



# HONEYBEE BUZZ



DECEMBER 2021

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The holiday season is upon us!!!! I hope everyone has their celebratory decorations up and the shopping is in full swing! Here are a couple items of note for our meeting:

Food Bank - if you don't have time to pick up items to help stock the food bank but still want to help, bring your checkbook and make checks payable to Mandarin Presbyterian Church and in the memo section write "food bank". I will include your check with the Honey Bee check we send every year.

Scraps - Pernie has requested you pause all scrap donations to her at this time. While she has made tons of pet beds already, she has enough scraps at this time to make loads more.

Dues - Don't forget to bring your checkbook to pay your dues (\$15). You will not be able to vote for board members at the January meeting unless your dues are paid.

Dress festive for our party and I can't wait to see everyone!

Jeanie

*President's job:* If you read our bylaws, it is a lot of legal mumbo jumbo. It is necessary but just a bunch of words. The President implements the decisions made by the board. The board meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The president is not required to be on the Quiltfest Committee, which meets once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, but it is customary. The President overall makes sure the guild is upholding its purpose as stated in our bylaws. Also, they try to keep the noise to a minimum at the meetings (good luck with that).

### **Snip it**

Meet & Greet at Panera will be at **5:15 pm** to accommodate the earlier start time of the meeting.

### **Snip it**

If you wish to participate in charity sewing please use the signup sheet available at our meetings. Once I have the names of interested participants I will reach out and set a meeting to discuss projects, sewing times, etc. Thanks in advance, Robin Allison

## MEETING

Tuesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

**6:30 p.m.** at Mandarin

Presbyterian Church

West Campus located at:

11844 Mandarin Rd,

Jacksonville, FL 32223

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### **Officers**

- President: Jeanie Jacobson
- Vice-president: Beth Parker
- Secretary: Trini Bowen
- Treasurer: Anne Morgan

The website for Honeybees

<http://honeybeequilters.org>

*Happy Birthday*

Annette Paulson	Dec 01
Maggie Woods	Dec 20
Claire King	Dec 23
Paris Freeman	Dec 27

*Happy Anniversary*

Nancy Landreville	Dec 30
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*A Novel Idea*  
BOOKS AND THE MAGIC IN BETWEEN

This challenge is to use a favorite book (adult or children's) as the inspiration for your quilt.

1. The quilt should incorporate some aspect of the book, for example, the title, a character, setting, a scene, a quote, etc.
2. The minimum size is 18 x18 and as large as you choose to make it. 24x24.
3. Include a label (or attach a notecard) with your name and the name of the book.
4. Quilts are due at the March meeting.

**Honey Bees General Membership Meeting – 11/2/2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President, Jeanie Jacobson.

There were 32 members present.

We have a visitor, Shannon, she is a newbie to sewing and is being mentored by Bonnie. Cathy Johnston is also new. She has been quilting for about 5 years and just got a new longarm! Welcome ladies.

Jeanie and Annette both stressed the importance of having people run for the board for next year so our guild can continue to exist.

For Challenge #9, Beth Porkert completed a machine quilted small hexagon quilt. Kristine Steine fashioned a jacket out of onesie pajamas. Her sister sent them to her when she was working for the government in Afghanistan. Cheryl Capes completed a Judy Neimeyer, paper pieced quilt that was striking. Pat used one yard of fabric from her stash and made snowflake hot pad Christmas gifts and used bias binding. The next challenge is # 10 for Dec. or # 7 because 7 was not used.

Anne was not feeling well so Jeanie provided the finance report.

Savings balance = \$12,660.75

Checking balance = \$945.12

Robyn Alison is our Charity chairperson but is not present tonight. Jeanie explained that our next charity projects will be me-dolls for Wolfson's hospital and heart pillows for breast cancer patients who have had surgery. The pattern is downloadable from our website. Please make sure you use washable polyfill. Robyn will set the next charity workshop.

Mary Alice, Challenge Chairperson announced that the next challenge will be based on your favorite book. What a novel idea. Kids book or PG rated romance novels are O.K. 18" x 18" or larger. If you stay at 24" by 24" or smaller they can be donated to Quiltfest 2022. You need to list the author, title, and a little info about the book.

Annette with the Christmas party will probably do pizza from Vino's and the theme is a Candy Cane Christmas. Bring your checkbook to pay for the meal at the next meeting. You may want to bring your favorite holiday desserts. It will be at 6:30 in the Loft. Food will arrive at 6:15. Connie will decorate. Bring can goods. Bring a \$20 gift to exchange wrapped. The Exchange will be a Yankee auction as touchless as possible. Colleen will do the block drawing.

