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## President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you all have lots of fun projects lined up to keep you busy in 2024!

One of the first things I did today when I got back to work was to ask for April 10-12 off to make sure I got the days. My company has a "first come, first served" days-off policy and I didn't want to chance missing any of the activities that take place in the days leading up to our Quilt Show, which is Saturday and Sunday, April 13 & 14. The show will be here before you know it so start making your plans too, and get your quilt registrations in before the deadline sneaks up on you!

I've got my challenge quilt under way too--tonight I begin piecing it together and hoping it turns out as I see it in my mind.

Our January meeting will be lots of fun playing QUILTO! Bring your buttons or pennies to mark your card, and get ready for some fun and prizes! The next day, Saturday January 20, we will have a Sit N' Sew to work on Door Prize tote bags for the Quilt Show.

February we will have another collection of place mats for Meals on Wheels. Get your most fun Spring-themed fabrics and bring them in for a chance to win a prize!

OK, everyone, let's get quilting!!

Donna

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## Meetings/Events Calendar 2023-2024

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

1/5/24—Bee Meeting

1/19/24 – QUILTO and Quilt Show Tips: Is Your Quilt Show-Ready?

1/20/24—Sit N Sew to work on door prize tote bags

2/2/24—Bee Meeting—Maria S workshop

2/16/24 – TBD, Spring Placemats

3/1/24—Bee Meeting—Ann B introduces Mystery Quilt

3/15/24 – TBD, Quilt Show Planning; Challenge Quilt Voting

4/13-14/24 – Beachplum Quilt Show.

No regular meeting, no Bee meeting, no April Newsletter

5/3/23—Bee Meeting

5/17/24 – Dina Newbert lecture on FFP—Fabulous Fabric Puzzle

5/18/24—Workshop on FFP

6/7/24—Bee Meeting

6/21/24 – Finale – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo

The best kind of sleep under heaven above  
is under a quilt, handmade with love.

Minutes of December 15, 2023 Meeting

Our President, Donna D. began the meeting by thanking Dona S. for running our November 2023 meeting. November Birthdays were: Rosemary B., Kim G., Ginny W., Emilie S., Mary Lou G., Paula P., Carol C. and Juanita G.

Name badges were checked and advised to turn over the money to Erma H.

Donna inquired if there were any errors or omissions to the November minutes as published in our Newsletter. Motion to approve report Jane S., and seconded by Mary P. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Erma H. read the treasures report with an ending Balance: \$15,013.90. Motion to approve report by Dona S. and seconded by Debbie P. Motion carried.

Donna had also stated the Membership Directories were sent out electronically on November 11, 2023 and trusts that everyone received them.

**BEE MEETINGS:** Donna was pleased to announce the continuation of the Daytime Bee Meetings which are held on the first Friday of the month at the Manasquan Methodist Church, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mary P. the Hospitality chair will establish to coordinate and help with set up and take down of the room in which the meeting is held in, so these tasks don't fall on just one person. Everyone please help in these areas so the Bee meetings can continue.

On Saturday, December 16, 2023 the Guild has a table at the Crestwood Village 7 Clubhouse in Whiting to sell stash from Island Beach State Park and Raffle Tickets. Thank you to Dina N. and Peggy R. have committed to having a slot to work at the table. Set up is at 8:00 a.m. and the sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. If anyone wants to come and take an hour at the table you are more than welcomed!

**SIT-n-SEW:** Will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 9:a.m. to 2:p.m. for the purpose of sewing our Door Prizes for our upcoming Quilt Show. Please email Gloria S. and volunteer a few hours of your time. Everything will be prepared for you so just bring your Sewing machine. Additional information will be sent in an email prior to the Sit-n-Sew. Thank you so much for sharing time with us and just have some fun! I know from past years that our Bags are very popular and well received by our public and we would very much like to continue that tradition.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Dona S. is the Raffle Ticket coordinator. See her to get your Raffle Tickets, return your tickets and then get more tickets to sell. Thank you, Dona for taking care of the Raffle for us. The Guild has procedures in place for the proper submissions and distribution of funds of the Guild. It all must be documented, each member of the Guild who handles money is accountable for all monies received and distributed. If you receive money that will go into the Guild Treasury, you must fill out a **Beachplum Receipt** to include with the money when you give it to Erma. The receipt has space for you to tally the money and indicate the proper account the money should be credited to. Now if you have used money on a Guild asset, you will need to fill out a **Beachplum Reimbursement Request Form**, also given to Erma, along with all receipts showing the item(s) purchased. Reimbursements must be requested within **30 days** of the purchase. This form can be located on our website, under "forms". If you expect to be taking in cash and or checks, perhaps you can have Erma give you some Beachplum Receipts to have on hand.

**QUILT SHOW:** We had our Quilt Show Chairs, from various departments, provide us with their updates.

**1<sup>st</sup> BASKETS** Carol C. had announced the five categories: Chocolate & Wine, Quilting, Italian, Coffee & Tea, and Spa. Baskets are always needed if anyone has any they wish to donate, preferably on the larger size. Donations can be in the form of product(s) or monetary. In Carol's absence please see Marlene S.

**2<sup>nd</sup> CHALLENGE QUILTS** Dixie M. stated they have secured the prize Ribbons along with a gift of \$100.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$50.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$25.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. You need to fill out a Registration form for your Challenge quilt, and a Story Card. **Note:** The only difference is, these forms get turned in with your Challenge quilt to Dixie and/or Dianne, **NOT ERMA**, and there is no charge for submitting Challenge Quilts. Please use the forms on the website. Also, the Challenge Quilts from our Luncheon of 2023 will also be displayed at the Quilt Show.

**3<sup>rd</sup> COUNTRY STORE** Mary P. is happy with the donations for the Country Store; unfortunately, she is looking for volunteers, for 2 or 3 hours, in helping with rolling fabric for Fat Quarters and larger pieces of fabric yardage. Please contact Mary if you can help.

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Minutes of December 15, 2023 Meeting (continued from previous page)

**4<sup>th</sup> DOOR PRIZES** Our Sit-n-Sew will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All Kits will be prepared for you with instructions. All we need is for you to sew your heart away. There will only be one (1) zipper to sew (for opening and closing of bag). If you're uncomfortable with this there will be someone to help you along. We are looking to complete twelve (12) bags and if we can get fourteen (14) that would be absolutely great!!! I like to think BIG!!!

**5<sup>th</sup> PHOTOGRAPHY** Laurie S. will be taking stills during the Show and her daughter, Jenny, will be recording videos.

**6<sup>th</sup> QUILTING DEMOS** Paula P. spoke to us in organizing demonstrators, especially for our new members. Just to name a few techniques: Wool Applique, Sashiko, Rulers, Long Arm prep, Hand Piecing, Hand Applique, English Paper Piecing, etc. Paula will have Sign-up-Sheets at the entrance tables at our meetings.

**6<sup>th</sup> RAFFLE QUILT** Dona S. began thanking all of those members who volunteered to work on our two Raffle quilts. A very special Thank you went to Jackie P. who did all of the Hand Applique, which was quite extensive. Also the purple hexagon quilt which was done by English Paper Piecing has been completed by adding a border & binding. This quilt had been sewn by our late Guild member Shirley M. who is truly missed.

**7<sup>th</sup> SILENT SMALL QUILT AUCTION** Jeannette M. was unable to attend. She did however want to let everyone one know that she will take donations. I will ask her to address the Guild at our January meeting with additional information.

**8<sup>th</sup> VENDORS** Maritza C. had stated she had four (4) confirmed vendors and awaiting to hear from others.

**9<sup>TH</sup> SHOW QUILT CHAIR-Dina N.** Dina went right into an extension of November's meeting and what a Judge is looking for in quilts. She began with Design and how effectively one can use shape color, texture and value. Thread color usage will either recede in your quilting or be visible. Using a thread that blends will make recede in your block or by using a different color then your quilting will take center stage. If you mark a quilt you must make sure all marks are erased. All thread must be cut, free of dirt, odors & pet hair. Start and stopping a line and making sure they are straight. A Judge will check tension of thread. Any open background would have a missed opportunity without some degree of quilting and not left open. There have been some omissions on Chairs but will become evident closer to our Show in April.

**PROGRAMS:** Placemats in February will have a "Spring Time" theme. Dina went on to say how appreciative the recipients are of the Placemats by putting smiles on their faces. How so little can make a person happy.

**CHARITY QUILTS:** Carol C. stated that 10-quilts went to the Linus Project, 1- for the Presbyterian Church and 30-donated to the Children's Home Society. Carol had elaborated on "The Children's Home Society of New Jersey" as a nonprofit organization that helps at-risk infants, children, youth and families achieve their potential. This is done by striving for stable and permanent loving homes for each child, and giving parents the knowledge they need to help their children and themselves

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:** Marcia had the displayed Blocks split up. And the winners were Chiara O. and Ginny W. Congratulation ladies.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Were won by Terri P., Debbie P., and Ginger C.

**SHOW & TELL:** Our members had brought in Christmas theme quilts with an array of color and style making it Candy for our Eyes. I wish we had Christmas all year long!!!

Respectfully submitted by:  
Gloria Squicciarini, Recording Secretary



## Show and Tell

- Dixie M—Grand Central, panel with pinwheels around it
  - Ginny W—Three Christmas tree skirts and a wall hanging
  - Jane S—Tree wall hanging, Christmas gift for daughter-in-law
  - Mary Lou G—Christmas tree wall hanging
  - Laurie S—Ugly sweatshirt, fire wall hanging, table runner
  - Ivette B—Christmas quilt and French General quilt
- Photos posted on website*

## Charity Quilts for Children



Photos of our quilts with staff from NJ Department of Children and Families

## Bee Meeting News

The Bee attendees worked on more fabric at the January meeting, getting it ready for the Country Store.

Some fun events are planned for upcoming meetings!

Maria S is going to do a workshop on “four patch stack and whack” at our February meeting. An email will be sent out to our guild members for the fabric and supply requirements.

At the March meeting, Ann B is going to give us starting instructions for a mystery quilt. Members can then shop the Country Store at the April Quilt Show for their fabrics. We will not have an April Bee Meeting due to the timing of the Quilt Show.

Jackie P

I take photos of the quilts I've made and use them to create greeting cards. To do this, print the photo, cut it into a shape (such as an ornament), and add a paper border. (Or, digitally crop the photo into a shape using image-editing software and print the altered photo). Then mount the photo on cardstock. I often make a matching card to accompany quilt gifts.

—JENEDEL WILCOX  
FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

An idea worth sharing

### Block of the Month

December  
Gift Wrap



January  
Teddy Bear



Quilts are portable hugs  
May this quilt be an everlasting hug from me to you.  
A quilt to warm your body and comfort your soul  
Quilting forever...housework never!

### Classifieds

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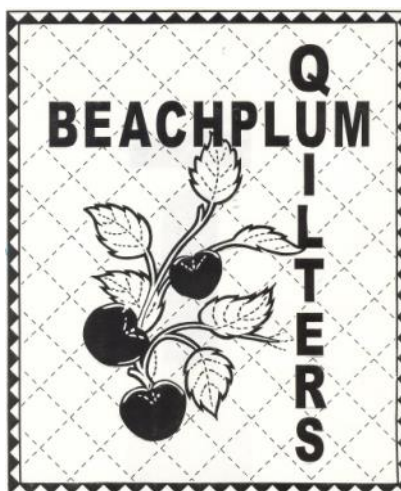
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of  
each month September through June at  
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using Arial font to

**Marcia guza@yahoo.com**

### **JANUARY 2024 MEETING**

### **MEETING REFRESHMENTS**



Members are welcome to bring treats, if desired.

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

Please clean up after yourself before leaving.

### **January 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
- QUILTO supplies

**Next BPQ Quilt Show  
Quilts in Wonderland  
April 13-14, 2024**