

the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



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Celebrating Our 27th Year 1985-2012

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President's Message:

As they used to say on ABC sports, "Ah the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat". I don't know about you but I much prefer victory and that is exactly what we had with our quilt show. It was wonderful to see all the volunteers working to ensure our success. We can all be proud that our Guild had one of the best shows ever. We have had our 15 minutes of fame so now it is time to move on.

We have a wonderful speaker and workshop for May with Trish Hodge speaking on batiks and fabric stamping. I can't wait to try my hand at creating fabric.

Of course, our June meeting has a fabulous dinner. The 2013 luncheon plans are well underway. Gen is chairing the luncheon committee and I know will put together a delicious menu for us. The raffle quilt for 2013 is completed and it is time to start selling those raffle tickets.

We are starting to make plans for the 2014 Quilt Show and raffle quilt.

There are many activities for each member to become involved. Simply ask and we will find you an area to participate in to support the Guild. Remember this is an active guild dependent on all its members.

___Ellen W. Hyers



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Meetings/Events Calendar 2012

- * May 18-Trish Hodge "BatikTextiles"
 - * May 19-Trish Hodge Workshop
 - * Jun 15-Installation Dinner
 - * July 20-Stack N Wack Workshop Part 1
 - * Aug 4-Stack N Wack Workshop Part 2
- Underlined Dates denote a guild meeting

Recess for the summer, See you at our Fall meeting, September 21, 2012

- * April 6, 2013-Spring Luncheon

Show N Tell April 2012

- Rita R.- Orange Burst charity quilt from a guild kit and my own fabric, machine pieced & quilted
- Janet P.—Kanzashi (flower) lesson taken at Fabric Inspirations in Japanese flower folding
- Joyce W.—Leftovers and some scraps from an RRQ raffle quilt made into a wall hanging for RRQ

2012 Quilt Show News: Thank you Volunteers & all members who participated in the show !

Another successful quilt show has passed. The volunteer spirit which was demonstrated as well as the feedback from vendors, visitors and guild members was rewarding to see ! A planning meeting was held on Tues. April 24th. Ellen, Laurie, JoAnn M., Rita, Barbara, Debbie, Jackie, Shirley, Joyce, and Genny attended to review the show and make suggestions for improvements. This was a good beginning to planning our next show in April, 2014.

Several reports from chairwomen have come in which give better insight to the jobs handled by each member who volunteered. This feedback is welcomed and will be used to fill the gaps in the quilt show guidebook.

A Thank You Note From The Country Store Chairperson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the 2012 country store such a success. I could not have done it without the help of everyone involved. There were so many donations of slightly/never used items such as fabric, unfinished blocks, kits, books, patterns and notions. Some of the folks who donated those items were Rosemary C, Mary P, Rita R, Marlene S, Janet P, Ellen H, Pat T and many others who donated and I did not get their names. You know who you are (I apologize for not getting your name), so pat yourself on the back, job well done. You cleaned out your closets, rummaged through your sewing room and thought once again about that project you started. You finally realized you were not going to ever finish it (I know I had a few of those items). By taking the time to donate items to the country store, you helped us to become a success.

The handcrafted items were just wonderful. Customers loved and admired them and of course, they made a beautiful display. I would like to thank the folks who made our handcrafted items for the country store: Marcia G, Laurie S, Mareem S, Janet P, Jackie P, Andrea D, Ruth F, Marge F, Helen L, Genny V, Pat L, Ellen H, Connie S, Elaine S, Jane S, Mary P, Dona S, Barbara S, Denice De C, Pat T, Janice R, Joanne Z, Carin K, Jean C, Jeanette M, and Pamela G (and once again if I left your name out I apologize in advance).

I would also like to take the time to acknowledge my two committee members who were a tremendous help to me with pricing and coming up with ideas on set-up for the show. A special thanks goes to Jackie P and Marge F. The experience that they brought to the country store made the tables look like a fabulous display.

Thanks to those who signed up to help sell at the country store: Jackie P, Marge F, Shirley M, Diane C, and Marcia G. I would also like to thank Carol B, for stopping by on Friday to set-up, and Linda F for selling, when available, on Saturday and Sunday.

The country store was a success thanks to all of the team players involved. Job well done to all involved!

Debbie Perks, 2012 Country Store Chair

Comments from Basket Chair, Judy R.

I wanted to thank all the women in Beachplum for the lovely baskets which were made for the show. I wish I had a dollar for **all the compliments** that were received by just passers-by and people who purchased tickets.

You are wonderful! Best, Judy Richtmyer

Minutes of April 20, 2012:

Some upcoming important dates: October 19-20-2012 - Burkes Quilt show in Reading, PA
Johnsonburg quilt camp - October 24-28 (information is on our website)
RRQ quilt show at Poricy Park, Middletown - May 18-19, 2012

The minutes were approved. Treasurer's report: beginning balance \$7,375.52, receipts \$7,896.10, disbursements \$5,509.17, ending balance \$9,762.45; also approved.

Kudos to everyone who worked so hard to make our quilt show a success. All the venders were pleased. There will be a post mortem meeting on Tuesday April 24 at 7PM at the church to discuss what was well done and what needs to be improved. But the show was a great success and we received many compliments.

The Block of the Month was won by Anne B. Next month's block is Card Trick in pastels. Door prizes were won by Joann M., Janice R., Linda F., and Anne B.

Marlene can no longer be our membership chair. Jackie volunteered to fill the spot.

Gen V. reminded those taking the workshop next month to bring at least one yard of light colored fabric (can be muslin) for copper stamping. Also a drop cloth. All other supplies are included in the workshop cost.

Our guest speaker, Tammie Ruffle, spoke about preparing quilts for a long arm quilter. She has been quilting for thirty years and has been long arm quilting professionally for 13.

Fran G. thanked president Ellen for cataloguing and photographing her quilts for our show. Fran's group at Cedar Glen Lakes, the Piecemakers, make charity quilts for hospice. They are looking for orphan blocks and fabric to continue their work. Anyone with fabric or blocks to contribute can contact them at Carolecrist.44@comcast.net. Or mail them to Piecemakers Quilt Club, Cedar Glen Lakes, 100 Michigan Avenue, Whiting, NJ 08759. Their quilt show (free admission!) is May 5-6 at the Cedar Glen Lakes clubhouse.

Remember to thank the people at Quilting Possibilities, Kindred Quilts and Mouse Creek for their generous donations to our quilt show.

Reminder: our new post office address is Box 749 in Island Heights, NJ 08732-0749.

Shirley Moramarco



Pat Mc. With her Quilt for Baby "OT"



Tammie Ruffle, Long Arm Artist



Liz H. Mini Quilt Auction Table



Pat L. & Mom, Vernie



Congressman Frank Pallone & Joyce W.



Joyce W. & Janet P, former Guild President



Fran & husband, Frank,
Aw Frank, Love you too !



Fran G. & Friends , April 14, 2012
Special Exhibit: The Quilts of Fran Gillesheimer
Congratulations !



Best In Show, 1st Place, Hearts and Flowers
Joyce W.



Viewers Choice—Serendipity Sampler Fran G.



Janice R. & Laura B. Mother/ Daughter



Judges Choice, 1st Place, Aboriginal Fans
Connie S.

Below: Country Store



Sally C. & Helen L., Guild Friends,
2 former Guild Presidents
Thank you for serving our guild !!!



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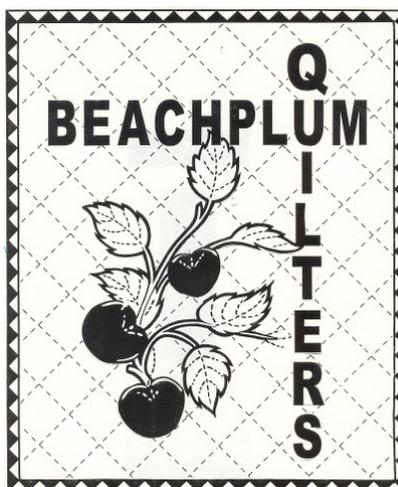
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
the Presbyterian Church of Toms River,
1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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Deadline for the next newsletter is

May 26, 2012

E-Mail your news using Arial font to

ivschnitzer@comcast.net

REFRESHMENTS:

The following members are asked to bring the refreshments this time: Names including:

Schnitzer through End of List. Please remember to clean up your own dishes after the meeting.

