



the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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President's Message

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers" (Anne of Green Gables). 'Tis the season of mums, pumpkins and cooler sweater weather evoking a sense of nature appreciation and calmness. It also marks the beginning of the season of many holidays and, if you are a seasonal quilter, multiple holiday themed quilts and projects. Along these lines, our next few meetings will provide many incentives to adorn the season with your creations.

Our October meeting will feature Rachel Derstine, who will be giving a lecture on using embellishment to take your quilting to a whole new level. If you happened to attend the PA Extravaganza Quilt Show in Oaks a few weeks ago you would have noticed an uptick in the many art quilts that used embellishments such as crochet, ribbons, buttons, beads, yarn and thread painting among other items. And, a beautifully embellished art quilt won "Best in Show" at our own quilt show last spring. We anticipate this timely presentation will inspire and spark new, creative neural pathways for our membership. If you signed up for the workshop the following day, you will surely be in for a treat.

Also, at the October meeting, we will be treated to a new challenge quilt project presented by our own creative, challenge quilt artist, Dixie M. I can only say the theme will be nostalgic, light and have wide appeal! Additionally, members who plan to attend the November Make and Take meeting will sign up for a kit ahead of time at the October meeting. There will be two choices of kits which are December holiday-themed projects featuring some embellishments and hand stitching. Our November meeting will also feature a surprise future project announcement, but more on that at a later time. I can only say that opportunities abound to engage in sewing projects this fall and into winter and spring.

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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.
- 04/16/27** – Regular meeting, Panel Palooza Showcase
- 04/27** – Event TBD.
- 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

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Rounding out our October meeting will be the collection of fall themed placemats. This is our opportunity to give back to our communities through the Meals on Wheels program. I fondly recall a tearful sentiment from one of our past recipients, "I can't believe someone made me something so beautiful." Quilters by and large are generous and our own guild members truly give from their hearts and hands.

Our revised ByLaws will be sent out prior to our October meeting. Please read them as we will be voting on their approval in November. Makes for good night reading,

okay, maybe not so much, but an important part of our guild, nevertheless.

Finally, you should have received an e-mail stating that we will be having an April meeting this year. In addition to the regular Show and Tell, we will be having a Panel Palooza Showcase on April 16. Panels can be an easy way to pull together a quick gift or charity quilt. They are also appealing to new and seasoned quilters and can have broad creative applications. This should be fun!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting!

~Ivette

Minutes of the September 18, 2026 Meeting

The meeting was opened by President Ivette R. at 6:30 PM, who then called the tables for the Potluck Dinner.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS: Erika H., Nancy C., Marianne D., Cathy MacC., Anna P. as well as one visitor.

SUMMER AND SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: July: Sharon S., Mary M., Erma H., Christine G., Jean C., Terry P., Maritza C. • August: Jackie P., CarolAnn B., Marge F., Sofia R., Ivette R. • September: Donna D., Susan G., Christine L., Dixie M., Christine P., Sue P.

OLD BUSINESS:

June Minutes: With no corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Richard L. and seconded by Doreen D.

Update and Revision of By-Laws: Ivette R., President, reported that the By-Laws Committee comprised of Ellen H., Chairwoman, and Executive Board members: Ivette R., Donna D., Chiara O., and Maryann F. met in July to revise the By-Laws. Ellen H. reported that the last revision was conducted in 2018. Ellen H. stated that the By-Laws, as a living document, should adjust to the ongoing growth and needs of the guild. To that aim, the Placemat Committee, the Bee Meeting and definition of a Special Events Chairperson were added, as well as clarification of chairperson responsibilities regarding committee budget/reimbursements. A copy of the By-Laws will be emailed for membership review in October. Questions can be directed to Ellen H. with an approval vote scheduled for November.

