

Volume 37 Issue 7 March 2024 Celebrating Our 38th Year 1985-2023 N.Q.A. N.J. Chapter #321

President's Message

The countdown continues...As of our March meeting the show will only be 29 days away!

Here are some reminders as the countdown clock ticks away:

- DONATIONS FOR THE QUILT SHOW RAFFLE BASKETS will be graciously accepted by Carol C. Your donation can be items for one of the baskets or a cash donation so items can be purchased for the baskets. This is the last chance to donate-the baskets have to be put together.
- If you have raffle ticket money to turn in (and need more tickets to sell??). Dona S. will be happy to help you out.
- Double check that you have the correct day/time for the events you signed up to help with. If you didn't sign up, please do so, we can always use your help. All events take place at The Elks Lodge.
- Make sure you have read all the rules for submission of your Show Quilts. The categories and rules are reviewed before each show, and things do get changed! You know what happens when you assume...
- Don't be afraid to ask a question if you are not sure about something.

The show is a TON of work, but it's for the good of all of the guild members. This is our largest fundraiser and it really helps put Beachplum on the map. When we all contribute, we all benefit!

One last thing...I've gotten a sneak peek at a number of Show Quilts. I know I can continue to say I am proud to be a member of a group of extremely talented Quilters and Craftspeople. Thank You!

And last but definitely NOT least, The Challenge Quilts are due at the March meeting. I am so excited to see them all!

Donna

Inside This Issue

President's Message, Calendar	1
Minutes, Show & Tell	2-3
May Workshop, Placemats	4
Bee Meeting and Mystery Quilt	5-6
BoM, Classifieds	7
Refreshments, Committees, Ads	8

Meetings/Events Calendar 2023- 2024

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

2/16/24 – QUILTO, Spring Placemats

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

4/13-14/24 – Beachplum Quilt Show.

No regular meeting, no Bee meeting, no April Newsletter

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

5/18/24—Workshop on FFP

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

Bee Meetings Calendar 2024

1/5/24—Bee Meeting

2/2/24—Bee Meeting—Maria S workshop

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

April 2024 – No Bee meeting

5/3/23—Bee Meeting

6/7/24—Bee Meeting

Minutes of February 16, 2024 Meeting

President Donna D. welcomed those in attendance.

February Birthdays: Dianne W., Janice W., Sherre M., Kristin A., Ann B., Jeanette M.

Donna asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the January meeting as published in our newsletter? Hearing none, there was a motion to approve the minutes made by Peggy R. and seconded by Richard L. The motion carried with a round of ayes.

Treasurer Erma H., read the treasurer's report for January and February. The ending balance was 13,311.81. Donna D. asked if there were any errors or omissions to the treasurer's report as read. Hearing none, there was a motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Jane S. and seconded by Ginger C. The motion carried with a round of ayes.

Donna thanked Maria S. for teaching the 4-patch stack and whack technique at the February 2nd Bee Meeting. The comments about the class were all how much fun the meeting was!

Donna thanked Ann B. for getting the new *Beachplum Quilters* Facebook page up and running so quickly.

Ann is also scheduling a mystery quilt for the Bee meeting, but anyone can participate. The instructions are going to go out as email blasts, so all members will see the requirements. But, the Bee meetings will have demos, tips and a final reveal next October. If you want the pattern/instructions mailed to you, there will be a \$5.00 fee to cover postage.

At the beginning of the meeting, Donna overlooked welcoming new member Sue P. and guest Linda. She did so at this time.

A Nomination Committee has been formed, and tasked with finding the guild officer nominations for 2024-2026 term. The committee is Dona S., Juanita G. and Ellen H. It would be great if you made their job easier and volunteered for an Office or Committee Chairmanship.

• 2024 Challenge Quilts (Dixie M. and Dianne W.) Donna apologized to anyone who had already filled out a registration form for the challenge quilts, as she realized there was a special registration form to be used and she did not post it to the web site. She had printed copies available and would ask Ivette R. to get the form fillable pdf on the website ASAP. Special attention to the fact that the bag with the crayons you were given should be attached to the bottom of the form. In lieu of that, the colors could be colored on the form and the color names written down. The challenge quilts will be presented at the March Meeting for the member vote. Remember to bring yours in!

The Sit N'Sew for Saturday, February 17 has been canceled. At this time we are in the process of figuring out how the Door Prize tote bags will be completed.

• Quilt Show Update: (Gloria S.) Donna read notes that Gloria had prepared, and various show chairs provided the members with additional updates.

>COUNTRY STORE (Mary P.) So many great items are ready to sell. We will need handcarts, strong men and large capacity vehicles on Friday, April 12 to help move the items from the storage unit to the Elks Club. We will probably meet at 10am but that will be confirmed once we know what time the Pipes and Drapes will start set up.

