

the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER



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President's Message

Every quilt tells a story. The 4 Patch group from Rebecca Reel Quilt Guild hosted an exhibit at Monmouth University this summer. There were a wide variety of quilts and you could see many interesting perspectives that were being expressed by the quilters. The following are my husband's reflections on visiting the exhibit. By the way, he is an engineer, so his thoughts regarding our church's Signature Quilt that was on display were very interesting.



"WHEN TEXTILES TALK"

A Quilt Exhibit

Monmouth University August 1, 2015

William H. Pearce

An exhibit by two quilt guilds at the Pollack Art Gallery included the SIGNATURE QUILT done by the Manasquan United Methodist Church Quilting Bees.

As we walked in there were several quilts that were interesting, artistic and each had a story unique to its creator.

But midway down the hallway on the left one quilt seemed to shine and demand your attention. At least that is what I saw. I overheard similar quiet comments.

It was the MUMC quilt. Although it was white, the lights seemed to bring radiance to it as well. More so in my eyes than others.

The signatures of members who celebrated 156 years of the church family the year the quilt was created were silently telling a story of faith and community. A story of families and of just short term members, all bonded by the church and God's love.

As I reviewed the names signed onto the blocks of fabric I understood that many are no longer with us and their loved ones, but their stewardship and discipleship live on in new individuals and families who join the family at MUMC.

I was touched by the "God Moment" and realized that maybe it was not just the lights of the display that made the fabric shine. Perhaps it was the joined hearts of the family signatures, their Holy Spirit and faith that energized its radiance.



happy quilting,
jackie

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2015- 2016

- Sep 18—Pizza Party, Caregivers Presentation and Big Show & Tell
- Oct 16— Project Sunway—The History of the Sunbonnet Sue Pattern (Michele McLaughlin)
- Nov 20—Make It & Take It
- Dec 18—Holiday Dinner Ugly Sweater Contest
- Jan 15, 2015—QUILTO
- Feb 19—Trunk Show by Linda Felton
- Mar 18—TBA
- Apr 9-10—BPQ Quilt Show
- May 20—TBA
- Jun 17—Installation Dinner

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

Minutes of June 19, 2015 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, Jackie Pearce @ 6:30 pm. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Treasurer's Report was read by Ann B. – beginning checkbook balance of \$8,273.97, total receipts of \$170.00, total expenses of \$911.50. Final checkbook balance of \$7,532.47.

30th year Celebration – A group photo was taken by Laurie S., we enjoyed a pot luck dinner, and a special cake for dessert. Sophie K. brought some historical items and pictures for everyone to browse through.

Charity Quilts – letters of appreciation were read regarding quilts that have been donated. We donated quilts to: Grace Initiatives, Mary's Place by the Sea, TLC Ministries of Maryland, Providence House, and our Restore the Shore program. Margie F. is looking for associations in which to donate our future charity quilts. Gen V. has made a suggestion of Cystic Fibrosis.

Correspondence – Presbyterian Church received our \$500 donation to the church. We are thankful to have such a nice facility where we can hold our meetings.

Installation of Officers and Chair people:

President	Jackie P.	Fundraising	Pat L.
Vice-President	Linda F.	Hospitality	Mary P.
Treasurer	Ann B.	Membership	Marlene S.
Secretary	Gloria S.	Newsletter Editor	Marcia G.
Block of the Month	Mary Lou G. & Pat M.	Programs	Paula P.
Charity Quilts	Marge F.	Show & Tell	Shirley M.
Communications	Joyce W.	Quilt Show 2016	Ellen H. & Shirley M.
Door Prizes	Debbie P.		

Membership – dues will be increased to \$30 per year. Jackie explained that dues have not been raised in quite some time...the increase is only 50 cents more per meeting. Membership forms are to be filled out @ time of submitting dues to Marlene S. to update our records. Directory to be distributed at the November meeting.

