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The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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Celebrating Our 30th Year 1985-2015

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President's Message

*A Quilter treasures life's moments
one stitch at a time.
She knows the joy of patiently creating
a work of art that can only grow
more precious with the gift of years.
She tells a beautiful story
with patterns and colors, and
the patchwork of her life is
woven with threads
of laughter and tears, memories and dreams.
A Quilter understands the value
of preserving the past
and has a heart gentle enough to stitch
the gift of love into our lives for the future.
A Quilter knows the blessing
of treasuring life's moments one stitch at a time.*

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happy quilting,
jackie

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2015- 2016

- Sep 18—Pizza Party, Caregivers Presentation and Big Show & Tell
- Oct 16— Ellie Greco, quilt and textile historian
- Nov 20—Make It & Take It
- Dec 18—Holiday Dinner & Ugly Sweater Contest
- Jan 15, 2015— Trunk Show by Linda Felton
- Feb 19—QUILTO
- Mar 18—Fashion Show and Challenge Quilts
- Apr 9-10—BPQ Quilt Show
- May 20—Elections, Deborah Kalenty "Tucker Tool Time Lecture & Trunk Show"
- May 21—Workshop on Tucker Tools
- Jun 17—Installation Dinner

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

Minutes of May 20, 2016 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by President, Jackie P. New members and guests introduced.

Speaker for the evening's program was introduced - Debbie Kalenty of Quilters' Obsession, Studio 180 Design, gave a power point presentation and demonstration of the Tucker Tools available for cutting accurate pieces of fabric in different shapes. Quilts were shown that demonstrated use of specific tools. Debbie will be teaching a workshop on May 21st. Workshop is full.

Motion made to approve minutes from March meeting. 1st – Mary P., 2nd – Sue G. Passed.

Treasurer's Report - Presented by Ann B. Raffle quilt - \$2574.43 profit; Quilt Show - \$5208.80 profit. Beginning checkbook balance - \$8806.60. Ending balance - \$16,160.60. Motion to approve – 1st – Diane C., 2nd – Ellen H. Passed.

Quilt Show – Review by Ellen H. and Shirley M. was “Fantastic!” Thank you note sent to Elks Club for providing free venue. If members would like to send a note, send to Novella Lightbody, Elks Lodge, 600 Washington St., Toms River, NJ. Thanks to all volunteers. High quality of quilts was appreciated.

Letters read by secretary that were received from Linda Aryé, Quilts for Kids and Quilt show judge, Sande Doorbecker.

Leftover quilts from quilt show auction will be sold at the Island Beach festival.

Quilt Block Card - May's block is North Dakota, the 39th state. Members turned in quilt block cards for review by Jackie P. Drawing will be held at June meeting for members with completed cards.

Charity Quilts – 50 quilts were handed out this year.

Nominations - See last month's Newsletter for slate of officers. No nominations from floor. Motion to accept slate as proposed. 1st – Jeanette M., 2nd Mary Lou G. Passed.

Block of the Month - Mary Lou G. held drawing for April's blocks – won by Sharon M. and May's blocks – won by Janet P. June sampler shown. Raffle for fat quarters for June blocks won by Ann B. and Janet P.

Jackie P. read a letter received from Barbara Metcalf. Barbara sent a box of blocks that could be assembled into quilts for charity or raffle. If anyone is interested, see Jackie.

Door Prizes - won by Ellen H., Nancy W., Pat T.

Show and Tell – Members displayed works that have recently been completed.

Nancy Woods found a pair of embroidery scissors at the December meeting if you are missing yours.

Bring your Challenge Quilts to next meeting on June 17th to talk about.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Gimblette, covering as Recording Secretary

Membership Dues

It is time to renew our membership dues for the guild. Marlene, our Membership Chair, will collect your dues at the June and September meetings. Our dues are \$30 and that covers the year from September 2016 to June 2017. Our guild has so much to offer with speakers and workshops.

The quilting fellowship we enjoy with each other is one of the priceless aspects of our guild. So come prepared...you can make your check out to “Beachplum Quilters”. If you have any changes in your address, phone number, or email address, please be sure to fill out a new Membership form so we have the correct information for the Directory. Forms will be available at the meetings. Or you can download the form on our website if you would like to do your membership by mail (Marlene's address is on the form).

Invite a friend to join in the fun!

