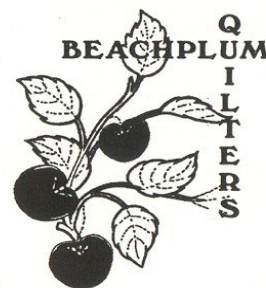


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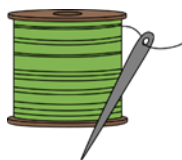
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President's Message

During this time of year, our thoughts turn to those things we are thankful for in our lives. My family is always at the top of the list, and there are so many other things that I can add. But there is one aspect of my life that I would like to reflect on. And that is how very thankful I am for the gift of my sewing. It truly is a blessing to have quilting in my life. It is my "therapy". Quilting brings a sense of "piecefulness" and calm. It gives me a creative outlet using beautiful fabrics with lots of gorgeous colors and prints. I am especially thankful to have the time to devote to quilting at this point in my life. Of course, I would not have this wonderful ability if I had not had someone special to teach me how to sew. All of us probably have someone in our lives who took the time to share and teach us the art of sewing. In my case, it was my Nana. We lived in Michigan and my grandparents lived several states away, so we rarely had time with them. Besides, they only spoke in Italian! But we had an older couple who lived across the street and their children were grown and no longer lived in the area. So my sisters and I were adopted by this couple who we called "Nana and Grandpa Belt". Nana was an extremely talented seamstress. She made us matching outfits to wear for the holidays. She even took time to make me fabulous garments for my Barbie....mink stoles with silk lining were among the designer outfits. She talked my parents into buying me a sewing machine....I was 9 years old. From that time on, I have always had a sewing machine as a major part of my life. She taught me how to make simple clothes.....pj's and skirts for skating. Before we moved away, I was making matching outfits for my sisters and myself. And of course....designing Barbie clothes. Now that I am blessed to have two beautiful grandsons in my life, I have chosen to be called "Nana" because of this special person who I will be forever thankful to have been a part of my life. Thank you Nana :)



happy quilting!
jackie



Our 2014-15 Raffle Quilt

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2014- 2015

- Sep 19—Pizza Party, Big Show & Tell and Fabric Sale
- Oct 17—Hawaiian Quilts
- Oct 18—Hawaiian Quilts Workshop (group 1)
- Oct 25—Hawaiian Quilts Workshop (group 2)
- Nov 21—Make It & Take It
- Dec 19—Holiday Dinner and Scrap Exchange Part 1
- Jan 16, 2015—QUILTO and Scrap Exchange Part 2
- Feb 20—Janet Peterson Trunk Show
- Mar 20—Norma McAfee
- Apr 11 - Luncheon at Lobster Shanty with speaker Jackie Kunkel from Connecticut
- Apr 17—Michele Scott and Scrap Exchange Part 3
- Apr 18—Workshop—Bobbinpalooza
- May 15—Donna Painter
- Jun 19—Installation Dinner

Minutes of October 17, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Jackie Pearce.

Guests were introduced and returning member Kathy M. also attended. Welcome back!

Our block for our monthly quilt card is Buckeye Beauty, the state is Ohio and their state motto is "with God all things are possible." If you miss a month you will get credit by making in a charity quilt; in that case you should get a heart sticker from Ellen H. and put it on the back of your quilt card.

Paula P. introduced our speaker for the night: Gail Mahealani Small who spoke on Hawaiian culture and Hawaiian applique. There were still a couple of spaces available for the 10/18 and 10/25 workshops.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Linda F. (filling in for Ann B), read the treasury report. A motion to approved the report was made by Dona S. and seconded by Debbie P. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda F., chairperson for the Luncheon committee, asked the group to pick a theme from *Pearls*, *Pearls*, *Pearls* or *Pearls of the Jersey Shore*. The group chose *Pearls of the Jersey Shore*. Also working on the committee is Debbie P. who will be handling door prizes and Susan H. who will be handling publicity and baskets.

