

the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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President's Message

Hello Beachplum Members,

Can you believe it's already November? As the weather cools and the days get shorter, I find myself wanting to cozy up with a cup of hot tea and a quilting project. It's the perfect time to bring out those holiday fabrics or finish up any quilts you've been working on this year (no judgment on those WIPs/UFOs—we've all got 'em!).

This month, let's celebrate not just the joy of quilting but the community we share. There's something special about gathering with others who understand the thrill of finding the perfect fabric or finally nailing that tricky technique. Whether you've been quilting for decades or are just starting out, you're part of what makes this group so special.

November is also a time for gratitude, and I'm especially grateful for all of you. Your creativity, generosity, and support make our quilting community vibrant and fun. Whether we're sharing tips, cheering each other on, or offering advice, I love how we lift each other up—and that's something that makes Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore a very special group.

So let's keep the momentum going! If you've got any projects you're working on, holiday gifts you're planning, or just want to share your latest fabric haul, we'd love to see it at our next meeting.

Here's to another month of stitching, laughing, and creating together. May your seams be straight, your fabrics plentiful, and your bobbins full!

Happy quilting,

Dina

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2024– 2025

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

09/20/24 – Pot Luck Dinner; Budget Review; Audit Report; 2023-2024 Block of the Month Quilts Showcase; Bee Mystery Quilts revealed; Huge Show & Tell; A very special challenge project revealed...

10/18/24 – Janellea MacBeth Lecture "Organizing Your Fabric Stash and Finishing the D@#N Quilt", Collection of Fall Placemats

10/19/24 – Janelleah MacBeth Scrapstashtic Shenanigans Workshop, 10am-2pm

11/15/24 – Back by Popular demand-Make & Take Project-Lollipops

12/20/24 – Pot Luck Dinner, Bring your favorite Holiday Quilt or Decoration that you have made for Show and Tell.

01/17/25 – Quilto and prizes!

02/21/25 – Spring Placemats; Guest Speaker(s) TBA

02/22/25 - Saturday Workshop(s) TBA

03/21/25 – Regular Meeting, Luncheon Challenge Quilt voting

04/24 – Guild luncheon,TBA.

No regular meeting, No April Newsletter

05/16/25 – Guest Speaker TBA

05/17/25 - Saturday Workshop TBA

06/20/25 – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo

October 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Dina N at 6:30

Reminder Dues due today to be included in membership list.

Still looking for Luncheon Chair and Quilt Show Chair.

Birthdays for October: Susan A, Cathy M and Joan O

September Minutes, Motion to accept by Donna D, second by Juanita G, motion accepted.

Fundraising: Donna D has two places for fundraising scheduled:

Ocean County Historical Society Craft Faire, at Toms River High School, Nov 3rd Sunday 10-3

Silver Ridge Park East, Nov 16, Saturday, volunteers to help sell are needed, contact Donna.

Ginger had a presentation of things to make as we will need more items to sell. Kathy M. talked about card holder made out of CD's, as well as the items Ginger displayed.

Treasurer's Report: Erma H gave an accounting of our finances.

Programs: Mary P. reported that 20 people were signed up for Octobers class Scrapstashtic. Janellea Macbeth will be our speaker tonight as well as our teacher for the class.

November's make and take will be lollipop ornaments, look for the supply list in this newsletter.

Anyone interested in making Fidget blankets can find info in the newsletter.

Amy talked about the Heart project.

Placemats for Meals on Wheels: Pat O and Ginger C. February 21 will be the next collection. Our two winners were Terry P and Cathy M.

Bee Meeting: Ann B had a Show and Tell of the Bee Meeting Mystery Quilt. Even though they were all made from the same pattern every quilt was different and beautiful.

Charity Quilts: Carol C and Juanita G –Debby F from Quilts For Kids received 31 charity Quilts, 9 were donated to Providence House and 22 to Oceans of Love where both kids with cancer and their parents get quilts. Donna D. read two thank you notes for quilts received, One from Hope House and one from Oceans of Love. These charity quilts show them they are not alone nor forgotten, someone cares! Good work ladies.

