



the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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Presidents Message

Here comes cozy season, Sew Sisters and Mister! As we roll into November, I'm grateful for every helping hand and every stitch you share with Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore. This is the perfect month to settle in with a warm cup of tea, finish a UFO (bindings and labels count!), and prep those entries for our upcoming quilt show. Let's also keep the spirit of giving in our hearts—placemats and comfort quilts are always welcome for our community projects.

Remember to shop your stash first and bring any orphan blocks or scraps for the swap table—it's amazing how another quilter's leftovers can spark new inspiration. Be sure to bring your Show & Tell, sign up to volunteer, and share a smile with someone new. Together, we're stitching beauty, friendship, and generosity into every seam this season.

Dina



Beachplum Display at the Ocean County Historical Society Faire, Sunday Nov. 2.



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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 – Quilt related 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

2025 October Meeting Minutes

Dina opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Please keep in mind that new officers will be needed and voted on at the end of the 2025-26 calendar year.

Birthdays for October: Susan A, Cathy M, Joan O, Debra V, Jacky H, and Michelle J.

Minutes for September 2025 motion to accepted by Richard and seconded by Juanita G, none opposed, motion accepted.

Fundraising, Donna said she has enough people for the November craft show. Come and support the show.

Programs: Mary P said there was still space in the October class tomorrow, just pay today so she has an accurate count.

Placemats: placemats have been updated to include "Meals on Wheels" and "Soldier On". Ginger C will take 10 when needed and you can see her for more info on "Soldier On".

Bee Meeting: will be making Cookie Cutter Ornaments on November 7th.

Charity Quilts: Like placemats, charity quilts will need to have labels attached. Labels will be provided.

BOM: we have 21 blocks this meeting, they were won by Karen M.

Challenge quilt: Dixie still has a few envelopes left for \$5 for anyone wanting to attempt the Challenge! Remember they are to tell a story and the challenge is very flexible. Everyone should give this challenge a try.

Door Prizes: Richard L provided 6 door prizes, 1. Debbie P, 2. Dina, 3. Connie S, 4. Sue A, 5. Liz H and 6. Carol C.

Quilt Show: Chiara O asked for volunteers to make 13 bags for the Quilt show as prizes. She had 4 kits cut out and they went quickly.

Show and tell: Marlene S. conducted Show and tell. Many beautiful quilts were displayed by the members.

Our program was a show of quilts entitled "Lessons I have Learned" by Ellen H. and was enjoyed by all.

Saturday Workshop was attended by 13 members and enjoyed by all. Mary and helpers treated everyone to a delicious lasagna lunch.

Charity Quilts

Below is a clarification of how to label Charity Quilt submissions.

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.



During September's meeting there were 14 charity quilts donated and during the October meeting there were 15 quilts donated for a total of 29 quilts.

Twelve of these quilts were donated to Regional Cancer Care Associates (RCCA) for patients receiving cancer treatments (chemotherapy, etc). The remaining 17 quilts were donated to Child Protection and Permanency (CPP - formerly known as DYFS) for children in the foster care system.

CPP currently has over 100 children in the program and quilts will be gratefully accepted at all times. They reminded us that there are older teen boys who would appreciate a quilt of their own too.



A sampling of the 96 placemats collected at the October Meeting.

Placemat Collection

96 placemats were donated at the October meeting, and from that total 8 were put aside for Ginger C. to donate to Soldier On.

Soldier On is a private nonprofit organization that has been committed to ending veteran homelessness since 1994. Soldier On's mission is to help veterans reclaim their place in the community while returning meaning, dignity, and hope to their lives. Soldier On offers a continuum of ongoing care to veterans and their families that includes long-term housing with an array of support

services delivered where they live. The goal is to provide homeless or at-risk homeless veterans with permanent, supportive, sustainable housing with services.

The next placemat collection will be at the February meeting, and the theme is Winter, NJ or Patriotic, no religious icons.

As a reminder, the placemats should be 17" wide by 14" tall, and they should be constructed like a quilt. A quick and easy stitch and flip construction method can be found on our website.

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.

Tote Bag Pattern for Quilt Show Door Prizes

Every hour at the quilt show, a ticket is pulled for someone to win a door prize. These are tote bags that members have made, and they are filled with patterns, books and fabrics as a way to say thank you to our guests. If you would like to help out by making a tote bag, please go to pages 13-15 of this newsletter for the instructions. The pattern is also available on our website.

If more tote bags are donated than needed, they will be used as sale items at fundraising events.

Challenge Quilt Registration

The Registration Form for the Patchwork Paradise Challenge Quilt is on page 16 of this Newsletter. It is also available online. The filled out registration form/story card should be submitted with your finished entry at the March 20, 2026 meeting, when the table runners will be displayed and voted on.



Lessons I have Learned

Member Ellen H. was our guest speaker for the October meeting. She gave us the “herstory” of her quilting journey and awed us with beautiful quilts.



