



# the BEACHPLUM SAMPLER

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## **President's Holiday Message:**

Wow! Thanksgiving has come and gone and the winter holidays are right around the corner. The eternal question "Where does the time go?" is particularly relevant at this time of year. If I allowed myself to really get caught up in all the activities I could surely raise my blood pressure a few notches or at least hyperventilate a bit. In speaking with some members, they have a monumental list of "Things to do". So ..... let's take a deep breath and try to relax before we surge forward with upcoming projects whether they are fabric or sugar inspired.

Remember that even with our hectic schedules there is respite. Our Guild meetings provide us with some much needed relaxation. They allow us to be with friends, enjoy sinfully delicious desserts and bask in "Quilt Talk". In order for the meetings to be successful, we rely on the members. Each member contributes by attending meetings and being involved. Without each of you, there is no Guild.

The success of our Guild was very evident at our November meeting. It was wonderful to see everyone laughing and chatting with each other and definitely oohing and aahing over the quilts. The speaker, Cheryl Lynch, was inspiring and she was so impressed with our group that she talked about us on her blog.

In order for those successes to continue, each member needs to make some contribution of time and energy to our activities. The upcoming months look like a lot of fun so let's all join together and keep our Guild strong. For everyone, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for all your hard work. Ellen W. Hyers

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## **Meetings/Events Calendar 2011 -2012**

- \* Sept 16- Welcome Back Pizza Party
- \* Oct 21- Peggy Oppenheimer, "Precision Piecing" using Judy Barrows ruler
- \* Oct 22nd Workshop w/ Peggy
- \* Nov 18-Cheryl Lynch "Quilt Fiesta"
- \* Nov 19-Cheryl Lynch Workshop
- \* Dec 16-Holiday Party
- \* Jan 20, 2012-Quilto; and Crafting Ornaments for Country Store/Marcia, Marlene
- \* Feb 17-Crafting for Country Store
- \* Mar 16-Jeannie Campbell "Bargello"
- \* Mar 18, Sun.- Sashiko Workshop
- \* Apr 13, 2012 Our Show Set-up
- \* Apr 14-15, 2012 BP Quilt Show
- \* Apr 20- Tea Social
- \* May 18-Trish Hodge "BatikTextiles"
- \* May 19-Trish Hodge Workshop
- \* Jun 15-Installation Dinner

Underlined Dates denote a guild meeting

**Show N Tell November 2011**

- Ruth Skinner- Smokey River by machine
- Ellen Hyers- Never Ending jacket
- Ruth Felipe- Block of the Month from 2 yrs ago, pillow cases; pillow filled with scraps
- Judy Richtmeyer- Stars Mystery
- Rita Russo- Nancy's Witches block Halloween Table Runner, pieced & by machine
- Janet Peterson- 1. Ohio Star Beachplum workshop w/ P. Oppenheimer; 2. Henrietta's Whiskers all applique fall wall hanging; 3. Montana Wildlife quilt, pieced
- Ann Bergstedt- 1. Ohio Star Beachplum workshop-Top; 2. Lightning Streak-Pink 30's top; 3. 2 Teddy Bear 4-patch baby quilt tops
- Nancy Degen- Redwork baby quilt for Daisy
- Jane Schoonfield- my own design baby quilt, quilted by machine for a friend having her 1st baby
- Nancy Woods- Fall leaf runner
- Carol Beggans- 1. Wounded Warrior quilt top; 2. Hawaiian fabrics quilt; 3. Batik wall hanging



Show N Tell:  
Ruth F.,  
Cheryl Lynch,  
Ruth S.  
Cheryl's Trunk  
Show Quilts





**Minutes of November 18, 2011:**

The meeting was called to order by the President Ellen. Several guests were introduced. We hope they will become members. See Marlene S. for membership cards and directories. Debbie said we need more handicrafts for the country store. Ellen showed easily made mice tape measures. Laurie said there will be patterns on our website for some crafts. The February meeting will be a workshop to make crafts for the Country Store.

Minutes were accepted after a first by Chris L. and a second by Dona S.

Treasurer's report: beginning balance 7,304.71 plus receipts of 1,536.00 and disbursements of 764.47 for a new balance of 8,076.24.

The block of the month was won by Ruth F. Next month will be an angel block.

Door prizes were won by Rita R., Linda F., and Connie S.

