

the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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Presidents Message

February may be the shortest month, but it's packed with heart—and plenty of stitching opportunity. ♥ Whether you're adding the final touches to your Quilt Show Entry or just enjoying some cozy sewing time, I hope you're finding joy at your machine. This is a great month to check in on unfinished projects, try something just a little outside your comfort zone, and maybe even lend a helping hand to a fellow guild member.

It's also important to sign up for a job at our show. If you aren't sure where you are needed, please check with Chiara.

Quilting is always better together, and our guild is strongest when we share our talents, time, and kindness. Here's to warm fabrics, steady stitches, and lots of creative love this month!

Stay healthy and warm,

Dina

Charity Quilts

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.

Deadline for the next newsletter is

March 6, 2026

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

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



Meeting Minutes January 1-16-2026

Dina opened the meeting at 6:30

January birthdays: Minabess R, Richard L, Debbie P, Ginger C, Regina L, Connie S, Toni G, Joan, Marcia G and Karen M

December minutes, Motion to accept by Richard L and Seconded by Doreen D were approved.

Announcement of Nomination Committee, Donna D, Dona S, and Sue P

A discussion followed about changing the vote from May to March as not all committee members would be present. The nominating committee will be presenting a slate of four people, one for each position. Anyone else who wants to run should be nominated and can be included in the voting. This year, we will announce the nominations in the March newsletter and will vote at the March meeting. This change is not a formal change to the By-Law, just a temporary for this year. It was motioned by Donna D. and seconded by Dana O. It was passed with only a small number opposed.

Treasures report, Erma H. shared the bank balances and asked that we find a copy of the Articles of Incorporation to give to the State. When NJ changed over to everything being on computers, they lost our paperwork. It is imperative that we find the paperwork asap because we need it to get our Raffle License for the Show Quilts. Update: Donna D. found them in the storage room and got them to Erma in time. Way to go, Donna!

Fundraising and Newsletter - Marlene H has gotten our spot in Island Beach State Park for the Beachplum Festival on September 13 th. Please start thinking about what item(s) you can make for the Guild to sell.

Donna has cards, Flyers and posters for the Quilt Show; anyone who is going to a quilt Store, Library, or anyplace we can advertise our show, please get some to hand out. She will also put them in a file so we can send them to our friends in email form.

QUILT SHOW, Chiara O. Please sign up to help with the quilt show. There are many sign up sheets here today and more will be here next month.

- **Country store** needs people for cashiering and manning the tables and helping people. There are multiple shifts and many people needed both days as well as set up and take down.

- **Admission** needs four people at the table for admission, Membership, raffle ticket sales, hourly drawings and other things, also many shifts on both days.

- **Raffle baskets** need people at the tables, many shifts and both days, as well. Plus, those who can help organize and wrap baskets ahead of time. There is a list of things you can donate for the baskets or money to add things and wrap the baskets.

- **Door Prizes,** Debra F has most of the bags (for hourly drawings) done, there was one kit left and it went home tonight.

- **Quilt Hanging and take down,** Kit D will have sign-up sheets next month for Hanging and take down. Hanging and take down requires two people to work together and one who can climb a ladder. There will be a map as to where to hang them. We need about four or more groups for Friday after the pipes and drapes go up. This requires sliding the quilt on a pole, someone climbs the ladder, takes the quilt and hangs in with the clips. Then again on Sunday to take them down, fold and put them in their pillowcases on tables.

- **White gloving** - Chiara O needs four people for two shifts daily. Only people with white gloves can touch quilts. These volunteers will also be asked to help watch vendor booths (vendor breaks). We cannot take money but we can put things aside till the vendor gets back. White gloving gives you a chance to interact with visitors, you can explain things about the quilts when they have questions.

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(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Demos** - Paula P is looking for people to do demos. She needs to know what you would like to demo and what day you want to demo.
- **Small Quilt auction** Janette M has small quilt auction and will need both small quilts and helpers.
- **Quilt registration** is due by February 1st with a photo (can be a printout) and moneys. Please send or give it to Ivette R. Her address is on the registration form. People will be need on intake day (Wednesday) to confirm registrations, vet the quilts and organizing the quilts into proper categories for judging.
- **Judging** There are many spots to be filled on this very important day prior to the show. Scribes, quilt turners, runners, table organizers -see Dina to sign up.

