



the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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President's Message

Dear Quilting Friends,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and you are ready to get back to our meetings. As we continue to gather, share, and create within our wonderful guild, I wanted to take a moment to talk about what it means to be a good guild member. Our guild thrives on the passion, creativity, and camaraderie of each and every one of you, and together, we can make it an even more vibrant and supportive community.

Here are a few thoughts on how we can all contribute:

- *Participate Actively: Whether it's attending meetings, joining in on workshops, or simply engaging in discussions, your presence matters. Every voice and every quilt has a story that adds to the richness of our guild.*
- *Share Your Knowledge: We all have unique skills and experiences. Don't hesitate to share tips, techniques, and ideas. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just starting out, there's always something we can learn from each other. Our different Committees will appreciate your input.*

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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.

09/08/24-Sunday – Beachplum Festival at Island State Park

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 (Because you know you have more scraps than you know what to do with!!)

11/15/24 – Back by Popular demand-Make & Take Projects- Lollipops and Snowman

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 Speaker(s) TBA

02/22/25 - Saturday Workshop(s) TBA

03/21/25 – Regular Meeting, Luncheon Challenge Quilt voting

04/24 – Guild luncheon, TBA. No regular meeting, No April Newsletter

05/16/25 – Guest Speaker TBA

05/17/25 - Saturday Workshop TBA

06/20/25 – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo

Bee Meetings Calendar 2024- 2025

All meetings at The Manasquan United Methodist Church, 1 pm.

09/06/24 – Bee Meeting	02/07/25 – Bee Meeting
10/04/24 – Bee Meeting	03/07/25 – Bee Meeting
11/01/24 – Bee Meeting	04/04/25 – Bee Meeting
12/06/24 – NO Meeting	05/02/25 – Bee Meeting
01/03/25 – Bee Meeting	06/06/25 – Bee Meeting

President's Message *(continued)*

- *Support Each Other: Offer encouragement and constructive feedback. Celebrate the successes and offer a helping hand when challenges arise. Our guild is a safe space where we can all grow as quilters and as friends.*
- *Embrace New Opportunities: Be open to trying new techniques, participating in guild activities, and even taking on volunteer roles. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm keep our guild dynamic and exciting.*
- *Respect and Kindness: Let's always interact with respect and kindness. Different perspectives and styles make our guild diverse and interesting. A little kindness goes a long way in fostering a positive environment where every quilter is a valued member.*
- *Give Back: Consider how you can contribute to the Guild's growth. Whether it's helping to organize events, welcoming new members, volunteering for a Committee, making placemats for Meals on Wheels, supporting Charity quilts or making items to sell at our events, every contribution strengthens our Guild.*

Remember, Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore is more than just a group; it's a family of quilters who inspire, support, and uplift each other. Let's continue to foster an environment of creativity, friendship, and joy.

Happy quilting and see you at the September meeting!

Dina

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Expense reimbursement requests must be turned in within 30 days of the money expenditure.

The **Beachplum Reimbursement Request Form** is available on the website and photos of the receipts, emailed to Erma, with the Reimbursement Request Form will be accepted.

Receipts more than 30 days old **will not** be reimbursed.


2024-2025 Budget Information

Before our September meeting, you will receive a copy of the Proposed 2024-2025 budget. As we dive into planning for the upcoming year, it's important to have a clear picture of our anticipated spending. Our funds allow us to bring in exciting speakers, organize workshops, and support our community outreach. This year, we're focusing on making every dollar count, ensuring that we continue to offer valuable experiences while staying within our means. I appreciated the support from all of you when we discussed having a potluck for September instead of the Guild purchasing food. Please bring any/all questions to the September meeting and be prepared to vote on the proposed budget. A big thank you to the Executive Committee, with a special shout-out to Erma for all her hard work in keeping our finances in order. We truly appreciate their dedication!


Have I got a TIP for you!!

We hope so!! If YOU have a tip that makes your quilting, pressing, piecing, pattern holding, fabric storage, applique, binding, etc., etc., etc. easier, PLEASE share it with us! We want to run the "Tippy Corner" in every issue of the news letter, and the more the merrier! If a picture (or series of pictures) helps you explain your tip better, send them along too. We would love to gather enough tips to maybe even make a small booklet to sell!

TIPPY CORNER

 When assembling a quilt as a gift, make a small pocket on the label and insert a shiny penny dated the year of the gift. It feels like you are also giving the recipient good luck and prosperity.