Ellen thanked those who showed up for the charity quilt workshop this month. All fabrics are now in kits which include all the fabric needed to complete the quilt (backing and binding) except for batting and patterns. Please take a kit. You will receive an extra sticker in your passport if you complete one. Charity quilts were shown by Jackie P., Ruth S., Laurie S., and Ellen H. (with a matching pillowcase).

Show and tell was wonderful, as usual, showcasing the numerous talents of our members.

One quilt was for the Wounded Warrior project. The quilts are put on the stretchers of wounded servicemen. The project is in need of 48 X 78 tops with 60X 90 backing, no batting. They will be sent to long armers who finish them for the soldiers.

Another group looking for quilts for returning soldiers is the Quilts of Valor Foundation. More information is available on their website [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org).

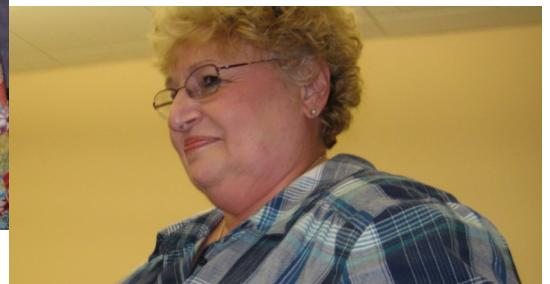
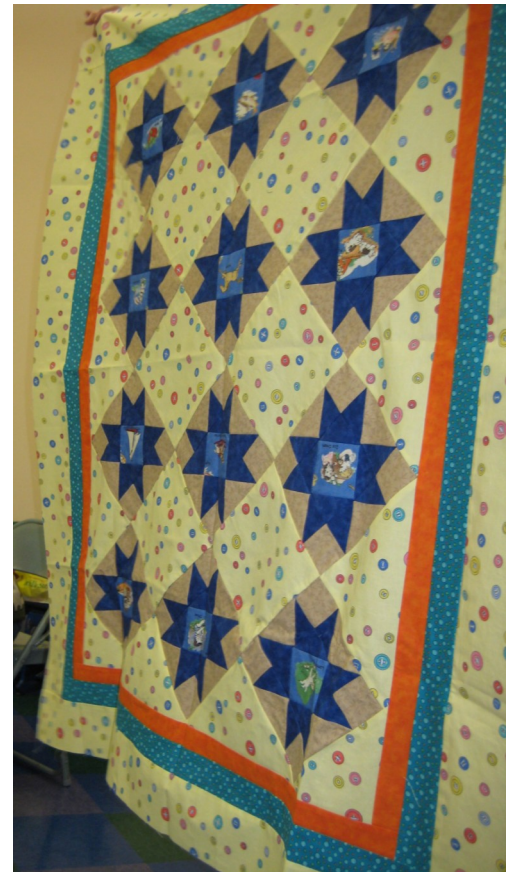
Genny V. mentioned good quilt shops she and Nancy D. visited on their trip back from NC. If you're in the area, stop in at Serendipity Quilt Shop in Dagsboro, DE, or Sarah's Thimble on the eastern shore of VA.

Our speaker, Cheryl Lynch, showed slides of her quilt inspirations from Mexican tiles seen during her travels. Her workshop on Saturday will be machine applique.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Moramarco  
Recording Secretary

**Merry Christmas**





November Show N Tell





11/19/11  
Cheryl Lynch  
Workshop on  
Applique  
Techniques







Cheryl Lynch's Quilt Details—Taken @  
the workshop 11/19/11



**SAVE the DATE by Genny**

The Spring Luncheon date, April 6, 2013, is set. We have reserved a "Room with a View" at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant, NJ. We will again, enjoy a feast, fellowship and a fabulous speaker!

**Charity Quilts by Ellen**

We had our first charity "sew in" of the year on November 10, 2011 at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River. It was a very foggy day but Jackie P., Rita R., Mary P., Shirley M., and Laurie S. braved the weather and joined me. We made quilt kits that include a pattern, fabric for the top, backing, and binding and can make a complete quilt. The kits and batting are available at Crafty Fabric. Future dates are being planned so that each member may participate.