>QUILTING DEMOS (Paula P.) Demonstrators are needed for both Saturday and Sunday. If you have a particular skill and would like to share with fellow quilters and visitors, please let Paula know.

>JUDGING (Dina N.) 32 risers are needed for under the judging tables, to raise the tables to a comfortable height. Please contact Dina if you can lend or donate a set of risers for the judging on Thursday, April 11. These are the type of risers that you put under bed legs to make the bed higher. Dina will also be scheduling a zoom meeting for the judging volunteers, but anyone can join in to learn more about the process. An email will go out to all members with the information.

>QUILT REGISTRATION: (Erma H.) Please turn in your quilt registrations, with appropriate forms and fees, to Erma H. The quilts do not have to be completed now for the registration photograph but final registration closes March 1, 2024. That's only two weeks away!

(continued on next page)

Minutes of February 16, 2024 Meeting (continued from previous page)

>BASKETS: (Carol C. & Marleen S.) Donations are needed for our Basket Raffle, whether it be product or money. Also, baskets are needed too, coordinate with Carol. Just as a reminder the categories are: QUILTING, ITALIAN, COFFEE & TEA, SPA and CHOCOLATE & LIQUOR.

>RAFFLE TICKETS: Dona S. is the raffle ticket coordinator. Please bring in your ticket stubs with money to her, and if possible take an additional book or two.

>APPRAISALS: Karen L. Dever, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser will be available at our Show. Please take advantage of this service. If you don't have an appraisal, your quilt is only worth what you can document you spent on supplies to make it. Please contact Gloria S. to be placed on the schedule. Written: \$60.00 & Oral: \$30.00 (quilts made prior 1975).

>SILENT SMALL QUILT AUCTION: (Jeannette M.) Small quilts for the Silent Auction can be anything—a wall hanging, table topper, etc.—as long as it's smaller than a throw. There may be a special section with five or so of Joyce W's final works, and one would be larger at 55" x 65". Looking into proper options for that display.

• Placemats (Pat O.) Pat told the members about how the recipients of the placemats are extremely grateful for and love receiving the placemats the guild members make. Richard L. mentioned he personally knows people who have received them and they take such good care of them and use them over and over for the joy they bring. The winners for the February donation prizes were Karen M. and Maria S.

• Programs: (Dina N.) Dina picked up at Crafty Fabric 100% cotton pillowcases that were made by a non-guild member, Linda R. They were donated to the guild to be used in addition to our charity quilt donations. Dina told the members that the May workshop was going to be "Shore Surprise", a foundation paper piecing class. The workshop is Saturday, May 18 for 10-4 at the Haven and Dina says we will leave with a finished top. The cost for the class and kit, which includes the fpp pattern, is \$50.00. The fabric list will be available before the show so you can shop at the Country Store.

• Charity Quilts: (Carol C. and Juanita G.) There are fabric "kits" available in the front of the room to take to make charity quilts. Help yourself!

• Block of the Month: (Marcia G./Dixie M./Emilie S.) January-Teddy Bear, 21 blocks were won by Griffin K. February Love Note blocks were split between two winners, 16 blocks each, Ann B. and Jeanne H.

• Door Prizes (Jane S.) January winners—Pru P., Marlene S., Ivette R. February Winners—JoAnn M., Gail M. Rosemary B.

• Show and Tell (Marlene S.) Many beautiful quilts were displayed by our members. Pictures will be posted on the website and Facebook.

Donna D. adjourned the meeting but all interested members were invited to stay to play our favorite game--QUILTO!

Dina led the members on the fastest games of QUILTO ever played! The winners were:

Game 1: Jane S.

Game 2: Pru P.

Game 3: Sophie K.

Game 4: JoAnn M., Christine G.

Game 6: Griffin K.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry P.

Acting Secretary

Show & Tell February 2024

- Richard L—Robyn's quilt
- Mary Lou G—Year in My Life
- Dianne W—Frogs and Saws
- Sherre M—Nebula and Beautiful Day
- Pat T—Mug rugs
- Barb E—Baby quilt, lap quilt, charity quilt
- Cathy S—Four small quilts for auction
- Marlene S—Paper pieced quilt top
- Kit D—Table runner & Placemats, two little quilts
- Chiara O—Charity quilts
- Rosemary B—Charity quilts
- Kathy M—Charity quilts

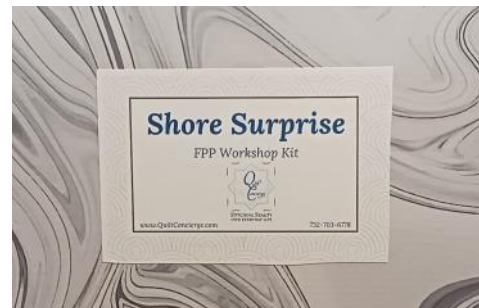
Photos on website under Newsletters

May Workshop on Foundation Paper Piecing

Don't forget to sign up for the May Workshop - Shore Surprise. This is a Foundation Paper Piecing workshop and even though the blocks are a "surprise," they will be items related to our beloved Jersey Shore.