Presbyterian Women's Group Presentation: Dina N. reported that she has secured the Brick Twp. Branch of the Ocean County Library on October 3, 2026, at 10AM in response to a request made last term by a Presbyterian woman's group from Pennsylvania seeking instruction and information about quilting. Connie S. will present her one woman show "Stories from the Scrapbag" which will be followed by a Beachplum Quilt Guild member show and tell. Members are asked to limit their quilts to 3-5 per member. Volunteers are needed at 9:30AM and should contact Dina re: availability. The event will be open to the public.

Special Events Chair Vacancy: Ivette R. and Chiara O. explained that previously on a non-quilt show year, a Special Events Chairperson was designated to organize a luncheon or guild event. At present, this position is vacant. Last year's survey indicated a bus trip or luncheon as preferred options. Members interested in assuming this Chairmanship or members with ideas for a special event, should contact Ivette R., President.

April Meeting on Non-Quilt Show Year: Ivette R. reported that she has received interest in holding an April Meeting on the non-quilt show year. This meeting would be in addition to a possible special event. Ivette R. entertained discussion and stated that she will confer with the Executive Board and report on the outcome of the meeting in October. If the Executive Committee votes no meeting, then the issue will be up for a vote in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: Erma H., Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report. The 2026/27 budget was distributed to membership in attendance and changes were discussed. A motion to approve the budget as amended was made by Debbie P. and seconded by Diane C.

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Audit: Chiara O., V.P., reported that she met with Cathy M., Karen M. and Erma H. to conduct an audit of randomly selected payments and deposits. All 19 payments and 12 deposits were verified for a clean audit. Chiara O. stressed that when seeking reimbursement, original receipts from actual vendors with date of purchase and amount of the transaction must be accompanied by the Beachplum Reimbursement Request Form within 30 days of the purchase date. All requirements must be satisfied to receive reimbursement.

Sampler Platter: Ivette R. circulated information about Sampler Platter, an online quilting educational platform open, free of charge, to our members. Multiple quilting experts offer a variety of presentations/classes and techniques. It will be held on October 24th & 25th and will be accessible 72 hours after the initial presentations. Ivette R. will email additional information to the membership.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2025/26 SHOWCASE: Dixie M. invited all last year's monthly Block of the Month winners to show their finished quilt or flimsy. Paula P. - Arboretum, Karen M. - Rick Rack, Maria S. - Modern Neutral, Sherre MacC. - Ornaments & Nocturne, Kathleen K. - Orange and Turquoise and Jackie H. - American Flag participated. Ballots were distributed and votes collected. Jackie H. and Sherry MacC. won 1st and 2nd prize, respectively.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – Gail M. reported 78 paid members and asked that she receive any outstanding dues by the October meeting at the latest.

Fundraising – Sue P. thanked all who volunteered for the guild's first fundraiser of the year at Island Beach State Park. Total proceeds for the day were \$983.00. Sue P. reported that inventory is good, with the exception of, ChapStick holders, which are still needed. Volunteers for the Holiday City Carefree and O.C. Historical Society events are needed.

Newsletter – Donna D. asked that newsletter submissions be sent no later than the Saturday after the Bee meeting. Bee meetings are held the first Friday of the month.

Programs – Mary P. shared the programs for the 2026/27 year:

- October 16th – Rachel Derstine Lecture, Fall Placemats, Samples & Signups for November Make and Take.
- October 17th - Rachel Derstine Workshop in the River Room. (Parking in front of the Church.)
- November 20th – Make and Take project.
- December 18th- Holiday Potluck Dinner.
- January 15th - Winter Placemats, and Left Right Center Game
- February 19th- Trunk Show by Cathy M., and Dixie M. Challenge Quilt for April.
- February 20th – Member workshops: Chiara O. – design quilting using precuts; Laurie S. – Machine applique; Sherre MacC. – 2-hour Stripology demonstration; Mary P. – Biscuit quilting; and Free Sew Day
- March 19 – Trunk Show by Sherre MacC.
- March 20 – Barn Quilt Block Paint Day in Point Pleasant
- April – Luncheon or trip event TBD and Challenge quilt judging
- May 21st – Sue Pelland Lecture - Fast and Fabulous applique with leaves galore
- May 22nd – Sue Pelland Workshop – Baltimore Block
- June 18th – End of the Year Potluck dinner, Summer Placemats and Yearly photo