Since 2015 is our 30th anniversary we will be having a quilt challenge, chaired by Ann B. If you did not pick up your package for the challenge, see Ann. The cost of the kit is \$3.00, which includes a piece of fabric and the instructions for the challenge. The challenge is to be turned in at the March 2015 guild meeting and will be voted on at the luncheon.

Ellen H. spoke about charity quilts. A charity quilt workshop will be held Saturday, November 8th from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. at the First Methodist church on the corner of Chestnut and Old Freehold Road in Toms River. Ellen has some fleece fabric donated by Burkholders that we will use in making charity quilts for children. Bring your sewing machine plus black or dark brown thread to use.

There were charity quilt kits at the meeting for people to pick up. Ellen H. established an incentive for making charity quilts: For each one you make you will receive a ticket to be entered in a raffle. The winner will receive a handmade miniature quilt rack made by Richard Hyers.

Ellen H. has labels made up for the charity quilts anyone makes; see Ellen if you need one. You are to write your first name and date on the label.

Marcia G. is still offering to quilt charity quilts. If you have one just drop it off at Crafty Fabrics in Brick. Make sure to read the guidelines (instructions are on our website) on how to prepare your quilt for a longarm. The most common mistake is not providing a large enough backing, which needs to be 8" wider and 8" taller than the top.

Block of the month won by: Sherise B.

Door prizes won by: Marlene S., Sherise B., and Laurie S.

Pat L. wishes to thank everyone for doing the Mancuso Show in Oaks, PA., which resulted in \$380 in ticket sales. Pat says we are on a roll with our raffle quilt.

Pat L. handed out books of raffle tickets to those who belong to groups who get together to sew. These books are for the Rebecca Reel quilt guild to help sell tickets for their raffle quilt.

Dona S. spoke with regard to the 2016 raffle quilt. All of the blocks are handed in with the exception of two. Once they are submitted all 12 applique blocks will have been completed and Dona will move on to the next part of the quilt.

Next month will be a "Make It and Take It" meeting, making a yoyo tree. You need to bring in supplies, the list is in the newsletter.

Directories were handed out by Marlene S. If you did not get one please see her.

Jackie announced the guideline for cancellation of a guild meeting due to inclement weather, if the Toms River school district is closed then the guild meeting is canceled as well.

A letter was read by Debbie P. (filling in as corresponding secretary for Susan H.) from Phillip and Laurie Leuthner, who received a Restore the Shore quilt (#117). They thanked us from the bottom of their hearts; they were so grateful.

We proceeded with Show and Tell.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debbie Perks for Susan Hnatuck
Recording Secretary

Show & Tell October 2014

- Ellen H—Charity Quilt
- Mary P—Three small quilts—class projects finished
- Connie S—I Spy and memory quilts for grandson and niece
- Pat McC—Quilt for granddaughter born 8/20/2014—Looney Tunes
- Nancy W—Small quilt pieced by Joyce W and hand quilted by Nancy W
- Marcia G—Shooting star wall hanging
- Paula P—Pumpkin doll—decorative item



Ellen



Mary



Mary



Mary



Connie



Connie



Pat



Nancy



Marcia



Paula

Announcements and Reminders

November Meeting YO! YO! YO! Make and Take Holiday Tree

Join us to make a sweet gift for yourself or a friend or family member.

Materials:

Guild will provide: circle templates for tracing circles of fabrics

Tree “skeleton” – wood spool, dowel, & star

Members will provide: Pencil or other type of fabric marker for tracing

Fabric cutting scissors

Needle & thread

Fabric for the holiday tree – nine in all, the

largest piece should be about 11” square

(we will be cutting circles at 10”, 9”, 8”, 7”, 6”, 5”, 4”, 3”, and 2 ½”)

Looking forward to seeing the “forest” of trees that we’ll create!!!

Questions? Call Paula: Mobile 856-392-9233

Text to above number

Email misolucky@comcast.net



SCRAP EXCHANGE & CHALLENGE

1. December meeting: Each person brings 3 coordinating fabrics (each fabric piece 12 1/2 inches sq. or bigger).

Bring fabrics in a bag but not see-through bag.