Patchwork Paradise Challenge needs to be brought to the March 20, 2026 meeting. Please bring your Challenge runner in a pillowcase with your name and phone number on it. Place your registration form inside the bag, with a picture and the story card. Remember no hanging sleeve needed and cover your label by basting a piece of fabric over the label (no pins).

Please bring your placemats in February. The theme should be spring, or as always, patriotic or New Jersey theme. The size is 12X17. Labels affixed to back. Find more info and a pattern on our website.

Bee Meeting is working on watercolor hearts or you can bring your own project. They will also be rolling fabric for the Country Store at the quilt show.

Block of the Month. The block this month looks so elegant, it was won by Ivette R.

Door Prizes by Richard L. Winners: 1. Sharon G 2. Pat L. 3. Sharon S. 4. Donna D.

We have two visitors - Carol B. and Lucille C.


New business - We have a visit from one of our founding members (1987), Lucille C. She said it does her heart good to see the love we have for quilting and the good we've done with them.

Dina dismissed the members at 8:15 p.m.

The majority of the members stayed on to play Left, Right, Center at their tables and much laughter was heard around the room.

PROGRAM NOTES

In February we will be having a workshop to make a paper pieced clock. The workshop is on Saturday, February 21 and will cost \$20.00 plus \$15.00 for the clock works. You should have signed-up by the January Meeting so the teacher can get all the clock mechanisms needed, but check with Mary P. if you are interested to see if there is still room to join the class. If you did sign up and did not receive the supply list, contact Mary P. These pictures are the clock to be made at our February Workshop.

Please note that the black clock hands don't show up on the dark fabrics of the star points. Hope this helps you choose your fabrics for this fun project 

If you don't want to make the clock, you can still come in that day and help prepare fabric for the Show Country Store. *All help is appreciated!!*

At our **March meeting**, Pat L. will be talking about her quilt journey. We will be doing last minute preparations for the quilt show and voting on the Challenge quilts. It will be a busy night!





PATCHWORK PARADISE

Quilt Show News

With about two months before the show we are on 'the sprint to the finish' in preparation for our Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show on April 11th & 12th. The second round of quilt registration will be open until March 1, 2026 or until we have about 100 quilts.

Please consider signing up for one of our many volunteer opportunities at our March meeting. To learn more about the volunteer opportunities or to sign up by phone contact Chiara O. at (978) 764-0267.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Country Store - Set-up, Sales, & Take down

Front Desk - Admissions, Raffle Ticket Sales, Door Prizes, & Membership White gloves & Vendor Support

Basket Raffle - Sell tickets & Pull Winners

Intake of Quilts

Hanging Quilts Take & Down of Quilts

Judging - Scribing for the judge, Quilt

turners, and Runners as quilts are being judged.

Small Quilt Auction

Door Prizes: If you picked up a 'Bag Kit' we would appreciate it you could finish it by the March meeting. You can also bring donations to Debbie at Quilting by the Shore in Brick, NJ.

Basket Raffle: We are looking for members to donate baskets, new items for baskets or monetary donations to purchase items. You can also bring donations to Debbie P. at Quilting by the Shore in Brick, NJ.

Small Quilt Auction: Please consider donating a small quilt for our auction. These quilts are some of our most popular items, drawing lots of excitement and strong bids

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.

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 need more tickets to sell, Donna will be happy to assign them to you! If you were unable to sell the tickets, please return them to Donna as all tickets must be accounted for.

Quilt Appraisals at our Quilt Show

Karen Dever, an AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, is once again scheduled to give quilt appraisals at our Quilt Show in April, but appointments must be booked ahead of time! If there are not enough bookings, Karen may not be able to be present both days. If your quilt is worthy of being in the show, it's worth getting it appraised too.

Contact Chiara O. to schedule your appraisal. You'll be glad you did!



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.

JANUARY SHOW and TELL

Richard L.

Flea Market find



Paula P.

Arboretum Quilt

Erma H.

Curvy Log Cabin

Lighthouse embroidery quilt





JANUARY
SHOW and TELL

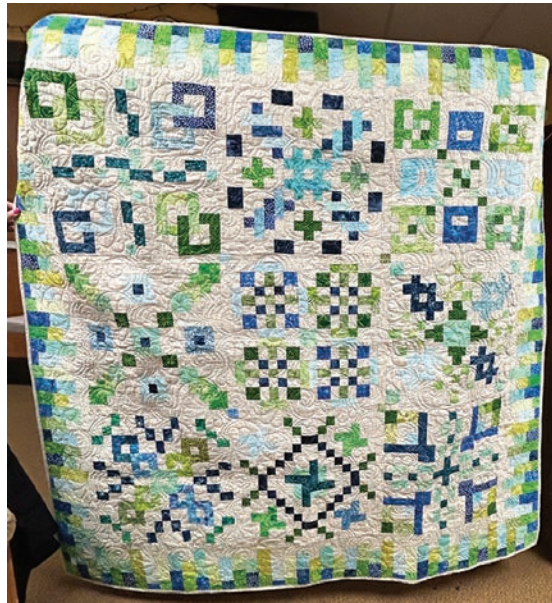
Cathy S.

