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President's Message:

Once again, summer has flown by and the days of autumn are just ahead. I love each season with all of its promises. Holiday quilts need to be constructed and Christmas is breathing down our necks. Life seems to be whizzing along at a tremendous pace but a few times this summer I have been able to stop and enjoy the gifts around me. One of the things that keeps life interesting are the lessons to be learned but even more importantly are what we do with those lessons.

During one of the heat waves this summer, the second unit of the air conditioning at my house caught fire. The unit is located in the ceiling above my sewing room. I called the fire department and my husband and I gathered up our cats and got them to safety. As I stood in the front yard (shaking like a leaf), I waited for the emergency services. They came very quickly even though we were their sixth call of the day. It turned out we were very lucky. The fire was inside the metal case of the unit and burned itself out. We had some smoke damage but the fire was contained.

While I waited for the firemen, police, and the fire inspector to clear out, I began to realize that there were a number of things I should have done before catastrophe struck. I had been diligent about having appraisals done on my antique quilts. The only problem was that the quilts and appraisals were together in the sewing room. All the documentation for my sewing machines, as well as the machines, was also in the same room. I had no inventory of all the sewing tools and equipment that I had gathered over the years.

As I said, we were very lucky. We were at home and able to act quickly. The fire was contained and the damage was minimal. The lesson I took away was to create an inventory along with pictures of machines, tools, and equipment. I plan to store the information gathered and quilt appraisals in a fire proof box. I hope that each of you will take the time to also create an inventory and store it appropriately. Our sewing rooms are jewels and need to be kept safe.

Ellen W. Hyers

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2012- 2013

- Sep 21- Big Show & Tell and Pizza Party--BYO beverage
- Oct 19- Bargello presentation by Jeannie Campbell
- Nov 16- Carol Singer will be giving a lecture called "Designing...A Freeing Experience" with a trunk show.
- Nov 17- Workshop on machine quilting
- Dec 21-
- Jan 18, 2013-
- Feb 15-
- Mar 15-
- Apr 6- Spring Luncheon @ Lobster Shanty
- Spring (Date TBD): Bargello workshop
- Apr 19-
- May 17-
- Jun 21-

Underlined denotes Guild Meeting

Show N Tell June 2012

- Joyce W.—Dolly quilt for Rebecca Reel Quilters
- Joyce W.—Two charity quilts
- Jane S.—Denim jacket; fabric bought from Trish Hodge
- Laurie S.—Origami quilt jacket
- Laurie S.—T-shirt quilt, quilted by Tammie Ruffle
- Laurie S.—African panel
- Linda F.—Mystery quilt
- Mary Lou G.—Mystery quilt: "Loving Hands, Loving Hearts"
- Ellen H.—Sudoku quilt, quilted by Tammie Ruffle
- Ellen H.—Patriotic quilt from Quilts of Valor panel for her husband, quilted by Tammie Ruffle

Luncheon April 2013—Update from Genny V.

Plans for our April 6, 2013 (noon till 4) "Room with a View" buffet luncheon are well under way. The cost remains the same at \$35, with a cash bar. The luncheon will feature an all-you-can-eat buffet of chicken, fish, pasta, veggies, fruit and an ice cream bar at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

The tickets are advanced sales only. Mary Pabst and/or Donna Spencer will be selling tickets beginning December 1st at our guild meeting or through the mail. They make great holiday gifts for friends and family. Tickets will remain on sale till March 25, 2013 or until sold out!

Our guest speaker will be Linda M Poole who will be sharing "Quilting Around the World."

In order to make the luncheon more fun we hope to have door prizes, gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing as well as the drawing the name of the winner of our "Country Rose" appliqued quilt. If you can help in last minute set up or other activities to make it a great day, please let Genny V know.

Also, if you would like to donate any NEW items to be used as door prizes for the luncheon, we would love to see everyone go home with a prize. These may be homemade items or patterns, sewing items etc.

Dresses for Africa

Dresses for Africa is a mission program that started making dresses for African girls out of pillow cases. The program has since grown and most dresses are made from lovely cotton fabrics. Malawi is one of the poorest countries on earth where fresh water and diseases are great issues. This year the Dresses Program identified Malawi as a mission project.

The Presbyterian Church of Toms River conducts mission projects in Malawi. The Church's Women's Circles asked members make dresses. We joined their efforts. Beachplum members donated over thirty dresses for girls in Malawi. In total, there were over 150 dresses for girls and over 50 britches for little boys. Everyone who made the dresses had great fun. Barbara Exposito made a total of ten dresses.

Minutes of June 15, 2012:

Visitors to the meeting included Deane Sharp (Presbyterian Church Women), Shelly Gishe (president elect of Pieceful Shores in Manahawkin) and Vieno Wurret of Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River, who gave an interesting slide show about the hospital. Tonight we donated 23 quilts to Children's Specialized Hospital.

