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President's Message

Greetings Beachplum Members!

First and foremost, as the new President, I want to thank you all for your vote of confidence. It is a privilege and I hope to continue and add to the great work of my predecessors with responsible stewardship in tandem with the Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons.

It's mid-summer and we are in the throes of summer activities. Patriotic and bright summer colors abound as we continue to celebrate our great nation's 250th anniversary! We may be making a patriotic quilt to commemorate this important year in history, or venturing out farther to quilt shops, maybe even participating in the Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop. Or maybe some of us are enjoying the slower pace of chilling on a porch with a tall glass of lemonade as we pore over quilting magazines. Heaven!!!

Our Guild may be taking a hiatus from monthly meetings, but summer brings on a quilting season all its own. Smaller projects are perfect for our booth at the Beachplum Festival at IBSP on September 13th. It's also a good time to consider making charity quilts. We just received an e-mail from Quilts for Kids telling us their inventory is very low (hint, hint)! Or, perhaps we are working on blocks we won last year for the September BOM showcase. Even better, we can start our new set of BOM blocks distributed at our last meeting by Dixie and Marcia. And, a favorite of mine is a Christmas in July project because it's my favorite holiday.

Whatever your summer projects or adventures, I promise you that the year ahead will be a busy and

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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. Please note that the Program list for 2026 is a work in progress and the below list is not complete as of this publishing.

- 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** – Make & Take Project-TBD
- 12/18/26** – Pot Luck Dinner
- 01/15/27** – Game night and prizes!
- 02/19/27** – Spring Placemats collected
- 03/19/27** – Regular Meeting
- 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

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exciting one at the Beachplum Quilt Guild. So, in the meantime, stay cool, keep sharpening those quilting skills and take time to enjoy these fleeting summer months. A stroll on the beach along the

lapping waves will prove a memorable reminder of this great season during the cooler months!

See you all in September!!

Ivette

Minutes of the June 19, 2026 Meeting

The meeting was opened by President Dina Newbert at 6:30pm, who then called tables for the Potluck Dinner.

June Birthdays: Diane C., Maryann F., Liz H., and Marlene S.

New Members: One new member, Erika H., was welcomed by all in attendance.

With dinner concluded, all members reassembled for the yearly group picture.

Old Business:

May Minutes: With no corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Sherri B., and seconded by Richard L.

Treasurer's Report: Dina N. read the Treasurer's report in Erma H.'s absence. Quilt Show: Total profit of \$6,874.34.

Dina N. reported that \$150 donation was made in memory of Minabess Randolph, Founder of Beach Plum Quilt Guild, to the 1st Assembly of God Church, Toms River. The following condolence note accompanied the donation:

"We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and your congregation on the passing of our quilt guild's beloved founder. Her vision, creativity and generosity planted the seed of Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore that has flourished for 40 years and continues to grow.

She stitched together not only fabric, but friendships, community and purpose. Her legacy lives on in every quilt we create and every hand we welcome.

May her memory be a blessing, and may you find comfort in knowing the lasting impact she made on so many lives."

Dina N. reported that she had been contacted by a Pennsylvania women's group who will be visiting Ocean Grove and seeking instruction and information about quilting. In the spirit of raising awareness about the mission of our guild and the legacy of quilting, a 1½ - 2 hours lecture, and small trunk show, at a local venue such as the O.C. Library, O.C. Historical Society, etc. on October 3rd was discussed. Connie S. offered to present her one woman show "Stories from the Scrapbag". A donation to the guild was offered by the group.

Committee Reports:

Meals on Wheels Placemats: Maryann F. and Christine G. reported that 141 placemats were collected. Marcia G., Sophie K., and Joan M. were the winners of the thank you gift bags.

Block of the Month: Mary P., this month's BOM winner, was announced by Regina L.

Door Prizes: Richard L. distributed door prizes, some from purplehobbies.com, to the following winners: Liz H., Diane C., Cathy L., Marcia G., Diane W., Maritza C., Jan W., Ivette R., Dina N., Terri P., Kathy S., Deb P., and Ann B. Purplehobbies.com has offered a 10-15% discount to BPQ members.