Colleen Rosatone with exchanges still has 3 people who have not picked up the last exchange. She is thinking of doing an applique block for the next exchange. She still has paper pieced tree papers for the Christmas party raffle.

Annette with hospitality has goodies for tonight.

She also committed that Dawn got Honey Bees featured in the Creekside newsletter. Thank you, Dawn.

Meet and eat had 12 people show up.

All members need to renew their dues. Bring a check for \$15 to the January meeting. Look on Honeybees.org for the application.

Connie with the newsletter, said she did not have an Email addresses for two of our new members. The information is on Facebook and our website. The newsletter will be mailed out as well.

The program for the January meeting will be by the new owner of Calico Station. Jennifer is the 5<sup>th</sup> owner of that quilt shop.

Feb. the program will be done by the new owner of D and R. In Panama Station The primary machine is Bernina and in Jacksonville Janome and Brother are featured.

Workshop Elaine and her elves do a fantastic job with Elfin Magic. Doors open at the Loft at 9:00 be ready to sew by 9:30. We will be doing some applique. Bring white, red, and black thread black, as well as tape. We will make 5 items. Lunch will be potluck. Colleen will bring something yummy to share.

We will make the prairie point potholder January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Retreat Robyn Eldridge. Pat won the first prize for having over 104 words, Anne Morgan won 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cheryl capes won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. March 3,4,5,6 nacho average retreat. Aug 25, 26, 27 & 28, Lets Flamingo will be the theme.

Oct 14,15, 16, and 17 will also be a retreat.

The prices are \$185 per person for double occupancy. The price is higher for a single. There is no T.V. There is a pool in warm weather, great walking paths, and everyone gets their own table.

Robyn Eldridge is having a retreat in Dec. She has 10 rooms left. Treat yourself 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>.

You can sign up anytime. Must bring check at the month before no sooner no later. Friends can attend for an additional \$15.

Mo Reiter – Quilt fest 2022 is still on. May look at a space at a hotel for judging to reduce cost and are requesting the Prime Osbourne to give us a consideration on the price for judging space. Sept 15,16, 17<sup>th</sup> Take-in is Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

2023 Honeybees host Quiltfest. We need to come up with a theme, challenge, decorations and determine a ribbon design. Maureen will head up the committee. Fabric needs to be ordered 1 year in advance for the challenge.

Carol Melicky is the new quilt mom.

Thank you to the sunshine committee for the beautiful cards especially from Sandy. They are made by Lisa Patubo Daniel.

Please opt to write a check if you can not bring in dry goods as a contribution to the church. As it was our agreement to help the food bank in exchange for use of the building.

Elaine Stemetski with Elfin Magic will have 20 kits available. However, we will complete the hot pad project in January and she will hold that part of the kit.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**UFO Challenge:**

LAST CALL!!!! We are in our last month! Since I messed up counting numbers - you can finish either #10 or #7. Bring your completed item according to your standard on your challenge form and a Fat Quarter for the drawing. You might be the lucky person who gets to take home the pot. Drawing is at the Holiday Party. I hope you enjoyed this challenge and finished some UFOs along the way. Let me know if you want to do it again next year and we can get the ball rolling.

**Program:**

Thank you, Colleen for a very informative program on edge-to-edge quilting with your embroidery machine. Anyone have a talent or skill you would like to share with your fellow guild sisters, let me know and I can get you on the schedule. Anyone interested in coordinating the Programs and Workshops committees-let me know. So, 2022 programs will be referred to as "Who are the people in your neighborhood?" We are lucky to have some new shop owners and a new shop who will visit us the first half of the year to introduce themselves and their wares.

Dec: PARTY

Jan: Calico Station Quilt Shop new owner

Feb: D & R Sewing new owner

Mar: Annette- EQ Software

April: Tilted Quilters -new shop off of Chaffee and I-10

May: Ugly Auction

**Workshops:**

Elfin Magic was awesome! Thank you, Elaine and your elves, for a great day of sewing. There are still a few kits available for purchase (\$20 check - bring to the Dec meeting). Since the pizza box was so full, we are having a free (if you purchased the kit) workshop on **Saturday, January 22, 2022** at 9:30 in The Loft to make the star potholder. So, plan on attending if you went to Elfin Magic. I will have a signup sheet at the party. Let me know if you can't make it so we can get your kit to you.

