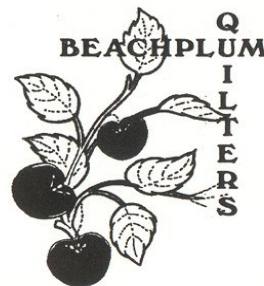


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President's Message

Recently, I have been reminded about the magic of quilts. By definition a quilt consists of three layers; a front, batting, and a back. For most of us, we spend hours poring over patterns and carefully choosing the fabric. We cut the fabric up into little pieces and sew them back together. We then decide on the perfect borders and fabric for binding. Next is the batting. With a myriad of choices, we judiciously pick out the batting. Now on to the backing, there are two schools of thought for the backing. The first is that the style and theme of the backing is to support and enhance the overall design choices of the front of the quilt. The second is that the backing is just that. The back of the quilt and nobody really sees it so who cares. We can use whatever we have and get on with it. Lastly, we face the quilting design. There are many schools of thought on this one but we will focus on machine quilting. If our quilt is a masterpiece, we may have it done by a longarm quilter. Again, there are two approaches. We take our quilt to the longarm quilter and sit with her to discuss and decide on the design and which threads to use or we drop the quilt off and say whatever. I tend to be of the discussion type. When it is all done, we have a quilt that we can rightly be proud to have made.

There is another kind of quilt that we make for charity. We use donated fabrics, simple patterns and very basic forms of quilting. We make them quite quickly and hand them in for distribution to a charity. This year the charity is Restore the Shore Quilts. This is where the true magic of quilts is most evident. When given to recipients, their appreciation is profound. They are truly touched that a stranger has taken her time and skills to create, what for them is a masterpiece. These simple quilts carry a message of love and caring. The quilt is a symbol of rebuilding their lives and restoring their futures.

For me, I feel a great sense of pride that we are able to touch others lives and make a difference. I hope all of you feel that same magic.



Ellen

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2012- 2013

- Sep 21- Big Show & Tell and Pizza Party
 - Oct 19- Bargello presentation by Jeannie Campbell
 - Nov 16- Regular meeting.
 - Dec 21- Holiday Dinner
 - Jan 18, 2013- Quilto
 - Feb 15- Ellen Hyers speaking on Antique Quilts, with a trunk show
 - Mar 15-Helle-May Cheney
 - Apr 6- Spring Luncheon @ Lobster Shanty
 - Apr 19-Regular Meeting
 - Apr 27 - Bargello Workshop
 - May 17- Carol Singer's presentation "Designing...A Freeing Experience" and trunk show
 - May 18-Carol Singer's workshop on machine quilting
 - Jun 21-Installation Dinner
- Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

Tickets are on sale now, great event for friends and family

**2013 Beachplum Quilters Luncheon
"A Room With A View"**

[April 6, 2013](#)

12 noon till 4pm

**Luncheon Buffet at
The Lobster Shanty**

**[83 Channel Drive](#)
[Point Pleasant, NJ 08742](#)**

**Guest Speaker: Linda Poole
"Quilting Around the World"**

Tickets-\$35 (With a cash bar)

Sold [until March 25, 2013](#)

Advance Sales Only

Tickets available at Guild Meetings

From Dona Spencer

Or by mail:

Mary Pabst, [P.O. Box 802, Island Heights, NJ 08732](#)

Email : ctulip1@verizon.net

**Drawing of Raffle Quilt - Queen Size
"Country Rose"**

**Door Prizes, 50/50, and
Gift Baskets to Raffle**

From Genny:

Door prize donations for the luncheon are needed.

We are looking for NEW items such as patterns, notions, fabric bundles or kits, non-sewing items (candles, household items, gift certificates). Are all welcome, so please check your stash and closet for a goodie.

Please give them to Genny or Denise D or Linda F.

Minutes of February 15, 2013

Meeting opened at 6:40 pm by President Ellen Hyers.

Announcements:

Charity Quilts - 60 quilts given for "Restore the Shore". Now looking to distribute to our family friends and neighbors.

Linda Felton, Vice President took over the meeting.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$ 7613.84.

Raffle Quilt – Pat L. needs volunteers to sell chances at Quilt Fest in March. She will also accept ideas and suggestions for other places to sell our chances. Some ideas were Seafood Festival in Point, Ocean County Fair, Toms River Founder's Day, Beachplum Festival, Lavallette Heritage Day and Facebook. Currently approximately \$600 has been raised.

April Luncheon- Selling tickets through March meeting. Cost is \$35.00. \$ 595.00 sold on these tickets.

Door Prizes for luncheon - box at front table to receive your donations.

Block of the month won by Barbara B.

Show and Tell

Program: Ellen Hyers shared her collection of antique quilts.

