

# the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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## President's Message

Dear Sew Sisters and Brothers,

As we stitch together another season of creativity, I've been reflecting on what drew me to quilting in the first place. For many of us, quilting is more than just fabric, thread, and patterns—it's a love story. We fall in love with the colors, the textures, and the endless possibilities of turning simple pieces into something uniquely beautiful.

Quilting isn't just something we do—it's something we share. Whether it's passing down a favorite technique, encouraging a fellow quilter who's tackling their first big project, or teaching the next generation about the joy of a well-placed seam, we are all part of a larger quilting community.

So, I encourage each of you to fall in love with your quilting journey all over again. Embrace the process—the trial and error, the creativity, the beauty of a quilt coming to life. And most importantly, let's continue to share that love with others. Invite someone to join us at the next meeting, offer a tip to someone who needs a little help, or simply celebrate each other's work. Together, we can keep this quilting love story going strong!

Happy quilting, and I can't wait to see what you create next!

Warmly,  
Dina



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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.

- 09/20/24 – 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

## September 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm by Dina N.

Tables were called to line up and to share the delicious potluck dinner.

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

Dues: We were reminded that our dues needed to be in by 9-30-24 to be included in our roster of members. Anyone joining/paying after that date will still be members but not included in the roster. Thank you Ginger C.

August birthdays: Ivette R, Jackie P, and Marge F. September Birthdays: Jane S, Dixie M, Barbara L, Donna D, Susan G, Rene' W and Christine L.

Dina showed a monthly Box Subscription so we could see what was included and decide for ourselves if we would be interested in it. Very thoughtful, thank you.

**Suicide/Opioid Addition Hearts:** Amy W. reached out to Genny V, a former member, to see if Guild members could sew fabric hearts. She has a template and supplies. The hearts will be returned to her for stuffing. You can contact her at 732-233-5705 or email a.weston00@gmail.com This would be an individual project but supported by the Guild.

June Minutes approved with one amendment. Terry P reminded that no last names should be included in the minutes. With that one amendment it was motioned by Richard L and 2nd by Kathy M.

**Island Beach State Park Festival:** Donna D said it was a beautiful day and we made \$957, then Erma said she received \$35 to add to that so the new total was \$992.

**Tips and Tricks:** Donna D talked about wanting our Tips and Tricks to add to the newsletter. Please share so we can all benefit from them. Classified ads in the newsletter are free for members. The newsletter can be found on our web page.

Fundraising will be ongoing all year. Donna has a few more places lined up.

**Treasurer's Report:** The budget was presented. It was mentioned it was less than last year. It was agreed that the Quilt Shows years have a higher budget. Also the programs budget was lowered and discussion on programs was held. It was mentioned there should be more for programs and more skills taught. The discussion came out that the budget could be changed, it can go under or over as needed. It is an approximate number. The report (subject to Audit) was motioned by Dona S and 2nd by Jane S. and was approved. To get reimbursed for any expenses you must fill out a form and have it in within 30 days. The form can be found on our website and Erma will accept emailed forms and receipts.

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

Scrap-bag challenge-team event, Sign-up sheets for challenge groups were handed out and instructions given. Each group will get points for things made. Included in points are placemats, charity quilts and things made for fundraising. The Bee group was very excited and has a head start. Sign-up and have fun.

The Scrapstashtic class has 20 members signed up. If you are not attending the Workshop, Jan will also be presenting a lecture at the October meeting.

Placemats for Meals on Wheels – Pat O & Ginger C. 146 placemats were brought in for June, thank you, they are much appreciated.

Next collection will be October, fall fabrics (and Patriotic).

**Charity Quilts:** Carol C and Juanita G - Please put your name on the quilts with a safety pin, it will help us to record who donated the quilt. Talked about Debby F. (a new member) who is working with two children's group who collect quilts to hand out to needy individuals. You can label your charity quilts for Quilts for Kids if desired.

## September 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

**Bee Meeting Update:** Jackie and Ann - We had a fabulous meeting. We did show and tell of the Mystery Quilts and we loved the scrap bag challenge, everyone was excited and dove right into the bags and patterns.

