



BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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Presidents Message

Happy New Year, Beachplummers!

January always feels like a deep breath after the holiday rush — a perfect moment to refocus, reset, and get back to what we love most: stitching with intention and community.

If you have a quilt destined for our upcoming show, this is your gentle nudge to keep it front and center. Little bits of progress add up quickly this time of year. A border here, binding there, one more quilting session — you're closer than you think, and I can't wait to see your creativity hanging proudly on the show floor.

January is also a wonderful time to think about how you might like to serve our guild in the months ahead. Serving doesn't have to mean a huge commitment — it can be helping with a committee, lending a hand at an event, sharing a skill, or simply being a welcoming smile for a new member. Every contribution, big or small, helps keep our guild vibrant, supportive, and stitched together with care.

Here's to a year of finished quilts, shared talents, and working side-by-side to make our guild the best it can be. Let's make 2026 a year to remember — one stitch and one act of service at a time.

With gratitude and a full bobbin,

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 May);
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

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

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

04/26 – Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show
No regular meeting, No April Newsletter

05/15/26 – Guest Speaker TBD

05/16/26 – Saturday Workshop: TBD

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

December 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Dina. Tables were called in random order to enjoy the covered dish dinner.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. the business meeting commenced. The following members were recognized as having December birthdays: Kit, Rosemary, Carol MaryLou, Kim, Juanita, Paula and Ginny. We had 3 visitors.

The November meeting minutes were approved as motioned by Juanita and seconded by Richard.

It was announced that we need a Nomination Committee for new Officers for the 2026-2028 election. We will also need Committee Chairpersons and volunteers.

Information was shared regarding a PBS Show entitled Craft in America.

The Treasurer's report was given with no questions.

The Block of the Month drawing was won by Sherre and Dina collected 2 blocks that were given to November's winner, Maria. Two members who were unable to make the meeting informed Dina that they would get their blocks to Sherre.

Maria S. reported on the next project for the Bee Meeting – Watercolor Quilts. This will be shared with attendees in January and February with a Sit & Sew for March. At the May meeting, Ann will be teaching how to make a sewing machine Organizer mat.

Charity Quilts Committee reported on quilts that have been received and also shared information on how to properly label the quilt. Every quilt should have a Beachplum label, and they are available at every monthly meeting, as well as from Crafty Fabrics. If it is decided that a Charity Quilt will be donated to Quilts for Kids, Deb and Juanita will see to it that a Quilts for Kids label will be added.

Door Prizes were won by Paula, Deb, Joan, Dina, Ivette and Juanita.

Several members spoke up regarding information they would like shared in the Sampler. Donna requested those who wished to have something in the Sampler to please email to her before 1/4/26.

We had one new member sign up in November.

Mary led the Programs section by having a contest for the First Quilt You Ever Made. It was fun to see the quilts and the stories that went with them. The random winners were Barbara and Karen. Mary also spoke about the next workshop, which will be held in February. It will be to make a clock – the fee is \$20 for the class and \$15 for the kit. The May workshop will be Studio180 with Debbie Kalenty. We will be doing a star quilt/Constellation. There are a few members who are willing to share their rulers with anyone who does not currently have the Rapid LeMoyne ruler. Please let Dina know if you are interested in borrowing a ruler. We also have one available in our Library.

Chiara updated the group on how the Quilt Show was progressing. She reminded everyone that we need items to donate for the raffle baskets. Several baskets were already donated. You may either donate brand new items to go into the basket and/or donate money so that items may be purchased. A list of the basket themes will be included in the next newsletter. We also need more volunteers. Don't forget to sign up for demonstrations and hand in your small quilts, wall quilts and baby quilts for the Small Quilt Auction. The Bee Group will also be contributing some items to the Small Quilt Auction. There is 1 more Bag Kit for the Goody Bags available. Let Deb know if you are interested in making one.

The meeting concluded a little early due to the bad weather, but as usual, Show and Tell was a fun treat.

PATCHWORK PARADISE

Quilt Show News

With the start of the New Year, we only have a little more than three months until our Quilt Show on April 11th & 12th. Remember that the first deadline to register quilts is February 1st and you can register up to two quilts. If there is space left, registration will be left open until March 1st and you may register up to 2 more quilts.

Please consider signing up for one of our many quilt show volunteer opportunities, we will have sign up sheets at our upcoming meetings. Talk to the specific Show Chairperson if you want to know more about what a job entails.

Volunteer Opportunities

Country Store - Set-up, Sales, & Take down

Front Desk - Admissions, Raffle Ticket Sales, Door Prizes & White gloves

Quilt Show Demonstrations

Basket Raffle - Sell tickets & Pull Winners

Intake of Quilts

Hanging Quilts

Take Down of Quilts

Judging - Organizing the quilts by category; Scribing for the judge; Quilt turner as quilts are being judged.

Small Quilt Auction

Door Prizes: If you picked up a 'Bag Kit' we would appreciate getting the finished bag by our March meeting.

Basket Raffle: We are looking for members to donate Raffle Baskets, items for the baskets, or monetary donations to purchase basket items. The themes for the baskets are sewing/quilting, spa products, baking/cooking and wine/charcuterie.

Small Quilt Auction: Please consider donating a small quilt for our auction. These quilts are some of our most popular items, drawing lots of excitement and strong bids.