Door Prizes won by Pattie B, Marge F. and Alice M

Discussion on Bargello class.

Meeting closed at 8:35 pm

Erma Hoover

From Pat McCullough (Program Chair)

Members who signed up for the Bargello workshop on April 27 should please prepare the homework from the sample pattern that was given prior to the workshop. For the May 18th Machine Quilting workshop, members who signed up will need to make about 4-5 sandwiches of fabric. 14 inch squares of 100% cotton fabric sandwiched between 14 inch batting.

Ruffled Feathers

Machine Quilting Service

Tammie Ruffle, Long Arm Artist

Thank you to Beachplum Quilters for your generosity and support over the last few years. My family has moved to Nashville, TN. I would be happy to continue quilting for you if you'd like to ship your quilt to me.

Tammie Ruffle, 1601 Timber Run, Nashville, TN 37214
908-421-1435, tamruffle@gmail.com

Show & Tell February 2013

Cathy S: appliqué quilt, hand appliquéd and hand quilted

Helen C: pieced churn dash and Ricki Tim class quilt, quilted by Linda Victor

Ann B: pieced quilt, quilted by Fran G; Med blocks & pillow for nephew's '49er Super Bowl and paper pieced star from Carol Doak class

Laurie S: three pieced quilts: road to Oklahoma, spider web & drunkard's path sampler, quilted by Tammie Ruffle

Jane S: baby quilt, three quilts for Restore the Shore, one charity quilt, all self quilted

Pat L: old, paper pieced embroidered medallion for Allaire

Dona S: appliqué, hand pieced; receiving blankets; hurricane Sandy quilt

Mary Lou G: pieced pillow, Keepsake Quilting challenge top, 2 tissue holders

Sharon M: three quilts given by Quiet Valley Quilters Guild, Bennington, VT

Joyce W and Nancy W: tied quilts for Sandy relief

Barbara E: free style quilt

Janet P: American beauty, quilted by Lynn Kelly

Ellen H: purse

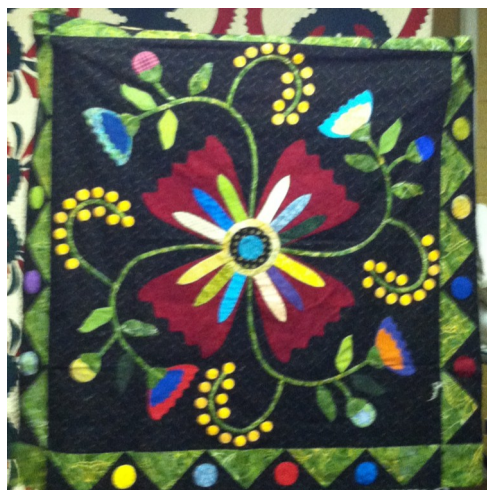
NOTE: Additional pictures are from Ellen's collection.



Show & Tell February 2013



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Block of the Month Pictures

February Block of the Month Collection



March Block of the Month



I hate it when we
spring forward.

I lose an hour of
quilting time!

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NJ QuiltFest



BPQ Display Table with Raffle Quilt and Customers



Laurie S White-Gloving



Panic in the Pond



Another Winner



Second Place: Innovative

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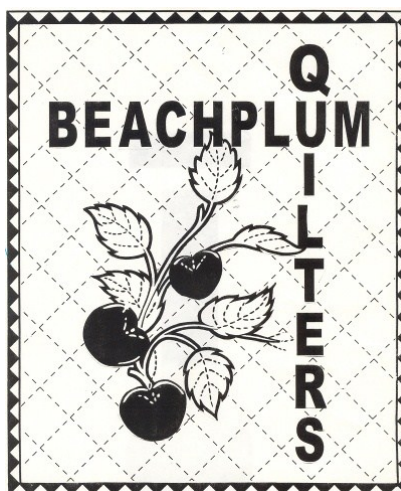
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
the Presbyterian Church of Toms River,
1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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Sun 11:00am-3:00pm M—F 10:00am-5:30pm

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Deadline for the next newsletter is

April 5, 2013

E-Mail your news using Arial font to

Marcia_guza@yahoo.com

MARCH MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Assignments for refreshments are as follows: Last
name ending in:

F through **J**—please bring a dessert, fruit dish, or
nosh

Everyone else can participate if desired.

Please remember to clean up your own dish-es
after the meeting. Many thanks.

NEXT MTG CHECKLIST

- Name Tag and a welcome smile for guests
- **2 Canned Items for the Church Food Pantry**
- Block of the Month
- Coffee Mug, Plate, Utensils, Appetite
- Show N Tell
- Assigned Refreshments

Next Quilt Show Dates:

April 5-6, 2014