



BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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Presidents Message

Quilt Friends,

I just returned from QuiltCon and I have to tell you... my creative cup is overflowing! What an incredible experience. The full conference is 4 days, but I was overwhelmed and overstimulated after the 2 days I spent there. I was fortunate enough to see the quilts, attend 4 lectures, attend a mini-workshop and a demo. Plus...I got to sew with The Gee's Bend Quilters!!! The quilts were bold, modern, thought-provoking, and beautifully executed. The storytelling through fabric truly inspired me. I plan on creating a PowerPoint of the quilts I saw and I'll be happy to share with anyone who is interested.

It's always energizing to be surrounded by passionate quilters who are pushing boundaries while honoring our shared love of quilting. I can't wait to see what all of you have designed for our show. Don't forget to sign up to help out where you can.

Happy stitching,
Dina

For your convenience:

There is a Challenge Quilt Registration Form attached to end of this newsletter. Challenge Quilts are to be submitted and voted on at the March Meeting!

Deadline for the next newsletter is

May 2, 2026

(No April Newsletter)

E-Mail your news in a Word document (not PDF) or email text to: **Donna D.: dondea916@gmail.com**

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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: Ann B.

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

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

04/26 – Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show April 11-12
No regular meeting, No Bee Meeting, No April Newsletter

05/15/26 – Guest Speaker: Debbie Kalenty-Studio 180

05/16/26 – Saturday Workshop: Debbie Kalenty-LeMoyne Star Constellation Quilt

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



Minutes of the February 20, 2026 Meeting

Vice President Ivette R. opened the meeting at 6:3 pm.

February Birthdays: Ann B, Barbara D, Doreen D, Amanda F, Sherre M, Jeanette M, Dianne W, and Janice W.

We have two new members, Donna S and Carol B.

January minutes were approved with one change. The Layette set shown in the Bee news section was from Regina L's family. Motion to approve the minutes with the change was made by Doreen D and seconded by Dona S.

Old Business:

- 1) The Nominating Committee will present their slate of new officers for voting at the March meeting. Chairpersons were asked to consider whether or not they wished to continue chairing their respective committees. While it was hoped they would continue, if they chose not to, it was requested they consider who could take over chairing their committee. Members who had never chaired or joined a committee were encouraged to consider putting forth their interest to the nominating committee.
- 2) Challenge quilts are due in March. Voting will take place at the meeting. Instructions for these are on the website under the Quilt Show section. Dixie was present to answer any questions. She encouraged members by advising there was still time to submit.

Raffle Tickets– Donna D.: Tickets need to be back by the March meeting. All tickets need to be accounted for whether they were sold or not sold.

Treasurer's Report-Erma H.: Erma presented the expenses and deposits made for the period of 1/16/2026 – 2/17/2026. The problem with the Articles of Incorporation was settled. We can continue with our raffle.

Committee Reports:

Bee News – Ann B.: At the March Bee meeting we will be working on small quilts for the quilt show and rolling fabric for the Country Store.

Door Prizes-Richard L.: 1) Toni G. 2) Christine G. 3) Sharon S. 4) Laurie S. 5) Karen M. 6) Kathy S.

Placemats-MaryAnn F.: We collected 62 placemats this month. We have three winners, Sherri M., Mary P., Joan M. The next collection of placemats will be at the June meeting. These will be summer or patriotic themes.

Block of the Month- Regina and Maritza: winner of this month's block is Marcia G.

Quilt Show- Chiara O. facilitated sub-committee reports:

Publicity - Donna D., Terry P.: Many flyers, cards and posters were dropped off at stores throughout the state. Also, please send the one we received in our email to everyone you can think of, and print them and drop them everywhere you go. Terry will be advertising on the radio and in local newspapers.

Show Vendors-Maritza C: We have one vendor slot open.

Quilt Registration-Ivette: R.: We have 91 quilts so far plus challenge quilts will bring us to over 100. Remember sleeves need to be at least 4 inches at the two openings. Any smaller and your quilt may be disqualified. March 1 is the deadline to submit registrations.

Challenge Quilts – Dixie advised that these did not require sleeves.

Quilt Appraisals by Karen Dever, call Chiara for an appointment.

Quilt drop off and Vetting will be Wednesday April 8th from 10-3.

Quilt Show Door prizes, if you took a kit please finish it and bring it back in by the March meeting.

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(Meeting Minutes continued)

Raffle Baskets – Debby P. is still collecting for the gift baskets. Donations of items or monetary donations are appreciated.

We are still looking for **scribes during the judging**. Members were strongly encouraged to volunteer to assist in whatever way they could as this is the guild's biggest fundraiser.

Demos – Paula P. has three demos for Saturday and one for Sunday if anyone is interested in doing one see Paula.

Jenny S will be making a **Historical Video of the quilt show**. She has eight spots available and there are just 4 questions. See Chiara if interested.

Programs-Mary P- Tomorrows workshop is the paper pieced clocks. We have 11 attending. Also rolling of fabric for the Country store will be happening at the same time. The workshop will take place in the Mission Room.