**Block of the Month:** Marcia G and Dixie M – Ivette R won the September block.

**Library:** Gail and Maritza – We have 35 plus specialty rulers listed on the web page. Call and make arrangements to borrow them as needed. We are working on the Library list and will post it when it is ready.

**Quilt Show Chair 2026** – We would like to have our chair set up and starting early. Think about it.

**Luncheon Chair 2025** – Volunteer, we need you as soon as possible, and we would like you to start in January.

**Door Prizes:** Richard L – We received fat quarters of fabric with our tickets, thank you Richard. We had 6 prizes so 6 winners this month. 1 Jane S 2 Karen M 3 Pat L 4 Gail 5 Joann M 6 Pat O

**Show and Tell:** – Dona S. filled in for Marlene.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kit Dwight, Secretary

## 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.

## Help Wanted:

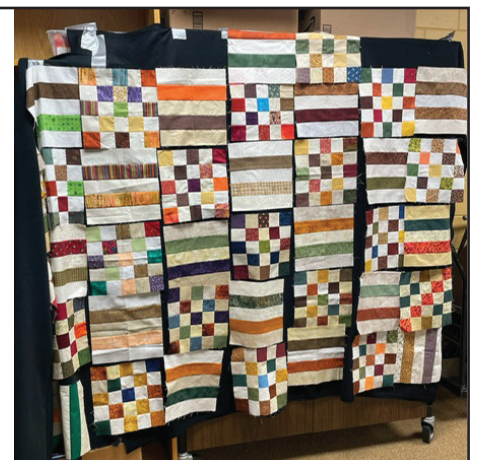
**2025 April Event Chairperson**  
Luncheon, bus trip, what shall we do in 2025?

**2026 Quilt Show Chairperson**

It's never too soon to start planning all the things that go into making our show a success. April 2026 will be here before you know it!

*Block of the Month is off to a beautiful start for 2024-2025 with these September beauties.*

*Ivette R. was the lucky winner of the blocks.*





# BEE NEWS

October 4th was our BIG Showcase of the Mystery Quilt tops. Members brought in their quilt top to show and share. It was interesting to see all of the finished tops!!

Bee attendees are always welcome to bring their own project to work on...it's a nice opportunity for some "sit and sew" time. If you are working on a group scrap project – this is a great time to work on that as well.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make the Bee Meetings a fun opportunity to sew together!

## Bee Meetings Calendar 2024– 2025

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

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

## CRAFT SALE SCHEDULED

Beachplum Quilters will be participating in the *Silver Ridge Park East Holiday Craft Fair* on Saturday, November 16th. The event takes place from 9am-2pm at the SRPE Club House, 979 Edgebrook Drive N., Toms River. We will be selling items in inventory along with items donated at our October and November meetings as part of our scrap challenge.

Members are needed to help set up/take down the merchandise as well as sellers during the event. If you have time to share please let Donna D. know your availability.

Thank You!

## CHARITY QUILTS


Please make sure your name is pinned on to your charity quilt donation with a safety pin! This will help us keep track of who donated a quilt. Thank You!



## 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., easier, PLEASE share it with us! We want to run the "Topsy 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!

