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## President's Message

Whew, my summer flew by! I had all these plans for the 4-5 quilts I was going to make, I saw the summer stretching with possibilities before me. Now I am running around just trying to keep up with what I have to do, not want to do! And please do not ask me how many quilts I made :-)

Friday, September 15th is our back to work meeting, with a full agenda- budget review, audit report, 2022-2023 BOM showcase and vote, and let's not forget that we are gearing up for "Quilts In Wonderland", our 2024 Quilt Show. We'll start the evening off with a Pizza Party and end with our Show and Tell, which I am sure will be jam-packed.

But we don't even get to the meeting before the first thing the guild is going to participate in, the Island Beach State Park Beachplum Festival on Sunday, September 10th. Raffle Quilts will be displayed, raffle tickets will be sold, and we have a varied selection of unique items to sell, with much thanks to the talents of a handful of guild members.

And, looking ahead, we will be having a very special Sit n' Sew on Saturday, October 21, here at the PCTR. Please mark your calendars as "busy" that day so we get as much member participation as we can for a very charitable endeavor. More details will be given at the September meeting.

Can't wait to see you all there!

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** – Dr Holstein Lecture: Ergonomic Quilting, Collection of Fall Placemats, Quilt Show tips  
10/21/22— Sit 'n Sew
- 11/17/23**– Make & Take Project, Quilt Show Tips
- 12/15/23**- Pot Luck Dinner, Miss Kat Presentation (Kathleen Lindsey, author and lecturer), Quilt Show Tips
- 1/19/24** – Quilto and Quilt Show Tips
- 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** – TBD
- 6/21/24** – Finale – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo

### Minutes of June 16, 2023 Meeting

Our President, Donna D. had welcomed everyone and was great to see us all and enjoy our pot-luck meal for the evening. Donna welcomed our guest for the evening Rose Mary B.

Donna had asked for all the June Birthday celebrants to stand and be recognized: Kathleen C., Diane Colangelo, MaryAnn F., Marlene S., Pru P., Liz Henne and Betty W. July Birthdays were also asked to stand and be recognized: Maritza C., Erma H., Jean C., Terry P., Christine G. and Gloria S.

**Name Tags:** Any member sitting at 9 o'clock at each table was deputized to act as the "Fine Collector" and collect \$1.00 for each person not wearing a name badge.

Donna inquired if there were any mistakes or corrections from May's minutes as published in our Newsletter. Motion to approve report Dina N., and seconded by Debbie P. Motion approved and carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** There wasn't a report announced due to a large check outstanding that Erma was investigating.

**BEE MEETINGS:** It was announced that they **WOULD NOT** be meeting during the months of July and August as discussed at the last meeting. As previously announced they would not meeting the first Friday in September due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Donna announced that Ivette R., one of our newer members, has agreed to take on the task of Web Master for the Guild. With Laurie S. guidance I'm sure the transition will be a smooth one. Also, Donna was pleased to announce that Terry P. has agreed to fill the Public Relations Chairmanship. Terry has seven (7) years' experience in Public Relations for various Healthcare Facilities including Southern Ocean Medical Center in Manahawkin. Surely her experience will serve her well as she promotes our Guild. Donna stated that is no doubt that all the members will help Terry and Ivette with getting photos and giving other information that needs to be put out into the public and on our Web site. Thank You, Ivette & Terry!

It was announced there was a sign-up sheet for the upcoming "Island Beach State Park Beachplum Festival" that will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Marlene S. has secured us a spot to sell raffle tickets for the two (2) Raffle Quilts. Additionally, we would like to sell handmade items which are needed. If any member has made something please be so kind to contact Donna D. Also, Donna had shown us two (2) patterns that she thought would be excellent sellers, and they are **SUPER** easy to make. A Show Banner and Table Runner pattern will be sent via email and if anyone has a quick favorite pattern, let's hear about it.

**PROGRAMS FOR 2023-2024:** Dina already has some interesting and informative programs set-up and will be a Quilt show check-list program probably in December or January.

Our Guest speaker for the evening was Debbie Welch who had owned and operated Quilting Possibilities in New Jersey for 23 years, vended at quilt shows and lectured and taught in the MidAtlantic region. Debbie had shared her love of Wool Applique, Wool Pennies and Vintage Quilts dating from the 1930's to 1940's and Crazy Quilting. Debbie had many examples of wool applique which was well received well by our members and passed from table to table making it Candy for the Quilters Eye's. The following Saturday, June 17, 2023 a workshop was held demonstrating the technique used in Wool Applique.

We will all be working on our Show Quilts, but we want to schedule some other events. Due to cost of future lectures and workshops, plus the cost of specialty rulers, Dina requested, we as a Guild, what would be willing to spend on future programs? A Guild favorite could cost us \$82.50 not including the cost of fabric or any specialty ruler(s) needed for competition. It was also brought up if we could share rulers and that is not feasible due to the fact that we all work on techniques shown during the workshops at the same time. It would be inconsiderate to expect any Instructor to break up into groups.

**QUILT SHOW:** I am pleased to say we are moving forward with the scheduling of our upcoming Quilt Show in April 2024. A number of working position were filled at our June meeting and will be announcing additional information at our September meeting.