We will be donating little Dresses for Africa for the Presbyterian Church's Mission to Malawi. Anyone wishing to contribute can drop them off at the church or at Ellen's house.

Door prizes were won by Rita R., Elaine S., and Peggy H.

President Ellen calculated the qualifying passports and they were entered in a drawing for wonderful prizes. Third place was Mary P. for a \$25 gift card; second place was Joyce W. for a \$50 gift card; and first place, a beautiful thread caddy by Rich Hyers, was won by Joann M.

An award of a Longaberger fruit basket was made to Joyce Weiss for contributing the most number of charity quilts.

Pat McC. again requested sports quilts for her daughter's charity. These quilts should feature the NY Rangers, who can supply T shirts for the quilts.

Jean C. won Block of the Month.

The Treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$8,948.41, receipts \$35.00, disbursements \$1,118.92, for an ending balance of \$7,864.49.

Minutes were approved after a motion by Mary P. and a second by Nancy D.

Mary P. has tickets for the raffle quilt and for the luncheon. See her to get yours.

There will be a quilt show in Cape May June 23-24 at Cold Springs Village. The Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza will be held in Oaks, PA on September 13-16.

The slate of officers is as follows: President- Ellen Hyers, Vice President – Linda Felton, Secretary – Shirley Moramarco, Treasurer- Ann Bergstedt, Program Chair - Pat McCullough. After a motion by Jane S. and a second by Mary P, the new officers for the 2012-2013 year were elected. Let's give them all the support we can to make the coming year the best one ever.

Everyone have a wonderful summer and come back in September with loads of quilts for Show and Tell.

Shirley Moramarco, Secretary



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our dear friend and member Carol Lauterbach on July 26. The funeral and interment was held in Missouri.

If anyone has sent a quilt to Carol, it would be appreciated if you could please send a description and/or picture to her son, David Schmitz, PO Box 46, Fordland, Mo. 65652.



Show & Tell, June 2012

Clockwise from upper left:
Jane S, Laurie S, Linda F, Laurie S





Show & Tell June 2012

Mary Lou G, Ellen H, Ellen H.
Apologies to Joyce W for no pictures



Announcements and Reminders

- Membership dues were to be paid at the June meeting. For anyone who was unable to pay their dues at that time, please be prepared to pay the \$25 at the September meeting. Remember that our cards expire at the end of September. In order to be included in the directory, the dues must be paid in a timely manner.
- From Lynn Hutcheson, Secretary, Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild: Just wanted to make your members aware of PSQG Fall Trip to Shops in Lancaster on Thursday, October 4, 2012. The cost for non-members is \$35 and we will leave from Millcreek Community Center in Stafford Township at 7:45 am. There will be a pick-up at the Lacey rest stop on the GS Pkwy at approximately 8 am. If your members would like to join us, please contact Doris Brotherton at 609-597-1508 no later than September 10, 2012.
- From Pat McCullough: In October I have Jeannie Campbell giving a lecture on Bargello and she will be doing a workshop in the spring of 2013. At November's meeting Carol Singer will be giving a lecture called "Designing...A Freeing Experience" with a trunk show and a workshop on machine quilting. I'm still working on getting a room to hold the workshop.

Some of us relate to this...





August 2012
Stack 'N Wack
Workshop led by
Maria Sendszik at
Mouse Creek Quilts



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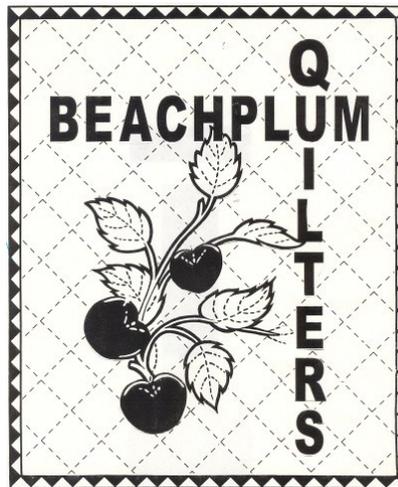
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
the Presbyterian Church of Toms River,
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 pm

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Deadline for the next newsletter is

September 28, 2012

E-Mail your news using Arial font to

Marcia_guza@yahoo.com

REFRESHMENTS:

September's meeting is a Welcome Back Pizza Party and Show & Tell. Bring your own beverage.

Assignments for additional refreshments are as follows:

Last name ending in:

A through **E**—please bring a dessert, fruit dish, or nosh.

Everyone else can participate if desired. Please remember 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 N Tell
- Assigned Refreshments

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Tentative Next Quilt Show Dates:

April 5-6, 2014