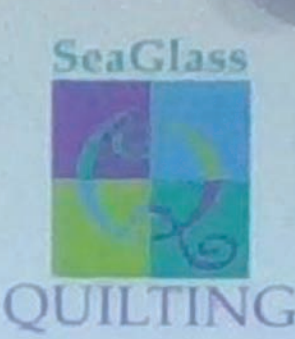
2028 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

September Meeting Checklist

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

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BEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held the 1st Friday of each month
September through June

at the Manasquan United Methodist Church,
23 Church St, Manasquan, NJ 08736

MEETING from 12 noon-3:30pm