Food Pantry Items: Canned, dry package, or plastic containers. ***No glass or perishable foods.*** Check all expiration dates on packages. No cake, brownie, cookie, muffin mixes. No 5 lb. bags of sugar, flour, rice. Most desirable foods include protein foods, fruit and vegetables in cans, powdered or packaged (Parmalat) milk, peanut butter (plastic), tuna, beans, chili, stew, soup, mac & cheese, pasta, canned sauces, rice, tea bags

NEXT MTG CHECKLIST

- Name Tag and a welcome smile for guests
- **Canned Items for the Church Food Pantry**
- Block of the Month
- Coffee Mug, Plate, Utensils, Appetite
- Show N Tell
- Assigned Refreshments

Ruffled Feathers

Machine Quilting Service

Tammie Ruffle, Long Arm Artist

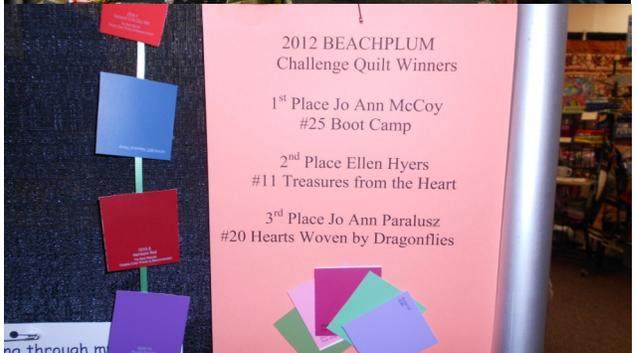
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Tentative Next Quilt Show Dates:

April 5-6, 2014



Preparing Your Quilt for a Long Arm Quilter by Tammie Ruffle

- All seams are stitched securely—especially the outside perimeter. When the quilt is loaded on the rollers of the long-arm, the fabric is stretched taut. If you have not backstitched those outside seams, they may pull apart. (Stay stitching around the quilt 1/8” is a viable option)
- Remove any selvages before piecing your back—they do not stretch and can cause puckers and may not lie flat.
- Square your quilt top, but more importantly, square the back. If you piece the back, make sure it is trimmed square.
- Please press your seams, (front and back). Press them as flat as you can.
- For flat borders, measure your quilt center, and on the 2 outside edges where the borders will attach. Take an average of the three and that is the border length. This applies to both directions.
- Trim all your loose threads. You aren't going to like seeing a dark thread tail behind your lighter color fabric.
- Backing and batting must be at least 6-8” longer and 6-8” wider than the quilt top. Quilters need that much extra to ensure that our grips to the sides of the quilts will distribute the tension evenly. The grips will get in the way of the machine if there is not enough extra fabric for the back. This can cause “wobbles” in the quilting if there is not enough back fabric.
- If you have pre-washed your fabric for the quilt top, you should pre-wash your fabric for the back to avoid any uneven shrinkage.
- Bring each layer (top, batting, and backing) separately (do not baste them together).
- If you have a directional quilt or back, please place a safety pin at the top if you have a preference.
- Press your back.
- Please embellish your quilt AFTER it has been quilted.

What to Consider Before the Consultation

- Your Budget. High end custom will cost you much more than an edge to edge design.
- Possible designs you might like (you will get some suggestions from the long-arm quilter)
- Thread color—do you like contrast or do you like the thread to blend in?

Overall designs—1.5 cents per square inch (take the length times the width and multiply by 0.15 to get the price) Edge to edge designs are being done in about 2-3 months

Custom designs—2.5 cents & up per square inch; up to 4, 5, 6 cents; 4-5 months

No binding is applied by Tammie; She back stitches the ends of the threads but let her know if you want her to leave them for you to tie off.