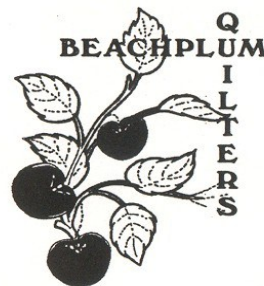


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President's Message

This past month can be described as rather difficult at best. The images of our beloved shore continue to show the unimaginable destruction of our area. Many of those most affected are still digging out from the debris of the tidal surge. It is hard to imagine a simple day at the beach with the bright sun shining, the sea glistening, and the sea gulls dancing in the sky above.

Added to all of this are the looming holidays. I have had so many people tell me they just cannot "get into the holiday spirit". Yet these same people have volunteered to help home owners clear the destruction away. Others have taken in friends whose homes have been damaged and given them a place to stay. Still others have given up valuable shopping and baking time in order to make "Restore the Shore Quilts". Isn't this the true meaning of this holiday season?

There are still moments when a great sadness begins to overwhelm me. It is at these times that I remember the pure acts of kindness and goodness I have observed and I know that we are going to be okay. There are people from all over the country who are pitching in to help the Shore recover. We of New Jersey are a tough lot and are not easily cowed.

I know that the sparkly lights and great sales are not the meaning of the holiday season. It is the simple things that we do for another person without any expectation of return that epitomize the true spirit of this time of year. Each of you who has contributed your time and skills to charitable works are the lights of the season.

My special wish to each of you is for a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.



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.
(Speaker Carol Singer's presentation "Designing...A Freeing Experience" and trunk show was POSTPONED)
- Nov 17- Workshop on machine quilting was POSTPONED
- 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-
- Apr 27 - Bargello Workshop
- May 17-
- Jun 21- Installation Dinner

Show N Tell November 2012

- Nancy D—Scrap quilt from depression block, quilted by Three Bears Quilting, made for her daughter Stacey
- Mary Lou G—Children's charity quilt
- Sophie K—Charity quilt
- Barbara B—Wrapped Up in Sports charity quilt
- Marcia G—Blame It on Sandy (mistakes) Quilt As You Go
- Ann B—Book and patterns sent by her sister from Shabby Fabrics, with note about hurricane
- Nancy W—Lightning Strikes throw quilt with feathers quilting

Luncheon April 2013—Updates from Genny and Judy

From Genny V: Make your holiday shopping easy!

Tickets sales for luncheon will begin at the December meeting. Everyone, even non quilters, will enjoy the afternoon. Please see Mary P or Donna S for tickets. Tickets make a great gift to celebrate any occasion for friends, neighbors, sisters, mothers, cousins, actually anyone who you would like to share a beautiful room with a view. The cost is just \$35 and includes an all you can eat buffet lunch and guest speaker Linda Poole "Quilting Around the World". See you there on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at noon.

Also, please make donations of new items to use as door prizes at the luncheon. They can be gift items or handmade items, but must be new (not necessarily quilt-related; international or travel items would be in theme as well. We will put them in gift bags and draw names from the admission tickets (no extra entry fee).

From Judy R: Following is a brief list of ideas for what to bring in to the December meeting for the three luncheon baskets (themes: Mediterranean, British Isles, Quilting).

Peruse the international and/or specific country aisles in grocery and specialty stores to get ideas for the baskets of the British Isles and Mediterranean. Mediterranean Items: Goya has a large selection of items both in cans and jars to reflect the Mediterranean such as beans, olives, peppers, sauces, seasonings (garlic, rosemary, paprika, basil, thyme), wine, vinegar, olive oil, Italian hard candy. Also welcome would be gift certificates to Joe Leones in Point Pleasant Beach or Olive Garden. Please, no cookies or pastas as expiration on these can be iffy.

British Isles: There are teas, perhaps a tea pot, tea bag holders, Walkers cookies (check the expiration date to be sure it is past April 2013), scone mixes, jams, jellies, honey, lemon curd, puddings calls Birds, Irish Oats (check expiration date), or just perhaps a gift certificate to Shoprite, or Stop and Shop.

For the quilt basket I know there are plenty of great ideas for this. However, any fabric should be ironed and tied with a bow for ease of packing and presentation.



It is with sadness that we report the death of Peggy Herman. The funeral was held on November 17, 2012. Condolences may be sent to her home address 340 Curacao, Toms River, NJ 08757.

