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The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore



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President's Message

We've been talking about the Luncheon and challenge quilts for so long and it's gone past in a blink of an eye! The day was lovely, the food was good, and the company was the best! A big round of applause goes to Gloria S. for the great job done chairing the luncheon and to Dixie M. for chairing the challenge quilts!

And...we move right into planning the Quilt Show 2024! The first meeting is Friday, May 12, 6:30 pm at our usually spot, The Haven at PCTR. Come be a part of picking the name of the show, joining a committee and supporting the biggest event of the guild year! Gloria S. has graciously volunteered to Chair the show, with an assist from co-chair Kit D. I know all members will do their part to contribute.

Friday May 19 will be our regular meeting, with Kim G. giving a talk about Sashiko. Her workshop is the following day--no sewing machine needed to produce a variety of beautiful stitches!

Also at the May meeting will be numerous "Charity Quilt Kits" and fabrics. Thanks to a generous donation from Barbara E. and another smaller donation, bundles have been made up for members to make and complete charity quilts. There are some made blocks, some cut strips and many have the backing fabric included! There will be other pieces of fabric for you to mix with your stash to complete a charity quilt also. These will make great summer projects and refresh the availability of the guild having charity quilts to donate.

But wait, there's more!!! The May meeting is also turn-in time for Meals-On-Wheels summer theme placemats.

Whew! The continued generosity of the guild members who create these donated items does not go unnoticed. I have some very interesting numbers to share with you all at the May meeting.

One last reminder, please remember to wear your name badges to our meetings. You will be "fined" if you don't have one on!

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 March 17, 2023 Meeting

Our President, Donna D. had welcomed everyone on St. Patrick's Day and asked if there were any Guests this evening. Donna had asked for all the March Birthday celebrants to stand and be recognized: Doris M, Sherry B., JoAnn M, Nancy L, Ruth S, Susan B, Sophie K, Rita R, Laurie S. and Dina N. celebrating today on St. Patrick's Day.

Donna inquired if there were any mistakes or corrections from February's minutes as published in our Newsletter. Motion to approve report Jane S., and seconded by Cathy S. Motion approved and carried.

Any member who was not wearing a name tag was fined \$0.25. The fine may go up so wear your name tags.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Erma H. read the report with an Ending Balance: \$20,095.73. Motion to approve report by Dona S. and seconded by Janet P. Motion to approve and carried.

BEE MEETINGS: The first meeting of the DAYTIME BEE/workshop group was held on Friday, March 3, 2023. Jackie had stated that things have been going well with the Friday Bee meetings. The next Bee meeting will be held on Friday, April 7, 2023.

There will be an All Star Sampler Platter on YouTube broadcasting on Saturday, May 6, 2023 and Sunday, May 7, 2023. The sign-up sheet is located at the front of the room. This is FREE, with the Guild paying so take advantage. This is a Zoom presentation with six (6) hours of programming and supporting documents. Approximately every 15 min. you will have a new instructor teaching something new which you may have never seen. Please be aware there is a limited time of 48 hours in which you can view what you may have missed. Enjoy!

SPRING LUNCHEON: Everything is a go with 69 people attending so far. Please get out the word since I am extending the cutoff date for an additional week till Friday, April 14, 2023. We still have many seats available. I would also like to give a Shout Out to Debbie P. for bringing in many beautiful Door Prizes to be given out at the Luncheon. Thank you for all your work, Debbie!

CHALLENGE QUILTS: Dixie M. had collected all the Challenge Quilts being entered. They will be displayed on rectangular tables for viewing. Everyone will have one ticket to vote and the winners will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. This will be an excellent challenge and Good Luck to all our entries.

2024 QUILT SHOW: Our Chair for the Quilt Show Judging will be Dina Newbert. We have been able to secure the Elks Club as our venue, contacted Ocean Rental, for the Pipes & Drapes, and Sandra Dorrbecker has graciously agreed to judge our entries. She also wanted everyone to know how happy she is to come here again since she considers us one of her favorites. During the May & June meetings there will be sign-in sheets at the front of the room for areas to volunteer to help. **A time and place will be sent out to all members regarding our 1st meeting in May 2023. There is a great deal of work to have a successful Show so please make yourself available for our 1st meeting and subsequent meetings. Also, for all our new members this is an opportune time for you to have the experience and see exactly what goes into making a positive and prosperous show, but this also means your participation.**

CHARITY QUILTS: A special Thank You goes out to Emilie Synder for volunteering to quilt charity quilts. Please provide tops and backing and the Guild provides the batting. This is for quilts that will be donated as Beachplum Charity Quilts **ONLY** not your personal charities.

Beachplum was contacted by a former quilter who would like two baby quilts made. One by May and one by June. The pattern requested was "Trip Around the World".

Regarding the Zoom Sit-and-Sew, everyone has already received their email.

PROGRAMS: Dina was extremely happy to announce that she had received 99 placements and predicts that we are ahead of the previous season of 206 placements. Dina also stated that the placemats are given away as gifts, for those in need, and we should take care in the finishing of the placemats, and that labels are always available at the meetings and Crafty Fabrics.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening was, Eliza Hardy Jones with a lecture and slide presentation of "SONG QUILTS: A CELEBRATION OF STITCH AND SONG".

