

# the BEACHPLUM MARCH SAMPLER

The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore



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## President's Message

The Luncheon Challenge Quilts are due at the regular Friday, March 17 meeting! Info on submitting your quilts went out in an email in February and is in this newsletter. Where did the time go? That evening we will hear the fascinating story of Eliza Hardy Jones and her Song Quilts. And on Saturday, 3/18, we will be having a Zoom Sit 'N Sew. Log on info will be emailed to everyone about a week before.

The first daytime Bee meeting has already happened, and it was a good start for this endeavor! A big Thank You to Jackie P. for arranging the details and making sure the meeting was a success! Her report on the meeting is in this newsletter, accompanied by the "show and tell" photos Ann B. took (Thank You to you too, Ann). The next meeting is Friday, April 7th, and plans are to work on Charity Quilts. If you are free that day from 1:00 to 3:30, definitely stop in and join the group. As April 7th is Good Friday, Jackie confirmed with the Church Pastor that the Church would be available for us to use and it is.

A new "All-Star Sampler Platter" webcast will be presented Sat./Sun. May 6 & 7. A sign up sheet will be at the March meeting. The guild pays for 50 seats so you get all the info for free, as long as you sign up. I know six hours is a chunk of time, but you have a few days to fit it all in, and I think it is one of the best learning opportunities you can get.

PLEASE remember to wear your name badges to our meetings. Starting in March, you will be "fined" if you don't have one on. If you don't want to "find" out how much that will cost you, wear your name tag!

Donna :-)

No regular meeting in April  
and  
no April Newsletter

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## Meetings/Events Calendar 2022-2023

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

9/11/22 – Sunday Beachplum Festival at Island State Park  
Sept 16, 2022 – Pineneedlers mini trunk show; Block of the Month Completed Quilts Showcase; Budget Voting

10/21/22– Eleanor Levie Lecture; Winter Placemats  
10/22/22—Eleanor Levie Workshop

11/18/22– Holiday Craft  
11/19/22—Zoom Sit & Sew

12/16/22- Dianne Werner Trunk Show; Pot Luck Dinner

1/20/23– Quilto  
1/21/23—Quilters Estate Sale

2/17/23– Maria Sendzik Lecture; Spring Placemats  
2/18/2023—Maria Sendzik Workshop

3/17/23– Eliza Hardy Jones Lecture  
3/18/23—Zoom Sit & Sew

4/22/23– Luncheon. No regular meeting  
No April Newsletter

5/19/23– Kim Gimblette Lecture  
5/20/23—Kim Gimblette Workshop

6/16/23– Debbie Welch Lecture; Finale – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo, Installation of new Board

### Minutes of February 17, 2023 Meeting

President Donna D. welcomed the assembly at 6:30 p.m. She was going to move quickly so we could get to the evening's guest speaker, Maria Sendzik.

Donna asked if there were any guests present and Deborah K. was recognized. Donna stated she thought there were going to be two more guests this evening, but it turned out they are now new members, Sofia R. and Maritza C. January birthdays were asked to stand so people could put names with faces:  
Diane W., Janice W., Sherre M., Ann B., Kristin A. and Jeannette M.

There was a correction to the published January meeting minutes. The date of our Estate Sale was January 21, not January 24<sup>th</sup>. Donna asked if there were any other errors or omissions to the minutes of the January meeting, as published. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the January minutes as amended. Said motion made by Mary Lou G. and seconded by Kathy M. Motion carried with a show of hands.

Thank You to everyone who helped make the Estate Sale a huge success. Donna had sent a flyer to other guilds, Sue B. and Griffin K. did some last minute social media posting. Beachplum had given fabric to two (2) representatives of "Dress a Girl Around the World" and to the "Chelsea Senior Living in Brick" for their activities. A donation was made to the TRPC for the use of the room and made a donation to "Fulfill" in Shirley M's memory. The storage unit was cleaned out and at the end we raised \$3,762.00 for our Guild. Thank you again to everyone who helped and participated.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** In Erma's absence Donna read the Treasurer's report prepared by Erma, with an ending balance of \$21,779.72. Motion to approve Richard L. and seconded by Mary P. Motion carried and approved. The "Ocean County Artist's Guild" sponsored "Fabrics in February Show" and our very own Dianne W. had taken first place with her entry "Purple Cow" quilt. Congratulations Dianne on a job well done.