Quilt Show – date is April 9 & 10, 2016. The event is chaired by Ellen H. & Shirley M. Three names were voted on for the show theme (Garden of my Dreams, Garden of Quilts, & My Crazy Quilted Garden). Garden of My Dreams was selected by the members. Volunteers are needed for vendors, door prizes, and Beachplum Fabric Name Tags. The next meeting will be held at Ellen's house @ 6:30 pm on July 10, 2015.

Fundraising – Pat L. is looking for venues to sell our raffle quilt tickets. We will sell tickets at the Mancuso Show next March. Mouse Creek Quilt Shop has generously volunteered to sponsor our Raffle Ticket printing. Stop in and tell Claire how much we all appreciate her help.

Programs – Paula P. is working on programs for 2015-2016. A Fashion Show is being planned. Start sewing your wearable art.

Sewing for Barbara Day - Pat L. is organizing a sewing day to help complete some of Barbara's unfinished projects. Some of the quilts will go to her family and others will be donated to charity. The date is July 13 and will be held at Allaire State Park. All are welcome.

Block of the Month – Kits for next year are \$9 each. September block is purple. There will be a second drawing each month for a fat quarter that can be used for the next month's block. Ann B. won the drawing for June

Events – Monmouth University "When Textiles Talk" is a quilting exhibit held at the Pollak Gallery from July 8th to August 21st. This exhibit includes quilts from Rebecca Reel Quilt Guild and Beachplum Quilt Guild. Mary's Place by the Sea will hold a fundraiser on Oct. 3, 2015 in Asbury Park. You may check their website for more information.

Charity Prizes – A special Charity Quilt prize was made by Rich H. (Ellen H.'s husband) It is a beautiful miniature quilt rack. Members who made charity quilts throughout the year were eligible for the drawing. Jane S. won for this year. Also a gift certificate was awarded to Marcia G. for all the long arm quilting she has done on charity quilts this year. Thank you so much Marcia!!

Quilt Card Prize – Nineteen people qualified for the quilt card drawing. The prizes are gift certificates to Mousecreek Quilt Shop. The gift cards are good for all fabrics, books & patterns, classes, and long arm quilting. Winners are: 1st Place is Sophie K., 2nd Place is Ann B., 3rd Place is JoAnn M.

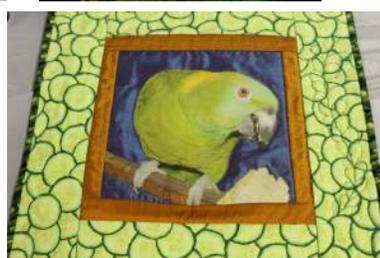
Respectfully Submitted by:

Gloria S.

Recording Secretary

Show & Tell June 2015

- Gen V—quilt album
- Gen V—sunporch, disappearing 9-patch
- Joyce —challenge quilt from Manchester Library group
- Sophie K—child charity quilt
- Chris L—sampler quilt
- Laurie S—wallhanging photo of Ollie Bird
- Minabess R—baby quilt



Membership Dues

It is time to renew our membership dues for the guild. Marlene, our Membership Chair, will collect your dues at the September meeting (a special thank you to those who paid in June). Our dues have been at \$25 for quite a while. The Executive Board has voted to raise the dues to \$30. It is not a significant increase.....only 50 cents more per meeting. Our guild has so much to offer with speakers, workshops, and the upcoming quilt show. The quilting fellowship we enjoy with each other is one of the priceless aspects of our guild. So come prepared....you can make your check out to "Beachplum Quilters". We are also asking everyone to fill out a new membership form so we can update our directory. Forms will be available at the meetings. Or you can download the form on our website if you would like to do your membership by mail (Marlene's address is on the form).

Invite a friend to join in the fun!

**Late-breaking newsflash!
Our raffle quilt is featured on the
cover of The Quilt Shop Navigator!**



Programs

September 18, 2015—Pizza, Caregivers Presentation, big Show and Tell. (Speed Dating postponed to a later date)

October 16, 2015—Project Sunway

Michelle McLaughlin from Allentown, PA will present a lecture and trunk show entitled “The History of the Sunbonnet Sue Pattern.” Do you have a quilt showcasing Sue (or Overall Bill)? If so, bring it (them) to our October Meeting. If not, perhaps this could be a summer project?