Each person takes a different bag and makes a 12 1/2 in. block using all three fabrics (one fabric can be minimal but use all three). Block can be pieced or appliqué, embellished or not; be creative.

2. January meeting: Completed blocks are returned to Pru Parcell. Maker's name goes into pool for the final drawing. Pru will put blocks together and machine quilt (size will depend on how many blocks are returned).

3. April meeting: Drawing for a winner.

Let's have some FUN with FABRIC!

Announcements and Reminders

Winter Meeting Cancellation Policy

As the winter months start to head our way, inclement weather will be a real possibility. We will cancel our regular meeting if the Toms River School District has canceled school that day. This way there will be no question of getting on the roads when they are snowy and icy.

Check your local radio station or the Toms River School District website @ www.trschools.com.

This website may be helpful too: www.tomsriveronline.com/Storm_Closings.htm.

The church uses radio station WOBN to announce their closings.

We will also send out an email to let members know we have canceled the meeting for that evening.

Raffle Tickets

The fundraising for our 2015 Raffle Quilt is an ongoing project. The money raised from the raffle quilt funds our speakers and activities through out the year.

Several people also took raffle tickets for the Rebecca Reel Guild last month. Let's support our sister quilting guilds. You should turn in your money for those tickets to Judy R at the November meeting since the raffle will be held in December.

2015 Challenge for Beachplum's 30th Anniversary

You're invited to join the fun and creative journey of our challenge. It is for everyone, no matter skill level or experience. Ann Bergstedt will have challenge bags available for \$3.00 at the November meeting. In the bag is the Challenge Fabric, plus the rules and guidelines. You can make anything you like, within the parameters of the rules. Deadline to turn in your finished Challenge Quilt is our March 20, 2015 Meeting. Quilts will be displayed, voted on and awards presented at our Luncheon on April 11, 2015.

On a personal note...



Jane Schoonfield wishes to extend her deepest appreciation for the cards, prayers and love from our members following the recent passing of her husband. It means a lot to her.

Announcements and Reminders

The Rebecca Reel Quilt Guild is inviting the Beachplum Guild to participate in a Quilt Exhibit at Monmouth University. The exhibit will be centered around various themes. Contact information and entry deadlines are as follows:

QUILT EXHIBIT IN SUMMER 2015

The 4Patchers have been asked to again curate a quilt exhibit for Monmouth University. We are hoping to fill the Pollack gallery with quilts from Rebecca's Reel and Beach Plum guild members.

Categories: The previous exhibit was historical. In 2015 we are focused on themes. The examples given are *suggestions* to start you thinking.

Humor Modern style Liturgical Holiday

Regional—Baltimore-style album, Hawaiian, desert

Personal celebrations—birthday, wedding, baby, achievement, good-bye, get-well, friendship

Reflections—of a book read, a movie seen, a famous artist or artwork

Political/recycling/living green; refugees, domestic abuse

The natural world—plants, critters, pets, places

Response to disasters—Sandy, flooding, wildfire, tsunami

Various cultures---African, Asian, Amish, Native American

Historical—family history, evoking a particular era

Entries: We must receive your entry by April 15, 2015, which includes your name, the category, a description, the approximate size of finished quilt.

A *paper* photo of the quilt, your name, quilt name and the final size must arrive by May 15. More than 1 quilt may be submitted, in any/several categories, by a quilter.

The quilts will be juried, based primarily on creating a balanced exhibit. As you realize, quality of technique will especially matter when there are too many entries in one category.

Send entry info to: Libby Schoenewolf (dlswolf@comcast.net)

45 Laurel Dr., Fair Haven NJ 07704

Join the fun!---Joy Bohanan, Alison Curran, Lynn Liebenow, Libby

Two members from the Rebecca Reel Quilt Guild will be speaking at our November meeting and will be available to answer questions about the exhibit.

Announcements and Reminders



Our October guest speaker and her Hawaiian Applique Quilt

Directories

Our membership chair, Marlene, will have the 2014-15 directories available again at the November meeting. Please make sure you stop at the entry table and pick up your copy if you haven't already. This is something you will want to keep and have available to use all year. If you should find a listing error, please let Marlene know so we can make any corrections. Also, remember to give any email address changes to Jackie so you can continue to receive guild updates and information.

