

# the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



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## President's Message

I had a young friend (I'll call her Sallie) with a strong family history of breast cancer. Sallie was ever vigilant. She performed a breast exam every month, had regular mammograms, and always went for her annual exam. Sallie had a young daughter, a loving husband, and a very active career. All was great but one day she discovered a lump. Sallie saw her doctor and had a biopsy. The unthinkable became reality. Sally had a malignant growth. She forged on and had surgery and chemo. She lost her beautiful long, dark hair but did not let it faze her. She was a determined warrior in this battle against an unseen foe.

I wanted to help but by this time I was living in another state. I couldn't make her family a casserole for dinner but I could send her a quilt. I made her a lap quilt of dark shades of pink in a lovely log cabin pattern for her chemo treatments. She said the chemo room was usually very chilly. I attached a label that explained that the quilt was magic and would keep her safe and warm. I like to think it may have helped because she came through the experience and today is healthy, happy, and active. Somehow though I think all the prayers on her behalf probably had a bit more to do with her recovery.

As quilters, we always want to give a friend or loved one or sometimes a stranger a quilt to keep them healthy and safe. The month of October reminds us that we also must look at ourselves and meet our needs. Those needs include breast exams, mammograms, and annual physicals. Admitted, these activities are not nearly as wonderful as fabric or as calming as sewing. But remember that it is important that we care for ourselves so we will be around to care for others.

All you quilting warriors have a happy Halloween and take care of yourselves.

Ellen

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## Meetings/Events Calendar 2012- 2013

- Sep 21- Big Show & Tell and Pizza Party
- Oct 19- Bargello presentation by Jeannie Campbell
- Nov 16- Carol Singer will be giving a lecture called "Designing...A Freeing Experience" with a trunk show.
- Nov 17- Workshop on machine quilting
- Dec 21- Holiday Dinner
- Jan 18, 2013- Quilto
- Feb 15-
- Mar 15-
- Apr 6- Spring Luncheon @ Lobster Shanty
- Apr 19-
- Apr 27 - Bargello workshop
- May 17-
- Jun 21-

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

### **Show N Tell September 2012**

- Joyce W.—Red and Cream; "California Here I Come" challenge from Manchester Library quilt group
- From the Beachplum Stack 'n Whack Ribbon Weave workshop:
  - Jean C.
  - Erma H.
  - JoAnn McC.
  - Mary P.
- JoAnn McC.—Watermelon table runner; Wrapped up in Sports charity quilt; Batik quilt kit; Halloween wall hanging
- Jane S.—Tell only: Ohio Star quilt from BoM for her aunt's 90th birthday
- Jeanette M.—Two dresses for Africa
- Marcia G.—Yellow Brick Road Halloween quilt; Jellyroll race quilt top
- Nancy W.—Wagon Tracks BoM—blue and yellow quilt
- Christine L.—Mom and baby quilts; rag quilt; angel quilt

### **Luncheon April 2013—Updates from Genny and Judy**

From Genny V: At our upcoming guild meetings, Genny will provide a box for donations of new items to use as door prizes at the April 6, 2013 luncheon. They can be gift items or handmade items, but must be new (not necessarily quilt-related; international or travel items would be in theme as well. We will put them in gift bags and draw names from the admission tickets (no extra entry fee).

From Judy R: Following is a brief list of ideas for what to bring in between the October and December meetings for the three luncheon baskets (themes: Mediterranean, British Isles, Quilting).

Peruse the international and/or specific country aisles in grocery and specialty stores to get ideas for the baskets of the British Isles and Mediterranean. Mediterranean Items: Goya has a large selection of items both in cans and jars to reflect the Mediterranean such as beans, olives, peppers, sauces, seasonings (garlic, rosemary, paprika, basil, thyme), wine, vinegar, olive oil, Italian hard candy. Also welcome would be gift certificates to Joe Leones in Point Pleasant Beach or Olive Garden. Please, no cookies or pastas as expiration on these can be iffy.

British Isles: There are teas, perhaps a tea pot, tea bag holders, Walkers cookies (check the expiration date to be sure it is past April 2013), scone mixes, jams, jellies, honey, lemon curd, puddings calls Birds, Irish Oats (check expiration date), or just perhaps a gift certificate to Shoprite, or Stop and Shop.

For the quilt basket I know there are plenty of great ideas for this. However, any fabric should be ironed and tied with a bow for ease of packing and presentation.

## Minutes of September 21, 2012

President Ellen explained the passports for the year. We will be going on a trip around the country and will receive postcards for each stop, starting with New Jersey. Our state flower is the violet, state tree the red oak and state bird the goldfinch. NJ was the first state to sign the Bill of Rights and is one of only two states in the nation that prohibits self service gas pumps. We have more than 9800 farms in the state.

Phil Beachy and Laura Morgan from Villages in Partnership spoke to us about their friendship trip to Malawi, one of the five poorest countries in the world. There are one million orphans due to HIV and 14% of the population is infected. Terrific droughts made the harvests worse this year and the "hunger season" is longer than ever. A donation of \$40.00 will feed a family of six through this hunger crisis. Donations may be mailed directly to Villages in Partnership, or given to Ellen or to the church. Note Beachplum on your check. The dresses we made were appreciated, but the girls would like them to be longer. If you make any more, only use the medium and large lengths.

Mary P. asked us to continue to sell raffle tickets for our beautiful quilt. Anyone needing more, contact her.

Marcia G. gave out fabrics for charity quilt backs.

Door prizes were won by Judy R., Mary P., and Marcia G.

