



the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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Presidents Message

Dear Guild Members,

As my term as Guild President comes to a close, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your support, encouragement, and friendship over the past two years.

Serving this guild has been both an honor and a privilege. Together, we have celebrated achievements, shared our creativity, welcomed new members, learned from one another, and continued the traditions that make our guild such a special community. None of that happens because of one person—it happens because so many of you generously give your time, talents, and hearts.

I am especially grateful to our officers, committee chairs, volunteers, and every member who stepped forward whenever help was needed. Your dedication is what keeps our guild thriving.

As quilters, we understand that every quilt is made of many pieces joined together to create something beautiful. Our guild is much the same. Each member contributes something unique, and together we have created a warm, supportive, and inspiring community.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and excited to see all the wonderful things that lie ahead for our guild. A special thank you to both Ivette and Chiara for agreeing to serve in their new roles. I know that the next 2 years will be full of inspiration and growth. While my role is changing, my commitment to and appreciation for Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore remains as strong as ever.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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-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 June);
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 – Left, Right, Center game night and prizes!

02/20/26 – Spring Placemats collected; Guest Speaker: Ann B.

02/21/26 – Saturday Workshop – Paper pieced clock

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

04/26 – Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show April 11-12
No regular meeting, No Bee Meeting, No April Newsletter

05/15/26 – Guest Speaker: Debbie Kalenty-Studio 180

05/16/26 – Saturday Workshop: Debbie Kalenty-LeMoyné Star Constellation Quilt

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

Minutes of the May 15, 2026 Meeting

Meeting opened by Vice President Ivette R. at 6:30 pm.

May Birthdays: Barbara E, Pat L, Gail M, Chiara O, Kathleen P

New Members: We have 8 new members who joined at the quilt show. All who were in attendance were welcomed to the guild. We also had two visitors tonight.

March minutes: Motion to accept March minutes was made by Doreen D. and seconded by Richard L. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Quilt Show: Chiara summed up the quilt show as excellent with the help of all members who attended and worked together. She said that the quilts were the star of the show.

Chiara read the judge's report of the large raffle quilt. It was a crisp and pleasing design, a good group effort. It won a first-place ribbon.

We did well on the quilt show with ticket sales, raffle basket sales, small quilt auction sales, vendors, program ads, and the country store. After deducting expenses, we made just over 8,000 dollars.

New Business:

One of our groups founding members, Minabess R. passed away and it was suggested we send a donation to the charity of the family's choice.

Maryann F. suggested we re-initiate the Sunshine Committee. This suggestion will be brought to next year's Executive Board.

All Star Sampler Platter – Ivette reminded members about this event taking place on Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17, 3-6 pm. each day.

Committee Chairs for 2026/27 Year – Ivette R. presented these to the membership.

Block of the Month for 2026/27 – Dixie M. and Marcia G. gave an overview of the new set of blocks for the following program year. Members who won blocks this year were reminded to bring in their completed quilts to the September meeting for the BOM Showcase. Dixie also explained how our guild does Challenge Quilts in response to a member inquiry

Interests Survey – Ivette and Chiara. A survey to gather member input into next year programs was collected. These will be tabulated and shared with the membership at a later date.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: This will be provided at the June meeting.

Bee News – Ann B: the June Bee meeting will be making sewing machine mats; she showed the sample. There will be a machine binding demo by Ann B. who had all the love of the Judge for her machine bindings. Bring something to bind to the Bee meeting. All are still welcome to come and sew individual projects.

Door Prizes-Richard L: Richard gave six monthly prizes and six extra prizes for Mother's Day.

1. Paula P, Liz H., MaryAnn, Amanda F., Karen M. 2. Cathy M., Pat B., Dona S., Lori S., Sheri M., Sophia K.

Richard would like everyone to use a fat quarter to make something to sell at the Island Beach State Park Festival. He wanted to do voting and prizes but the festival, which will be on September 13, 2026, is before the September guild meeting. Please try to turn in items early, if possible.

Block of the Month- Regina L. & Maritza C. – winner of the April blocks was Kathleen P. and Jackie H. for the May blocks.

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(Meeting Minutes continued)

Place Mats: Summer and Patriotic themes will be collected at the June meeting.

Programs-Mary P.: Debbie Kalenty of Studio 180 Designs, gave an in-depth presentation of the specialty rulers. She showed a sampling of quilts and the corresponding rulers that were used. Her full workshop would be presented the following day, Saturday, May 16 for all who signed up.

Mary also talked about next year's programs. These included:

1. Rachel Derstine for the October Saturday workshop. She will be teaching couching methods as an embellishment technique on a poppies design.
2. Sue Pelland will be giving the May Saturday workshop on her unique applique rulers.
3. Barn Quilt paint session in March.

More information on these workshops will be provided in next year's program calendar. Thanks go to Donna D. for securing the first two workshops and to Dina N. for securing the third workshop.

Show and Tell-Marlene S. Due to the lengthy agenda and presentation, members were asked to bring their Show and Tell quilts to the next meeting.

Ivette R. closed the meeting

Minabess Randolph 1937-2026

One of the Founders of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore, Minabess Randolph, passed away on May 13, 2026. She is remembered by longtime members as a kind lady who shared her skills with others.

