



BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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President's Message

As we wrap up another wonderful Guild season, I just wanted to send out a heartfelt THANK YOU to each and every one of you. We've been through a lot this year, and you made this year one to remember.

This past year was full of color, creativity, and community. Your passion, questions, stories, and laughter have kept me inspired and reminded me exactly why I love being part of this beautiful quilting world.

Now, as the summer sun warms our days, I hope you're carving out time to quilt your heart out — whether it's binding in the backyard, piecing at the lake, or just daydreaming about your next masterpiece while sipping something icy. Summer is for stitching too — and I'll be right there with you, thread in hand and thimble at the ready.

I can't wait to find out what fun things we'll be doing in the year ahead. Mary and crew have worked hard and have brought us fun gatherings where we can share our love for quilting. I hope everyone is working on at least one show quilt. A big thank you to Chiara for taking on this difficult job.

Here's to sunny days, beautiful blocks, and quilting all summer long.

Stay cool, stay inspired, and keep on stitching!

~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

May 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Vice President Ivette R. at 6:30

Birthdays for April: Debra F, Kathy M, Cathy S, Debbie P, Patricia O, Pat T, Ellen H, Trudy H, Sandra F

Birthdays for May: Gail M, Barbara D, Pat L, Mary Lou G, Chiara O, Barbara E, Shannon W, Jane P.

Motion to accept the Minutes made by Richard L and second by Mary P, motion approved and accepted.

Quilt Show – Chiara had a meeting with the Quilt Show Committee and they narrowed down the name of the show to these three, 1. Threads of Time, 2. Kaleidoscope of Quilts, 3. Patchwork Paradise. The vote was taken and #3 Patchwork Paradise, was chosen.

Block of the Month – Marcia G and Dixie M. The blocks were for two months and so large the drawing was split into two groups. They were won by Shannon W and Terry P.

Orders for BOM's for the year 2025-26 will be taken and prepaid at this meeting. The deadline to order a kit is Tuesday, May 27. They will be handed out in June.

40th Anniversary Quilt - Dixie M had the quilt to show us, over 40 blocks were submitted and it was beautiful. Cathy M volunteered to assemble the blocks, Sherre M agreed to quilt it and after the meeting it was going to Pat L who really wanted to do the binding.

Bee Meeting Report – Ann B. Tissue box covers were made last month and samples were shown. Next month there will be a demo on making quilt labels.

Programs - Mary P. June is the covered dish dinner, please check the newsletter to see what you will bring. An interest survey will be available to fill out so programs can be chosen for next year.

Charity Quilts – Carol C. We gave nine quilts to *Small Miracles, Nobody Fights Alone* to use for Fundraising Raffles. This Charitable organization is dedicated to helping pediatric oncology patients.

Door Prizes – Richard L. April door prizes were won by Ivette R, Terry P, and Shannon W. May door prizes were won by Kathy M, Diane W, and Doreen D.

We have two new members Doreen D and Jackie H.

Show and Tell – Marlene S organized the Show and Tell.

Our Program was Kelly Reynolds of who showed some lovely quilts she made with her Deb Tucker rulers. She explained how the rulers were used and had them for sale. She will be leading the workshop the next day to make the Sugar and Spice quilt featuring LeMoyne Stars.

Ivette concluded the meeting.

June Meeting Potluck Assignments

A - Fside

G - Mmain/entrée

N - Rsalad

S - Zbread or another side

Dessert - 40th Anniversary Celebration Cake

Meals On Wheels Placemats

Ginger C. and Pat O. will no longer be able to continue managing the placemat challenge so we need two members to step up and coordinate this task. Remember, this is an activity that brings a lot of joy to the recipients of Ocean County, so we want to continue this project! Please contact Pat ASAP if you are interested in taking over this challenge.

The next placemats are due for the June Meeting, Pat will handle this last collection. The placemats should have a Summer/Patriotic theme. PLEASE affix labels to the back of the placemats, labels are available at Crafty Fabric.