Saturday Workshop

The workshop on Saturday 10/18 was an open format, but these specific topics had some one on hand to help you out: 1) Work on 2025-2026 BOM; 2) Working on Sugar & Spice (from May); 3) Is your quilt ready for the Show; 4) Free sew with friends. Attendees also got a delicious lunch prepared by Mary P, so there were lots of smiling faces.



OCTOBER SHOW and TELL

Richard L.

Button Art
Charity Quilts



Amanda F.

Quilt

Kim G.

Charity Quilt



OCTOBER SHOW and TELL

Paula P.
Wall Quilt
Quilt



Sherre M.
Quilts



OCTOBER SHOW and TELL

Dixie M.

Wall Hanging



Sue P.

Wall Hanging
or Table Topper

Kit D.

3 Quilts for Charity



Sophie K.

2 Scrappy
Charity Quilts



OCTOBER SHOW and TELL

Carol C.

Happiness Quilt

Hexie Quilt



PROGRAM NOTES

November Meeting Make & Take Supplies

For the November Make & Take we are planning on making Cathedral Window ornaments (or you can make the Cookie Cutter Ornaments from the November Bee Meeting).

Supplies needed for the Cathedral Window:

- 2-6 ½ inch squares of muslin or other lightweight neutral
- Small piece of focal fabric for the center
- Polyester fiberfill
- Scissors, hand sewing needle, matching thread, small iron if you have one, 6½ inch ruler, turning tool, pins

Supplies needed for the Cookie Cutter:

- 8" square cream wool felt
- 8"x16" piece tan wool felt
- Freezer Paper
- Embroidery Floss: cream, tan
- Seed Beads, assorted bright colors
- Polyester fiberfill
- Basic sewing kit, including paper and fabric scissors, a fabric marking pen or pencil for felt, and Chenille or embroidery needles

Mary P. will have some extra supplies.
Instructions supplied at the meeting.

February Workshop

We will be making a Paper Pieced clock for our February workshop. It will be held Saturday, February 21 in our usual meeting room.

The cost will be \$20.00 for the class. Members will need to

also pay \$15.00 for the clock mechanism. Sign-ups for the class will be available at the November meeting.

Mary P. will have a picture of the finished project available then, as well as a supply list.

November Meeting Using up what you have

Just a reminder to everyone that we will be judging for the "UFO-using up what you have" contest at the November meeting. Bring in something that you have FINALLY finished and be proud to show everyone what you have done!

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

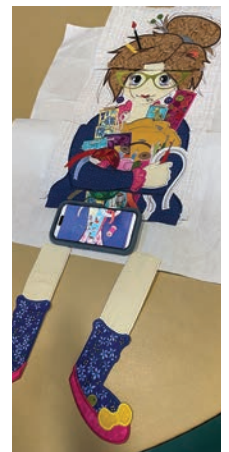
04/03/26 – Bee Meeting;
Sit and Sew

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

06/05/26 – Bee Meeting;
Topic TBD

The November Bee meeting had members making Cookie Cutter Ornaments. Mary P. gathered quite a bit of donated items so members were not lacking in supplies! Ann B. led the group with how to get started and showing made samples.

There WILL be a December meeting. It will be a Sit and Sew, and we will have a cookie exchange, led by Jeannette M.



NOVEMBER BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Ginger C.

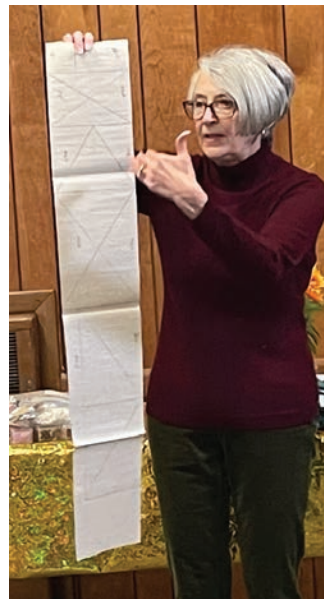
Pumpkin Quilt

Finished UFO from
Florida Shop Hop



Maryann F.

Wensleydale



Debbie P.

Charity Quilt-blocks
made by members at
October Bee Meeting



THE BEACHPLUM QUILTERS OF THE JERSEY SHORE, INC.

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Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month
September through June
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November 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

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Deadline for the next newsletter is

December 3, 2025

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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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MEETING from 1pm-3:30pm

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Lined Tote Bag Pattern

The dimensions of the finished Tote Bag: 8 ½ in wide x 11 ½ in tall x 4 in deep

Materials:

- Fabric for Outer Shell - ½ yard
- Fabric for the Bottom Panel and Handles - ½ yard
- Coordinating Fabric for the Lining - ½ yard
- Medium Weight Interfacing - 14 in by 46 in piece (Pellon 808 Craft Fuse or equal)
- Coordinating thread

Cutting

Upper Shell Print Fabric

Outer Shell:	14" x 15 ½ "	Cut 2
Pocket & Lining:	5 ¾" x 6 ½ "	Cut 2

Bottom Shell & Handle Fabric

Handles:	3" x WOF (40"min)	Cut 2
Bottom panels:	14" x 6 ¾"	Cut 2

Lining Fabric

Coordinating Lining	14" x 15 ½ "	Cut 2
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Fusible Interfacing

Interfacing for Outer Shell:	14" x 15 ½ "	Cut 2
Interfacing for Bottom:	14" x 6 ¾"	Cut 2



Interfaceing - Fuse interfacing to both pieces of the Outer Shell and Bottom panels.