At Minabess's memorial service the family displayed two quilts they thought were representative of her life as a quilter. The photo on the left is a quilt made with friendship signature blocks

from other guild members. At right Minabess's daughter stands next to a quilt Laurie S. made to honor Minabess.

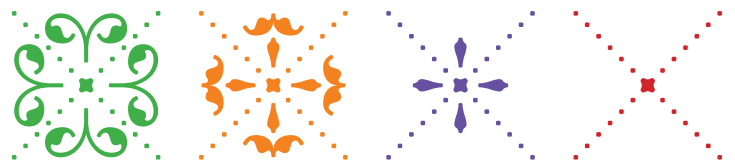
Photos courtesy of Ann B.



Charity Quilts

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.

Contact Deb F. for labels.



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

PROGRAMS

In June we will be having our traditional Potluck Dinner (see assignments at right), and our "class photo". we will also have our "Use your stuff" challenge reveal #2, so bring in those finished projects!

Our October 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 will start at the June meeting. Enrollment will continue over the summer by sending a check to Mary P. A supply list will be available in 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!

By the Yard®

SURE, ITS ALL "FUN IN THE SUN" NOW, BUT IN A FEW SHORT MONTHS SHE'LL BE CRYING TO US ABOUT BEING TOO FAR BEHIND ON HER HANDMADE HOLIDAYS!!

YOU WANT ME TO INTENTIONALLY TANGLE MY BOBBIN THREAD NEXT TIME?



June Meeting Potluck Assignments

If your last name starts with Please bring

A - D **dessert**

E - G **salad**

H - Mi **bread or another side**

Mo - R **side**

S - Z **main/entrée**



The May meeting had double Block of the Month since there was no April meeting.

The April tangerine and aqua "Squiggle" blocks were won by Kathleen P.

The May "American Dream" blocks were won by Jackie H.



MAY MEETING

The May meeting was presided over by Vice president Ivette R. as President Dina N. was judging quilts at a show in Rochester, NY.

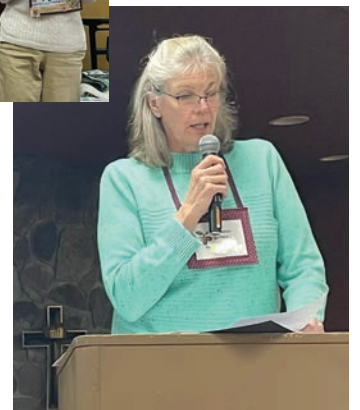
Dixie and Marcia were on hand to sign interested members up for the 2026-2028 Block of the Month program. They had a set of completed blocks to give everyone a preview.

Chiara O. presented a wrap-up on the Quilt Show in April.

The guest speaker was Debbie Kalenty of Quilter's Obsession. She presented a show of Deb Tucker's Studio 180 rulers and patterns. Debbie will also lead a workshop on Saturday to make the pattern "Constellation".

Due to all the things happening in the meeting, there wasn't enough time for Show and Tell to be presented.

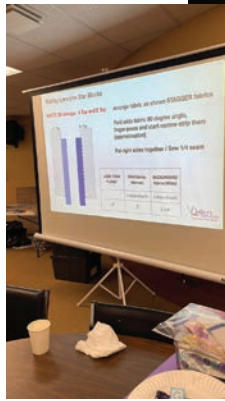
Meeting photos courtesy of Ann B.



MAY WORKSHOP

Debbie Kalenty led the May workshop using the Studio 180 Lemoyne Star Ruler. The pattern followed was "Constellation".

Workshop photos courtesy of Ivette R., Ann B. and Laurie S.



MAY WORKSHOP



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 – Good Friday
No Meeting

05/01/26 – Bee Meeting;
Sit & Sew, Charity Quilt
Sewing

06/05/26 – Bee Meeting;
Sewing Machine Mat
with Ann B; Machine
binding with Ann B.

June Meeting: Ann B. shared her machine binding tips to show how to finish quilts quickly, easily and beautifully.

She also led the meeting activity of making quilted mats with pockets. You put your sewing machines on the mat during workshops or retreats, with the pockets hanging in front to hold all your tools in one easy to reach spot.



HANDY GADGETS ALERT!!

- June Tailor
Quilt Binding Express
- Taylor Seville Magic Pins
Heat Resistant Extra Long

Bee photos courtesy of Ann B. and Terry P.





MAY BEE MEETING



MAY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Sherre M.

Classwork samples
for GE Designs Stripology Ruler
Teaching Certification



Bee Show and Tell photos
courtesy of Ivette R.

MAY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Ann B.

Patriotic Lemoyne Stars
"Constellation"
Quilt top



Jeanette M.

Burp Cloths

Rae R.

Flag Quilt



Barbara E.

Charity Quilt
Placemats for
Meals on Wheels



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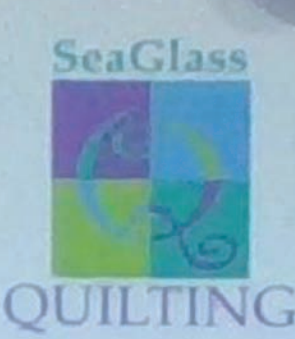
2026 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

June 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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