 Pieces of fabric from the quilt top can be added behind the label for future use should the quilt need repair.

Block of the Month kits are available at Crafty Fabrics and will also be available at our September Meeting.

What Are you Going to DO with ALL those Scraps???

We have a Solution For You!

Janellea Macbeth is a creative individual who 'arts' her way through life and spends many, many hours of time playing with fabric. An avid hand, machine, and long arm quilter, Jan has been sewing for 31 years and quilting for 25. She has introduced many friends to the delights of cutting fabric into little pieces to in order to sew it back into large pieces of fabric. She is joined in

her sewing room exploits by her cats, who just want to help with EVERYTHING, and a dog who very respectfully naps through every sewing session.

We will be hosting a lecture with Jan on Friday, October 18th and a Workshop on Saturday, October 19th. The lecture is called, "Finish the D@#N Quilt," and the workshop is Scrapstashtic Shenanigans and actually using your fabric stash. The cost for

the Workshop is only \$30 for Beachplum Members. You bring a sewing machine, fabric (whatever scraps you would like to use up), sewing supplies and lunch. The Workshop runs from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and we will learn how to make 3 stash-busting projects that make good hostess gifts, kid presents or donations. For more info or to sign up, please contact Mary P.

CHARITY QUILTS

Beachplum has always done an amazing job donating quilts to different charitable organizations. If you know of an organization who could use our quilts, please let Carol or Juanita know. Additionally, an Ocean County Quilts for Kids chapter was just approved. It will be headed by Debra Firestone from Forked River.

Block of the Month Program 2024-2025

The assembly instructions for the 2024-2025 Block of the Month program *September Blocks* were emailed to the guild members on July 16th. All members can participate, even those who do not plan to buy a kit for the rest of the months. Kits will be available at the September meeting for \$10 each, and will include a paper copy of the patterns as well as background and special fabrics. The rest of the fabrics will come from the maker's stash. Kits are now also available to be Picked up at Crafty Fabrics in Brick, NJ.

Each person who submits a block (or in the September case, pair of blocks) will enter their name in a drawing to win all the blocks.



BEE NEWS

Our next Beachplum Bee Meeting will be Friday, September 6 at 1 pm. We meet at the Manasquan United Methodist Church.... there is plenty of parking. Use the back entrance of the church. Come join us!

Mystery Quilt Clue # 6 will be emailed out on September 5th along with notes from Ann B. This is our final clue and it reveals the layout for all of the blocks you have been making. Bring all of your blocks to the September meeting, we can use the tables in the room to layout your design. Ann B., Maria S., and Jackie P. will have their finished quilt tops on display. Ann and Maria will be available to answer any questions you might have regarding your blocks. Thank you to Ann B. for bringing this project to the Bee Meeting. It has been a fun adventure!! The Mystery Quilt has taken a lot of work for her to coordinate each month's clues and make notes to help guide us along the way.

Volunteers Needed!

Pat L. has volunteered to do refreshments for the month of September. We need two volunteers for help with set-up...please come at 12:30 pm. We also need two volunteers to help with take down. Email Jackie P.....jppearce@optonline.net if you can volunteer for the September meeting.

There will be a sign-up sheet for refreshments and set-up and take down help for the October and November meetings at the front table as you enter.

Minutes of June 21, 2024 Meeting

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm by Donna D. Tables were called to line up and to get potluck dinner.

Group Photo was taken for the 2024/2025 guild year.

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Birthdays: **June:** Diane C., Maryann F., Marlene S., Pru P., Liz H., and Betty W. **July:** Maritza C., Erma H., Joy R., Jean C., Terry Pena, Gloria S., Denise S., Ellen K., and Christine G.

Membership: No new members, but one guest, Lynne C. who came with Kit D. Members not wearing name tags were called upon to introduce themselves. So far 70 members have paid for the 2024-2025 guild year.

May minutes were motioned to be accepted by Richard L and seconded by Jeanne H. Motion approved.

Treasures Report: Erma H read the Treasure's report. She stated that the bank and her paperwork agreed. The balance was \$21,015.71. Motion to accept by Jane S. 2nd by Dona S, motion approved.

FPP class The Foundation Paper Pieced Class was taught by Dina in May. Donna thanked Dina for the well organized and well presented class and for making the wonderful "Workshop" boxes.

