



HONEYBEE BUZZ



JANUARY 2024.

Happy New Year!!

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays has come to an end, we now turn our thoughts to the beginning of a New Year. I try to spend a little time during January to reflect on the previous year and set priorities for the new year. I choose not to call them resolutions, instead, I refer to them as areas of focus, then as long as I think about it once during the year, I met my goal!!!

Speaking of new beginnings, I am excited to begin my term as President of this guild. Please be patient during this transition as we begin with an all new slate of officers. I promise to do my best to continue the excellent examples of our past Presidents.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the generosity of the members of this guild. It is amazing that as a group we exceeded our goal of supplying 60 Christmas stockings by 81 stockings for a total of 141. We were able to meet the needs of all three area women's shelters: Hubbard House (60), Quigley House (41), and Betty Griffin House (40). The stocking donations were amazing, but we didn't stop there, 279 food items and additional cash donations, were donated to the Daily Food Pantry blessing the lives of 86 households. I am proud to be a part of such a generous group of ladies.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. **It will be at the Mandarin Campus Fellowship Hall this month.** Don't forget to bring \$20 for your membership dues, \$10 and your UFO list, and cash/check for the bus trip, retreat deposits, etc.

Mary Alice

Snip-It

Meet to Eat – members meet at the Panera Bread located at 11111 San Jose Blvd Suite 39, Jacksonville, FL 32223 at 5:30 pm to share a meal and visit with fellow members before the meeting.

Snip-It

The bus trip to Daytona AQS in February is \$45 for bus only, \$105 for bus and swag bag. Don't forget to sign up!

MEETING

Tuesday January 2nd
6:30

**Fellowship Hall
Presbyterian Church,
11844 Mandarin Rd,
Jacksonville, FL 32223**

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Officers

- President: MaryAlice Howle
- VP: Jennifer Routh
- Treasurer: Maureen Wasson
- Secretary: Dawn Kelly (Membership Meetings) and Colleen Rosatone (Board Meetings)

The website for Honeybees
<http://honeybeequilters.org>

Board Meetings:
6:00 p.m on the
4th Tuesday of the month
at Cracker Barrel on Hwy
17 OP

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i></p> <p>Mo Reiter Jan 17</p>	<p>Snip-It Fees for workshops should be put in an envelope with your name and the name of the workshop and put into the Workshop/Retreat Binder at the meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Anniversary</i></p> <p>Marie Breslin Jan 22 Win Tate Jan 27</p>	<p>Snip-It Going forward, all retreats will have a non-refundable deposit date to hold your spot. (Amounts determined by retreat) Retreat facilities are now requiring a 20% down payment at time of booking.</p>

Snip-It **Remember, new members can request to join the Facebook group:**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/honeybeequilters>

Honeybee Quilt Guild
December 5, 2023 Annual/Membership Meeting (6:30 pm)
Mandarin Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
11844 Mandarin Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223

Attendees: Denise Adams, Christine Besser, Marie Breslin, Sandra Brinson, Sheryll Capes, Tammy DeBeau, Jackie Farrar, Pernie Gilbert, Pat Guilford, Dee Harrison, Marilyn Holman, Mary Alice Howle, Jeanie Jacobson, Nicole Jacobson, Kathy Johnstone, Dawn Kelly, Connie Kight, Karen Krueger, Sandra Kruszewski, Nikki Levinson-Lustgarten, Jan Lipsky, Bonnie Lovett, Carol Malicki, Carol McBryde, Cheryl McCain, Caroline Moegenburg, Anne Morgan, Terry Palmieri, Annette Paulson, Beth Porkert, Mary Ramsdell, Maureen Reiter, Joan Rogers, Colleen Rosatone, Jennifer Routh, Stacy Shelton, Cindy Souders, Kristine Stein, Elaine Stemetzki, Anna Turek, Jill Voetsch, Maureen Wasson, Priscilla West

Call to Order – Trinie Bowen:
Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Presidents Report – Trini Bowen: Present
Presentation of Thank You gift from Trini Bowen to members, Thank you for your support during her term as Guild President

Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2024:
President - Mary Alice Howie, **Vice President** - Jennifer Routh, **Tresure** – Maureen Wasson, **Co-Secretaries** – Dawn Kelly (Membership Meetings) and Colleen Rosatone (Board Meetings)

Motion to accept the Slate of Officers as presented by Joan Rogers, seconded by Sandy Kruszewski, approved by the membership.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the guild.