**BEE MEETING:** The first meeting of the Daytime Bee/Workshop group will be Friday, March 3, 2023. The Day/Bee meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jackie P. has secured the Manasquan United Methodist Church as a meeting location. The March meeting is no charge, and if we go ahead attendees will pay Guild dues as of April 7, 2023, if they are not already Guild members.

There is an "All Star Sampler Platter YouTube" broadcast Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Sign Up sheet in front of the room for the next few meetings. The Guild pays for it, so take advantage. You're in the comfort of your home, and have a couple of days to watch and you can learn so much.

The New Jersey Shore Modern Quilt Guild is having a quilt raffle and Sherre M. has tickets. Also, they will have an exhibit at the Belmar Arts Council running through March 11, 2023.

**LUNCHEON:** The cut-off date reserving a seat is **April 6, 2023**. I will take additional reservations at the March meeting. If you are not present you can contact me directly and I'll follow thru and either mail your invitation or place on hold at the entrance table with your name.

**CHALLENGE QUILTS:** Remember all the Challenge Quilts must be turned in at the March meeting. Dixie had spoken regarding the procedure for the drop-off of the quilts. Dixie requested was to use **SAFETY PINS ONLY**. To have all necessary information on the Challenge Quilts please see the January 2023 Newsletter on Page 4, and an email sent out on February 26, 2023, will contain said information along with a copy of the Registration Form. If you have filled out the original form there isn't any need to redo it.

**QUILT SHOW 2024:** It was stated that I, Gloria S. will be the new Chair for up and coming Quilt Show 2024. I'm hoping to announce my Co-Chair by the March meeting. I'm in the process of doing some of the preliminary work and will follow-up at our next meeting.

**PROGRAMS:** Dina N. announced our Guest Speaker, Maria Sendzik, followed by a joyous round of applause. Maria's Workshop on the Kira quilt will take place the following Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Maria's beginnings in quilting started with her Mother-In-Law's teaching and direction and has been quilting for the past 33 years. Maria is a successful author, speaker and teacher. She is a Stack & Whack expert and offers tips and techniques so each person can follow making quilting an enjoyable experience. And let's not forget Maria always brings an absolutely delicious desert to all of the Workshops. Maria had worked all over and now teaches exclusively at Crafty Fabrics, Mouse Creek and Joann's. Besides entertaining us with her wit she leaves a room resonating with laughter. After Maria's husband had passed she had saved his shirts (all flannel) and when the time had come she had made a quilt in his Memory, to cherish forever.

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### Minutes of February 17, 2023 Meeting (continued from previous page)

Dina had stated the Placemats would continue for the next season for Meals-On- Wheels with a Patriotic theme. She had reminded everyone that it has to be generic without any Religious connotation. You may enter a many placemats as you wish. The winners of all the beautiful Placemats turned in are: Ann B., Kit W., and Dianne W. Congratulations ladies.

Our March meeting Guest Speaker will be, Eliza Hardy Jones. Eliza interviews women from other countries and from their folksongs she transforms them into quilts. She has traveled across the US and Northwest Russia.

**CHARITY QUILTS:** Carol & Juanita has stated that 10 quilts were donated to Project Linus. They were informed there is a shortage of quilts especially for children in their Teens'. Also, we are without any quilts at this point in time to donate.

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:** Congratulation to the winner of "February's Heart" quilts was Jane S.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Our three winners are Toni G., Janet P, and Carol K.

**SHOW & TELL:** All of our members that participated continue to show their expertise and how we are all growing in our craft and will continue with encouragement from all.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Gloria Squicciarini, Recording Secretary

### **Beachplum Quilters' Challenge**

Just a reminder that your "Art That Inspires Me" quilted piece must be submitted at the next Beachplum quilt meeting, Friday, March 17.

Some of you may have already filled out the registration and story forms that can be found on our website under Quilt Show, 2022. Our president Donna has kindly created a more streamlined form. Please take advantage of this shorter form. It will give you all the information you need to submit your quilted entry. Not to worry, though, if you have already completed the online forms under Quilt Show 2022. They will also be accepted as part of your entry.