FPP is a fun technique that yields incredibly accurate quilt blocks and is often used to create precise shapes or pictures, or to sew very small pieces or odd angles. I love the perfect points it produces and the fact that it lends itself well to chain piecing. Most FPP patterns can be made with scraps - yardage is not necessary.

The cost of this workshop is \$50.00, which includes a kit. The kit contains the patterns printed on FPP paper (I will have 3 options for you to compare and decide which you like best), printed directions with a copy of the patterns for you to keep and a 12" Add a Quarter Ruler, all in a sturdy box you can keep for this and/or other projects.



These patterns are geared toward beginners, however it is also a good refresher course for more experienced quilters. The patterns will start out easy and get a little more challenging. You will be able to leave the workshop with a completed project - either table runner or wall hanging (your choice). Fabric list will be provided at the March workshop.

You will need to supply a sewing machine, scissors, neutral color thread, 1 or 2 sewing machine needles, your lunch and be ready to have some fun.

Please write a check out to Beachplum Quilters for the full amount of the workshop, space is limited. Feel free to call Dina with any questions.

Placemats Donated to Meals on Wheels

In February we collected 61 placemats for Meals on Wheels. Those pictured at the right are in addition to the ones displayed at our meeting.

Thank you everyone! They are so very appreciated.

Pat O'Connell



Beachplum Bee News

The February Bee Meeting was busy!! Maria S. graciously gave us a demo/workshop on how to do a Four Patch Stack and Whack Quilt. The members were able to cut their blocks and start to look at the possible block combinations. We will continue in the month of March with learning setting, sashing, and border ideas. Bring your blocks to the March 1 meeting to continue this project. Thank you to Maria S. for sharing her quilting skills and her very patient guidance for all of us!

We will be starting a new Mystery Quilt project at the March meeting. Ann B. has been coordinating the schedule and clues for a lap size quilt. Sign-ups are in progress....if you would like to participate in this project, please email Ann B. to get on the list. Ann will bring two suggested colorways for the mystery quilt and fabric yardage requirements to the March meeting. Members will be able to shop at the Country Store during the April Quilt Show and take advantage of some great fabric bargains! Ann will have clues 1 and 2 at the May 3 meeting. **There will not be an April Bee Meeting due to the Quilt Show.** Clues will continue and be emailed throughout the summer in a PDF format. At the October meeting, we will have a Mystery Quilt Showcase. It will be fun to see how all the quilts turn out!!

If you have any questions regarding the Bee Meetings, please email Jackie P.

Come join us!



Mystery Quilt

Welcome to our 2024 Bee Mystery Quilt journey called "Power Glitches". It is free and open to all Beachplum members. No sign up needed unless you prefer to pay for printed copies of the Clues. Our discussions, technique demonstrations & sharing of blocks will only happen at Bee Meetings.

You can use any fabrics you like. The important things to keep in mind - Pieces will be cut into squares & triangles and turned in all directions - Directional and large motif fabrics might be difficult to work with - Color values listed are important for contrast in the design.

The sample quilt in the Clues has a dark background. If you prefer a light background, it will work fine, just change the "Light" to "Dark" in the fabric list. My Tip: note your fabric choices next to the examples or attach swatches to the page. For a larger quilt, borders can be added. Do the math for a 45" x 63" center and buy more fabric. 4" border requires 1 yard of fabric. 3" inch border requires $\frac{3}{4}$ yard, etc.

I hope you can join us and share in the fun. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Ann B -- Cell/Text: 732-600-7084

Email: annberg@comcast.net

Mystery Quilt (continued)**2024 Bee Mystery Quilt
“Power Glitches” by Debi Montgomery**

Debi has designed a special quilt for us. She lives in New Zealand and has created many mystery patterns as Mystery Quilts Anonymous.

We are making a 45” x 63” quilt with 9-inch blocks using Half Square Triangles and Flying Geese. It requires 5 fabrics and no special tools.

Clues & other information will be emailed as PDF files to all members each month on the 1st Friday. Discussions & sharing of blocks will only happen at Bee Meetings. If you prefer to receive printed copies the cost is \$5.00. They can be picked up at Bee Meetings or mailed out afterwards. Please contact Ann to sign up and pay for printouts.