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Minutes of March 17, 2023 Meeting (continued from previous page)

Eliza's "The Song Quilts" project visually interprets folk music from the American South and the Russian Arctic. She has traveled across the United States and Northwest Russia interviewing women and gathering their songs and stories. From these field recordings, she creates transcriptions of the folksongs and transforms them into quilts. She develops a method that translates pitch into color and rhythm into shapes. Which are direct transcriptions as they were sung by women who participated and as results in national identity, global culture and shared traditions.

Eliza told us of the history of generations of African-American women in the small town of Gee's Bend which is located Southwest of Selma. This is a rural community with fewer than 1,000 residents due to the isolation of their community. During the Great Migration in the early-to-mid 1900's the residents remained in rural Alabama instead of moving North. You will always find the Gee's Bend Quilters singing while quilting giving their praises to their Lord and his influence in their everyday and happy existence.

CHARITY QUILTS: In Carol C. & Juanita G. absence Charity quilts were given to Dona S.

BLOCK of the MONTH: The winner of the Shamrock blocks was Diane W. Congratulations! **NOTE:** Please bring your April blocks along with your May blocks to the meeting in May. And will have two drawings. Thank you.

DOOR PRIZES: Our winners were Toni G, Rita R. and Ginger C. And a special Shamrock Plant winner was Janice W.

SHOW AND TELL: The quilts that are shown by our Guild members only shows how well their quilting is progressing. A special quilt by Laurie S., "The Weather Quilt", which I have never seen before was absolutely amazing and took a certain dedication to attempt and keep track of our daily weather. Great Job!

Respectfully submitted by:
Gloria Squicciarini, Recording Secretary

Show & Tell March 17, 2023

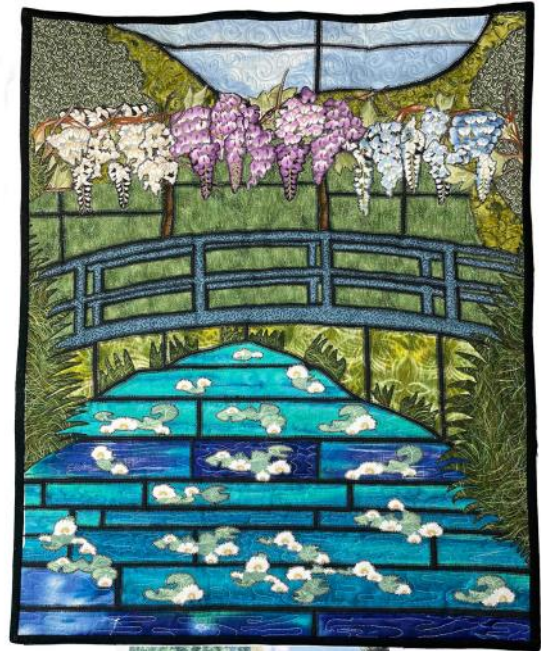
Donna D — Bear paw wedding quilt
 Emilie S—Two retirement quilts, pineapple wall hanging
 Barbara L—Modern quilt, September BoM, baby quilt
 Maryann F—Amish buggy quilt
 Dina N—Eleanor Levie quilt
 Sherre M—Three Katrina quilts, In the Garden quilt
 Laurie S—Kira quilt (from workshop), Temperature quilt
 Ivette R—Little sewing machines, Spring porch quilt
 Sophie K—Gifted baskets quilt, birds, scrap quilt
 Jane S—February BoM
 Janet P—Panel quilt, Cardinals in Winter
 Karen M—Apple Stack N Whack
 Marcia G—Vintage Dresden quilt, Cupola Views
 Joan O—Stack N Whack
 Pru P—Charity quilt
 Ginny W—Hugs N kisses

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

Challenge Quilts



Green Umbrella
Dianne Werner



Monet's Bridge at Giverny a la Tiffany
Dionna DeAngelis
FIRST PLACE



First Earth Day
Paula Patri



Yoshino Rising
Griffin Kessler
THIRD PLACE

Challenge Quilts



Love
Jackie Pearce



Pokemon Emerald Nuzlocke Team
Emilie Snyder



Stretch
Ginger Cullern



Bird in Spring
Sophie Keidel

Challenge Quilts



Casino Cat
Laurie Schnitzer



Memories of a Rose Window
Dona Spencer
SECOND PLACE



Dawning of a New Day
Sherre MacClellan

Block of the Month

March
It's not easy being green



April
Wonky Big Block



May
Bee



Charity Quilts—Placemats

Remember to bring your Patriotic Theme Placemats to the May meeting!
- Dina

Classifieds

Three of our members offer longarm quilting services!

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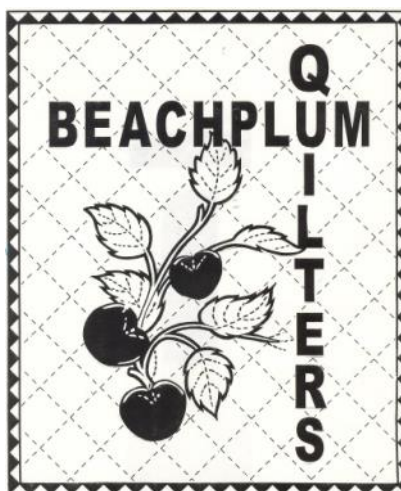
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month September through June at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River, 1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

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Deadline for the next newsletter is

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Marcia_guza@yahoo.com

May 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
- Placemats for Meals on Wheels

Next BPQ Quilt Show—April 2024