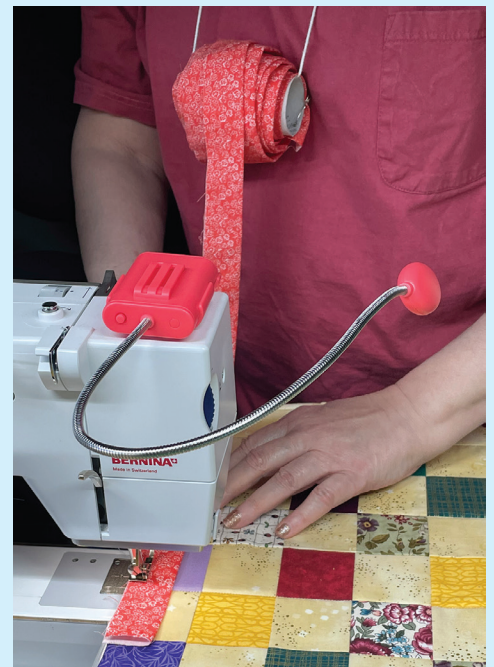
## TIPSY CORNER

 I roll my pressed binding up onto an empty toilet tissue roll. I pin the first end on and roll, trying to keep the bulk as evenly distributed as possible. I put a string about 20 inches long thru the tube and tie it off like a necklace. I wear this "binding necklace" as I sew my binding on to my quilt, it rolls out smoothly with no tangles, and it is easy to keep the binding perfectly even with the edge of my quilt.

-Donna D.



*Easy Peasy!*





# SEPTEMBER SHOW and TELL

**Jackie P.**

2 Charity Quilts



**MaryAnn F.**

Applique Quilt made  
from scraps  
Vintage Double  
Wedding Ring bought  
on Ebay,



**Laurie S.**

Mystery Quilt top  
All Hallows Eve wall  
hanging top





**SEPTEMBER  
SHOW and TELL**

**Erma H.**

FPP wall hanging from  
May 2024 Workshop



**Dixie M.**

Pumpkin Block Swap  
Quilt

**Mary Lou G.**

BOM  
Baby Quilt  
TeddyBear





## SEPTEMBER SHOW and TELL

**Sherre M.**

4 Quilts-  
Batik  
Elephant  
2 Charity Quilts



### Help us out with Show and Tell!

Please sign in on the show and tell sheet with ONE item per line and make sure you give a clear identifying descriptive of each item. What you write will be how your photo is captioned in the newsletter.

And, so important - we all want to see your hard work. Our meeting room is sometimes very crowded and it's not always easy to do, but hold the quilt up for everyone to see, and don't forget that we would like to take a photo too! Give the photographer a minute to get that great shot.

Thank You!!!!

### Bee Mystery Quilt Announcement

- from Ann B.

We'd love to see your beautiful quilt if you participated in our Mystery Quilt-a-long. Please bring your finished quilt or quilt top to our October meeting for a special Show & Tell. (Even if you already shared it at the October Bee Meeting.)

**There will be a separate sign-in sheet for the Mystery Quilts.**



## 2023-2024 BOM SHOWCASE

### 1. Jo Ann M.

September 2023  
Trellis



### 2. Chiara O.

December 2023  
Gift Wrap

### 3. Pat L.

March 2024  
Four Leaf Clover

### 4. Terry P.

March 2024  
Four Leaf Clover

### 5. Sherre M.

April 2024  
Singing in the Rain

### 6. Ivette R.

May 2024  
Snapdragon



Available Block of the Month Quilts from 2023-2024 were showcased at the September Meeting, and members got to vote for the "Viewer's Choice" favorite.

Congratulations Ivette, for having your "Snapdragon" quilt selected by the group!





Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

Autumn Placemat Celebration

Drawing will be at the October Meeting

Use materials denoting the fall/winter months, scrappy pieces or NJ theme items.

Placemat must be constructed as a quilt – top, back, with batting in the middle.

When constructing the placemat, it may be any type, but it has to be washable.

(Note: Please only use materials with non-religious symbols)

All placemats must be clean with the label must be affixed to the back.  
Please see Pat, Ginger or Crafty Fabrics for labels.

Each placemat will receive 1 entry ticket and the winning ticket will receive a prize.

(Late entries will be accepted, they will not be eligible for the prize.)



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September through June  
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MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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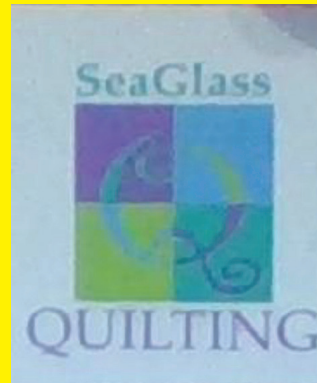
**2026 Quilt Show Chair**

(vacant)

**October 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

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**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

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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