April: Robin Allison will be teaching us something. Date is TBD

**RETREATS**

**March 3-6, 2022** Luther Springs Luther Springs; 264 Vause Lake Rd, Hawthorne FI 32640

**\$185 double \$205 single**

**August 25-28 2022** Luther Springs

**Snip it**

Several members are continuing to make dog and cat beds. Please collect your scraps (free of paper) and bring to Pernie at our monthly meetings. Thank you!

**Honeybee program Payment Policy**

- For workshops, there will be a \$20 nonrefundable deposit (checks only) due at signup. Sign-up 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.
- For retreats, a non-refundable deposit is due at sign-up. (Checks only-No cash) The amount will be determined by the amount of deposit required by the venue.
- For bus trips, there will be a non-refundable deposit due at sign-up., 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.

## 2021 Christmas Party:

### Christmas Party:

- **Theme:** Candy Cane Cafe
- **Time:** 6:30 pm
- **Location:** Mandarin Presbyterian Church, in the Loft (normal meeting room)

Please bring:

\$10 Check or cash payable to Annette

Dinner will be catered by Vino's in Fruit Cove

Menu: Lasagna, Stuffed Shells, Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza and Salad

Paper products, drinks and ice will be provided by the Guild

\$15 Yankee swap gift (wrapped)

we will be conducting a low contact game like last year using tags and board

Food items for the Church's Food Bank

Note: There will be no Meet to Eat in December

Also we need a few volunteers to show up at 5:30 to help with setting tables and chair

## 2021 Holiday Party Block Raffle December 7, 2021

"Flying Tree" Block from Alex Anderson [Holiday Lights](#)

Videos available for Paper Piecing Help

[Holiday Lights](#) Paper Piecing the Tree Blocks

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lrlw\\_qPePtU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lrlw_qPePtU)

[Holiday Lights](#) Paper Piecing Tree Trunk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vO5HYXGxg7s>



### **Guidelines**

One completed block and 2 border rectangles = one raffle tickets

Fabric: Background black on white (**not black on cream please**)

Tree green or holiday print

Border Strips black on white – two 2 1/2 "by 10 1/2 "

Press seams to the dark fabric.

Paper Piecing pattern available at September, October, and November guild meetings

If you are new to Paper Piecing, help will be available before guild meeting and during breaks.

When piecing, fabric should **extend beyond the dashed line** on the pattern. Block should be at least 7" by 9"

***Do not trim blocks Do not remove paper***

Questions - Contact Colleen Rosatone [rosatonec@gmail.com](mailto:rosatonec@gmail.com)



## Yankee Swap Rules (for Holiday Party)

Each participant is asked to bring along a gift valued at \$20.

Participants draw numbers from a box to determine their swap order from 1 to the total number of participants. The participant will also fill out a tag with their name.

Round 1: The participant with #1 will hand the tag with their name to the MC and unwrap a gift from the row of gifts. The MC will place their tag to the gift's assigned letter.

Consecutive Rounds: The participant with the next number will hand the tag with their name to the MC and they can either "steal" an already opened gift, and their tag will be placed next to the gifts assigned letter. Or they can be adventurous and go for a wrapped gift from the row of gifts, and the MC will place their tag next to the gift's assigned letter.

If the participant chooses to steal an unwrapped gift, the person whose gift is stolen now repeats her turn and either steals another person's gift (she cannot immediately steal back the gift that was just stolen from her) or unwraps a new gift.

This cycle of stealing continues until a new gift is chosen, at which point the round ends and turn is passed to the participant with the next number.

A gift is "Safe" and cannot be stolen during that round, after it has been stolen 2 times.

Since items can be stolen, the item in your possession is not yours until the game is over.

After the last participant's turn (Round), the participant with the #1 has the option of keeping their current gift, or exchange gifts with anyone else.

## Yankee Swap Gift Ideas and Tips

The gift you bring should be something you would be happy to receive. Your gift doesn't necessarily have to appeal to the entire group, it should be appropriate for more than a few people or at least something that can be regifted, otherwise someone might get stuck with something they have absolutely no use for.

### **Nominating Committee:**

This is last call for nominations for the Honeybee's Board. Contribution in the leadership of the guild is needed and appreciated. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Dec meet and the vote will occur in Jan. Your participation on the broad will add greater value to your membership, I suggest you consider adding your name to the slate of Officers for election. Like any organization the more you give the more you will get out of your membership. Applicants can be self-nominated or member-nominated (with nominees' consent).

The following positions are open President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Thank you for consideration,  
Election Committee