Two small quilts



Sherre M.

Two Quilts–
Dangerous
New Year’s Day



Joan M.

Two quilts





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.

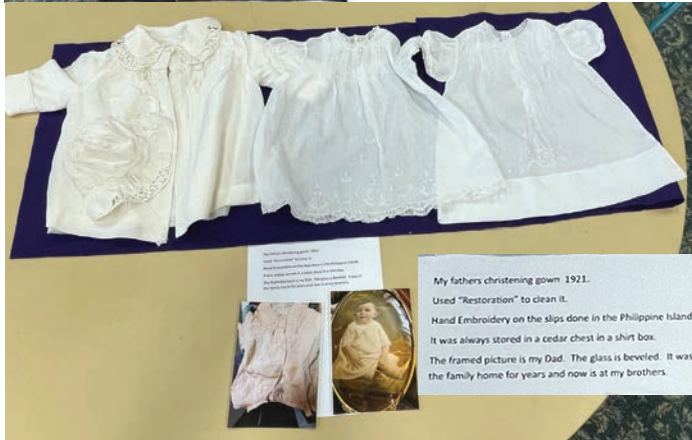
03/06/26 – Bee Meeting; Finish Small Quilts for Auction

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

At the February meeting a few Watercolor Hearts were brought in finished. It was suggested that everyone who made one enter it in the #9000 Non-Judged category of the quilt show as it would make a beautiful display to see all the hearts together. Still MORE fabric was rolled & priced for the Country Store. Amazing quilts and other items were shared in Show & Tell. As usual, a good time was had by all!



Christine G's father's Christening gown with delicate hand embroidery.

Maria S's recipe for delicious fruit squares.

FRUIT SQUARES

Apricot Squares (Hungarian Recipe)
You may substitute with any jelly

2 sticks butter - room temperature
1 egg yolk
1 C sugar
2 C flour
3/4 C finely chopped walnuts
1 10 oz jar apricot filling (or any flavor)/jam

Cream butter with sugar in large bowl
Add egg yolk and mix well
Stir in flour - add walnuts - blend
Divide dough in half.
Spread half in 13 x 9 pan
Cover with Jelly filling
Top w/remaining dough (crumble on top)
Bake 40-45 min. until golden brown - 350°
Cool and cut into squares.



Bee photos & info courtesy of Ann B.



FEBRUARY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Jackie P.

- 2 Dresden Plate table toppers
- Pot holders
- Trees mug rugs
- Mini Snowmen Pillows



Paula P.

- Watercolor Heart and inset piece for backing
- Arboretum Winter wall quilt



Bee photos & info courtesy of Ann B.



FEBRUARY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Maria S.

Table Runner



Laurie S.

Wall-Valentine's Piece

The Cottage

Minabess Quilt Challenge

Jenny's Book Report, 7th Grade:

"Fahrenheit 451"

Small Doll in bottle with buttons

Humpty Dumpty

2010 Quilt Show

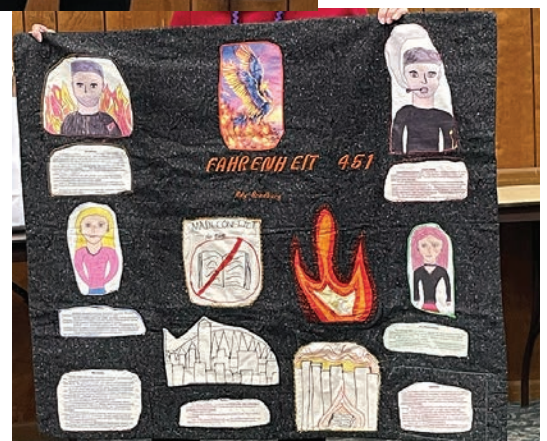
1st place -Special Techniques-Doll:

"Sea Princess"

2018 Challenge

"Petal Pusher"

Sunbonnet Sue





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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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MEETING from 1pm-3:30pm