Presentation of gift to Mandarin Presbyterian Church of \$500 as a thank you for letting the guild use their facilities for our meetings and workshops. Also, food and checks donated by the members for the church’s food bank were given to Jeanie Jacobson to give to the church.

Vice Presidents Report – Mary Alice Howle: Present, No Report

Minutes of last meeting (November 7, 2023) – Trinie Bowen:

As submitted by Secretary Annette Paulson to board and membership; motion to approve with corrections by Colleen Rosatone, seconded by Jennifer Routh, approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Guilford: Present

Checking: \$2,721.45 and Savings: \$13,219.33

Income Year-To-Date: \$18,656.99 and Expenses Year-To-Date: \$16,768.04

Need volunteers to audit the books: Elaine Stemetzki, Maureen Wasson and Trini Bowen

Pat Guilford would like to clear out all 2023 expenses by the end of the year. Please turn in any income or expense sheet to her tonight or make arrangements to meet with her.

Committee Reports:

Challenges - UFO – Beth Porkert: Present:

Beth Porker provided signup sheets for the 2024 UFO Challenge (comes from All People Quilt), copies are also **available on the Honeybees website**, fill in 10 items (only 8 will be randomly chosen)

To Participate you must:

- Submit a copy of their completed 2024 UFO Challenge Form in person, by email or text to Beth Porkert, and
- Give Maureen Wasson a \$10 entry fee (for each list of 10 UFOs), and be sure Beth Porker records you as having paid, and
- Submit your 2024 UFO Challenge Form and entry fees are due at the January Membership Meeting.

The 2024 UFO Challenge will start in January 2024 and the drawing for the winner of the entry fees will be done at the August Birthday Party. Each month a random number will be drawn, with the corresponding numbered item on your list due at the following Membership Meeting. Bring your item for Show N Tell or post on the Guild's Facebook page. For each item completed you will receive one ticket for the drawing for the entry fees.

Education – Jennifer Routh with support from Jeanie Jacobson and Jill Voetsch: Present

There is no workshop in Dec or Jan.

Jan 25-28 Retreat at Advent Christian Village, Live Oak, FL all fee should have been paid in Nov

Jan 2 Meeting Program – Organizing Scraps

Feb 24 Bus Trip - Sign-up sheet for the Feb Bus trip to AQS Show in Daytona is in the Work Shops and Retreat Book. Cost is \$45 which covers the bus and entry into the show. Print clearly as name tag will be printed from sign-in sheet. Also be sure to list emergency contact information. There is also an option for a souvenir kit which includes tee shirt, tote bag and pin for \$60. We have now opened it up to non-members.

Jeanie Jacobson has developed a list of the 2024 Programs, Workshops and Retreats with locations in a foldable business card handout. Copies were handed out at the meeting. Copies will also be made available on website, etc.

QuiltFest 2023 - Opportunity Quilt Mother – Carol Malicki: Present

We still need members to sign up for 13 Blocks to complete the quilt. Please sign up with Carol and pick-up your Kit(s). The color of the heart is the “Ribbon Color” associated with the cause or the Logo Colors of the cause you would like to recognize with your block (i.e., Pink for Breast Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer is Purple, Honor Caregivers is Plum). The Birds can be solid White, solid Black, White on Black or Black on White. Hearts can be solid color or horizontally or vertically divided if the cause has a two-colored ribbon.

Completed blocks are due at the March Membership Meeting.

Exchanges – Colleen Rosatone: Present

2024 Strip Row Exchange –We still need more people to sign up. Colleen will not be at the Jan Membership Meeting. The Strip Rows are made from 2 ½ inch strips and the exchange will start at the Jan Retreat and the block are due in July. There is a \$10 fee for the required background. Directions are available from Colleen. You will be required to make 32 blocks of the same lengths (can be different colored 2 ½ inch strips). Color strips should not be black and they should contrast with the background fabric.

The Christmas Block Exchange was won by Elaine Stemetzki.

Challenges – Sandi Brinson: Present

Nov Challenge was to make Christmas Stocking and fill them for the women at Hubbert House. The Guild did a wonderful job rising to the challenge. There were enough stockings for the quota for Hubbert House and the extras will be split between Quiggly House and the Betty Griffen House. Shout out to Mary Alice Howie, who got a sponsor for the items to stuff 40 stocking and she sewed the stockings. In addition to the stockings, members donated other items such as diaper to donate to these women’s shelters.

There is no Dec Challenge, due in Jan (enjoy the holidays)

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: No New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Followed by Holiday Party

Amendment: Membership: Membership dues are due at the January Membership Meeting. The membership dues are now \$20. Each year you must complete a new Membership Form. Copies of the 2024 Membership Form are available for printing on the Guild’s website.

Retreat Corner:



2024 Retreats are on the books!

January breaks ground at a new venue in Dowling Park, FL. I am so excited to share the weekend stitching with those of you registered! Time to start planning, it's just over 3 weeks away!!

May 23rd-26th, we find ourselves again only 2 hours from home in Dowling Park, FL (Near Live Oak, FL). Several spots still available. If this retreat is not "full" by the end of February we will need to address a price increase for those attending.

If you have quilting friends that are not in our Honeybee guild, you are welcome to start planting the seeds and recruit them to join you. Guild members, have first priority

until the guild meeting in February, then we will open it up to non-guild members for an additional \$15 fee.

August, we return to our lovely Luther Springs retreat center in Hawthorne, FL and October we have our annual Stay-Sewcation! Sign-ups for those will be available soon.

Have yourself a wonderful New Years celebration, may the new year bring you each good health, happiness and prosperity! Keep those needles moving!
As always yours, Robyn Eubanks

Honeybee program payment policy

- Workshops, there will be a \$20 non-refundable deposit (checks only) due at signup. Signup will close when the class is filled, or two weeks prior to event, whichever comes first. The deposit can be transferred to another member to take their place at the workshop.
- Retreats, a non-refundable deposit is due at signup. (checks only) The amount will be determined by the amount of deposit required by the venue.
- Bus trips, there will be a non-refundable deposit due at signup, to hold a place on the bus and reserve the event ticket. Amount will be determined by the cost of the event and bus company deposit (checks only)
- All deposits will be refunded if the workshop or event is canceled

Honeybee Block (Strip) Exchange July 2024

ZEN GARDEN

Designed by Emily Bailey

Quick & Easy Quilts August/September 2023

Size: 64" by 74"

32 54 1/2" rows

with 1 1/2" border 1 and 4 1/2" border 2

There is 1/2 to 1" extra in some strips to allow for adjustment when assembling quilt. DO NOT TRIM

Why this quilt?

A great way to use up left over jelly roll strips. Piercing is easy with only two "stitch and flip" seams. A challenge will be in measuring and cutting precise pieces when some are very long.

Each row needs to be 54 1/2" long. There can be 1/2 to 1" extra length to allow for adjustment when assembling the quilt. DO NOT TRIM. The larger challenge will be assembling the rows after the distribution.



Do you want to join us?

- 1) Contact Colleen Rosatone – sign up begins in November 2023 meeting, up to 32 members can participate.
- 2) Each participant will make 32 assigned rows.
- 3) Purchase jelly roll background fabric from Colleen
- 4) Strips are due in July and will be distributed prior to the August retreat.

Materials:

- 1) Background — purchase 2 1/2" strip(s) of cream from Colleen at guild meetings
- 2) Your Stash— assorted prints, jelly roll strips, medium tone that will provide contrast with background
Avoid black, white, beige that "read solid."
- 3) Sashing and borders – on your own Instructions will be provided when strips are distributed in **July 2024**.

Assembly:

Example Row 12

32 1/2" by 2 1/2" print fabric → 18 1/2" by 2 1/2" background fabric → 8 1/2" by 2 1/2" print fabric

Join strips with "stitch and flip" technique.

Repeat 32 times!