November 20, 2015—Make it and take it project.—Back by popular demand

December 18, 2015—Potluck Supper and Socializing

Wear your party pants again! And, your ugliest sweater/sweatshirt. Mmm mmm good.

January 15, 2016—QUILTO—Everyone’s favorite game (prizes I mean)

Feb. 19, 2016—Trunk Show by Linda Felton

March 18, 2016—Under construction

April 9 & 10—Quilt Show (no April guild meeting)

May 20, 2016—Under construction

June 17, 2016—Installation of Officers and Dinner

Submitted by Paula Patri



Thank you, Laurie S, for taking this photo of our members at the June meeting.

NQA Dissolution



Dear Friends and Members of NQA,

At a special meeting of the NQA Board of Directors held August 18, 2015, the Board celebrated NQA's 46 years of achievements and successes. However, when looking toward the future, the Board has determined that NQA has had its season and by unanimous vote the Board of Directors voted to dissolve the National Quilting Association, Inc.

All this may sound like a sudden turn of events, but we assure you it's not sudden, as the warning signs have been there for nearly 10 years. The steady decline in show attendance, consistent decrease in membership, lack of contingency planning and dwindling operational funds made this a clear but difficult decision. The current Board has worked tirelessly to find alternatives to keep NQA solvent and sustainable into the future, however our efforts did not result in a partnership with another quilting organization or adoption of our programs as we had hoped.

NQA can measure its successes through the fostering of other quilt organizations and quilt shows, establishing criteria for excellence in quilt making, establishing a Masterpiece Quilt designation, professionalizing the role of the quilt judge and quilt teacher, offering grants to communities to fund quilt related projects and originating the National Day of Quilting. NQA is considered a leader in the quilting world and there is much to be proud of.

You may be filled with a variety of emotions – sorrow, concern, anger, bewilderment, and grief. All those are legitimate and we hope you will accept these facts and understand all efforts were made to keep NQA viable. It's a time for decisiveness, clarity, and conviction. The NQA Board of Directors wishes to thank all of our faithful members and supporters who have done remarkable work together over the years. We all should feel a sense of pride and completion.

Moving forward the Board is working to arrange transfer of our memberships to another national quilting association. Alternatives for management of our programs are still being researched. Watch for more news on this later.

You can help make this transition easier for NQA by being optimistic about the future and grateful for the wonderful experiences and friendships created because of NQA. We wish you all the very best as you continue those friendships and in all of your quilting endeavors.

Sincerely,
Marcel Miller

Ruth Felipe, former vice president of our guild, recently had knee surgery. You may send her get well cards at: 2954 Springwater Court, Toms River, NJ 08755.

Charity Quilts

Welcome back! I hope you're all rested and ready for quilt season. I know I am. Enough of the hot and sticky: time for the warm and fuzzy.

Our first charity workshop for the year will be Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 to 3:00. We have quilt kits, including patterns, ready for you. Just bring your machine, sewing tools, and a smile. We will meet at Manasquan United Methodist Church (where we have the Bee workshops – see the directions below). Bring a lunch. Kitchen facilities are available.

Thanks to all of you who offered ideas for giving our quilts homes. I have received positive, grateful responses from K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Ronald McDonald House, and Providence House. These will be our primary recipients for the upcoming year. I also reached out to Habitat for Humanity and Redeem Her, an organization which helps former inmates find jobs and housing, but haven't heard from them yet. Also, please make me aware if you know of an organization that is in need of an auction/ raffle quilt. We have one in the works for the Cystic Fibrosis dinner coming up in November.

Thanks for all you do to make our guild a success.

Happy quilting!

