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President's Message

I'd like to thank EVERYBODY who contributed to the success of the "Quilts in Wonderland" show in April. Show Chair Gloria S. led us to an exciting, vibrant weekend full of fun, friendship and beautiful quilts. Congratulations to all who entered their quilts in the show, we actually came this-close to running out of space to hang them all, and they all contributed to a room full of color and imagination!

Now that the show is over, it's full steam ahead: I have quite excitedly started making my Mystery Quilt blocks. I love the fabric I picked but I am still not sure how it will all turn out #part of the mystery #FUN!

I'm also pulling fabric for the foundation paper piecing workshop on May 18. The patterns sound so charming and perfect for the Jersey Shore. Dina N. has put it all together in a neat little gift box with an add-a quarter ruler. More storage and more tools-what every quilter needs!

I have made placemats for Meals-on-Wheels, and found some lovely fabric in my stash that will be a beautiful three-yard quilt for charity! I'm so glad I can add to the 1,000+ placemats we have already donated since the placemat "challenge" started, and contribute to the 250+ total of charity quilts donated in the past two years.

May is also a MOST important meeting: Election of officers for 2024-2026. Let's get them filled so the guild can continue the wonderful momentum it has achieved.

Donna

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 FPP

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 1—3:30

Minutes of March 15, 2024 Meeting

Our President Donna D. welcomed all and began the meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by an announcement for the Last Call for the Challenge quilts.

Our March Birthdays: Sherry B, Doris M, Suzan M, JoAnn McC, Ruth S, Dina N, Susan B, Sophie K, Rita R, Laurie S, and Maria S.

April Birthdays: Mary Ann G, Kathy McE, Cathy S, Debbie P, Pat O'C, Pat T, Ellen H, and Sandra F.

Donna asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes of the February meeting as published in our newsletter. Having none, a motion to approve by Kathy McE and seconded by Jeanne H. Motion carried and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Erma was not available to attend so there is no treasurer's report.

The Ocean County Historical Society has reached out to our Guild and would like us to partner with them on a Quilt Show in October or November of the year. They will be displaying the historical quilts they have in their collection, including the famous and fragile Mathis quilt. The last time this was done was in 2009. The Guild would bring in our choice of quilts, set them up in the Historical Society House, and be on hand to answer quilt related questions. They said in 2009 there were 90 quilts, but that remains to be seen, as well as the hanging situation. Donna stated she would be going there Tuesday, April 16, 2024 to discuss this with them. The Guild would not be responsible for promoting the event, but would get a share of the entry fee on the quilt show days, so it will help us raise funds. Donna wanted to know who would be interested in helping. Immediately Pat L. volunteered to organize Beachplum members willing to help.

PLACEMATS: Our next round of placemats will be due at the June meeting. They should have a Summer or Patriotic theme.

CHALLENGE QUILTS: Anxiously awaiting the Challenge quilts Donna asked Dixie M. and Dianne W. if the quilts were ready for viewing. Dixie went over the voting procedure and criteria to our members prior to voting. Eagerly our members started to line up and view all of the Challenge quilts that were represented and vote for their favorite.

And the winners are:

1st Place: **Chiara O.**

2nd Place: **Ivette R.**

3rd Place: **Laurie S.**

QUILT SHOW UPDATE: I, Gloria, had asked each of the respected Chairs to speak regarding their preparation and if there was anything that needed to be attended to prior to the Show in April and/or needed any additional help from our members. I was very pleased to hear that all of them felt they were where they should be and certain things would be completed the closer they approached the Show. All of the Chairs were very confident and were ready for the Show.

Dina N. took over speaking on "Know the Rules" for judging. Is your quilt show ready? Will your quilt pass the vetting station? Finished with binding secure? Quilts should be placed in a fabric pillowcase with your name and phone number pinned to the outside. Clean, no odor, loose thread, free of pet hair. Label placed on bottom left of the back of the quilt, is sewn on and covered by another piece of fabric to cover information. Sleeve that started out nine inches wide (finished four inches), sewn to top back of quilts. If your quilt is 100" or more the hanging sleeve needs to be placed 90" from bottom of quilt.

Dina also mentioned to our members the Work Shop for "Foundation Paper Piecing" would be in May and presided by her.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Due to the large number of blocks they were divided up between Terry P., and Pat. L.

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Minutes of March 15, 2024 Meeting (continued from previous page)

DOOR PRIZES: 1st: Barbara E., 2nd: Janet P., and 3rd: Ginger C.

SHOW AND TELL: When one puts in the time and work the results are amazing. That is what we see when our members get up and display their quilts for us. Certainly the creativity, quality and beauty always shine. As always Congratulation's for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gloria Squicciarini, Recording Secretary

Show & Tell March 2024

- Pat L — Bee Group charity quilt
- Richard L — Two charity quilts
- Sherre M— Four charity quilts
- Kit D — Doggy quilt
- Marcia G—Christmas panel quilt for Small Quilt Auction
- Marcia G — Shirley's quilt (started by Shirley M and finished by Marcia
- Connie S—Three charity quilts
- Pru P — Asian charity quilt
- Jane S—Shirley's garden quilt

Photos on website in the Sampler Newsletter Section

Quilt Show Demonstrations Booth

SKILLS! YOU'VE ALL GOT THEM

What makes a great quilt show? Members' skills & participation.
This was on display at the Demonstrations Booth on both days of our show.

THANK YOU to members:
EMILIE SNYDER, T-shirt Quilts;
PEGGY RUANE, Hexie Quilts;
LAURIE SCHNITZER, Machine Appliqué;
JEANNETTE MIDDLEKAUFF, The Electric Dog Paw;
DINA NEWBERT, Taming Your Scraps;
DONA SPENCER, Hand Applique;
MARIA SENDZIK, The Stripology Ruler
PAULA PATRI, Quilting with Yo-Yo's.

These members volunteered their time & talent which was an important complement to the beautiful quilts on display.

As our booth was next to the membership table, perhaps these members' efforts generated some new members? Hope so!

Block of the Month

March
Four-Leafed Clover



April Singing in the Rain
and May Snapdragon



Both April and May blocks will be collected at our May meeting.

Bee Meetings



- We meet from 1 pm to 3:30 pm on the first Friday of each month.
- No summer meetings for July and August

Classifieds

Three of our members offer longarm quilting services!

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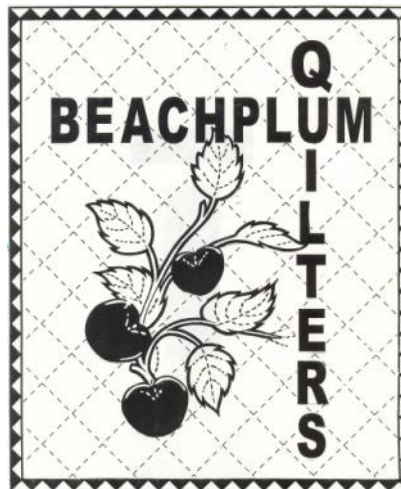
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
the Presbyterian Church of Toms River,
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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using Arial font to

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MAY 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

Next BPQ Quilt Show—April 2026