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### Minutes of June 16, 2023 Meeting (continued from previous page)

**CHARITY QUILTS:** Carol C. and Juanita G. collected quilts being donated.

**BLOCK of the MONTH:** Marcia G., Dixie M. & Emilie S. had both "Carolina Lily and Blueberry Blocks (bonus) displayed making it quite an array of color and beauty. Kit D. won the Blueberry Blocks & Donna D. won the Carolina Lily.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Jane S. called out the winners and Juanita G., Griffin and Donna S. and a Bonus was won by Kit D.

**SHOW and TELL:** Unfortunately due to time restriction we were unable to have a well-loved Show & Tell. Hopefully, our members will be able to show their works at our next meeting in September 2023 meeting. Our meeting was adjourned for the 2022-2023 Season and Donna wishing everyone a very Safe and Happy Summer.

Respectfully submitted by;  
Gloria Squicciarini, Recording Secretary



### **Beachplum Daytime Bee Meetings**

We will be meeting on Friday, October 6th, from 1 pm to 3:30 pm at Manasquan United Methodist Church. The address is 23 Church Street in Manasquan. There is plenty of parking. Use the entrance at the back of the church.

For the October meeting we have a couple of different activities taking place. You are welcome to bring you own project and enjoy some sit and sew time. Or you may help sew one of our ongoing charity quilt projects. We also have a new community project for the EMBRELLA organization, a non-profit group that serves foster children and families. They need help with re-making some fleece blankets for the children.

Bring your sewing machines (and a walking foot if you have one), rotary cutter and cutting mat.

We will be doing Show & Tell, so bring something to share! We are enjoying our sewing time together...come and join us!

Contact person: Jackie P.

NOTE: Bee meetings generally take place on the first Friday of the month, same time and place.

## News Items

### Proper Procedures for Reimbursement/Deposit into our Treasury

There are often reasons to request reimbursement from, or deposit to, the guild funds. You may have bought supplies to perform the tasks of your office using your own funds, or you may have collected monies for events the guild is sponsoring. With the upcoming quilt show, there will probably be many guild members who need to either give monies to, or be reimbursed from, our Treasurer Erma H.

No matter what the circumstances, the guild has procedures in place, and it is important that everyone follow the procedures to make sure the guild funds are properly accounted for. If you are new to the guild these are important guidelines for you to know. This also serves as a refresher for the more seasoned members of our group.

If you are giving Erma money to add to the guild coffers, you **MUST** fill out a **Beachplum Receipts** form and secure it with the funds, preferably in an envelope. This receipt tells what the cash or checks were collected for, by whom and when. Erma may have four or five people handing her money at a meeting, so please be considerate that your funds will get accounted for properly.

If you need reimbursement, you **MUST** fill out a **Beachplum Reimbursement Request Form**, and attach any pertinent receipts to the form. This form will make sure the funds are accurately deducted from the correct account of the guild. Please note that reimbursement requests **MUST be made within 30 days** of the expenditure or they will be invalid. The form and receipts can be emailed to Erma.

Erma always has extra copies of the forms with her, and they are available on the website. Erma cannot make exceptions to these procedures so your cooperation is appreciated. If you have any questions please feel free to ask Erma, President Donna D. or Vice President Dona S.

### Beachplum Challenge Quilts

Exciting news! The kits for the 2024 Beachplum Guild CHALLENGE QUILT will be available at the September 15th meeting. The kits are \$5 each and there is a limited number; when they are gone, they are gone. The \$5 fee is payable by cash or check.

Co-chairs Dixie M and Dianne W have packed the kits with items you'll need to make your challenge quilt, along with the instructions. Nobody can open their kit until they are distributed and Dixie says "GO!"

Daytime Bee Members Only: If you are unable to make the Friday Evening meeting, please email Dixie (dixiemoore@me.com) and let her know that you want a kit. Dona S will pick up those kits and take them to the Friday, October 6 Meeting, and collect the money then.

Your 2023-24 membership dues must be paid as of the September 15 meeting in our to purchase a Challenge Quilt kit.

### Block of the Month

June  
Lily and Bonus Blocks



September  
Trellis



There are still a few 2023-24 BoM kits available. Please stop in to Crafty (750 Mantoloking Road, Brick) to purchase one. \$7 cash or a check made out to Beachplum Quilters. Any remaining kits will be sold at the September meeting (but then you'd miss submitting your September block).

Also, 2022-23 BoM winners are encouraged to show their completed quilts at our September meeting for voting.

### Classifieds

Three of our members offer longarm quilting services!

Sherre MacClellan  
SeaGlass Quilting  
Cell: 732-766-0999  
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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!  
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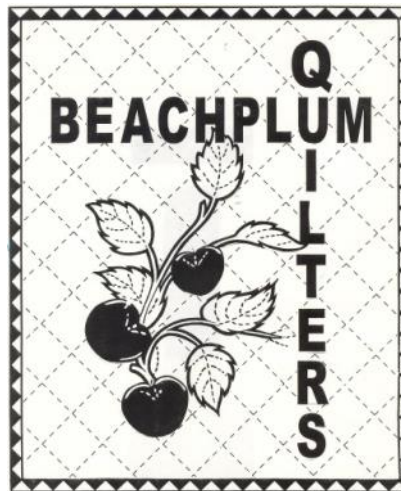
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month September through June at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River, 1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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**OCTOBER 4, 2023**

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

[Marcia\\_guza@yahoo.com](mailto:Marcia_guza@yahoo.com)

### September 2023 MEETING REFRESHMENTS

#### PIZZA PARTY!

Coffee and tea will be provided. Otherwise, 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

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