Nancy M donated over 1500 dresses to 'Dress a Girl Around the World' in the last two years. The guild has donated much fabric to Nancy so she can continue to sew these dresses.

Block of the Month: Marcia G and Dixie M–There are still a few packages for BOM for \$10. Our winner for this month's blocks is Maria S.

Door Prizes: Richard L–as well as door prizes for this month everyone received a fat quarter from Richard. We had one visitor, Sue A's sister, who picked the first winning ticket. We had three door prize winners
1. Kathy M, 2. Jane P, 3. Sophie K.

Library: Gail and Maritza–We have organized the rulers. You can go to the website to see what we have. Try these before you buy new ones

Our Lecturer this month was Janellea Macbeth, she gave us much info on organizing scraps and how to use those scraps. Very informative and well received.

Show and Tell: Marlene S– We saw many beautiful quilts and many were donated to the charity group. Dina adjourned the meeting.

Thank You

Dear Beachplum Members,

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the visits, cards, and the kindness you all have shown during this difficult time.

Losing Bob has been difficult, but having the warmth and support of my quilting family has truly meant the world.

Each card and every kind word reminded me of the special community we share, one that not only creates beauty but also lifts each other up when we need it most. Thank you for being there for me, for showing such compassion, and for helping to ease my heart.

With love and gratitude,
Dina, Heather & Amanda

The guild received the following message asking for assistance:

Do you or any of your wonderful quilters work on fidget blankets? We are in need. If possible can someone please give me a call back when you have a moment to spare. Thank you.

If this is something you can help out with, please contact:

Kathy Donadio, 609-432-0073

email kdonadio@angelichospice.net

Help Wanted:

2025 April Event Chairperson
Luncheon, bus trip, what shall we do in 2025?

2026 Quilt Show Chairperson

It's never too soon to start planning all the things that go into making our show a success. April 2026 will be here before you know it!

Craft Sale Scheduled

Beachplum Quilters will be participating in the *Silver Ridge Park East Holiday Craft Fair* on Saturday, November 16th. The event takes place from 9am-2pm at the SRPE Club House, 979 Edgebrook Drive N., Toms River. We will be selling items in inventory along with items donated at our October and November meetings as part of our scrap challenge.

Please bring any items to sell to the November meeting, and give to Donna D. Our inventory is running low! Also let her know if you can take a shift to help sell our items at this event.

Thank You!

UPDATES

Dona S. is doing well. She is allowed visitors, but call first because she has different therapies scheduled. She is at Encompass Rehab across the street from Community Hospital in Toms River

Chris L. is back in the hospital. She can't have any visitors but is in Brick Hospital. Prayers and positive thoughts are appreciated.

Lollipop Ornaments-November Make and Take Project Instructions

Cut 2 fabric Circles (6-3/4") and 2 batting circles (3") to bring to November Meeting!

Templates on Page 5

BRING TO NOVEMBER MEETING:

- **Basic hand sewing supplies/thread to match your lollipop fabric (scissors, pins, fabric glue and needles, etc.) – no machine needed!**
 - **11" of gathered thin lace**
 - **Thin Ribbon for a bow**
 - **Your fabric and batting circles**
- Mary P. will have extra supplies**

Instructions

1. Place 1 batting piece on the center of each fabric piece
2. Sew around the outer edge using a double thread and make 2 yoyo shapes (no need to turn under 1/4" edge).
3. Sew Lace around one outside edge (fold over ends for neat finish).
4. Now sew the 2 circles together along the edges leaving room for a stick to be inserted.
5. Insert lollipop stick, gluing the top edge. Add a bow and hanging thread if desired.



Inquiries from member Regina L.:

1. Looking for a knitter who would make a Christmas stocking for Christmas 2025. Of course pattern, yarn and payment included. *Please contact Regina.*
2. Does anyone know of a recycling center that takes textiles? Fabric scraps that are too small or clothing that is not good enough for donation?