Show & Tell May 2016

- Janet P—Two charity quilts
- Sophie K—Two charity quilts and one small quilt
- Rita R—Extra large tote bag made with a panel of batik sample colors (made at Mouse Creek workshop)
- Kim G—Charity quilt
- Ellen H—Charity quilt
- Mary Lou GB—Shower gifts for twins
- Nancy W—graduation gift from 3x enlarged Carol Singer pattern
- Pru P—Throw
- Shirley M—Charity quilt and pillow
- Jeannette M—Three memory bears for Ruth and Liz



Janet



Rita



Sophie

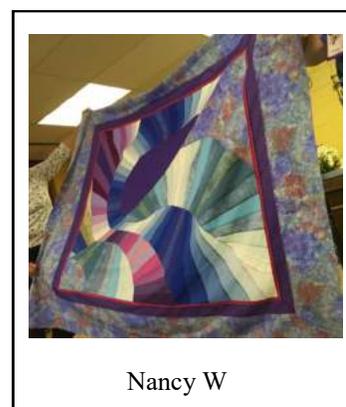
Kim



Ellen



Mary Lou GB



Nancy W

Show & Tell May 2016, continued



Pru P



Shirley M



Jeannette with Ruth and Liz

May Presentation—Deborah Kalenty



Programs

Dear "Plums,"

As another BP year comes to a close, and along with it my term as Program Chair, I once again thank the membership for all the help, support, and encouragement given me during the past two years. Although the position can be challenging at times, I'm grateful, as it has afforded me the opportunity to work with and become acquainted with so many of you.

I'm especially grateful to Jackie Pearce without whose sage advice many of our programs would not have come to fruition. Thank you, Jackie.

Out of the frying pan into the fire?

I'm assured this is *not* the case going from Program Chair to Vice President. Apparently, my main duty is assisting when called upon. I also note, from reading the by-laws, that I'm to act as Guild Historian. I could use some guidance with this. Have YOU ever been Historian? If so, do you have materials? Is there a scrapbook I should maintain? Do you have news articles, photos not published in our newsletters, personal anecdotes regarding guild happenings you'd like to share? Please feel free to contact me as I'd love to chat with you.

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OCTOBER 2016

LECTURE & WORKSHOP

Vicki Mathas, an art teacher for 32 years & now a creator of art quilts, will present a lecture & workshop for us. Vicki had previously visited BP in April 2011 with a lecture entitled "Paper to Fabric." On Friday, October 21, 2016, Vicki will present her latest lecture, "Mixing It Up." This is a trunk show of her art quilts highlighting the materials used to create them. Her quilts feature many different techniques such as flower pounding, oil paint sticks, needle felting, needle punching, collaged cloth, digital textile design, metal, clay, and painting and drawing directly on fabric. She also uses extreme free motion quilting to create unique textured surfaces.

On the following day, Saturday, October 22, Vicki will lead a workshop teaching the technique of flower pounding. All participants will then create a 9x12 art piece, Ginko Fish. Vicki draws the outline of the fish on freezer paper & participants transfer the drawing to their own fabric, fill the empty spaces with pounded flowers, & then embellish with art materials she provides.

No inherent artistic talent is necessary to create a very satisfying piece.

WORKSHOP SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE ON BACK TABLE AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING.
 COST IS \$20.00.

CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO BEACHPLUM QUILTERS.

Class size limited to 15
 See Gloria Squicciarini for materials list.

Programs

PROGRAMS SUGGESTION BOX

On website, under Guild Information, Workshops:
 “We look for nationally known lecturers to speak at our meetings.”

As your outgoing Program Chair, I've been reflecting on the past two years, focusing, in particular, on workshops. While the cost of hiring an occasional outside speaker for a monthly meeting is still within reason, having the speaker present a next-day workshop really jacks up the price.

If a speaker comes from our area, typical meeting lecture fees are \$200-\$350. Their next day workshop fees vary from \$350-\$650 depending on whether it's a half or full day. Unfortunately, our in-area speakers' roster has dwindled as we've used them all (some more than once).

When speakers come from *outside* our area, there is the cost of the meeting fees, and the workshop fees (as above), plus a hotel (\$150-\$200), dinner, breakfast & lunch costs (\$80), mileage costs (gas & tolls \$50-\$100), & venue fee (\$100). This can easily tally up to \$1200-\$1300. Although the \$20 workshop fee helps to defray these costs, it doesn't come close to covering the total. If the workshop is filled to the max, that's good, but when it's not, get the picture? So, I have some suggestions for you to mull over:

- 1) Struggle on with the status quo, KEEPING IN MIND THAT 2016 QUILT SHOW PROFITS HAVE TO LAST US TWO YEARS & THAT THE NEXT SHOW MAY NOT BE AS PROFITABLE IF WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THE VENUE.
- 2) Eliminate workshops altogether. You can learn any technique your heart desires on YouTube – for free. No camaraderie with your quilting buddies though.
- 3) Instead of charging members \$20 for each workshop, raise the price.
- 4) Open the workshops to other guilds and charge, say, \$45. When Janet Peterson and I took a workshop sponsored by RR last year, we paid \$45. When the Moorestown Area Quilters opened their Debbie Kalenty workshop to LAQ members, they charged \$45. However, this is only feasible if there are spaces available. Both our Debbie Kalenty and Michele Scott workshops were filled to the max with BP members.
- 5) Have our 2 workshops per year taught by our own members who have a great variety of talents. We would, of course, pay them a fee, though I'm sure it would be much more reasonable than an outside speaker's (no hotel, meals, or travel expenses either). When I was a Love Apple member, we never had an outsider do a workshop. Members always conducted them. We were paid \$50 until, over the course of about 10 years, it was up to \$100. Now it's down to \$50 again. Members pay \$10 to take the workshops. Although Love Apple always had an outside speaker at every meeting, they can't afford that anymore. Their membership has shrunk greatly, so they, like we, have had to come up with program ideas that cost little or nothing.

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PROGRAMS SUGGESTION BOX (CONTINUED)

As we all know, things in our every day lives never get cheaper (okay, gas prices have gone down, but I'm sure it's only a matter of time 'til...), so I wouldn't expect our guild's to either.

Hard choices. Luckily, we're a creative bunch of "plums" & can figure out what to do so that we're "quilting fulfilled."

Taking suggestions whenever :-)

FYI...Our Programs budget for each of the past two years was \$3500.

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Sept. Pizza Party	\$130	
Oct. Local Speaker; No Workshop	\$200	
Nov. Make & Take Materials	\$56	
Dec. Holiday Party – Ugly Prizes	\$100	
Jan. Quilto Prizes	\$300	
Feb. Member Speaker	\$75	
Mar. Fashion Show	\$0	
Apr. No Mtg. – Quilt Show	\$0	
May Outside Speaker & Workshop	\$1300	
June Wrap-up & Party	\$?	
Total	\$2061.00	\$3,187.51

Note for 2015-2016: No Oct. Workshop; Mar. & Apr. No Cost.

This will not always be the case. Had we had an October workshop and two additional speakers, we would have easily used or gone over the entire \$3500 budget.

Note for 2014-2015: Though we had outside speakers & workshops in both October and April, there were no hotel and only lunch and travel costs.



I can tell you're a quilter
by the threads on your shirt.



Congratulations (and condolences?) to our Newly-Elected Officers

At our May meeting we elected our 2016-17 officers. Installation will take place at our June meeting.

Beachplum Officers and Chairs 2016-2017

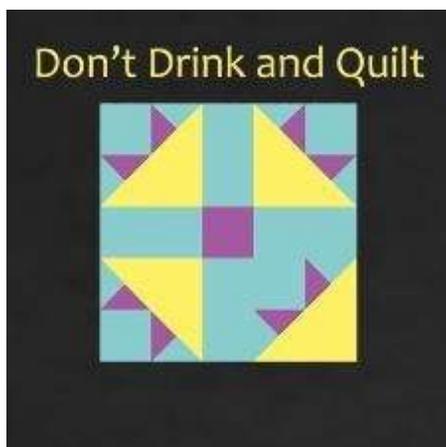
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Programs*	Gloria Squicciarini
Show & Tell	Sherise Buhagiar
2017 Event (TBD)*	Linda Applegate
Quilt Show 2018*	

(*denotes voting member of Executive Board)



Many parents fail to recognize the early warning signs of Obsessive Quilting Disorder.