Bee Meeting: Ann B. reported that in June, members created a sewing machine mat and Ann B. presented a

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tutorial on machine binding. The Bee meetings have suspended for the Summer but will resume in September with a Sit N Sew.

Programs: Mary P. reported that checks for \$35 are currently being collected for the October 17th workshop by Rachel Derstine. Checks will be accepted through the September meeting. If 20 members do not sign up, the public will be invited.

Fundraising: Sue P. reported that we will again participate in the IBSP craft fair on September 13th. Additional venues, dates and times to be confirmed include O.C. Historical Society Fair, and Holiday City Craft Fair. Sue thanked all who volunteered to make items and to staff the table. Sue P. also reported that she inventoried our sale items and received input and some patterns from both Ivette R. and Donna D. on the most popular items. Patterns shared included: bowl cozies, chicken hot pad, heart potholder, and tote bags, especially trick or treat themed bags. These patterns will be made available to the members. Jar openers made by Ann B. were a sold-out item. Please get your items to Sue P. by August 15th.

Transition: Dina N. personally thanked: Richard L., Donna D., Dixie M., Karen M., Marcia G., Deb F., Maritza C., Regina L., Maryann F., Ann B., Sue P., Mary P., Ivette R. and Kit D., for being the "Village" that supported her and the work of the guild for the term 2024-2026. Ivette R., Incoming President, thanked Dina N. for her service to the guild, and reviewed the guild's accomplishments during her tenure. Ivette presented Dina with 42 blue pieced blocks as a thank you from the members for a job well-done. The gavel was passed to Ivette R., President 2026-2028.

Interest Survey: Chiara O. reported that determining the interest of the members was important to developing programming and maintaining interest and growth. A demographic analysis determined that 55% of members have 10+ years of affiliation and that 52% consider their skill level as intermediate. 28% of the members consider their skill level advanced and this could be a possible resource for in-person member workshops. 52% want in-person workshops including domestic machine quilting with/wo rulers, color theory, Saturday Sew-ins, while BOM, Show and Tell and Charity quilts scored high. Interest in a Spring Luncheon will be revisited by TBD By-Laws Committee since the last review was 2018. Also, identified was the interest in a bus trip (63%). There will be a call-out for a committee chair soon.

Sunshine Committee: Peggy R. volunteered to chair this committee.

Show and Tell: Coordinated by Deb P.

Ivette R. adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

Bus Trip to September 2026 Mancuso Quilt Show

Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild is trying to arrange a bus trip to the PA National Quilt Extravaganza in Oaks, PA. on Thursday, September 17, 2026. The bus would leave from the Bay Avenue Community Center at 8:30am and then leave the quilt show around 3:00pm.

The cost of the bus is dependent on the number of people who sign up, but would range from \$39-\$59. (The more people who sign up, the less the bus will cost.)

The bus price DOES NOT include admission to the show, which is \$16 for groups of 20 or more people (the full admission cost is now up to \$18).

We would like to get a feel for how many people have a strong interest in going to the Oaks Show, so if you think

you have a high possibility of going on this trip, please let Charlene know. If and when it gets approved by the PSQG board, she will send out the exact date, times, and costs.

Thank you,
Charlene Samanich
Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild Trip Coordinator

Email Charlene at < samanich@comcast.net > if interested.
Please cc Ivette at < Beachplumquiltmakers@gmail.com >

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**

June Meeting Photos





**BEACHPLUM QUILTERS OF THE JERSEY SHORE
JUNE, 2026**

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.

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!

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 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.

Fundraising Events 2026 - 2027

I hope you all are enjoying your summer. As of this writing, July 12, we have 69 days until our first guild meeting on September 18! I know I can't wait!

If you are busy making items to donate for selling at these events, thank you! Please contact me when you are finished so we can plan to add them to the inventory.