The May workshop will be using the LeMoyne Studio 180 ruler and Pattern in a class led by Debbie Kalenty. The Pattern is called Constellation and we will be doing stars of different sizes.

Ann B. presented 16 years of challenge quilts, many of which won ribbons. It was well-received and inspiring presentation.

Show and Tell-Marlene S.: Many beautiful quilts were displayed by our members

Dismissal-Ivette concluded the meeting shortly after 8:00 pm.

Quilt Show 2026 Video Instructions

Jenny S. will video record presenters. Each presenter should say:

1. Your name and how long you have been in the guild.
2. Quilt Name
3. Your inspiration for the quilt.
4. Advice for someone getting into quilting.

Be short and concise - 2 minutes -No more than 3 minutes.

Please see Laurie S. to schedule your interview.

Charity Quilts

Six quilts were donated during the February meeting.

In February, Deb F. donated eight charity quilts to Providence House Safe House. It's a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

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.

Nomination Committee Report

The nomination committee met on Friday, January 23, 2026 to discuss candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary for the Guild's 2026-2028 term. Present were members Dona S., Donna D and Sue P., along with Ann B., who attended in an advisory capacity.

Possible candidates were discussed, including one nomination submitted by a guild member via email. It was the nomination committee's responsibility to confirm that nominations made would be accepted

by the candidates, and this was done.

The candidates whose names will be presented for election at the March Meeting are:

President: Ivette Ramos

Vice President: Chiara Oliver

Treasurer: Erma Hoover

Secretary: Maryann Franz

The nomination committee feels that the Guild will continue to flourish under the leadership of these capable and talented members.



PATCHWORK PARADISE

Quilt Show News

We are heading into the home stretch in preparation for our Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show. Members have been signing up for our many volunteer opportunities but we still need people to help out on the Front Desk on Saturday, to sell tickets for the Basket Raffle, and we need scribes for the judging process on Thursday, April 9th. To learn more about the volunteer opportunities or to sign up by phone contact Chiara O. at (978) 764-0267.

Country Store: I am happy to report that at the March Bee Meeting we finished rolling all the fabric that was donated over these last two years. Kathy M. has been working hard to reach this goal and is thankful for the members that have stepped up to help at the Bee Meetings and Workshops.

Challenge Quilt: There is still time to complete the Patchwork Paradise Challenge quilt. The table runner challenge quilts will be judged at the March Beachplum meeting.

Door Prizes: If you picked up a 'Bag Kit' we would appreciate it you could finish it by the March meeting.

Basket Raffle: Debbie P. is putting themed baskets for our raffle and needs some specific items and monetary donations are appreciated. You can contact her at Quilting by the Shore in Brick, NJ if you would like to donate.

Quilt Appraisals at our Quilt Show

Karen L. Dever will be available to evaluate your new and antique quilts on Saturday, April 11-12, 2026 at the Beachplum Quilters Quilt Show located at Toms River Elks Lodge #1875 in Toms River, NJ. Karen is an AQS certified appraiser who can provide a written insurance appraisal for \$65 each or an oral consultation for \$35 (Orals only for quilts made prior to 1975.)

Written appraisals are necessary for insurance coverage of antique and new quilted textiles. Unless you can prove otherwise, the insurance claim for a "blanket" is far below what our quilts are generally worth. Quilters are encouraged to protect their investments by having their collections appraised.

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 were unable to sell the tickets, please return them to Donna as all tickets must be accounted for.

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.



Program Notes

At the February meeting Ann B. presented a retrospective of Challenge Quilts she has made since the 1990's. Many were ribbon winners and all showed the skill and creativity Ann possesses. Photos of her work are below.

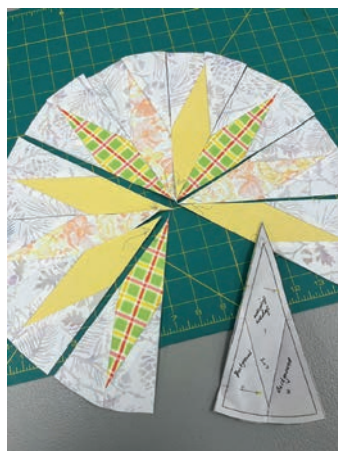
At our March meeting, we will be doing last minute preparations for the quilt show and voting on the Challenge quilts. Pat L. will be doing a presentation on 19th Century Reproduction Quilts. We will also having signups for our May 16, 2026 workshop. We will be creating a small quilt called Constellation using our LeMoyné Star rulers. Different size star blocks will be made to complete this quilt. It will be a busy night!





Program Notes

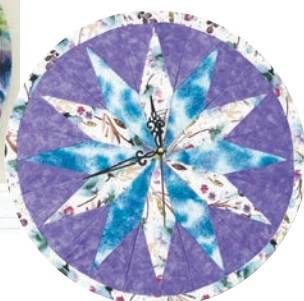
February Workshop Saturday February 21st we had a workshop to make a paper pieced clock. The teacher Linda provided the clock mechanisms needed to finish the clocks. Photos are below – what a fun project!