Marge Frazee

732-223-9238 Or 732-822-0908

email: mfrazee50@aol.com

Directions:

Manasquan United Methodist Church

70 South Street, Manasquan

Route 70 (north)

Route 70 turns into Route 35, continue on Route 35 north

Turn **Right** onto Lakewood Road (first traffic light)

Stay on Lakewood Road until next traffic light (.8 mile)

Turn **Left** onto South Street at light

Church is one block, on the left side. It is the church with the large white pillars on the front porch (the Presbyterian Church is across the street)

Parking lot entrance is before the church building

Entrance to the church is at the back of the building

First door is labeled "Office"...continue a few more feet, there is a sidewalk up to a glass door (it is a ramp to allow easy access with your sewing machine) - that is the entrance to Fellowship Hall which is where we will be meeting.

Sewing for Barbara Day

One of our members, Barbara Bendinsky, passed away last spring. She had a love of quilting and enjoyed our guild as well as the Allaire Bog Iron Quilters. There were several unfinished quilts and projects at Barbara's home. Pat L. organized a "Sewing for Barbara Day". It was held at Allaire State Park on July 13th and members from both guilds participated. The special quilts will be given to Barbara's family. Other quilts will become charity quilts and the smaller items will be added to the Allaire Auxiliary quilter's table. Thank you to all of those who gave their time and quilting skills to help Barbara's family have some very special keepsakes.

Quilt Show - April 9-10 2016**September News Release**

Once again, we are planning and looking forward to our 2016 quilt show entitled "Garden of My Dreams" on April 9 & 10. Quilts are to be turned in at the Elks on April 6, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The quilts will be judged on April 7. The show will be set up on April 8 and taken down on April 10.

The admission fee will be \$8.00 per day. Volunteers who work a minimum of four hours will receive free admission both days. We are asking all volunteers to wear name tags. Karen Dever will be appraising quilts on Saturday by appointment or walk-in and on Sunday by appointment only. Her fees are \$50.00 for a written appraisal and \$40.00 for a verbal.

The show judge will be Sandra Dorrbecker, NQA certified. Quilt registration will begin in January and end on March 18, 2016. All quilts must have a sleeve that is no more than 90 inches from the bottom of the quilt. This will prevent quilts from dragging on the floor.

Attention Beachplum Members

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. 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. Also, if you do decide to make something please let the Country Store know whether or not you would like your handmade items back if they do not sell.

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

2016 Beachplum Quilt Show Challenge

You're invited to join the fun and creative journey of our challenge.

The challenge will appeal to everyone no matter the skill level or experience.

This year's theme will be "**Creative Garden Challenge**".

The most important part of the challenge is to have FUN!

Rita R. and Jo Ann M will have challenge bags available for \$4.00. In the bag is the Challenge Fabric, a picture for your "special" challenge addition, the rules and guidelines. You can make anything you like (only one entry per Beachplum Guild member), within the parameters of the rules. Deadline to turn in your finished Challenge Quilt is at our March, 2016 Meeting. During the meeting they will be voted on and awards/prizes will be presented. The quilts will be displayed at the April 2016 Beachplum show in a special display.

Beachplum Fundraising News

On Sunday, Sept. 13th, Beachplum Quilters will begin sales of raffle tickets for Our beautiful "Garden of my Dreams" 2015-2016 Raffle Quilt. The Beach Plum Festival at Island Beach State Park (pavilion 1) will be from 9 am to 4 pm. We have small items for sale and information about our guild. We hope to attract new members and have a great ticket sale day.

On Saturday, Oct. 17th, Beachplum members will sell raffle tickets and small items at the Toms River Harvest Arts Festival which is held on Washington Ave. from 8 am to 5 pm. Three people are needed for each of 3 shifts which are 8 am to 11 am, 11 am to 2 pm, and 2 pm to 5 pm. Please call Pat L. and/or sign up at the Sept. 18th meeting.

In early December we plan to do a large Christmas Craft show which permits a raffle quilt. Your suggestions for a venue will be helpful. Pat asks that you check to see if a raffle quilt would be permitted.

We plan to do the Mancuso Somerset Show at the end of February as well. We will ask members to white glove and "woman" our booth. Choose the event which is best for you. We will need about 50 participants to make these sales successful. Let's make a big effort this year and rest next year (there will not be a 2017 raffle quilt).