Promo for the Show

Are you taking your machine in for service soon? Planning a new quilt and need some fabric? Please take some Quilt Show Flyers and promo cards with you! Even if you're going a little further (maybe into PA) bring those flyers. The store owners don't have a problem with hanging up the signs and having the cards on their counters! Tack flyers up on your clubhouse bulletins boards, the local grocer and drugstore bulletin boards too! Let's get the word out to as many people as we can.

PATCHWORK PARADISE

Quilt Show News

DEMONSTRATIONS BOOTH AT THE QUILT SHOW

At the Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show 2026, we'll have a booth where members will demonstrate several quilting techniques to the show attendees. Apart from the "entertainment value," we're hoping to raise interest in our "little hobby" and entice others to join our great guild.

**Do YOU have a favorite technique you'd like to demo?
The more the merrier!**

Mobile #: 856-392-9233 (call - leave voicemail or text) OR Sign up at a meeting

Thanks, Paula P.

PS: Demo Volunteers..please let me know which day/days you'd like to do your demo & how much time you'd like. Then I can prepare a poster so attendees can schedule their time at the show.

Show Quilt Raffle Tickets

All members should have received two books of tickets for the Show Raffle Quilts. Please return the stubs/money to Donna D. by the March meeting. If you need more tickets to sell, Donna will be happy to assign them to you! If you were unable to sell the tickets, please return them to Donna as all tickets must be accounted for.

Quilt Appraisals at our Quilt Show

Karen Dever, an AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, is once again scheduled to give quilt appraisals at our Quilt Show in April, but appointments must be booked ahead of time! If there are not enough bookings, Karen may not be able to be present both days. If your quilt is worthy of being in the show, it's worth getting it appraised too.

Contact Chiara O. to schedule your appraisal. You'll be glad you did!

Charity Quilts

At the December meeting, one charity quilt was received and it will be going to Holisticare Hospice.

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.

Labels can be picked up at Crafty Fabrics, or contact Deb F. or Juanita G.

PROGRAM NOTES

In January we will be playing Left, Right, Center. We will teach you how to play this fun game! Please bring a total of three (3) fat quarters or new sewing notions (or a combination of both) with you to play.

In February we will be having a workshop to make a paper pieced clock. The workshop is on Saturday, February 21 and will cost \$20.00 plus \$15.00 for the clock works. Sign-up by the January Meeting so the teacher can get all the clock mechanisms needed.

If you don't want to make the clock, you can still join in that day and help prepare fabric for the Show Country Store. All help is appreciated!!

At our **March meeting**, Pat L. will be talking about her quilt journey. We will be doing last minute preparations for the quilt show and voting on the Challenge quilts. It will be a busy night!

December Program

My First Quilt

In December members went "into the vaults" and brought the first quilt they made to the meeting. It was fun to see the origins of our talented members!

1. Kathy M.

1990

Double Wedding
Ring Wall Hanging



1



2

2. Kathleen K.

2004

Lap Log Cabin



3

3. Mary M.

2024

Amish Quilt



4

4. Karen M.

2010

Sampler Quilt

5. Christine G.

2021

Tumbler Quilt

6. Ivette R.

1993

Curved Log Cabin



5



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7. Paula P.

1974

Rocking Horse Quilt



7

8. Cathy S.

2005

Churn Dash Quilt



8

9. Laurie S.

1985

Sampler Wall Hanging



9

10. Laurie S.

2002

Girl Scouts
Hearts Quilt



10

11. Donna D.

2012

Star Quilt



11

12. Sherre M.

2014

100 Blocks Quilt



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13. Barbara E.

1998
Flannel Quilt



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14. Kathleen P.

1998
Sampler Quilt



14

15. Ann B.

1989
Dad's Ties



15

16. Ann B.

1993
First Applique-
Bee Meeting Swap



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17. Ann B.

1994
First Mystery Quilt
at Bee Meeting

18. Ann B.

1994
First Challenge
Quilt



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DECEMBER SHOW and TELL

Laurie S.

Hanging Santa Wall
Quilt-was a Beachplum
Make and Take
Other Pieces
Oven Mitt
1775 Flag Wall Hanging



Jeanne C.

Three Memory Quilts
for her children, made
from their father's
shirts

Jeannette M.

Red & green Poinsettia



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 – Bee Meeting;
Sit and Sew

05/01/26 – Bee Meeting;
Sewing Machine Mat
with Ann B.

06/05/26 – Bee Meeting;
Topic TBD

The January Bee Meeting was a great way to start a new year of quilting. Progress was made on Watercolor Hearts and fabric was rolled & priced for the Country Store. Amazing quilts and other items were shared in Show & Tell. A good time for all!



Bee photos & info
courtesy of Ann B.

JANUARY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Maryann F. - Embroidery Kit



Maria S.

Table Runners



Regina L.

Table Toppers



JANUARY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Ann B.

Tissue Box Cover

Suede Pea Pod Bags

Sampler Quilt done
as same project with
niece from California
(on left)



Pat L.

Photo to Fabric



JANUARY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Jackie P.

2 Scrappy Quilts

Table Runner

Snowman Coasters



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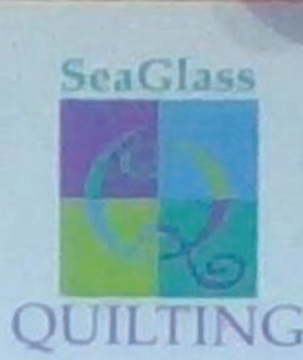
2026 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

January 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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September through June

at the Manasquan United Methodist Church,
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