Johnsonburg Quilters Weekend Packages

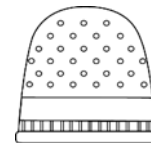
Some of you are familiar with quilters' camp at Johnsonburg NJ. A group from another guild is going the weekend of October 22-26, 2015 and there is room for more. Each cabin has 6 rooms including one private room, two rooms with 3 beds, two rooms with 2 beds and one room with 4 beds. 15 max. The cabins have 4 shared bathrooms (one handicapped). Cedar Lodge has 5 rooms with a bath and 2 bunk beds, with 3 persons in each of the 5 rooms. 15 max. Meals are provided, starting with dinner on Thursday and ending with Sunday brunch. No food preparation means more time for quilting! The cost is \$165 per person. Two night packages (Friday evening through Sunday) are also available for \$115.

Other weekends could also be reserved. Call 908-852-2349 or email office@campjburg.org

*Life is like a quilt...
Years bound together,
Embellished with family and friends.
Backed with tradition,
Stitched with love
With cornerstones placed carefully
To create a one-of-a-kind journey through time.*

Quilting Tips

One of the wonderful benefits of a quilt guild is sharing and learning from each other. We are going to try a new addition to the newsletter each month. This will be a place where we can post quilting websites and tips. All members are welcome to contribute. There are so many great videos and websites on the internet. Send your quilting tips to Marcia.



In addition, you are welcome to submit a (free) classified ad for anything sewing or quilting related. You can post items you want to sell or give away, or items you are searching for.

From Marcia

If you like reading others' comments, suggestions and questions about quilting, check out quiltingboard.com. It is a wonderful source of information.

You can read posts without registering, but if you'd like to submit a post or comment on another's you must create a login (free). Lots and lots of pictures of quilts (a.k.a. eye candy) also.

From Marcia

Questions about thread? Go to superiorthreads.com

There you can find information on all types of thread, their differences and best uses, and what needles and settings work best.

My motto

*No one expects the stamp collector to actually mail letters with his stamps.
No one expects the coin collector to use his coins in a vending machine for soda.*

So why does everyone expect me to use my fabric collection to actually sew anything?

I'm not a fabriholic. I'm a fabric collector.

Classified:

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



October



November



2014-15

*How do you know a
quilter loves you?*

*She uses her GOOD
fabric for your quilt!*

Ten Good Reasons to Buy Fabric

1. It insulates the cupboard where it is kept.
2. It keeps the economy moving. It is my duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills and fabric shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. I'm participating in a contest - the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
5. It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook it to enjoy it, you'll never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose or walk it.
6. Because I'm worth it.
7. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house. Like the ironing board, the laundry basket and the dining room table.
8. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.
9. Because it is on sale.
10. Buy it now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions!

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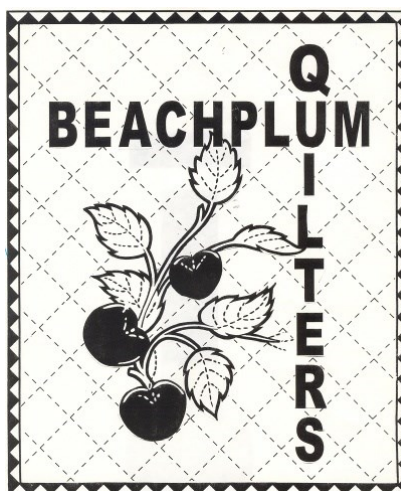
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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Deadline for the next newsletter is

December 4, 2014

E-Mail your news using Arial font to

Marcia guza@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER MEETING REFRESHMENTS



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

Assignments for additional refreshments are as follows:

U through **Z**—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
- **2 Canned Items for the Church Food Pantry**
- Block of the Month
- Coffee Mug, Plate
- Show & Tell
- Assigned Refreshments

Luncheon Date:

April 11, 2015

Quilt Show Date:

April 2016