Tips and Tricks: Jeannette M. had her "Pet trimmer-seam ripper" at the workshop, it was amazing. Many of us ordered and are using them, just pick the first few stitches then use the trimmer for the rest. (Dina has a link on her website where the guild gets a percentage of the sales, QuiltConcierge.com)

Donna D would like everyone to share any of their Quilting Tips and Tricks. If we acquire enough we could make a booklet to sell.

Island Beach State Park Festival, September 8th, 2024 . Any items you desire to make will be accepted and money made will go directly into the Guild's treasury. Please email Dina any sharable patterns or if you have any items to contribute. We will also need workers to help – the hours are 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., so we will need helpers to arrive at 8:00 a.m. to help set up and work until noon, then others to arrive at noon and close the show. Contact Dina or Donna D. to sign up.

Placemats for Meals on Wheels, Many placemats were collected. Prizes were awarded to Jan W., Cathy S., Sherie Mc C. and Karen M. Please remember to take iron on labels and affix to the back of each placemat. Total placemats collected were 146. Next collection in October, can be fall, winter and/or NJ related.

Marcia G (absent) was honored for her time and considerable skill for quilting many hundreds of quilts donated to our charity closet. Donna D. was honored to give her a gift for all her dedication and effort.

Before finishing her last meeting, Donna D recognized many people who helped her during her time as President, Dixie M., Erma H., Terry P., Ann B., Ivette R., Ginger C., Marcia G. (absent), Dona S., Gloria S. (absent) and Dina N.

Then Donna handed the gavel to Dina N., our new President.

Dina N. listed our new and continuing chairpersons for the 2024-2026:

Programs: - Mary P with helpers, Ann B. Sherry B. Maryann F. and Sue P.

Charity quilts - Carol C. and Juanita G.

Block of the Month – Marcia G. and Dixie M.

Door Prizes – Richard L.

Show and tell – Marlene S.

Hospitality – Karen M.

Fundraising and Newsletter – Donna D.

Membership – Ginger C. and Gail M.

Webmaster – Ivette R.

Placemats – Ginger C. and Pat O'C.

Dina thanked everyone who helped make this a successful Guild.

September dinner discussed. Decided to save money by having another potluck dinner. A list of who should bring what item will be shared at a later date.

Minutes of June 21, 2024 Meeting *(continued)*

October lecture – Organizing Your Fabric Stash and Finishing the D@#N Quilt, by speaker Janelleah MacBeth - Oct 18th. Scrapstashtic Workshop October 19, \$30, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Charity Quilts. For the 2023-2024 year we donated 61 quilts to local organizations and families in need:

32 quilts to DYFS - The Children's Home Society	1 Raffle quilt to Embrella	2 quilts for a boy and girl who lost their mother
12 quilts to Project Linus	2 quilts Families in need	1 quilt for a family who had a fire
2 Raffle Quilts St. Joseph's Church	2 quilts for Disabled Veterans	5 quilts for chemo patients
	2 quilts to Open Door	

Block of the month – The patterns are picked but the packets are not ready yet. When they are ready they will be \$10. The packets will be available at the September meeting. If they are ready earlier they can be picked up at Crafty Fabric in Brick. A message will be sent when they become available. The first pattern is a freebie, use fabric from your stash. A message with the pattern will be sent out before the September meeting. This month's winner of the Seagulls was Marcia G.

Door Prizes: Rosemary B., Joan O., Dianne W.

Show and Tell: About 12 people brought Show and Tell, check on line to see who brought what beautiful quilts and other items.

Bee Meeting, there are no Bee meetings in July or August.

Dina closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their support. The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Classifieds

Three of our members offer longarm quilting services!

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DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;
MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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President Dina Newbert
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Treasurer Erma Hoover
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Audit Committee

Dona Spencer

Block of the Month

Marcia Guza
Dixie Moore

Charity Quilts

Carol Cashin
Juanita Greenland

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(vacant)

Door Prizes

Richard Levin

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Show & Tell

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2025 Luncheon Chair

(vacant)

2026 Quilt Show Chair

(vacant)

September 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 and tampons
- Your pot luck dinner contribution

**September Meeting
Potluck Assignments**

A - D Dessert

E - G Salad

H - Mi Bread or another side

Mo - R Side

S - Z Main/entrée



Deadline for the next newsletter is

October 4, 2024

E-Mail your news in a Word document (not PDF) or email text to

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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