One answer for question #2 --

Textile items can be brought to:

Goodwill, Toms River, NJ (Donation only-no store)
1349 U.S. 9 (at the Intersection of Indian Head Rd.,
near the Home Depot)
Toms River NJ 08753

Phone: 856-406-2468

You don't even have to get out of the car. Volunteers come and carry away the donations.

Participation in Fiber Art Display

Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church has an art gallery (in the halls of the church) that highlights the work of local artists. Displays stay up for a couple of months. They are hoping to have a fiber arts gallery next fall (2025). Karen Norby, the curator, is asking if we have anyone that would like to display quilts or perhaps a favorite one. Currently they are working on a schedule for the upcoming year and would like to know if there is any interest in this area of fiber arts. If you are interested in selling any items, that is also a possibility.

For more information, see Guild member Sue P. or call her at 732-600-9923.

Lollipop Ornaments-November Make and Take Project Templates

Instructions on page 4

**Cut 2 fabric Circles (6-3/4")
and 2 batting circles (3")**

*(If you print this page make sure your print settings
are for actual size and not "fit to paper")*

**BATTING
CUT 2**

**FABRIC
CUT 2**

Have I got a TIP for you!!

We hope so!! If YOU have a tip that makes your quilting, pressing, piecing, pattern holding, fabric storage, applique, binding, etc., easier, PLEASE share it with us! We want to run the "Topsy Corner" in every issue of the news letter, and the more the merrier! If a picture (or series of pictures) helps you explain your tip better, send them along too. We would love to gather enough tips to maybe even make a small booklet to sell!

CHARITY QUILTS

Please make sure your name is pinned on to your charity quilt donation with a safety pin! This will help us keep track of who donated a quilt. Thank You!

TIPSY CORNER

✎ I recently stumbled on this and found it to be a lifesaver. I am starting a quilt and prewashed my fabrics. I had 2 yards of light-yellow polka dot fabric. I added color catcher in the load of what I thought was similar colors. Unfortunately, something may have been damp in the dryer and the color ran, I had light blue randomly spotted on the yellow fabric.

I googled fabric color running and found this and it worked so well, I would like to share it. There were multiply listings, one with Clorox which I would not try. Listed below is the one I used to remove every spot of blue.

The most effective remedy that removes dye: rubbing alcohol, followed closely by white vinegar and Dawn Dishwashing liquid

I rubbed it into the fabric and then used Tide and rewashed the fabric. It looks perfect. I was so happy and want to share this with everyone.

- Jo Ann M.

✎ If threading the needle on your sewing machine is sometimes tricky, you can try one of these 2 methods to make it easier:

1. Mark the end of your thread with a black Sharpie marker. Of course, if you have a dark thread, you'll need to use another color, like silver or gold. This makes the end of your thread easier to see as you are threading it through the eye. This works especially well when using monofilament thread.

2. Put a white or brightly colored index card behind the eye of the needle. This will make it easier to see where the eye is, which will make it easier to thread.

-Dina N.

✎ I use this little vacuum with brushes on the bottom to clean up threads and fabric bits on my cutting board. Mine came from Amazon, but I recently heard that Dollar Tree has one for \$5.00

-Ann B.



OCTOBER SHOW and TELL

Donna D.

Beachplum's Beautiful Butterflies-King size quilt made with the blocks received from members

The Garden is My Happy Place banner made with scraps from the bag received in the scrap bag challenge



Toni G.

Baby Rag Quilt

Dixie M.

Northern Lights Quilt



Joan O.

Sampler Quilt

Richard L.

Cross Stitch Trees



OCTOBER SHOW and TELL

Mary P.

Scare Crow Wall Hanging

Dianne W.

Black & White Kawandi Bag

Patchwork Quilt

Patchwork Quilt As You Go
Front and Back

Blue Quilt As You Go
Front and Back

Black & White Quilt



OCTOBER SHOW and TELL

Kit D.

5 Charity Quilts



Sherre M.

