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President's Message

December is a magical month. In many ways, it takes us back to our childhood through remembrance of special moments. For me those memories include a special movie, the 1951 black and white version of "A Christmas Carol" with Alistair Sim as Ebenezer Scrooge. Every year the entire Toms River Elementary School would go to a special screening of the movie at the Community Theater in Toms River. There was such excitement having time away from school and an outing with friends.

The power of the English language is brought to life with the portrayal by Sim of Scrooge as a man who lives his life of avarice and disdain separated from humanity. Scrooge represents the worst we can become. (Remember this was a time of innocence without the modern penchant for violence.) Through the visits of three ghosts, he learns the true meaning of the season that he must become part of humankind and use his wealth and gifts to help those less fortunate. He transforms himself into the best that he can be.

This story translates across individual beliefs no matter what holiday one celebrates at this time of year. We all need to open our eyes and our hearts and help our neighbors whether they are across the street or across the globe. As we look over the past year, Beachplum Guild has done an amazing job of reaching out to neighbors hurt by Sandy and young girls in Africa. You have opened your hearts and given gifts that are truly without measure.

So this year as I settle into my comfy chair and watch one of my favorite movies, I do so with the knowledge that I have been part of a group that represents the best that we can be.

Whether you celebrate Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, or Christmas, may you create more wonderful memories and know the peace and wonder of the season.

Ellen



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Meetings/Events Calendar 2013- 2014

- Sep 20—Big Show & Tell and Pizza Party
- Oct 18—Chris Lee's Trunk Show
- Nov 15—Round Robin of Quilting Techniques
- Dec 20— Holiday Dinner
- Jan 17, 2014—Quilto
- Feb 21—Jan & Gary Fulton Lecture
- Feb 22—Jane & Gary Fulton Workshop
- Mar 21—Libby Schenewolf Lecture
- Apr 5-6—BPQ Quilt Show
- Apr 18—No meeting
- May 16—Linda Felton's Trunk Show
- Jun 21—Installation Dinner

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

Minutes of November 15

The meeting was called to order: at 6:40 P.M. by President Ellen.

The Space Journal this month went to Mercury, named after Roman god of travel.

The door prizes were won by Sophie K, Nancy M, and Marcia G.

The treasurers report \$6,591.00 was accepted as reported.

The minutes from the October meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

A short discussion of the categories for the show were accepted as written and passed.

Denise spoke about the show raffle baskets, Themes announced were Baking, Beach,

Chocolate Spa, Gardening, and Sewing; donations are requested.

Linda F spoke about the 2015 raffle quilt A scrappy pattern was passed around, after discussion it was decided to use earthtones for this quilt.

BOM was won by Shirley M.

Table three spoke about their quilt history.

Pat L. spoke about raffle ticket sales. A Train Show in February and the Mancuso show in March are the two places left to sell tickets. Volunteers are needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Schoonfield

Following the business meeting, several members presented a round robin of quilting technique demonstrations.

Reminders

- There are some Challenge Kits available for \$3.00.
- Jan & Gary Fulton will be presenting a lecture on Friday, February 21 and a workshop on Saturday, February 22 to make a Moonrise 18 x 24 art quilt with piecing and applique. Kits available for \$40. or a supply list will be available.

Classifieds

Is there something you want to buy, sell, or give away? Did you know that BPQ members can place classified ads (related to quilting) in this newsletter, at no charge? Submit your ad to the editor by the newsletter deadline.

Quilt Show and Raffle

2014 Raffle Quilt

Pat Lundervold has the raffle quilt and tickets. Please call her (732-681-5196) or email (patlundervold@hotmail.com) for more tickets.

Tickets from the first membership sales are due in by December 20.

The Ocean County Historical Society has invited us to sell tickets at their train show on February 15 and 16. This event draws a very good crowd, and while not related to quilts, gives us a chance to show off our Restore the Shore project and raffle quilt. We will need eight people.



The Mancuso Show in NJ will be March 6-9. Please reserve these dates to participate. We need a minimum of sixteen people.

At our February meeting we will plan any additional activity.

Please consider gifting quilt tickets in your Christmas and birthday cards.

Gift Basket Raffle

Guild members are encouraged to donate items to be included in the gift baskets to be raffled at the April Quilt Show and Sale. The themes (and a few suggestions) are as follows:

Baking—tea towels, cookie cutters, spoons, spatulas, pastry brush, special mixes.

Beach—SPF lotion, beach towel, beach toys, guide books, disposable camera.

Chocolate Lovers—Dipped strawberries, assorted candies, fudge sauce, chocolate scented candles, candy dish.

Gardeners—garden tools, bucket, gloves, insect repellent, potting soil, planters.

Spa—Soaps, candles, slippers, robe, soothing music, manicure tools.

Quilting/Sewing—You know what to do here!

Thank you in advance. There will be a box for the donations at each meeting.

Denise DeCarolis and Dona Spencer

Quilt Show Country Store

The Country Store is open for business, that is for collecting items to sell. Clean out your sewing rooms!!! Bring in items you no longer need or just don't want to use anymore.

The fabric that you know you're not going to use but just keeping pushing aside...any notions, rulers, embellishments, books, magazines, kits or stencils. If you have old cutting mats in somewhat decent condition we will take those also.

Bring in those rotary cutters and scissors. We will take quilt tops or blocks that have been packed away that aren't ever going to be used. We will take all items quilt- and sewing-related.

The Country Store will not be asking members to make hand crafted items this year. But, if you do decide on your own to make something, the Country Store will gladly try to sell it. Please provide a price for the item. It is very difficult to put a price on something that someone else has made. The country store does not want to over or under price a hand made item. We realize what goes into making something.

You can bring items to the meeting each month. Debbie Perks will be collecting for the Country Store.



Block of the Month



November Blocks



November Bonus Blocks



December Block



January Block

Show & Tell November 2013

- Ruth S—bird quilt, just like our raffle quilt
- Helen C—butterflies; machine quilted by Linda Victor
- Barbara B—Redwork quilt and cathedral window mini quilt
- Marcia G—Yellow Brick Road quilt for a beach house
- Laurie S—Antique baby quilt from 1920s, for the little quilt auction
- Jane S—Vanilla Stars, gift for daughter-in-law
- Marlene S—tablerunner from Peggy Oppenheimer workshop
- Ann B—Advent Calendar for her nieces
- Sophie K—Christmas gifts, table runner, tree shirt, two charity quilts



Show & Tell, continued



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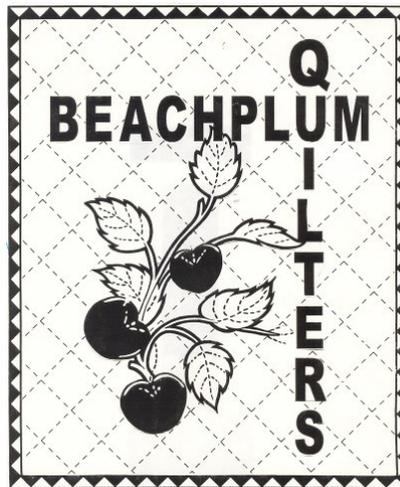
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
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HOLIDAY DINNER—DECEMBER

Please bring a covered dish.

A-D Dessert, Fruit

E-K Rice, Potato, Pasta

L-R Salad/ Vegetable

S-Z Main-Meat, Fish, Meatless



Please remember to bring your coffee mug, plate,
utensils, etc., and to clean up your own dishes after
the meeting.

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 & Tell
- Assigned Refreshments
- **Donation items for Quilt Show**
(see pages 3 & 4)

**Quilt Show Dates:
April 5-6, 2014**