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President's Message

We are off and running with our 2023-2024 term!

Thanks to Dina N.'s diligence, she has secured us two opportunities to sell Raffle Quilt tickets. One is the South Shore Stitcher's "Quilters Marketplace" in Tuckahoe, NJ on Saturday, October 14. Maybe it could be worth the trip to see all the goodies the vendors have to sell?? We will also be selling tickets at Crestwood Village 7's craft fair on Saturday, December 16. If you'd like to help man the tables at either event let me know!

At our Sit n' Sew on Saturday, October 21, we will be "rehabilitating" fleece blankets for Embrella, a non-profit that helps foster children. I am so pleased that so many of you signed up to help out! The daytime Bee group already completed about 30 on Friday, October 6th, but we have a way to go! Dona S, strongly suggests LARGE cutting mats and LONG rulers to help make quick work of them. Scissors, rotary cutters, sewing machines and neutral thread round out the supplies list. We will be working from 9 am to 2 pm, so any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

And don't forget, Our October meeting is the MAKE and TAKE we normally do in November. An email went out with the supply list, I have NO IDEA what we are making, it's surely a surprise!

Donna

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2023-2024

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

9/10/22 – Sunday Beachplum Festival at Island State Park

Sept 15, 2023 – Pizza Party, Block of the Month Completed Quilts Showcase; Huge Show & Tell, Quilt Show Prep, Budget Review, Audit Report

10/20/23 – Make & Take Project, Quilt Show Tips: Color and Design, Collection of Fall Placemats

10/21/22— Sit 'n Sew—Embrella fleece blankets

11/17/23– Dr Holstein Lecture: Ergonomic Quilting, , Quilt Show tips: Borders and Sashing

12/15/23- Pot Luck Dinner, Miss Kat Presentation (Kathleen Lindsey, author and lecturer), Quilt Show Tips: Quilting Design

1/19/24 – Quilto and Quilt Show Tips: Is Your Quilt Show-Ready?

2/16/24 – TBD, Spring Placemats

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

4/13-14/24 – Beachplum Quilt Show. No regular 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



Minutes of September 15, 2023 Meeting

Straightaway our President, Donna DeA., had one person from each table come and get a plain Pizza Pie for their table with Pepperoni and/or Mushroom slices would remain on the front tables.

Donna welcomed everyone back to our monthly meetings and it's great to see of us.

BLOCK of the MONTH: Meeting was turned over to Marcia G. for the introduction and voting for the BOM showcasing the quilts from 2022-2023; unfortunately, not all the categories were represented. Present were: Ivette R. with "Bookcases", Cathy M. with "Ornamented Chain", Diane W. with "It's Not Easy Being Green" and a Bonus quilt by Kit D., with "Blueberry Braids". And the winner is: Congratulation to Ivette R. for her 'Bookcases' quilt. And a job well done to all our contestants.

SEPTEMBER BOM: There were 36 beautiful blocks displayed for this month and JoAnn McC. was the winner. Congratulations!

Our August Birthdays: Ivette R., Jackie P., Marge F., Sofia R. September Birthdays are Chris L., Barbara L., Dixie M., Jane S., Rene W., Judy S., Deborah O'B., Susan G. and Donna DeA. Happy Birthday to all of our members.

Donna asked if there any errors or omissions to the minutes of our June meeting as published in our Newsletter. Motion to approve, Richard L. Seconded by Jane S. Motion carried and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Erna H. did not read a Report at our June meeting due to a large outstanding check. Our present report was read with an ending balance of \$14,213.78. Motion to approve by Richard L. Seconded by Pat L. Motion approved and carried.

Donna made a request for our newest Guild Members to please stay at the end of the meeting for a brief overview of what's is presently going on in our Guild.

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK FESTIVAL: Was held this past Sunday, September 10, 2023 and Donna thanked all who made and contributed items and those who helped at the festival. It takes quite a bit of funding to keep our Guild operational, and this is a welcome chance to raise money. Despite the rain the crowds were there and generous. There were people who sought us out specifically to buy more of things they had purchased in the past. We took in \$668.00, not including the ticket sales.

GLOBAL QUILT CONNECTION SAMPLER: There is a sign-up sheet for the next Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter. You will not hear from Donna until September 23, 2023, but you can contact Dina she is on the mailing list for any changes or updates to the entry link. The Global Quilt Connection will have six hours of live streamed demos from a variety of teachers. It will be held Saturday, September 23rd, and Sunday, September 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you miss any feed it will remain for 72 hours after each session.