2024 Bee Mystery Quilt Schedule

March 1 – Email: Fabric Requirements List & Clue Schedule. A discussion on selecting fabrics with Ann’s samples at the Bee Meeting. Gather fabrics from your stash and at our quilt show.

May 3 – Email: Clues 1 & 2. Sharing of fabrics choices at Bee meeting; demo of Half Square Triangle techniques & partial seams.

June 7 – Email Clue 3. Sharing blocks from Clues 1 & 2 at Bee meeting; demo of the No Waste Flying Geese technique.

July 5 – Email Clue 4 – no meeting

August 2 – Email Clue 5 – no meeting

September 6 – Email Clue 6 – Setting Reveal. Sharing of all blocks and laying them out at Bee meeting. Discussion of borders and other possibilities.

October 4 – Finished Mystery Quilts Showcase at Bee Meeting.

October 18 –Mystery Quilt Show and Tell at regular meeting.

What is a Mystery Quilt??? a quilt whose instructions are revealed in a series of clues and the overall design is unknown until the final clue is revealed. Fabric requirements are given at the onset and include details about light, medium and dark fabric, as well as fabric quantity. The final quilt design is a secret until the last clue and may be a total surprise. What fun!

Fabric Requirements

Background: 2-1/2 yards

Medium: 1/4 yard

Light: 3/8 yard

Dark contrast: 1-3/4 yards (includes binding)

Medium contrast: 1/2 yard

The above are for using a dark background. If you prefer a light background, interchange the Background and Light yardages.

Block of the Month

January and February



March
Four Leafed Clover



April and May will be collected at our May meeting.

Classifieds

Three of our members offer longarm quilting services!

Chiara Oliver
Computer-guided INNOVA LONGARM
Quilting
978-764-0267 Brick, NJ
quilting@chiaraoliver.com

Emilie Snyder
Custom Quilting and Quilt Repairs

Custom Designs, Shirt Quilts ertutt@gmail.com (908)-907-8652	Quilt Repairs, Longarm Quilting Little Egg Harbor, NJ
--	--

SeaGlass

QUILTING

Sherre MacClellan
C: 732-766-0999

email
sherremac3@hotmail.com

91 Kings Way
Freehold, NJ 07728

**THE BEACHPLUM QUILTERS
OF THE JERSEY SHORE, INC.**

P.O. Box 749

Island Heights, NJ 08732-0749

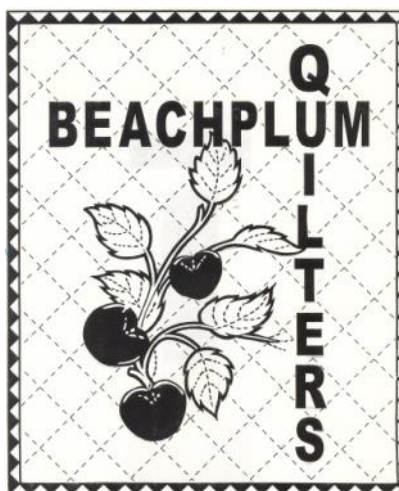
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
the Presbyterian Church of Toms River,
1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

www.beachplumquilters.org

[E-mail: beachplumquiltmakers@gmail.com](mailto:beachplumquiltmakers@gmail.com)



Executive Board

President

Donna DeAngelis

Vice President

Dona Spencer

Treasurer

Erma Hoover

Secretary

Gloria Squicciarini

Our Committee Chairs

Audit Committee

Dona Spencer

Charity Quilts

Carol Cashin

Juanita Greenland

Communications

(vacant)

Hospitality

Mary Pabst

Membership

Ginger Cullen

Block of the Month

Marcia Guza

Dixie Moore

Emilie Snyder

Door Prizes

Jane Schoonfield

Programs

Dina Newbert

Show & Tell

Marlene Stoever

Newsletter Editor

Marcia Guza

Webmaster

Ivette Ramos

2024 Quilt Show Chair

Gloria Squicciarini

Crafty Fabrics

750 Mantoloking Rd., Brick, NJ 732-920-6220

Classes & Workshops available year round.

Tues-Fri 9:30a-4:00p Sat- 11:00a-4:00p

www.craftyfabricsquilting.com

Diane@craftyfabricsquilting.com

10% discount to BPQ guild members!

We also offer longarming services.

Deadline for the next newsletter is

MAY 4, 2024

E-Mail your news in a Word document (not PDF)
using Arial font to

Marcia_guza@yahoo.com

MARCH 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
- Challenge Quilt Entry

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