**2012 Quilt Show News:**

Look for patterns on our website to make items for the Country Store. We will explain the patterns at the February meeting. Continue to make your own small items for the Country Store to sell. Ask Ruth F. for Raffle Tickets to give as Christmas gifts this holiday season: [ruthfelipe@aol.com](mailto:ruthfelipe@aol.com)

**Registration** of show quilts will be explained at the Feb. meeting. Forms are available **now** online. The deadline for registration will be March 1st, 2012. **You can fill out and submit forms as soon as you like.** Even though the rules state that you can only register 2 quilts, there is a lot of flexibility; you may enter more quilts if we are short of our 100. We encourage everyone to enter at least 2

If you are new to the guild, we will need help at our quilt show to set up and work around the show. Send Laurie an e-mail if you have questions: [lv schnitzer@comcast.net](mailto:lv schnitzer@comcast.net)

**For the January Program (Folded Ornaments)**

There will be 25 kits available for the January Program. The kits make a Log Cabin Ornament. You can either use one of the kits already made or make one up yourself using the patterns in the November Newsletter for fabric requirements. Please bring a small iron with you if you have one and also bring a glue stick (acid free). If you have any questions email me at [MRS Latte@comcast.net](mailto:MRS Latte@comcast.net). Thanks - Marlene

**Free to good home:** In going through my quilting items, I have the following software with accompanying books: EQ4 with 2 books, EQ5 with 2 books, Barbara Brackman's Block Base with 1 book and Stash 2000 which is great for playing with color schemes. If you are interested in any of the above, please email me at [carin.l.krafft@comcast.net](mailto:carin.l.krafft@comcast.net) Thank you! **Carin**

'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Quilters' Version (author unknown)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,

The only one sleeping was a Quilter's dear spouse  
The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,  
"Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter repeated.  
"Then I can hang them and head off to finish  
the pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish  
For something quilted to put on her couch",  
as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter said, "Ouch!"

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,  
She sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.  
Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,  
Wondering just what was happening and who she would blame.  
When what to her wandering eyes should appear,  
But Old Mrs. Claus and her bag of quilt-gear...  
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,  
She directed and pointed and called them by name.  
"Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,  
The Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.  
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall,  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be called),  
"There really is no need to worry at all.  
Your projects will all be completed this night,  
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright."  
"Sit down. Have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.  
My friends and I've come a long way to help thee."  
She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did,  
In fact she quite feared that she'd near flipped her lid!  
But the flash of the needles and the twist of the thread  
Soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.  
They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing.  
How the work went so quickly she had no way of knowing.

The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!  
This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.  
They finished the pillows, then started to quilt.  
Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built!  
Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,  
And she knew they'd need help on this night most of all  
So she said to our quilter, "Just move over dear,  
I've brought my own needle. We'll get done, never fear.  
I told dear old Santa about what quilters do.  
How they plan all these projects but have other work too.  
So he taught me his magic for doing things fast.  
There, that pillow's done. Now this is the last."

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps  
And chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps.  
As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming  
Dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming.  
"Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!"





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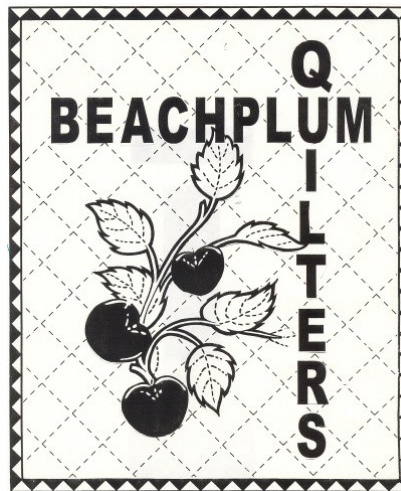
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of  
each month September through June at  
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### Deadline for the next newsletter is

December 28th, 2011

E-Mail your news using Arial font to

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### PARTY REFRESHMENTS

December—Please bring a covered dish.

A-D Rice, Potato, Pasta

E-K Salad/ Vegetable

L-R Main-Meat, Fish, Meatless

S-Z Dessert, Fruit

Please remember to clean up your own dishes  
after the meeting.

Please be as generous as you can, bringing in  
food pantry items—Children are hungry and  
families are struggling...G\_d Bless You!

### NEXT MTG CHECKLIST

- Name Tag
- Canned Items for the Church Food Pantry
- Block of the Month
- Coffee Mug, Plate, Utensils, Appetite
- Show N Tell
- Assigned Refreshments-Holiday Party !!!
- List of Country Store items you are donating with your name and phone # Give to Debbie Perks, Country Store Chair.