Bee News – Ann B. reported that the popularity of the Bee meeting prompted Jackie P. to approach the Manasquan Methodist Church about adding an additional hour. New times are now 12PM – 3:30pm. Next month Maria S. and Ann B. will conduct a quilted jacket from a sweatshirt class. Members can participate in scheduled programs or bring their own projects to work on. All are welcome.

Charity Quilts - Deb F. reported that 71 quilts were donated to charity last year. Our BPQ newsletter has a list of charities including Ocean of Love where quilts were distributed. Deb F. stated that she is open to suggestions about any other worthy organizations. Quilts should be labeled with the maker and the quilter to track Marcia G's. contribution.

Placemats – Christine G. reported that placemats will be collected next month for the O.C. Meals on Wheels program. The placemat themes are Fall, patriotic, New Jersey and anything miscellaneous, but nothing religious. Labels were made available and members were referred to the BPQ website for specific instructions.

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SHOW AND TELL: Debbie P. organized the show and tell. Pictures of the quilts and their makers will be included in the newsletter and posted on Facebook.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2026/27 SEPTEMBER WINNER: Regina L. announced that, Joanne MacC. was the winner of this month's blocks.

DOOR PRIZES – Richard L. conducted the door prize raffle. Winners included: Doreen D., Deb F., Donna S., Dona S., and Cathy MacC.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Ivette R. adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Treasury Audit Report 2025 - 26

Audit Committee: Chiara O - Vice President, Cathy M. - Guild Member, Karen M. - Guild Member, and Erma H. - Treasurer

On Wednesday, August 19, 2026 this year's Beachplum Audit Committee met to conduct our yearly audit of the treasury accounts in accordance with the Bylaws of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore.

Our guild's treasurer was organized and all the paperwork was neatly prepared. The committee members were given documentation of all the transitions from the checking and savings accounts from 7/1/25 to 8/19/26. The committee was required to sample 20% of both the payments and deposits.

The committee members chose 19 different payments and requested source documents for each (e.g. Receipts, request forms, checks, & electronic payments). All the documentation for each payment was reviewed by the three committee members. Then the committee

members chose 12 deposits and verified the source documents (e.g. Invoices, deposit slips, ATM & electronic deposits). All deposits were verified by the appropriate documentation by committee members. The audit committee was provided with the appropriate documentation for every transaction reviewed.

Committee Recommendations:

All transactions for purchase or reimbursement should be accompanied by a funding request form.

Itemized receipts from the vendor should be submitted for reimbursement.

If you do not have an acceptable receipt, you will not be reimbursed.

Thank you Cathy M. and Karen M. for volunteering to support the treasury audit and Thank you Erma H. for keeping our records so organized!

~Chiara O.

PROGRAMS

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 class is full** but check with Mary P. ASAP for wait list in case of cancellations.

At our October meeting come prepared to **sign-up for the November meeting**

Make-and-Take projects. Your choice is a Reindeer Snow Globe Banner or

Gingerbread Men Pillows. Both items are adorable! There will be kits made up for the November meeting, you'll provide the hand sewing supplies, and of course, the hand sewing! This is your last chance to sign up for a kit and join in the festive fun at the November Meeting.



*Which one you make is
Your Choice!*

Women Woven Together

In May, Beachplum received a request from the Presbyterian Women of Second Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania for assistance with their annual retreat in Ocean Grove. The retreat's theme was **Women Woven Together**, and with two quilters among their members, the group felt Beachplum would be a natural fit. After several phone calls and emails, plans were finalized for Beachplum to participate.