As for attaching the "inspiration art," (no bigger than 8.5"x11") the neatest and easiest way to do this as you prepare your entry is to pin the art to the bottom right of the front of your challenge piece. I suggest using a few long pins. This will make it easy for you to fold the inspiration art up over the entry so nothing gets wrinkled in the pillowcase.

**Your entry must be in a pillowcase or fabric envelope (no plastic bags will be accepted). Please put your name, phone number, and entry name on a piece of paper and pin it (safety pins, please) to the outside of the case. INSIDE the pillowcase will be your quilt, the registration form with story card, and the "inspiration art" printout.**

We wish you smooth sailing as you complete your entry or wrap up the paperwork in this 2023 Challenge!

Prizes : Mouse Creek Quilts Gift Certificates: 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$50 and 3rd-\$25. Ribbons, of course.

Can't wait to display members' quilts at our much anticipated luncheon.

Thanks!  
Dixie M

### Beachplum Daytime Bee Meetings

We will be meeting on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 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 April meeting, we will be making a group charity quilt using small pieces of fabric left over from the Estate Sale. Bring your sewing machine and usual sewing tools....beige thread, scissors, rotary cutter and cutting mats. Also, bring a 6-1/2 x 6-1/2" square ruler, if you have one.

We will be doing Show and Tell so bring something to share! We had a nice time at our first meeting...come and join us!

Contact person: Jackie P.

### Charity Quilts

As a reminder, you may give your prepared charity quilt top, along with appropriately sized backing, to one of our volunteer longarmers, Marcia G or Emilie S, for quilting. (Yay, thank you Emilie for offering to do these.) The guild supplies batting.

If the backing needs to be pieced, it must be sewn and trimmed before longarming. Quilt top and backing should be pressed before submission. Backing must be four inches larger than the top on all sides, so a total of 8" wider and 8" longer. This is for loading on the longarm frame. For more hints on preparing your quilt for a longarmer, scroll down our website for an article.

Sometimes the guild has charity quilt "kits" and backing that can be used. Please check with Carol C and Juanita G to see what's available.

You may drop your quilt tops and backing at Crafty Fabrics, or bring them to a meeting. Be sure to include your name, email address, and phone number so you can be contacted when they are ready for pickup. You will then bind the quilt and give it to Carol and Juanita for distribution.

**Note that these free longarming services are only for quilts distributed through the guild's charity quilt program (not for personal charities).**

### Show & Tell February 17, 2023

Richard L—four quilts  
 Sherre M—five quilts  
 Dianne W—TP rolls wall hanging  
 Kit D—table runner, table topper, sunflower bag, card holder  
 Jane S—braided rug  
 Cathy S—farm animal charity quilt  
 Sophie K—charity quilt from scraps  
 Carol C—lap quilt: Bermuda sunrise  
 Jackie P—snowman wall hanging  
 Mary Lou G—blue and white lap quilt

Link on website (Newsletter section) for photos.  
 There is also a link to photos from the Bee Meeting.

## Block of the Month

February  
Ombre Heart



March  
It's not easy being green



## Charity Quilts—Placemats

In February we collected 99 placemats with the spring theme, to be distributed with Meals on Wheels. Thank you to all who participated!

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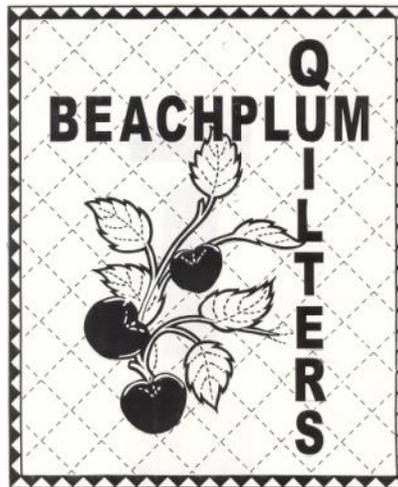
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month September through June at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River, 1070 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753

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MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

**MAY 4, 2023**

E-Mail your news in a Word document (not PDF)

using Arial font to

**Marcia\_guza@yahoo.com**

**March 2023**

**MEETING REFRESHMENTS**

Members are welcome to bring treats, if desired.

Coffee and tea will be provided. Otherwise, please 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
- Challenge quilts

**Luncheon—April 22, 2023**

**Next BPQ Quilt Show—April 2024**