In addition, longtime member Irma Dolcemascolo passed away in November.

Minutes of November 16, 2012

Due to the chaos caused by Hurricane Sandy, the minutes are unavailable.

Announcements and Reminders

From Ellen on Restore the Shore:

- I delivered over 40 Restore the Shore quilts to Grace and Peace Church. They "got" the significance of quilts rather than blankets. They told her of a man who had come to them seeking a handmade quilt. He lost everything in the floods and wanted to replace the quilt that was destroyed. They were going to call him.
- I am so proud of everyone who has participated in this project. I hope that the unfinished quilts will be coming in soon. (I am still working on mine.) I had fleetingly thought that a goal of 100 quilts would be great and then quickly told myself that it wouldn't happen. I now think that is a possibility. I hope everyone will join me in making the push towards this goal. I still have some tops and backs that need to be completed. Just give me a call. I am working on another sew in date.
- I photographed and organized all the quilts. I am working on figuring out how to set up a FaceBook page to display them. Anyone talented in FaceBook please contact me (I need help).
- I have attached the label that I am using [see below]. Please measure your quilt and attach a label. That will save a lot of time.
- Tutorial for tying a quilt: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YK20gl3Amvo>



- Shirley M is unable to continue as secretary. We combined the positions of corresponding and recording secretary. Please contact Ellen if you can take on the position for the rest of the guild year.

Show & Tell, November 2012

Nancy D—Travel Case



Sophie K—Charity Quilt



Nancy D—Depression Block Scrappy Quilt



Barbara B—Wrapped Up in Sports Charity Quilt



Show & Tell, November 2012

Mary Lou G—Children's Quilt



Marcia G—Blame It on Sandy QAYG



Ann B—Book and patterns from Shappy Fabrics



Nancy W—Lightning Strikes



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Editor's Blog: Lighting your Quilting Workspace

If you are like me, it seems there is never enough light on your fabric while you are sewing. Okay, maybe it's an age thing. This is a particular problem when I am free-motion quilting and I need to be able to tell where I've already quilted. I'm aware that some of the newer and/or more expensive machines have LED lights that shine down from the arm of the machine onto the sewing area, but my Janome 6600 just wasn't cutting it, even with a bright table lamp nearby. Apparently this is a common problem, including with some longarm machines.

While taking an online quilting course through Craftsyl.com (which I find to be excellent, by the way, but that's a subject for another issue), the instructor said she'd had the same problem until some of her students introduced her to LED light strips made by Ecolux. Essentially the "kit" consists of a strip of LED lights (your choice of a three-, six-, or nine-light strip) which is attached to the underside of your machine's arm with adhesive provided. The kit includes a detachable power assembly for the strip, so that if you have more than one machine you can buy extra light strips but move the power cord from one to another with little effort (and significant cost savings over buying another full kit).

These kits are sold at various sites online, including

<http://www.ecoluxlighting.com/>

<http://www.cottonclub.com/>

<http://nancysnotions.com/>

However, after some research, I was directed to a youtube video that shows how to make your own kit at much lower cost. Check it out:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNR0I3fGcd8&list=PL4AD6FCFBAE3664A7&index=12&feature=plpp_video

Essentially, you can buy a little LED light strip which is intended to run on DC (battery) power. In the comments section below the Youtube video are some hints of where to find them. However, most of us have leftover transformers laying around the house, and we don't even remember what device they were originally intended for. Look through your stash (electric gadgets stash, not fabric stash) and see if you have one that says 12 volts on it. Perfect! You can convert your battery-powered light strip to household (AC) power. You will need some electrical tape (that black stuff) or splicing caps to fasten your wires together securely and safely. You'll have to do a little wiring (not scary) but the process is very well described in the youtube video.

And viola! You have it! Best thing since sliced bread!

November Block of the Month Collection



THE BEACHPLUM QUILTERS OF THE JERSEY SHORE, INC.

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Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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Deadline for the next newsletter is

December 31, 2012

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PARTY REFRESHMENTS—DECEMBER

Please bring a covered dish.

A-D Salad/ Vegetable

E-K Main-Meat, Fish, Meatless

L-R Dessert, Fruit

S-Z Rice, Potato, Pasta

Please remember to clean up your own dishes

Next Quilt Show Dates:

April 5-6, 2014

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
- **Donation items for luncheon (see page 2)**

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