The budget was voted on and approved.

Block of the month was introduced by Nancy D. and JoAnn M. The charge is \$7.00 for the patterns and a yard of fabric. You can go to quilters' cache on the web to see the colors of the blocks.

The treasurer's report was accepted. Beginning balance \$7,864.49, receipts \$655.00, disbursements \$1,225.90 for an ending balance of \$7,293.59.

Judy R. discussed the baskets for the luncheon in April. Our themes will be the Mediterranean and the British Isles. Bring in your donations between now and Christmas.

Anne B. gave out applications for NQA if anyone wants to join individually. The dues are \$25.00 for one year or \$40.00 for 2 years.

Show and tell was lovely as usual.

Shirley Moramarco, Secretary



It is with sadness that we report the death of Sally Chafatelli's husband, Charles. Sally is a former president of Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore. Cards may be sent to Sally at 19 Mt. Rushmore Lane, Toms River, NJ 08753

### Dresses (and Britches) for Africa

UPDATE. There is an ongoing need for dresses and britches. Patterns will be posted on our website. In addition, donations of cash/check are very much appreciated. See meeting minutes for details.



Guest speakers Phil Beachy and Laura Morgan



Jeanette M. with two dresses she made.

Show & Tell, September 2012

Joyce W with red and cream quilt, Joyce W with "California here I Come" challenge wall hanging

JoAnn M with batik quilt from kit, JoAnn M with Halloween wall hanging, JoAnn M with watermelon runner

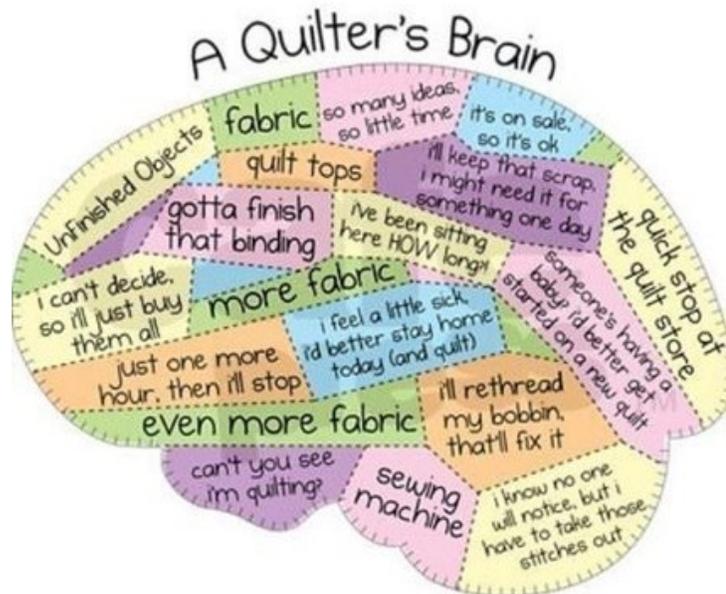
Ann B and JoAnn M Wrapped Up in Sports Nancy W with blue and yellow BOM

Marcia G's Halloween and Jelly Roll Race quilts



# Announcements and Reminders

- Our October meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall (the large room with a stage). Our guest will be Jeannie Campbell who will be speaking about Bargello and sharing her trunk show. She will hold a workshop on April 27, 2013 at the Presbyterian Church.
- November's meeting will have guest speaker Carol Ketterer Singer who will give a lecture called "Designing....A Freeing Experience". She will discuss different ways of designing and there will also be a trunk show. Her Machine Quilting Techniques workshop will be held on November 17, 2012, from 9:30 to 3:30. The workshop will be \$10.00. Pat McCullough will have sign-up sheets at the October meeting. Members are to pay when they sign up. There will be a limit of 20 people and the workshop will be at the Presbyterian Church. Members are to bring a bag lunch.
- December is the Holiday Dinner.
- At our January meeting we will play Quilto.
- Membership directory pages have been distributed via email so that you can check your personal information for accuracy. Paper copies of the directory will be distributed at the October meeting.



2012-13 Blocks of the Month (BoM)



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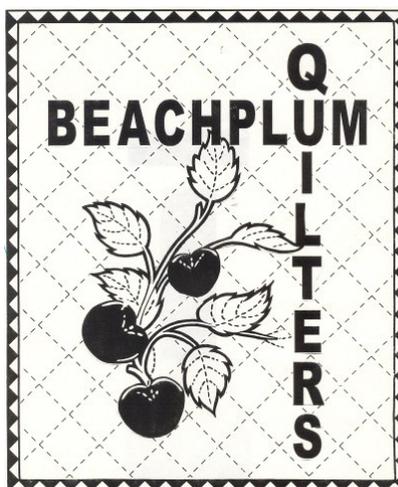
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of  
each month September through June at  
the Presbyterian Church of Toms River,  
1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

**October 26, 2012**

E-Mail your news using Arial font to

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**OCTOBER MEETING REFRESHMENTS**

Assignments for refreshments are as follows: Last  
name ending in:

**F** through **K**—please bring a dessert, fruit dish, or  
nosh

Everyone else can participate if desired.

Please remember to clean up your own dish-es  
after the meeting. Many thanks.



**NEXT MTG CHECKLIST**

- Name Tag and a welcome smile for guests
- **2 Canned Items for the Church Food Pantry**
- Block of the Month
- Coffee Mug, Plate, Utensils, Appetite
- Show N Tell
- Assigned Refreshments

**Ruffled Feathers**

Machine Quilting Service

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**Tentative Next Quilt Show Dates:**

**April 5-6, 2014**