May Program - Kelly Reynolds, Birdland Quilting

Our May Guest Speaker, Kelly Reynolds, gave a lively and informative talk on the many rulers available through Deb Tucker/Studio 180. As a representative of that merchandise, she showed us a beautiful array of quilts that can be made with precision with the rulers. Kelly will lead a workshop on Saturday to make the LeMoyne Star Quilt "Sugar and Spice"

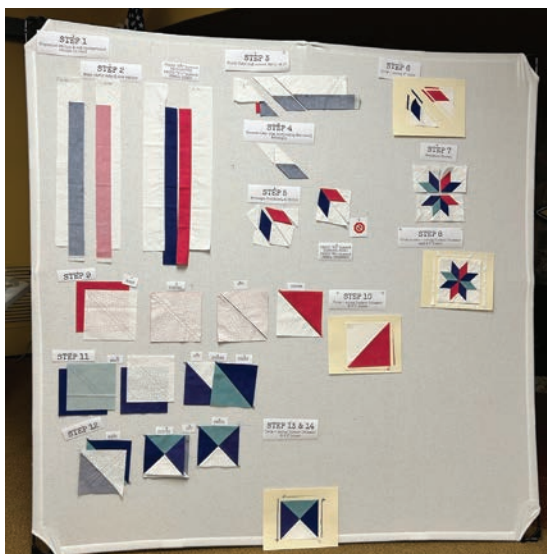


Tuckerize - verb

1. To convert traditional quilt construction methods to Studio 180 Designs' tools and techniques
2. To use Studio 180 Design tools with a pattern written using traditional techniques



May Workshop - "Sugar & Spice"



Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore 40th Anniversary Quilt

Beachplum Quilters Guild of the Jersey Shore was formed in 1985, to encourage, support and promote the art of quilting, through education and motivation in an atmosphere of sharing and friendship. While our biennial luncheon did not occur this year, member Dixie M. was not going to sit quietly and let this special occasion pass! She challenged all the members to make a 6½" x 6½" block that incorporated the color ruby, the symbol for a 40th Anniversary.

The blocks were assembled by Cathy M., the quilting was done by Sherre M. and the binding will be done by Pat L.--but we got a sneak peek at the May meeting before it was finished!



Island Beach State Park - Beach Plum Festival

Island Beach State Park Beach Plum Festival will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is before our first regular meeting of the 2025-2026 year. IBSP Festival is the guild's largest fundraising opportunity every year. This year we will also be selling raffle tickets for the Show Raffle Quilt. Terry P. and Donna D. have been working to improve the look of our selling area to help bring the shoppers in; Erma H. has arranged for the guild to accept Venmo; so let's stock our table with items shoppers can't walk away from!

We've already gotten some really beautiful and unique items donated to sell. In the photo you can

see eyemasks, keychain wristlets, tissue box covers, hanging dish towels and a beautiful tote bag. The generosity of they eyemask and two different kinds of wristlet donations means we are very well stocked on those items. But, don't let that stop you from making microwave bowl cozies, bitty boxes, cd card holders, holiday table runners, eyeglass cases, zippered bags, etc. You never know from year to year what the bestseller is going to be, but bright, fun fabrics always catch the buyer's attention.

Of course, we will need staffers to help keep shop for the day. There will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting for shifts:

- 8 am to 11 am (includes set up)
- 11 am to 2 pm
- 2 pm to 5 pm (includes packing up)

If you have a preference for a shift you really want you can email Donna D. to be added to the sheet before the meeting. It is preferred that there be at least four people for each shift.

If you are aware of any craft shows that the Guild might be able to sell the raffle tickets and made items, let Fundraising Chair Donna D. know. If we have the inventory we should take advantage of the opportunities.



Block of the Month

Orders for BOM's for the year 2025-26 started to be taken and prepaid at the May meeting. The deadline to order a kit was Tuesday, May 27. The kits will be delivered at the June meeting. Preordering allowed Marcia and Dixie to make

the number of kits needed and not waste resources making kits that would not be used. There *may* be a couple of extra kits made so if you did not preorder check in with Marcia and Dixie ASAP at the June meeting so you don't miss out.

The photo on the left shows the blocks scheduled for 2025-26.

The Photo on the right are the "Shirley" blocks made for April/ May 2024-2025, and won by Shannon W. and Terry P.