At the Bee meeting on Sept. 3rd and at the general meeting on Sept. 18th, members will pick up raffle ticket books which they are asked to sell. Please see Pat for your tickets at the beginning of each meeting.



Special Thank You

Our guild was contacted by a gentleman, Joe Soltes, whose wife recently passed. He wanted to donate quilting items for us to use for our charity work. When I visited their home, I could tell that Connie truly loved her quilting. She had a nice sewing place in their home. There was a bookcase filled with books and magazines. And many baskets were filled with fabric and sewing notions. You could feel how happy she was surrounded by things she loved.

As fellow quilters, we will be able to use the items that have been donated and pass it forward to others. Our charity quilts will be able to touch other people's lives. Thank you Joe for sharing Connie's special love of quilting with us.

Classifieds

Classified: For Sale

Elna Sewing Machine Excellence 760
Three years old (just serviced) (very good condition)
Purchased at Quilting Possibilities

Contact: Joe Soltes (732-244-1074 or 732-581-2710)

Classified: For Sale

Q Snap Floor Model Quilting Frame. No-tool assembly, white tubing, 32" or 64". Basic frame plus extension (doubles the size). When taken apart it fits into 2 flat storage boxes. Can be used for basting, quilting or tying.

For pictures and more info, go to <http://www.qsnap.com/>

Price when new: \$150---Sale price \$50 Contact Mary Lou Gill.

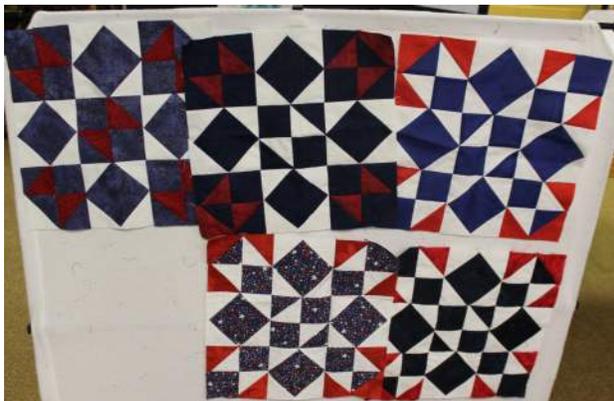
Classified: For Sale

Singer sewing machine about 5 years old, all attachments included. Retro looking (black). \$100. Contact Jane S.

Classified:

I am now accepting long arm quilting projects. Edge-to-edge only. Competitive rates, relatively fast turn-around. Call or email me (Marcia, 732-610-4282, Marcia_guza@yahoo.com) or call Diane at Crafty Fabrics in Brick, 732-920-6220 for more information. Refer to "How to prepare your quilt for a longarmer" on the Beachplum Quilters website.

Block of the Month



June 2015



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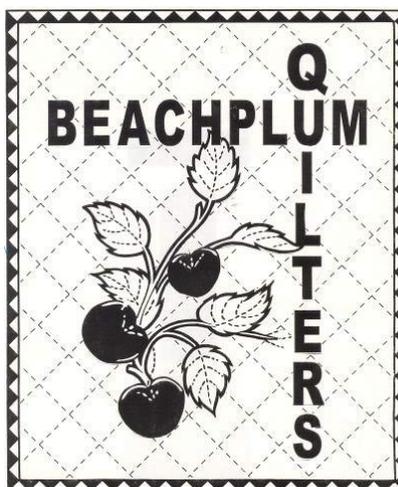
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
the Presbyterian Church of Toms River,
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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(vacant)

SEPTEMBER MEETING REFRESHMENTS

PIZZA, coffee and tea will be provided. Otherwise, bring your own beverage.



Assignments for additional refreshments are as follows:

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

Everyone else can participate if desired. 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
- Block of the Month
- Coffee mug, plate
- Show & Tell
- Assigned refreshments
- Donations of personal care items

Quilt Show Date:

April 9-10 2016