Block of the Month

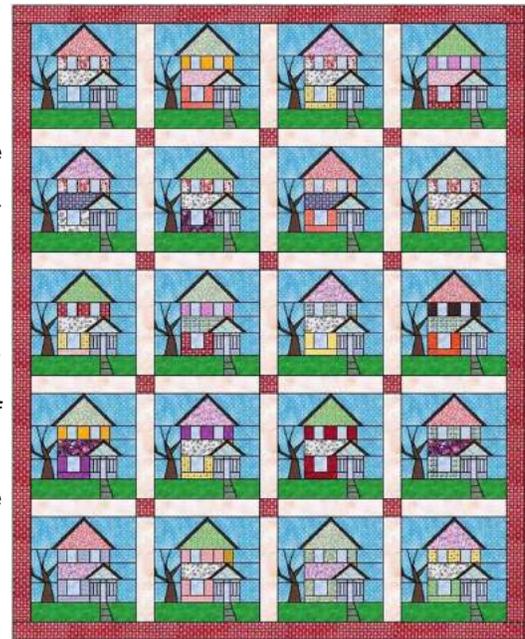


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BOM Update 2016-2017

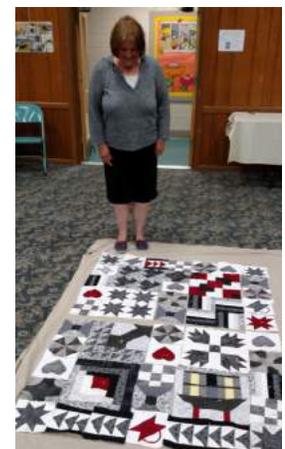
After much discussion and searching, a change of the BOM is being proposed starting with September 2016. We need your opinion on this idea and will be taking a vote at the June meeting.

We are looking to do something different. For many years the BOM process has been for participants to make and submit a block, with all the blocks are raffled off during the meeting. Many times, the same people won the monthly blocks. We thought a new approach would be fun. It was suggested that we do "First Lady Blocks" but that would require getting permission from Eleanor Burns to use her patterns; in addition, many of her patterns are applique. A second suggestion was to "build a village of houses." We think this sounds like fun. The block you make will be yours for your own quilt. BOM will give you a pattern (pieced/foundation, applique, paper pieced), the background fabric (which would be the blue for the sky) and a theme for the month. Color, embellishment and whatever you wish to put on your house will be your choice as the block will be part of your "village." Instead of raffling off the monthly blocks, the blocks will be displayed each month so others can see our work. In June we will have a "Showcase of Villages" and there will be prizes for first, second and third village. Each block will be 12" and you may use your choice of technique: pieced/foundation, paper pieced, or applique. We are hoping to have the first house ready for the June meeting. Cost will still be \$9.00. We are looking forward to a new and challenging BOM.



Mary Lou and Pat

Bee Meeting Photos



Announcements

Challenge Quilt Show and Tell

We ran out of time at our March meeting to do a Challenge Quilt Show and Tell. Please bring your Challenge Quilt to the June meeting. We will then have time to show and share about each quilt. They were all so creative!

Jersey Shore Quilters of Good Shepherd Church
presents

~Quiltfest 2016~

This show will feature 100 locally hand made quilts.

October 8th, 2016
9 AM-5 PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
708 Ocean Road .Route 88
Point Pleasant, NJ

Free admission (or good will donation)
Parking is free

For more information or directions call
Lainie-732-8926148
Betty- 732 - 8997326

Notice from the Food Pantry

Food stamps does not cover essential non-food items many clients are in need of: paper products (paper towels, napkins, toilet paper); baby products (diapers, wipes); toiletries (shampoo, deodorants, toothpaste, etc.); household cleaning products.

Classifieds

For Sale: Children's book, *Nutmeg, Basil and Grandma's Quilt* (for age group 4 - 8). Story written by guild member Deborah Ann Perks. This would make a nice gift for birthdays or just for that special little someone. Let that little one enjoy the adventure of Nutmeg and Basil as they sail the riverbank on their boat and find out what happens with Grandma's quilt. Cost is \$10., I will have copies with me at the meetings. Debbie P.

For Sale: John Flynn Quilting Frame (for free-motion quilting on your home machine). New in box...not needed after I got a longarm machine. \$40. What a deal! Contact Marcia at Marcia_guza@yahoo.com.

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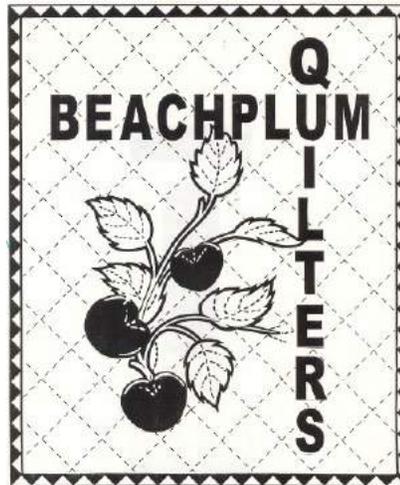
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

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Deadline for the next newsletter is

September 4, 2016

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INSTALLATION DINNER - JUNE

Please bring a covered dish.

A-F Main: Meat, Fish, Poultry
G-M Fruit or dessert, beverages
N-S Rice, Potato, Pasta
T-Z Salad/ Vegetable



Remember to bring your coffee mug, plate, utensils,
etc., and to clean up your own dishes after the meeting.

NEXT MTG CHECKLIST

- Name tag and a welcome smile for guests
- Block of the Month
- Coffee mug, plate
- Show & Tell
- Assigned refreshments
- **Donations of items for the food pantry**

2017 Special Event

Date: TBA