BUDGET MEETING: Donna pointed out that there are fixed costs that our dues do not begin to cover. Erna spoke regarding our Storage Unit which has gone up in price and if there were any options available at this time. Our Insurance is now payable in one installment as opposed to two. Expenses regarding our upcoming Quilt Show in 2024, and the surging cost of Programs, just to name a few. Motion to approve the Budget by Ellen H. and seconded by Mary P. Motion carried and approved.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: Every year we update the roster so we can get in touch with a fellow member. We have always used the same format as a Paper Distribution. Would there be any objection to have a PDF file for our reference. You could just print it out yourself. As changes become necessary the correction would be emailed. Members will be given the option to opt out of their personal information being in the directory. Just their last name, first Initial. There will **NOT** be a Sit-n-Sew tomorrow, Saturday 16, 2023. Although there will be a Sit-n-Sew, Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Presbyterian Church. "Umbrella", is a non-profit agency that serves foster children and families through advocacy, education and training. They received our quilts through Quilts for Kids. There was a large donation of fleece blankets not suitable for distribution. They asked if we could repair them, to make them presentable in any way possible, and benefit children who would cherish a blanket of their own. A sheet was distributed for volunteers for cutting, sewing, finishing edges, packing. If you did not sign up at the meeting, and interested, please send an email to Dona S. Thank you for helping.

BYLAWS: Our bylaws could use a review and perhaps a refresher. Donna would like to assemble a committee to take on the task which was last done in 2018. We may just be looking for small updates or something you think needs a major overhaul. Please contact Donna to let her know you would be willing to serve on this committee.

We will be forming a nominating committee to assemble the slate of officers for the 2024-2026 term. Please consider not only being a member of the committee, but perhaps an officer in the Guild. Work and twice as much reward.

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Minutes of September 15, 2023 Meeting (continued from previous page)

QUILT SHOW 2024: Show Chairman Gloria S. gave a show update. There were a number of crucial job openings for our Quilt Show and I would very much like to thank our Guild for coming through and volunteering. The success of our Show begins with us and ends with us. As usual you always come through and never disappoint. From my heart and Kit's thank you so much for your continued support.

Dina N. will be doing 5 minute tutorials especially for our new members and a refresher for our ongoing members which started on Friday and will continue for an additional 3 or 4 months. Dina had spoken regarding Vetting for our quilts at time of registration. Donna DeA., Ellen H., and Dina will officiate. Vetting prior to handing in your quilts on Wednesday, April 11, 2023. This may take an additional 10 minutes or so but well worth it in the end. Our Quilt Show Door Prizes of Totes workshop will be take place at a Sit-n-Sew in January or February at the Presbyterian Church and will be held on a Saturday. Time & date TBD.

CHARITY QUILTS: Juanita G. reminded everyone in order to keep accurate records please place your name on your quilts, fill out the Quilt Delivered sheet which either Carol C. or Juanita have.

BEE MEETINGS: The Bee meetings are held on the first Friday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Manasquan United Methodist Church. During our meeting Jackie P. showed two (2) quilts which the Bee members have been working on. They were simple Half Square Triangles but with the color and placement they were very beautiful. Jackie then proceeded to give them to Juanita as Charity Quilts. Congratulations to all the Bee members for a terrific job.

PROGRAMS: Dina touched on the cost of Workshops and suggested opening them up to other Guilds in order to lower costs. Between the Lecture, Workshops, fabric and specialty rulers the cost of future Guests could be defrayed. Our Lecturer for October is Dr. Halstein, Lecture's Ergonomic Quilting. She will make us get up, stretch and show the proper way of sewing. This should be very interesting for our Members.

Also don't forget the collection of Placemats will take place at the October meeting.

DOOR PRIZES: Jane S. distributed gifts to the following winners: Erma H., Cathy M., and Sophie K.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Gloria Squicciarini, Recording Secretary



Ivette R with BoM Bookcase Quilt



Bee Meeting Photos
Fleece Blankets for Embrella



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Quilt
So I Don't
Unravel



Block of the Month

September
Trellis



October
Rainbow Fish



Classifieds

Four of our members offer longarm quilting services!

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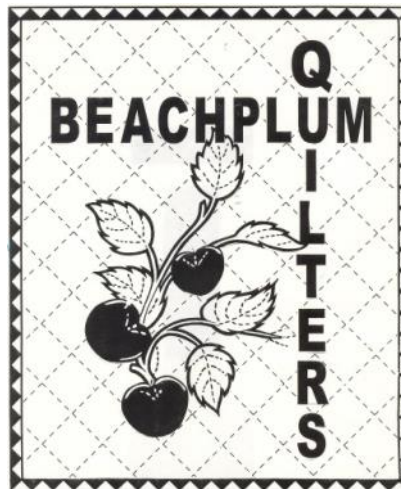
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month September through June at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River, 1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

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October 2023 MEETING RE-FRESHMENTS



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.

October Meeting Checklist

- **Name tag** and a welcome smile for guests
- Block of the Month
- Show & Tell
- Charity quilts
- **Fall Placemats**
- **Make N Take project supplies**
- Donations to The Hope Center: Feminine pads and tampons

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