- Place the **shiny fusible side of the interfacing to the wrong side** of the fabric.
- Turn the iron on the wool/steam setting with steam. Use a pressing cloth or iron on the right side of the piece of fabric.
- Press iron down firmly in place for about 8-10 seconds. Lift and repeat, slightly overlapping until the entire area is fused.

Prepare Handles and Pocket

- Prepare each Handle by folding it in half, wrong sides together and press. Open it up and press each outside edge to the center line. Fold fabric in half again and press. The final width of the handle will be ¾ inch, with the raw edges enclosed in the fold. Edge stitch down each side. Set aside.
- Prepare the Outer Pocket by placing the pocket pieces right sides together. Sew just the top seam with a ¼ inch seam-allowance. Turn right sides out and press. Top-stitch across top,sewn edge of pocket.

Attach Pocket and Handles

- Align the prepared Open Pocket on the **center** of the Front Outer Shell with the top, sewn edge of the Pocket **3 ¼ inches from the top raw edge** of the Outer Shell. Sew the sides of the pocket in place
- Place one prepared Handle on the Front Outer Shell, centered 5 inches apart, aligning the raw edges of the handles, 2 inches from the bottom of the Shell. Be careful not to twist the Handle where it extends over the top of the Shell. The Handle will overlap the side edges of the Outer Pocket. Pin in place.



- Mark lines on the Handle 1 ½ inches from the raw top edge of the Shell, and again 1 ¼ inches down from the first lines. Sew the Handle to the Front Outer Shell one side at a time; stop stitching on your marked line, 1 ½ inches from the top. Begin at the bottom edge of the Handle, stitch over previous top-stitching on the Handle and create an X pattern as pictured using your marked lines as guides.
- Repeat to attach the second Handle to the Back Outer Shell.

Attach Bottom Panels

- With right sides together and with one Bottom Panel oriented seemingly upside down. Align the top raw edge of the Bottom Panel 6 ¼ inches from the bottom raw edge of the Outer Shell. Sew along the top edge of the Bottom Panel with a ¼ inch seam allowance. On the Front Shell this seam will overlap the bottom of the pocket, closing the edge.
- Flip the Bottom Panel down, into place and press the seam on the right side of the shell. Top-stitch the top edge of the Bottom Panel. Repeat to sew the Bottom Panel to the Back Outer Shell.



Construct the Outer Shell

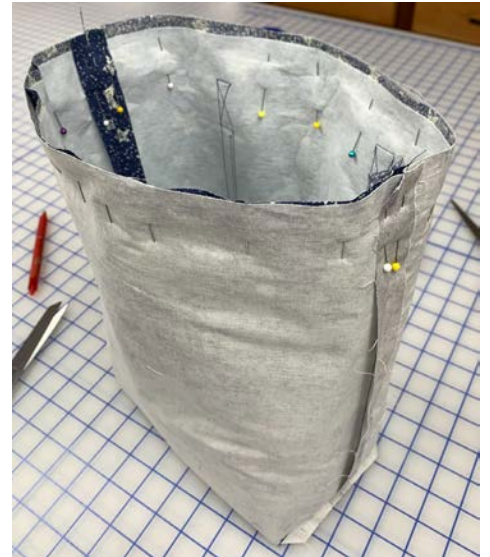
- With right sides together, place the Front and Back Outer Shells together, being sure to align the Handles and the tops of the bottoms of the panels. Sew along the side seams and the bottom seam **using a ½ inch seam allowance**. Reinforce the bottom seam by sewing it a second time.



- Pinch one bottom corner together so the bottom and side seams align. Mark 2 inches from the corner point and mark a perpendicular line 4 inches wide. Stitch on the line and reinforce the seam. Trim the seam allowance to ½ inch. Repeat on the second corner.
- Repeat this process to sew together and form the lining.

Join Outer Shell and Lining

- Pin the handles down onto the Outer Shell with a safety pin so they are out of the way.
- With the Outer Shell right side out and the Lining right side in, place the Outer Shell into the Lining so that the right sides are together and the top, raw edges align. Pin in place matching the side seams and avoiding the Handles.
- Sew together with a 1 inch seam-allowance. ***Leave at least a 5 inch opening for turning*** and tack the seam at both ends.



Turn Right Side Out

- Reach into the bag and pull the Outer Shell up, then pull the bag and lining through the opening so that the right side of the Shell and Lining are showing.
- Position the lining inside the bag and press along the top edge of the seam and down the sides of the lining.
- Edge-stitch the top seam, closing the opening for turning as you do so.
- Top-stitch a generous $\frac{1}{4}$ inch down from the first edge stitching.



Congratulations you are done!



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: