



the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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President's Message

MAKE DO IN MAY

Hello, my Sew Sisters and Sew Gent!

As the world greens up around us and our gardens start showing off, it's the perfect time to pause and look at what's blooming in our sewing studios. This May, I invite you to join me in a little creative challenge: Let's Make Do.

"Making do" isn't about doing without—it's about doing more with what we already have. It's about turning that overflowing scrap bin into a masterpiece. It's about finally pulling out those orphan blocks and asking, What if? It's about honoring the legacy of quilters before us who stitched beauty from the humble and made treasure from the practical.

This month, I encourage you to:

- Dive into your stash before heading to the fabric store (especially for those of us taking the workshop on 5/17!).
- Turn fabric leftovers into pieced backings, creative bindings, or even mini quilts.
- Repurpose orphan blocks to make something amazing.
- Share your "make do" projects and stories at our next meeting—because one quilter's odd leftover is another's spark of genius!

Let's celebrate the spirit of resourcefulness, innovation, and the quiet joy of making something out of nothing. And remember, in quilting—as in life—it's not just about having the best materials. It's about what we do with what we've got.

Happy quilting, and may your scissors stay sharp and your creativity stay wilder than your scrap pile.

Warmly,

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 Speakers: Rosemary B. & Chiara O. - A Mother/Daughter Quilting Journey
- 02/22/25** - Saturday Workshops – Choose 1 of 4 offered:
1) Applique with Jackie P. and Maryann F;
2) New York Beauty with Chiara O.;
3) Rug Weaving with Jane S.; 4) Puffy Basket with Mary P.
- 03/21/25** – Regular Meeting, Guest Speakers: Sue A. and Jane S. - "A Lifetime of Quilting"
- 04/24** – No regular meeting, No April Newsletter
- 05/16/25** – Guest Speaker:
Kelly Reynolds, Birdland Boutique-Studio 180
- 05/17/25** - Saturday Workshop:
Studio 180 "Sugar & Spice" Pattern (LeMoyne Star)
- 06/20/25** – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo

March 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Dina N. at 6:30.

Birthdays for March: Sherise B., Doris M., Mary C., Suzan M., JoAnn M., Dina N., Susan B., Sophie K., Rita R., Laurie S., Maria S.,

Dina's Remarks – Dina shared her thoughts on developing a bucket list of goals which for her included travel to Paducah, Missouri Star in Hamilton, and France. She emphasized the importance of writing these down to make them achievable.

Dina also reported that at our last placemats collection our guild made an impressive 102 placemats. However, 59 of these lacked labels which then made this a time consuming task for the placemats committee. She suggested that at the next placemats collection meeting we could have an ironing station available for anyone who needed to adhere labels to their placemats.

February Minutes - Motion to accept the minutes was made by Richard L. and seconded by Jane S. None were opposed and the motion carried.

Ruby 40th Anniversary Quilt – Dixie Moore is graciously coordinating this effort. She reported instructions for the anniversary quilt would be e-mailed after the meeting. There are 97 members in the guild so she is advising making 6 1/2 inch blocks – one per member. She emphasized this is an optional project for those who wish to contribute a block. Any design, pieced, appliqued, or other technique is acceptable. The only other requirement is that at least one aspect of the block should include some ruby or deep red color somewhere on the block. The block is due on April 19 and can either be dropped off at Crafty Fabric or mailed to Dixie at her home. Please put your name somewhere on the back of the block or pinned to the block. More information on this project will be e-mailed so be on the lookout!

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

Door Prizes – Richard L. Richard announced that there was a new quilt shop in Brick called "Quilting By The Shore." The shop's owner Debra P. was in attendance along with 2 guests, Doreen D. and Joann F. We hope our members will support this new quilting venue! Door prizes were won by the following: 1st – Kathy M., 2nd – Ginger C. 3rd – Susan A. Congratulations to all!

Block of the Month – Marcia G and Dixie M – Blocks were won by Dina N.

Committee Reports:

Quilt Show 2026 – Chiara O. – Chiara continues to engage members to chair various quilt show committees. She put out a call for someone to chair the Country Store committee. Interested individuals should contact Chiara directly. Chiara plans to have an in-person meeting of all committee chairs on April 26 at 10:00 am. at her home in Brick.

Programs – Mary P. – We have 15 members signed up for the May workshop. Please advise Mary if you want to be included in her order for the required rulers. Also, the lending library has at least one Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star ruler. See the lending library on the website and contact Gail if you wish to borrow rulers or books.

Bee News - Ann B. – There will be a Bee meeting on April 4. There will be a presentation on Binding Techniques. The Bee Newsletter will have more information on what to bring.

Raffle Quilt – Donna D. – Donna is diligently working on sewing our show raffle quilt. She is hoping to have it completed by June.

Show and Tell – Donna D. organized the Show and Tell. Pictures will be posted on our Facebook page and in our next newsletter.

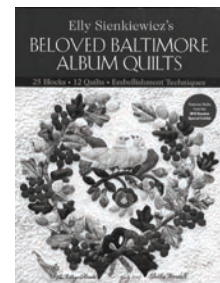
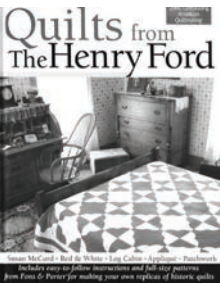
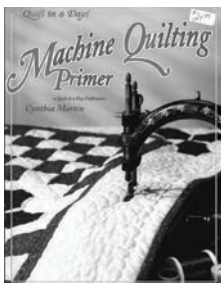
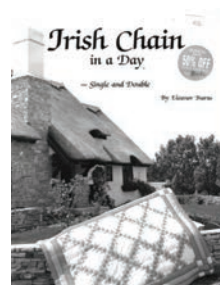
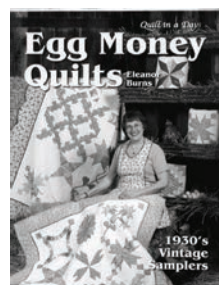
Program – Jane S. and Sue A. presented "A Lifetime of Quilting" with a splendid array of gorgeous quilts made throughout their quilting journey. The presentation included interesting vignettes of the stories behind each quilt. Pictures will be available on the website, facebook and newsletter in the next few weeks. Thank you, Jane and Sue, for a heartwarming presentation!

At the conclusion of the Program, everyone was reminded to check the table for free items and the meeting was dismissed by Dina.

Lending Library

The guild has a library of books (listed below) that are available to our members to "check out" if you are interested. Contact librarians Gail M. or Maritza C. if you would like to peruse one of these volumes.

Author	Title	Year	Contents
Anderson, Alex	Hand & Machine Applique	2009	6 Techniques, 7 Quilt Projects, Full-Size Patterns
Anderson, Alex	Simply Stars: Quilts That Sparkle	1996	
Bonesteel, Georgia	Bright Ideas for Lap Quilting	1990	
Burns, Eleanor	Egg Money Quilts (Quilt in a Day)	2005	1930's Vintage Samplers
Burns, Eleanor	Irish Chain in a Day: Single and Double	1986	
Burns & Knoechel, Eleanor & Patricia	Grandmother's Garden Quilt	1999	
Martin, Cynthia	Machine Quilting Primer (Quilt in a Day)	1996	
McCord, Susan	Quilts from The Henry Ford: 24 Vintage Quilts	2005	24 Vintage Quilts Celebrating American Quiltmaking
Michell, Marti	Scrap Patchwork & Quilting	1992	
Missouri Star Quilt Co.	Block Idea Book (Vol 6 Issue 6)	2019	The Bow Tie Quilt Gets a New Twist, etc.
Missouri Star Quilt Co.	Block Idea Book (Vol 6 Issue 1)	2019	10 Quilts to Warm Up Your Winter, etc.
Missouri Star Quilt Co.	Block Idea Book: Special Baby Issue (Vol 5 Issue 1)	2018	10 Classic Quilts for the Little One, etc.
Papadakis, Brenda Manges	Dear Jane: The Two Hundred Twenty-Five Patterns	1996	225 Patterns from the 1863 Jane A. Stickle Quilt
Sienkiewicz, Elly	Beloved Baltimore Album Quilts	2010	25 Blocks - 12 Quilts - Embellishment Techniques
Sitar, Edyta	Seasonal Silhouettes (Laundry Basket Quilts)	2013	Raw-Edge Applique



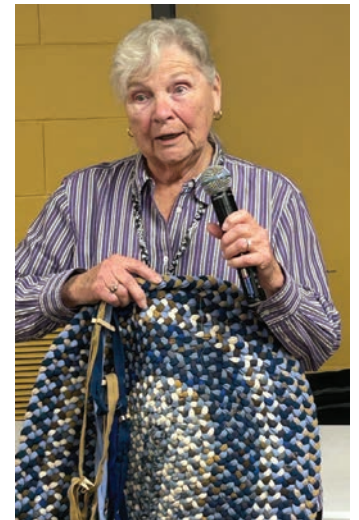
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Program photos
courtesy of Ivette R.

MARCH SHOW and TELL

Laurie S.

2014 Challenge Quilt

2012 Show
Coming Home

2014
Road to Oklahoma
Mystery Quilt

2025 Power Glitches



Ann B.

Twin Quilts
Bobbins & Bits
(front & back)



MARCH SHOW and TELL

Richard L.

3 quilts

2 bags



Karen M.

Sailing Vessel BOM



Janet P.

Wonky Houses, 2025



MARCH SHOW and TELL

Sherre M.

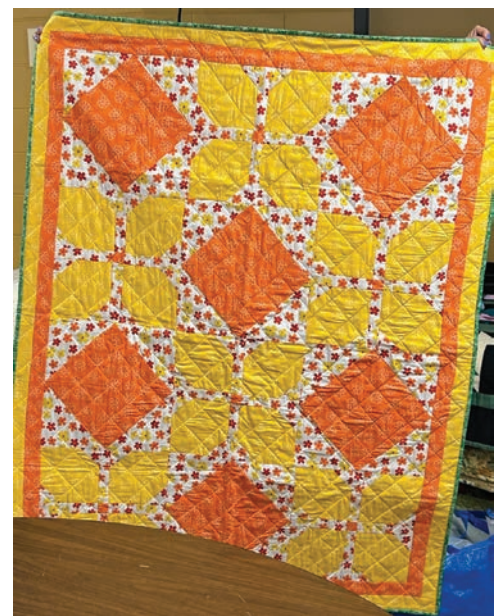
3 Charity Quilts



Sofia R.

5 Quilts

Stack N' Whack
Table Toppers



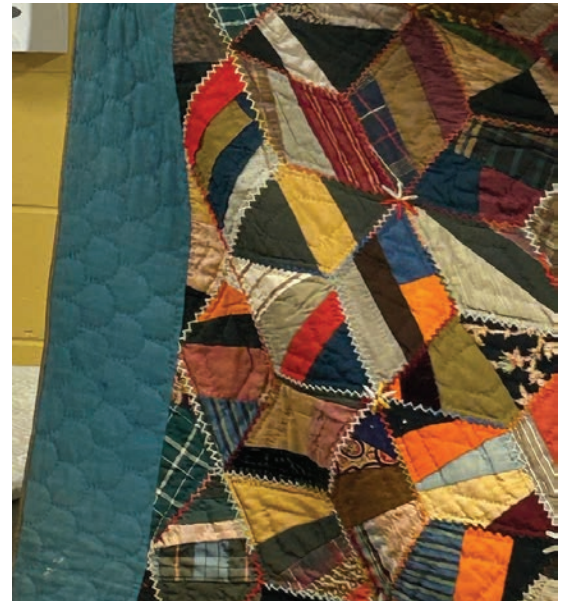
MARCH SHOW and TELL

Pat L.

2 Charity Quilts

Quilt

Antique Crazy Quilt
Richard L. found
at garage sale and
donated to
Historical Society



Jo Ann M.

Baby Quilt
with Applique



Cathy S.

Wall Hanging with lace

MARCH SHOW and TELL

Ivette R.

Charity Quilt

Bunny made in
February appliqué
workshop



Dixie M.

Christmas Block Swap
London Calling



March BOM - Gladiolas
Won by Dina N.



Show and Tell photos courtesy of Ivette R.

BEE NEWS

Bee Meetings Calendar 2024– 2025

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

01/03/25 – Bee Meeting

04/04/25 – Bee Meeting

02/07/25 – Bee Meeting

05/02/25 – Bee Meeting

03/07/25 – Bee Meeting

06/06/25 – Bee Meeting

Our April Bee Meeting included a workshop on binding techniques led by Maria S. Free sewing items were available from a recent donation. The Guild's Ruby Anniversary quilt project was discussed. And of course, Show & Tell was enjoyed by all.

The May Bee Meeting today was very enjoyable and productive. Marcia G. lead some of us through construction of tissue box covers. Others brought their current projects to work on. Show & Tell was small but very informative as techniques were explained as items were shown.

APRIL BEE SHOW and TELL

Paula P.



Pat O.



APRIL BEE SHOW and TELL

Laurie S.



MAY BEE MEETING



MAY BEE SHOW and TELL

Jackie P.

Bee Group
Charity Quilts



Sue P.

QAYG binding



Paula P.

Spring's Sprung Quilt



Marcia G.

Big Dream panel

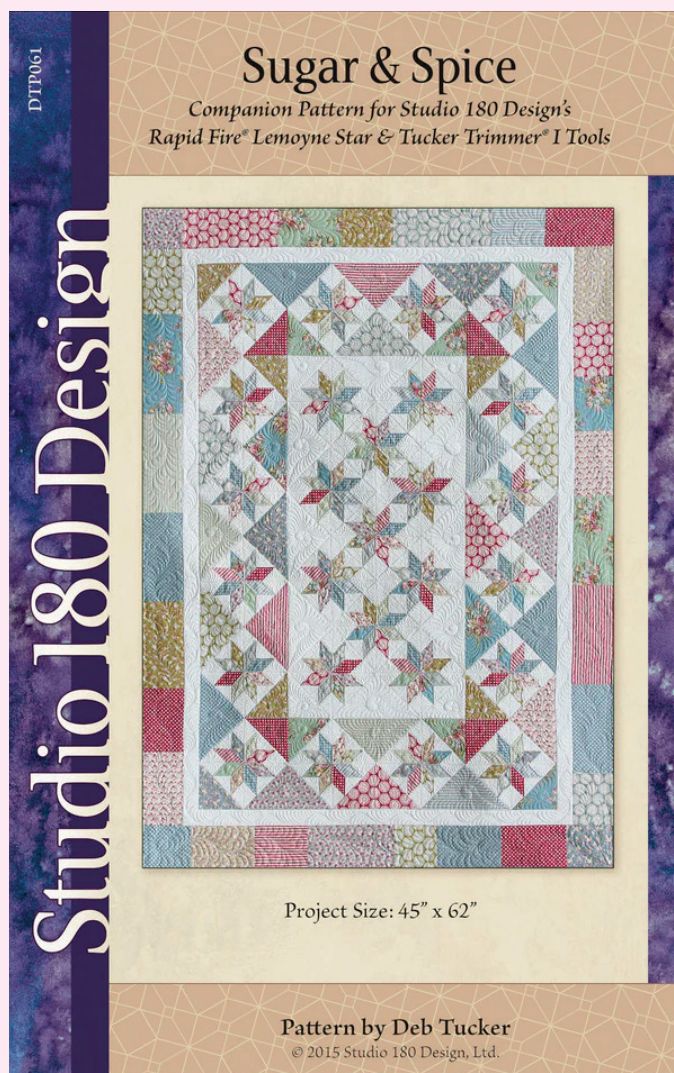
CHARITY QUILTS

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!

Deb F. is offering to provide fabric to anyone who is willing to make a quilt to be donated to *Quilts for Kids*. Lap, throw and twin sizes preferred, but any/all sizes are appreciated. The focus right now is on kids and teenagers entering the hospital for cancer treatment. Deb will try to have some fabrics "kitted up" and ready to go at the meetings.

Program Notes

Kelly Reynolds will be our May speaker. She is young, energetic, and has created many beautiful quilts using the Deb Tucker rulers. She will be leading the May 17 workshop using the Rapid Fire Lemoyne Ruler to create the Deb Tucker *Sugar and Spice* pattern.



Quilting Minds Demand to Know:

Why is it that when you are pressing seams open or to one side on a row of blocks, you can hold the iron on the seam for 15 seconds three times, and the seam still won't lay flat. But in the TWO seconds you accidentally hit another already pressed seam, it locks into that wrong direction and you can't get it to go any other way????

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May 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

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