Sue P.



Marlene S.



Donna D.



Kathleen P.



Maryann F.



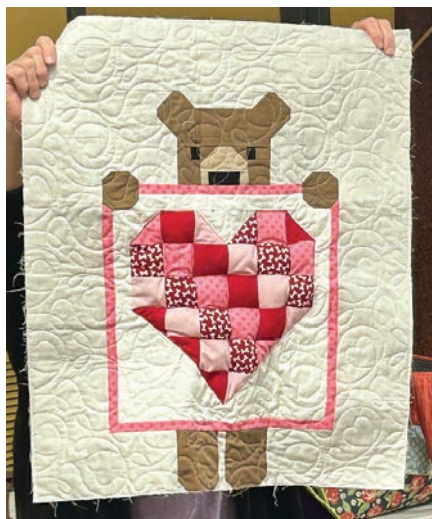
Mary P.



FEBRUARY SHOW and TELL

Sherre M.

3 Bears - Elssa & Ana





FEBRUARY SHOW and TELL

Donna D.

Watercolor Heart Wall
Hanging made at Bee
Meeting

'Nightmare Before
Christmas' lap quilt
made for friend Gail



Barbara E.

Owl Quilt

Farm Animals Quilt

Lime Green

Flying Geese Quilt

Dianne W.

Charity Quilt - Orphan
Square plus colors





FEBRUARY SHOW and TELL

Paula P.

Winter Arboretum Wall
Quilt



Dixie M.

Layer Cake Toss

Pat L.

Placemats



Placemats for Meals on Wheels

Shown at right are some of the 62 placemats collected at the February Meeting. The next collection of placemats will be at the June meeting. These should be summer, New Jersey or patriotic themes.



Block of the Month

Shown above are some of the February "Starry Night" blocks. Congratulations Marcia G for winning this stellar group of blocks!



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

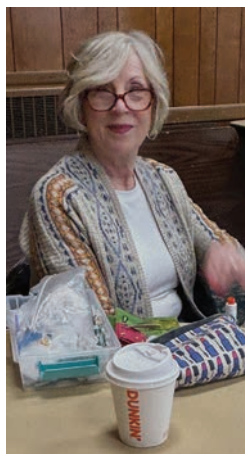
04/03/26 – Good Friday
No Meeting

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

06/05/26 – Bee Meeting;
Topic TBD

The March Bee meeting was all about getting ready for the show. Cathy M. and all her many helpers finally finished rolling fabric donations for the Country Store, and Small Quilts for the Auction were prepped to go.

It was noted that there will not be an April Bee Meeting as that date is Good Friday.





MARCH BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Regina L.

Jane's BOM Quilt



Sue P.

Watercolor Heart



Laurie S.

Paper-pieced Cat
mini-wall quilt.



Jackie P.

Calendar Quilts



Pat O.

Small applique quilt
Dear Jane Quilt





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Ivette Ramos

Block of the Month

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Dixie Moore

Regina Lindon

Maritza Cook

Charity Quilts

Deb Firestone

Juanita Greenland

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(vacant)

Door Prizes

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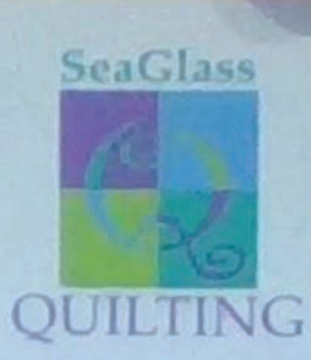
2026 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

February 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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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,
23 Church St, Manasquan, NJ 08736

MEETING from 1pm-3:30pm

Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore
“Patchwork Paradise” Guild Challenge Table Runner 2026
REGISTRATION

- Table Runner Story Card description (50 words or less) is to be submitted with entry , see below.
- A label is to be sewn on the lower left corner of the table runner back. A muslin cover must be basted over the label. The label **must** be covered for judging. (No Pins, Please.)
- **Please include all info requested below.**
- **Please include your entry and this form inside a pillowcase/cloth bag (no plastic bags).**
Put your name and phone number on the outside of the pillowcase and submit to
Dixie Moore or Dianne Werner, Challenge Co-Chairs, at the March 20, 2026 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting.

Please Note: This is a form fillable pdf. You can download to your computer and type in your information. When done, save and print. You may also download the form and fill it out by hand

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Table Runner _____ Size: **Width:** _____ inches **Length:** _____ inches

Design is: ☐ Original ☐ Pattern ☐ Kit ☐ Pre-Cut Kit

Maker(s) of table runner top: _____ Quilted by: _____

I understand that the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore will take every precaution to protect my entry, and agree therefore to hold harmless the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore Guild, their officers, representatives, agents, volunteers, and contractors from any loss or damage to my entry.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STORY CARD INFORMATION

Please print, type or write legibly. In 50 words or less, tell the story of your Table Runner. Please do not include any names (yours or a friend who helped you, for example), or identifying comments in the story card

Name of Table Runner _____

This Table Runner represents me because: