



# the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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## President's Message

I need someone to explain how it is June already! I have so many things I want to do and time is slipping by so fast. Before you know it, our June meeting will be over and we'll be thinking of the year to come, especially our show, "Quilts in Wonderland", April 13-14, 2024.

But before I can even think of that, our next big event will be selling items and Raffle Quilt Tickets at the Beachplum Festival at Island Beach State Park (date to be announced, tentatively September 10, 2023). I have a couple of patterns for some quick and easy items to make. If you have a suggestion for an item, please bring a made sample or pattern sheet to the June meeting. I'll send out sign-up sheets and more info once the date is definite and as we get closer to September. It's a lot of fun to hang out for the day by the beach so make sure you sign up for a time slot!

The vacancy of Chairman, Public Relations, for the Guild has been filled. Now, any takers for Webmaster?

I just finished making my June Block of the Month "Carolina Lily" and the bonus blocks "Blueberry Braids". I love going into my stash and auditioning fabrics to enhance what is supplied to members in the BOM kits. The 2023-2024 BOM kits may be ready for sale at the June meeting. The BOM kits are a great learning tool for everyone, and Marcia, Dixie and Emilie have come up with some amazing patterns! I can't wait to get my kit for next year!

Don't forget June is our traditional Potluck Dinner. Marcia G has been keeping track of the alphabetically determined dish assignments, and they are posted on the last page of this newsletter. Bring your plates and utensils and enjoy!

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  
No April Newsletter

5/19/23– Kim Gimblette Lecture: Sashiko and Buro  
5/20/23—Kim Gimblette Workshop

6/16/23– Debbie Welch Lecture: Warming Up to Wool Applique. Finale – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo  
6/17/2023—Debbie Welch Workshop



### Minutes of May 19, 2023 Meeting

President Donna D. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Two new members and three guests from Seaport Stitcher's Guild were thanked for joining us this evening.

April Birthday celebrants were asked to stand and be recognized: Kathy M, Cathy S, Debbie P, Patricia O, Pat T, Ellen H.

May Birthday celebrants were asked to stand and be recognized: Pat L, Gail M, Griffin K, Janet P, Mary Lou G, Barbara E.

Non name tag wearers were fined 50¢

Donna asked if there any errors or omissions to the minutes of the March Minutes meeting as published in our newsletter. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. Said motion made by Richard L. and seconded by Pat L. Motion carried with a round of ayes.

Erma H. read the treasurers report. The ending balance was \$16,622.61. Donna asked if there any errors or omissions to the report. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. Said motion made by Richard L. and seconded by Dona S.. Motion carried with a round of ayes.

Donna D. announced the next meeting of the DAYTIME Bee meeting will Friday, June 2, 2023. Jackie P has been providing photos of their work. Charity quilts are moving right along in that group. While the by-laws don't include July and August meeting for the main meeting, Donna asked would attendees at the Bee meetings want to meet over the summer? Many were in favor of doing so, but the group won't be meeting the 1st Friday of September as it is the start of Labor Day weekend. Over the summer the group may work on the raffle quilt.

Donna gave a recap of the Luncheon on Saturday, April 22, 2023 Gloria S did a wonderful job with all the details, right down to our "Party Favors". Debbie P made sure that the door prize winners went home with lovely gifts. Dixie M got the beautiful challenge quilts organized and displayed and took care of the voting process, it was a great event.

Donna asked the membership to give themselves a round of applause.

WHY? She recently had reason to tally the charitable works of the guild, from late 2021 to beginning of April 2023. This is what has been accomplished...

- 183 Quilts donated to various facilities that serve Youth, Geriatrics, Veterans, Medical Treatment Centers and general population in need.

- 61 Pillowcases

- Quilts for two years in a row to serve as the Main Fundraiser raffle prize for a Church in Union, NJ AND at Downside Adoption in Lavallette, NJ

- A quilt for holiday display in a Nursing Facility

- 546 Placemats for Meals on Wheels

- More than three 20-gallon tote bins of Fabric for makers contributing their work to "Dress A Girl Around the World.org"

- A 20-Gallon tote-bin of fabric to Chelsea Assisted living in Brick to help their craft club

- A \$265.00 donation to Fulfill in Memory of Shirley M.

Those were the items Donna could attribute to Beachplum Quilters Guild. She is aware many members have made and contributed items on your own too and hoped it filled their hearts with joy.

Due to a generous donation by Barbara E and another non-member, packs of fabric -- Charity Quilt "Kits" were on the table up front. Donna urged everyone to take bundle home and work on summer projects.

Donna announced that Laurie S has submitted her resignation as public relations chair and Web Master. The guild is looking to fulfill those chairmanships. These are two separate jobs Laurie has done for quite some time, and one person does not have to take on both jobs. Laurie gave some insight into what each job entails, and will work with her successors.

Laurie said PR means marketing the guild and showed sweatshirts with logos and a cookbook with recipes by the members. The PR chair should market us on the internet and word of mouth too. They should have the Guild business cards and hand them out whenever possible. Jane S said she is going to Ireland and will be speaking at a guild there, and took some cards to hand out.

The Website needs to be updated monthly and is easy to do. Laurie will work with the person who takes over that job.

Donna said that the June meeting is traditionally has potluck dinner to start the meeting off. She asked for a show of hands if we want to do this next month? A majority of the membership was in favor. Marcia G will post the assignment list in the newsletter.

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### Minutes of May 19, 2023 Meeting (continued from previous page)

Donna told everyone that the week prior had been the first quilt show meeting. It was well attended, and many decisions and steps forward were made. Unfortunately, Quilt Show Chair Gloria S was unexpectedly unable to attend this evening's meeting, so Donna filled in what she could.

The name of the show is *Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore Proudly Present "QUILTS IN WONDERLAND, 2024 SHOW"*. The dates are Saturday and Sunday April 13-14, 2024. Dina N will chair judging, and is happy to report that Sandra Dorbecker is excited to judge our group again. Dixie M will chair the challenge quilts. New Member Maritza C will chair the Vendors. Jeannette M will chair small quilts. There are still many open chairmanships, and they can be co-chairs too. Gloria has the complete volunteer list and will review at the June meeting. There will probably be a zoom meeting over the summer to check in with everyone. Ideas for Door Prizes have to be thought of too. Other posts to filled include Country Store and Baskets.

Dona S displayed blocks from the raffle quilt "Countryside Star". It will be queen size and is pieced and appliqued. A second quilt, start by late member Shirley M will be finished and offered as a second raffle prize.

Membership Chair Ginger C said that 30 people had renewed their membership for the 2023-2024 term and she would also accept them in June, so avoid the September rush!

- **Programs:** (Dina N) - Dina said she and a few other members had been to a Seaport Stitcher's Guild workshop a couple of weeks ago and it was a lovely time. It was good to take the opportunity to go to other guilds' workshops. She also mentioned that she judged at Northern Star Quilt Guild (NY) and noticed a big increase in Modern Quilts.

Dina pulled the winning tickets for the placemats contributors. They were 1) Janet P; 2) Connie S; 3) Ginger C and 4) Karen M.

120 placemats were contributed this evening and the next batch will be collected in October. Remember, no religious symbols please.

Kim introduced member Kim G, who was the evening's speaker and will be leading tomorrow's workshop in Sashiko and Boro Stitching. Kim related her long-time love of Japanese textiles, and told about a trip she took to Japan in 2018. She displayed many beautiful items she had made using Sashiko stitching.

- **Charity Quilts:** (Carol C and Juanita G) Carol spoke of the guild's past support of the DCP&P's yearly "Adoption Day Party" in November to which we contributed quilts. If we are to support it again this year we will need to restock our supply of charity quilts, and remember, colors and themes should be suitable for boys as well as girls. Ginger C said she has 50 pillowcases from a previous project to distribute and is open to suggestions.

- **Block of the Month:** (Marcia G/Dixie M/Emilie S) April "Bright Floral" blocks winner was Ginger C. May "Bee" blocks winner was Ann B.

- **Door Prizes** (Jane S) Lucky winners were 1) Jeanne H; 2) Dixie M and 3) Joan O.

- **Show and Tell** Many lovely quilts were displayed by our talented members.

President Donna D adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Pena

Acting Secretary

### Show & Tell May 19, 2023

Cathy S—Two charity quilts  
 Dianne W—Quillow  
 Kit D—Charity quilt and table topper  
 Sophie K—Two charity quilts  
 Jeanne H—Stack N Whack

Link on website (Newsletter section) for photos.  
 There is also a link to photos from the Bee Meetings.

May Workshop Photos



### Block of the Month

April  
Wonky Big Block



May  
Bee



June  
Lily



Bonus



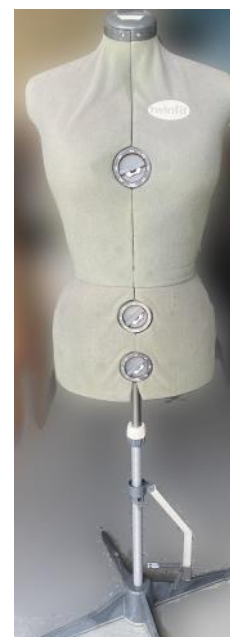
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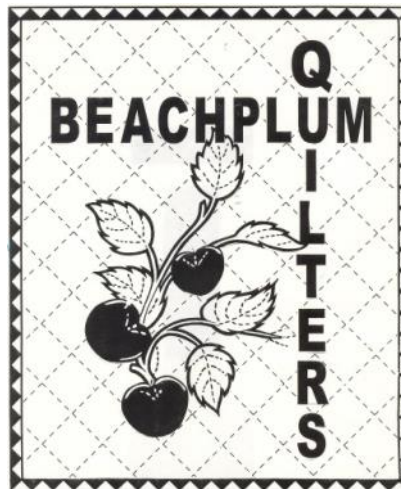
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### June 2023

#### MEETING REFRESHMENTS

#### POT LUCK DINNER

Our June meeting is a pot luck dinner. Please bring a plate, utensils, napkin and a placemat in addition to assigned food category.

A-D Dessert

E-G Main Dish/Entree

H-Mi Salad

Mo-R Bread or another side

S-Z Side

Coffee and tea will be provided. Otherwise, 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

**Next BPQ Quilt Show—April 2024**