On Saturday, October 3, Beachplum welcomed 26 women to the Brick Library, where Connie S. presented an informative and engaging program. Beachplum members Dina N., Ivette R., Maryann F., Dixie M., and Connie S. attended the event. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and Beachplum gratefully received a generous donation. Connie will also share her presentation with the Guild in 2027.

Connie's quilts are in the photos outlined in purple, below



BEACHPLUM QUILTERS OF THE JERSEY SHORE

Fall Place Mat Celebration

Collection at the October Guild Meeting

Use washable material denoting Fall/Autumn, Scrappy or NJ themed fabric. Please Note: use only non-religious materials

Placemat must be **clean** and constructed like a quilt...top, batting and backing with Beachplum label affixed to the back.

Each placemat receives one ticket and prizes will be awarded to the winners at the October meeting.

Please see Maryann F., Christine G. or Crafty Fabrics for labels

Late entries will be accepted, but are not eligible for a prize.

2026 Fundraising Participation Opportunities!

Hello friends,

Our fundraising efforts started off very successfully (if a bit soggy) at the Island Beach State Park Beachplum Festival in September. Let's keep the momentum going—and our next two events are indoors! If you are interested in participating with your bubbly personalities, please think about signing up to help at one of the events listed. Contact Sue P if you can help out.

Saturday, October 10, 2026 at *Holiday City Carefree Craft Fair* from 8:30 – 2:00. (Setup on Friday 10/9)

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.

Charity Quilts

If you have a completed quilt top and backing, the guild will provide batting and quilting to get the quilt done. Please ensure that ALL charity quilts donated have a sewn on "Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore" label attached. When turning in your charity quilt, please pin your name and the name of the person who quilted it onto the quilt, for record keeping.

Contact Deb F. for labels.

Deadline for the next newsletter is

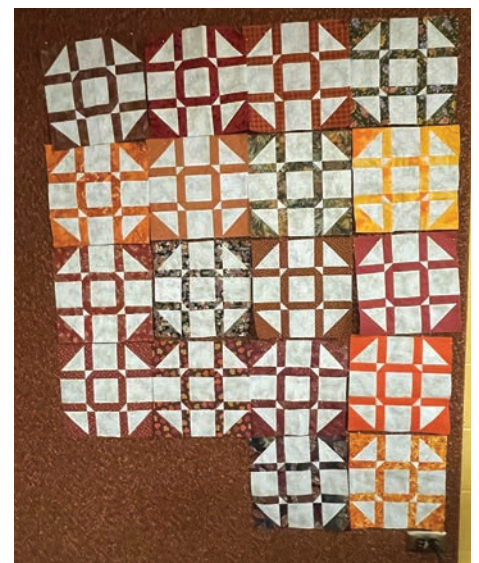
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E-Mail your news in a document format, pdf or email text to:

Donna D.: dondea916@gmail.com

September Block of the Month

To the right are just some of the 31 blocks turned in for September Block of the Month. JoAnn M. was the lucky winner of these blocks of autumnal colors.



2025-2026 BLOCK OF THE MONTH SHOWCASE

All of 2025-2026 Block of the Month winners brought in their finished quilts (or quilt tops) for display. Members of the guild then voted to pick their favorite.

Paula P. - Arboretum (not pictured)

1. Karen M. – Rick Rack
2. Maria S. – Modern Neutral
3. Sherre MacC. – Ornaments
4. Kathleen K. – Orange and Turquoise
5. Sherre MacC. – Nocturne
6. Jackie H. – American Flag

Ballots were distributed and the votes were counted.

1st Place - Jackie H.