FOR SALE:

Embroidery Attachment for Bernina B770 Series.
Contact Carol C. for details

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.



STITCHING BEAUTY
INTO EVERYDAY LIFE

Quilt Show Tips

Take some of the stress out of entering your next quilt show by following these 5 helpful tips!

KNOW THE RULES!

Each Quilt Show is unique and has its own set of rules. Be sure to review all of the rules for the category you've selected to enter and do not deviate from those standards.

COLOR & DESIGN

Choose colors that convey the theme of your quilt and have fun. The Color & Design should guide your eye over the quilt surface. A well placed, unexpected splash of color can also be a welcome treat for the judge to consider.

QUILTING DESIGN

What element of your quilt do you want to stand out? Your piecing, applique or quilting?

Decide what element should be the star of the show and plan your quilting accordingly.

BORDERS, BINDING & SASHING

Are your borders the correct size for the quilt?
Is your sashing (and any long lines) straight?
Is your binding full of batting?

IS YOUR QUILT SHOW READY?

Before submitting your entry, stretch your quilt out on a flat surface and examine every inch (both sides). Use a lint roller to catch any loose threads. Make sure that there aren't any visible markings, dirt, or odors.

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MAY SHOW and TELL

Richard L.

2 Quilts - Charity and
Lemon Pepper
Christmas Ornament



Jane S.

2014 Raffle Quilt
which she won
The name tag
"bibs" that the guild
members used to wear.



Amanda F.

Purple and Black Quilt
(displayed by Doreen D.)

Maria S.

KIRA Quilt



MAY **SHOW and TELL**

Doreen D.

3 Quilts

Jacket

Doll



Kit D.

2 Charity Quilts



MAY **SHOW and TELL**

Dianne W.

3 Quilts

Brown & Aqua

Autumn

Hexagons



Sophie K.

2 Charity Quilts



MAY SHOW and TELL

Laurie S.

Table runner made
at Bee meeting

Challenge Quilt made
with two paint chips
for the inspiration



JoAnn M.

Llama wall hanging,
gift made for her great
niece



Ivette R.

KIRA quilt



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.

09/03/25 – Bee Meeting	02/06/26 – Bee Meeting
10/03/25 – Bee Meeting	03/06/26 – Bee Meeting
11/07/25 – Bee Meeting	04/03/26 – Bee Meeting
12/05/25 – (TBD)	05/01/26 – Bee Meeting
01/02/26 – Bee Meeting	06/05/26 – Bee Meeting

Quilt labels were the topic of discussion at the June Bee meeting. Laurie S., Maria S., Ann B. and Jackie P. all shared their techniques and tips for creating labels, from computer laser printed, machine embroidered to hand drawn. In addition to showing examples of the types of labels they were discussing, the group got to enjoy an impromptu show and tell, seeing the quilts those labels were attached to!

At the end of the meeting Jackie P. asked for ideas for the 2025-2026 season. If there is something you want to make or get more information about, let Jackie know.

Bee Meeting photos start on next page.



JUNE BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Regina L.

2 Table Toppers



Ann B.

3 Tissue Box Covers

Donna D.

Disney Wall Hanging
made with friend's
needlepoint panels



Paula P.

Baby Quilt



Laurie S.

Hand crocheted and
painted display towel
from Brazil

CHAOS Quilt Top



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September through June

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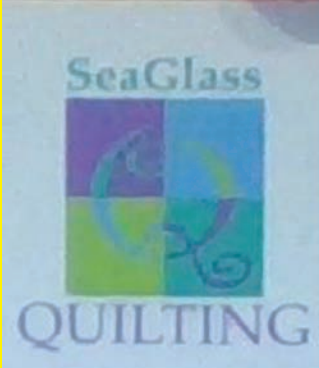
2026 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

June Meeting Checklist

- Name tag and a welcome smile for guests
- Potluck Dinner contribution
- Block of the Month
- Show & Tell
- Charity quilts
- **Donations to The Hope Center:** Feminine pads, tampons, toiletries

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THE BEACHPLUM QUILTERS OF THE JERSEY SHORE BEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held the 1st Friday of each month
September through June

at the Manasquan United Methodist Church,
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