So far we have three fundraising events to showcase and sell our creations! We have registered for the annual Island Beach Beachplum Festival on Sunday, September 13. I have a couple of openings from 10 - 12 for help. If you can spare an hour or two, please let me know at 732-600-9923. Text or call. We are awaiting the registration paper

for our next event which will be the holiday fair at Holiday City Carefree on Saturday, October 10. We will have a sign up sheet for this at the September meeting. We are registered for the next opportunity on Sunday, November 1. This will be the Ocean County Historical Society Craft Faire held at Toms River High School South. Again, a sign up sheet will be at the September meeting. If you feel so inclined and want to get on the help list early, I'd be happy to receive your text or call!

Enjoy the rest of your summer days. I hope you are finding family time and sewing time!

Happy sewing! ~Sue P.

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 1 pm.

09/04/26 - 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 New Year's Day

The Bee Meeting calendar for 2026-2027 is still being finalized.

At the June meeting it was discussed to start the Bee meetings at 12 noon instead of 1 pm to allow for longer sewing time. Notification will go out if this change is possible.

* Note that January 8, 2027 is the **second** Friday of that month.

JUNE **SHOW and TELL**

Richard L.

Crochet Table Cloth



Dona S.

Red, Black and White
Quilt Top

Dianne W.

Pieced Hearts and
colorful Squares
Placemat



Ivette R.

Constellation Quilt Top
from May Workshop



JUNE **SHOW and TELL**

Ann B.

Sewing Machine Mat



Sue P.

Sewing Machine Mat
Constellation Quilt Top
from May Workshop



Jacky H.

May 2026 BOM Quilt



JUNE SHOW and TELL

Donna D.

Schlepping Bag and
Sewing Machine mat
2019 BOM - Chandelier
Baby Quilt



Liz H.

Blue & Tan Yellow Brick
Road Quilt



Kit D.

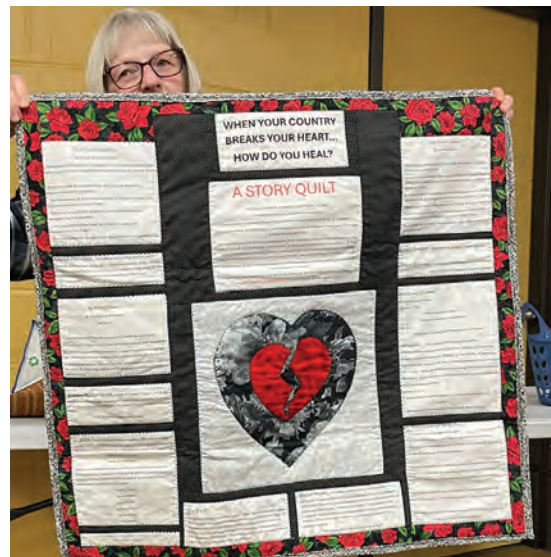
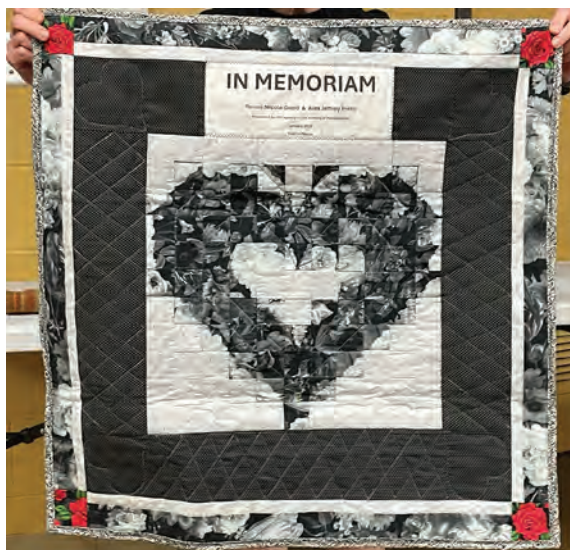
2 Quilts
Purple & Blue



JUNE SHOW and TELL

Paula P.

Watercolor Quilt and
Companion Quilt



Joan M.

Placemats
Veggies and Fruit
Wall Hanging
Rabbits block print



Maryann F.

Patriotic 'Deb Tucker
Studio 180' Throw Quilt



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(vacant)

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(vacant)

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,
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MEETING from 1pm-3:30pm