2nd place - Sherry MacC.
(for Ornaments)



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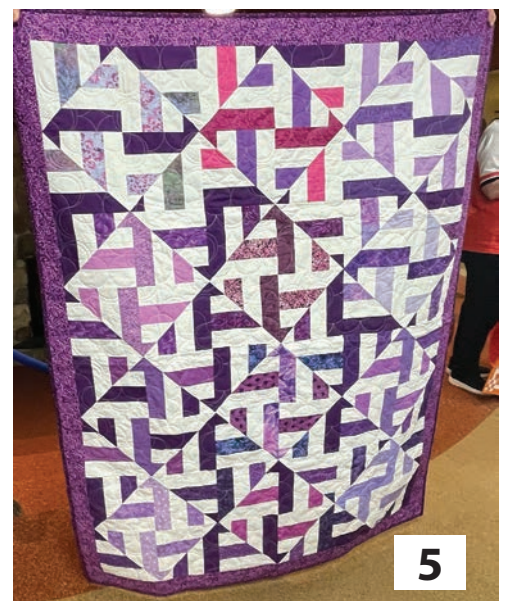
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SEPTEMBER SHOW and TELL

Jacky H.

Halloween Figs
Denim Version Quilt Kit



Erma H.

Kids Quilt

Sherre M.

3 Quilts
Strip Cocktail and
Charity Quilts



Donna D.

Constellation Stars-
250th America Quilt

Show and Tell photos
courtesy of Ann B.



SEPTEMBER SHOW and TELL

Carol C.

Hawaiian Garden Quilt
Flower Garden Quilt



Maria S.

Sugar & Spice Quilt
Storm at Sea Quilt



Dixie M.

Flower Table Runner



Pat L.

Applique Pillow



SEPTEMBER SHOW and TELL

Richard L.

2 Projects



Barbara E.

Bunny Quilt

Spring Quilt

Heart Quilt



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. and
Ann B.

11/06/26 – Holiday
Ornament Workshop
and Finishing Sweatshirt
Jackets

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 – Crazy Quilting
with Paula P.

05/07/27 – Crazy Quilting
with Paula P.

06/04/27 – Sit and Sew

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

The September Bee Meeting was full of fun and laughter as everyone came back together after the summer break. There were samples of upcoming projects displayed and a lively show and tell.

In October members got to work on the Sweatshirt Jacket Project and started rolling fabric for the 2028 Quilt Show. Members also voted on the two ornament projects for the November meeting.

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Bee Meeting and
Bee Show and Tell photos
courtesy of Ann B.

SEPTEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Sherre M.

Kimberly Quilt -
Stripology
Strip Cocktail



Maria S.

London Calling

Regina L.

Mirrored Pattern for
Grandson



Marlene S.

Quilt Made for
Breast Cancer Surgeon

Jackie P. & Debbie P.

Displaying two charity
quilts made at
May Bee Meeting



SEPTEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Ivette R..

Christmas in July
Table Runner

Summer Baskets Quilt



Maryann F.

2 Oh Scrap Quilts
made with
Rag Shop Fabrics

Flower Girl -
Shabby Fabrics
Witches Hat



OCTOBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Maria S.

Strip Cocktail Quilt
Selectable Mountains
Quilt
Table Runner
Storm at Sea wall
hanging



JoAnn M.

Trick or Treat Bag



Sherre M.

Table Runner



Barbara E.

Patriotic Quilt



OCTOBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Regina L.

Happy Birthday Banner



Christine P.

Yellowstone Quilt Top
(that the Bee helped
with)



Laurie S.

Samples of Applique Baltimore
Blocks using Sue Pelland rulers



OCTOBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Ivette R.

Chet's Nuts



Connie S.

Emma's Quilt



Jackie P.

Mini Christmas Quilt



Ann B.

Christmas T-Shirts
using panels



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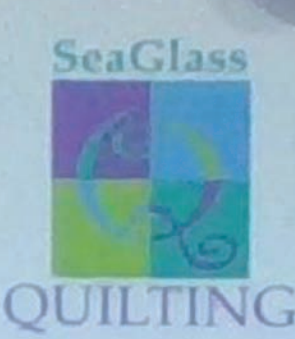
2028 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

October 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,
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MEETING from 12 noon-3:30pm