

# the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER

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## President's Message

A huge THANK YOU to all who lugged totes, set up tables, kept them arranged, and came out to buy at our Estate Sale in January. Thank You too to those who helped with the clean up, but that was a lot more empty totes going back than the full totes we brought in. All your efforts paid off to the tune of...oh look, a squirrel...(I guess that will be a meeting announcement...unless of course there are more squirrels to distract me...) Anyhow, our major goal of emptying out the storage unit, Dona S's garage and the back of my car was certainly accomplished!

I hope your challenge quilt is going well. They are due to be turned in at the March meeting. Mine has been for me, well, a challenge, for sure. And, with the challenges, a chance to learn new things. So even though "Quilter's Language" was used at times, its almost done.

Spring theme placemats need to get done too! Those are due for the February meeting, so I hope you all are more time conscious than I am and already have a bunch finished. This is an endeavor that really touches the hearts of the recipients, and it takes no time at all to make a few with the easy quilt-as-you-go directions on our website. Spring floral fabrics are oh-so-pretty to work with, but I'm making a couple that aren't too flowery for the gentlemen who also will receive them. I know Dina promised prize tickets for each placemat turned in, so it's a win-win all around!

A new "All-Star Sampler Platter" webcast will be presented Sat./Sun. May 6 & 7. A sign up sheet will be at the next few meetings. The guild pays for 50 seats so you get all the info for free, as long as you sign up. I know six hours is a chunk of time, but you have a few days to fit it all in, and I think it is one of the best learning opportunities you can get.

Speaking of learning, our February guest speaker and workshop leader, Maria Sendzik, is all set to guide us in making the "Kira" quilt. Make sure you have a new blade in your rotary cutter, a new needle in your machine and let's get ready to have a good time!

Donna :-)

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## Meetings/Events Calendar 2022- 2023

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

9/11/22 – Sunday Beachplum Festival at Island State Park  
Sept 16, 2022 – Pineneedlers mini trunk show; Block of the Month Completed Quilts Showcase; Budget Voting

10/21/22– Eleanor Levie Lecture; Winter Placemats  
 10/22/22—Eleanor Levie Workshop

11/18/22– Holiday Craft  
 11/19/22—Zoom Sit & Sew

12/16/22– Dianne Werner Trunk Show; Pot Luck Dinner

1/20/23– Quilto  
 1/21/23—Quilters Estate Sale

2/17/23– Maria Sendzik Lecture; Spring Placemats  
 2/18/2023—Maria Sendzik Workshop

3/17/23– Eliza Hardy Jones Lecture  
 3/18/23—Zoom Sit & Sew

4/22/23– Luncheon. No regular meeting

5/19/23– Kim Gimblette Lecture  
 5/20/23—Kim Gimblette Workshop

6/16/23– Debbie Welch Lecture; Finale – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo, Installation of new Board  
 6/17/2023—Debbie Welch Workshop

### Minutes of January 20, 2023 Meeting

Our President, Donna D., began our meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a greeting welcoming all. Donna also welcomed any Guests for the evening and began to read out the January Birthdays.

Donna inquired if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes from December meeting as published in our Newsletter. Motion to approve report by Junita G., and second by Dona S. Motion approved and carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Erma H. read the Treasurers report with an ending Balance of: \$17,660.22. Motion to approve report by Jane S, and second by Mary P. Motion approved and carried.

Dona S. was informed that former member Cordelia M. passed away earlier this week. Corrie's quilt was one of our raffle quilts in 2022.

Being surrounded by bins and bins of fabric and additional sewing items, Donna D. reminded everyone of our Fabric Sale, which would open this Saturday (January 24, 2023) in our meeting room at the Presbyterian Church from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our Guild was contacted by the Youth Librarian for the Ocean County Library System. They are looking to start a basic sewing skills class for Teens 13 to 17 years of age, and wanted to know if we would be interested. Donna had informed them that Beachplum would be interested in their endeavor. The tentative plan is for classes to be held at 3-5 libraries this summer. If you would like to volunteer to help with this program please see Donna to be placed on this list.

Carol Sterk representing the Northern Quilters Guild sent an invitation to attend their Show "A World of Quilts XLII" on Saturday and Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be held at Purchase College, SUNY in Harrison, New York. They expect 200 quilts along with 20 vendors. If anyone is interested please contact Carol at [crsterk@gmail.com](mailto:crsterk@gmail.com). An email was sent out to all Beachplum members on January 22, 2023 containing additional information.

**DAYTIME BEE:** Jackie P. and Pat L. have suggested that the Guild start a DAYTIME BEE/workshop group. It would benefit our members, who might have difficulty driving in the evening, and anyone who would like to participate, from our guild, would be welcomed to attend. Jackie P. can secure the Manasquan United Methodist Church as a meeting location. One proposal is the group could work on our raffle quilt for our up and coming Quilt Show in April 2024. Anyone interested please sign the list to see if this is an idea that would generate enough interest to come to fruition. This was also done for the April 2018 Quilt Show with much success and member attendance. If we want our 2024 Quilt Show to be successful please volunteer and let us create a beautiful quilt that we are proud to display and raffle.

**LUNCHEON:** Our Luncheon invitations will be available at our February meeting. All those that had paid at the January meeting your checks, or cash, will be returned **due to a change in price** for the Beachplum Guild members. The price will now be reduced to \$25.00 p/p, in hopes that this will act as an incentive for **ALL** our members to attend our Luncheon. My sponsor had fallen thru and Barbara E. stepped forward and asked her boss, Mr. Christopher Furrule, to sponsor Beachplum and he said yes. Thank you Barbara for coming thru for our Guild.

**PROGRAMS:** The game we all love to play QUILTO. Dina also come up with new formations and they were great with everyone having a grand time. Also, please remember to bring in your placemats at the February meeting.

**CHARITY QUILTS:** Carol C. had announced that we have run out of Charity quilts. Also, a Thank You letter was read from the "Ocean Harbor House" thanking everyone for their contributions for the Children which was deeply appreciated and over joyed to receive them.

**BOM:** Dona S. was the winner of the very striking Black & White quilt blocks. Congratulations!

**DOOR PRIZES:** Besides having our regular door prizes we also had plants to raffle off. Our five (5) winners were: Doris M., Cathy M., Cathy S, Barbara E., and Dina N.

**SHOW & TELL:** Due to an accident Marlene S. had suffered she will unfortunately be out for some time. We all miss her and wish her a very speedy recovery. In Marlene's absence Jeannette M. filled in her position.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Gloria Squicciarini, Recording Secretary

### Beachplum Daytime Bee Meetings

The Bee meeting is going to be a workshop format. This does not replace our regular Beachplum meetings. We are excited to try something new in our programming for the guild. **Bring your ideas and suggestions for a path forward for this new adventure!**

Beachplum Bee Meetings will be held starting Friday, March 3, 2023. The meetings will take place at the Manasquan United Methodist Church. We will meet the first Friday of each month (March, April, May, June). The meetings will be held from 1 pm to 3:30 pm each month.

The church is located at 23 Church Street in Manasquan. Use this address for your GPS. The church sits on the corner of Church and South Streets. The building faces South Street and the entrance to the parking lot is on South Street. There is plenty of parking in the church parking lot. After parking, please go to the back of the church. Go past the first door marked "Office" and proceed to the next door which is the entrance to the Fellowship Hall - that is where we will be meeting.

At the March meeting, we will be measuring and marking fabric from the Estate Sale and getting it ready for the Country Store for our 2024 Quilt Show. Please bring fabric scissors and ribbon cutting scissors. Show and Tell is everyone's favorite part of our meetings....so bring something to share!

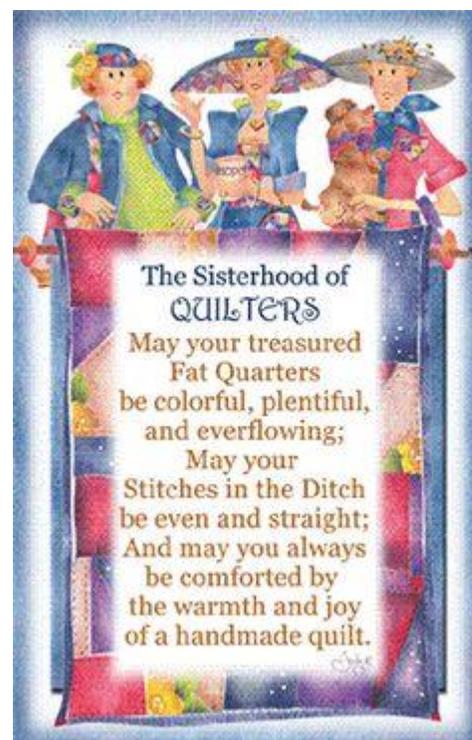
If you have any questions, please send an email to Jackie P. We hope to see you....come join us!



### Show & Tell January 20, 2023

Mary Lou G—charity quilt  
 Ivette R—baby quilt  
 Emilie S—T-shirt quilt, Easter quilt, bookcase quilt  
 Sherre—Christmas in Europe  
 Janet P—charity quilt  
 Mary Lou GB—bunny rabbit  
 Joan O—runner and hanger  
 Ann B—four placemats  
 Kit D—three quilts  
 Ginger C—make & take

[Link on website \(Newsletter section\) for photos](#)



## Block of the Month

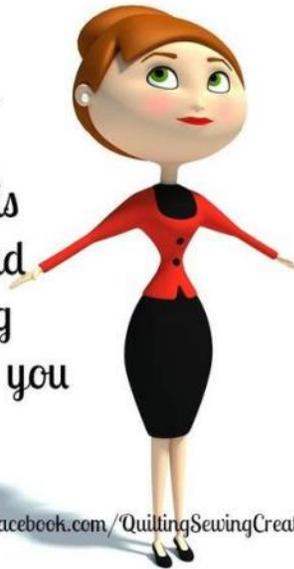
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Optical Illusion



February  
Ombre Heart



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dream  
world,  
fabric is  
free and  
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## Classifieds

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Kristin Alfano  
Hi ladies!! Have you been thinking about adding some custom quilting to your masterpiece? Highlighting your hard work? Have a secret project you want to showcase? I'd love to help bring your vision to reality! Give me a call to discuss! Thanks!!  
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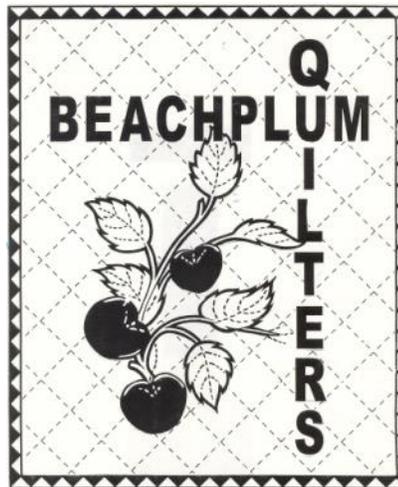
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month September through June at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River, 1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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**Marcia\_guza@yahoo.com**

**February 2023**

**MEETING REFRESHMENTS**

Members are welcome to bring treats, if desired.

Coffee and tea will be provided. Otherwise, please bring your own beverage.

Please clean up after yourself before leaving.

**Next 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

**Luncheon—April 22, 2023**

**Next BPQ Quilt Show—April 2024**