4 Charity Quilts, made with scraps from the bag(s) received in the scrap bag challenge





BEE NEWS



Our November Bee Meeting included learning how to make Yo Yo Cardinals from Jackie P. and a demonstration of Accuquilt Die Cutters by Maria S. and Ann B. Show & Tell was enjoyed by all members.

Bee Meetings Calendar 2024– 2025

All meetings at The Manasquan United Methodist Church, 1 pm.

09/06/24 – Bee Meeting

02/07/25 – Bee Meeting

10/04/24 – Bee Meeting

03/07/25 – Bee Meeting

11/01/24 – Bee Meeting

04/04/25 – Bee Meeting

12/06/24 – NO Meeting

05/02/25 – Bee Meeting

01/03/25 – Bee Meeting

06/06/25 – Bee Meeting



NOVEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Jackie P.

Scrappy Ladybugs
Scrappy Sailboats
Rogue Mystery Quilt



Mary P.

Yo Yo Turkeys



Yo Yo Tu
By Mar

NOVEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Ann B.

Going On A Picnic
Sampler



Sue P.

Piece of Cake



Maryann F.

Applique Autumn
Halloween Quilt
Strips and Salsa



Laurie S.

Mom's 80th Birthday
Signature Quilt
Blue Moon Quilt



2026 RAFFLE QUILT "SCRAP" INSTRUCTIONS

It's funny how things fall together. The raffle quilt was being planned independently of the Programs Committee plans for 2024-2026, but it turns out they are compatible projects! We would like to ask ALL members to make blocks for the raffle quilt, and the nature of those blocks will count towards your team "Scrappy" total being tallied by the Programs Committee.

Outlined below is what we are recommending for optimal results. It's not the only way to achieve what we need, but we feel it is the most accurate. What we're asking isn't hard, but accuracy is IMPORTANT because you are working with small pieces and your pieces will be combined with the pieces made by other members.

1. Take four scraps, any colors that you like*, and cut 2-inch wide by 11 or 12-inch strips. (2 inches wide accuracy is very important, the 11- 12 inch gives you squaring up room--you need 10-inch strips to finish.)
2. Sew the strips together in a strip set. Make sure you use an accurate scant 1/4 inch seam! Press all seams to one side in the same direction. This should measure 6½ wide.
3. Using your ruler to line up the 1½ inch seams, cut across the top of one end only enough to square up your strip set. Remember, you need to have at least 10 inches left in your strip set!
4. Cut your strip set into accurate 2-inch sections. You should end up with 5 sections, 4 blocks wide.
5. Next step:
 - Put two of the 4 block sections aside, they're done.
 - Take two more of the 4 block sections, and remove a single block from either end, leaving you with two 3 block sections and two 1 block sections.
 - Take the last 4 block section and open it down the middle. This will leave you with two 2 block sections.
6. Put it all in a baggy and bring it in to be added to your scrap count, then turn the baggy over to Dona S. or Donna D.

*While there is no limit to the colors you choose, please DO NOT use fabric with words.



!! UPDATE !!

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR SETS TO DONNA D.
BY THE DECEMBER 2024 MEETING!**

The Raffle Quilt construction was going to be overseen by Dona S. and Donna D. but they are going to need help! If you are able to lend a hand with the construction of the Raffle Quilt, please let Donna D. know ASAP!

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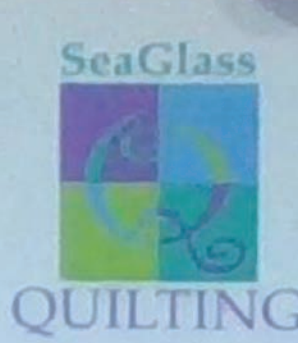
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November Meeting Checklist

- Name tag and a welcome smile for guests
- Make and Take Supplies
- Block of the Month
- Show & Tell
- Charity quilts
- **Donations to The Hope Center:** Feminine pads and tampons

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THE BEACHPLUM QUILTERS OF THE JERSEY SHORE BEE MEETINGS

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September through June

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