



HONEYBEE BUZZ



APRIL 2024.

Happy Spring!

I don't even need to look outside to see that Spring has sprung, I can tell by all of the tissues I have gone through these last few weeks!

We had a great time at our charity sew! We accomplished a lot, and I look forward to hearing our final numbers. Do you know of any organizations that have needs we could help meet? We are always looking for projects that will benefit others.

This month we have our t-shirt quilt class. I took this class with Clare several years ago and it is fantastic. She has created a great system for cutting and arranging the t-shirts. Please make sure you sign up for it at the meeting.

Speaking of spring, it's time to start spring cleaning your sewing rooms to get ready for our ugly auction that is taking place next month! It is never too early to gather up those past treasures to bring joy to someone new!

Don't forget that our meeting is beginning a little later again this month. Please remember to wait outside until we have the chairs set up. We will signal you when it is time to come in. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation with the adjustments these past few months,

I hope you have a wonderful month!

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 5-5:30 pm to share a meal and visit with fellow members before the meeting.

Snip-It: Exchanges

There are 5 rows available in the 2024 "strip" exchange. Strips are due in July and will be distributed before the August retreat.

2024 is my last year organizing exchanges. Looking for a volunteer now. We can work together to plan 2025. I have a library of ideas to pass on.

Snip-It:

Don't forget to sign up for the T-shirt quilt workshop April 20. Cost is \$10. Supply list is on Facebook event as well as in the workshop binder.

MEETING

Tuesday April 2nd

7:00-7:15

The Loft

**Presbyterian Church,
2501 Loretto 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>

Happy Birthday

Carol Malicki	April 6
Nikki Levinson-Lustgarten	April 9
Connie Kight	April 21
Caroline Moegenburg	April 23
Trini Bowen	April 24
Anna Turek	April 26

Happy Anniversary

Beth Porkert	April 10
Cheryl McCain	April 13
Elaine Stemetzki	April 18
Annette Paulson	April 26
Sandy Brinson	April 30

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.

Snip-It UGLY AUCTION

Top 4 tags and regular tags for ugly auction items will be available at the April meeting. Please have them filled out and attached to your items before bringing them to the May meeting.

Snip-It

Remember, new members can

request to join the Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/honeybeequilters>

Honeybee Quilt Guild

March 5, 2024 Membership Meeting (7:00 pm)

Mandarin Presbyterian Church, Kids Space

2501 Loretto Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223

Attendees: Robin Allison, Christine Besser, Jenna Borcharding, Trini Bowen, Marie Breslin, Sheryll Capes, Tammy DeBeau, Robyn Eubanks, Jackie Farrar, Janet Griffith, Pat Guilford, Jeanie Jacobson, Nicole Jacobson, Kathy Johnstone, Dawn Kelly, Connie Kight, Karen Krueger, Nikki Levinson-Lustgarten, Louise Malan, Carol Malicki, Carol McBryde, Cheryl McCain, Dolores Moynahan, Beth Porkert, Maureen Reiter, Jennifer Routh, Stacy Shelton, Kristine Stein, Anna Turek, Jill Voetsch, Maureen Wasson

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Jennifer Routh

Welcome

Introduction of visitors/guests/New Members

Kathy Kennedy – New Member, returned to the area since 2019

Birthday Recognition:

Betty Deluca – Mar 3
 Debbie Bradshaw – Mar 4
 Colleen Rosatone – Mar 6
 Sandra Brinson – Mar 27
 Dawn Kelly – Mar 29
 Kathy Johnstone – Mar 31

Anniversary Recognitions:

Trini Bowen – Mar 2
 Carol McBryde – Mar 20
 Dee Harrison – Mar 27
 Caroline Moegenburg – Mar 29

Minutes of last meeting (February 7, 2024) for Membership Meeting:

As submitted by Membership Secretary Dawn Kelly to membership; motion to approve by Kristine Stein, seconded by Stacy Shelton, unanimously approved by the membership.

President’s Report – Mary Alice Howle:

Not Present.

Vice President’s Report – Jennifer Routh:

No Report.

Treasurer’s Report – Maureen Wasson:

Income Year-To-Date: \$3,960.57 and Expenses Year-To-Date: \$1,243.23

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Challenges - UFO – Beth Porkert:

At this meeting UFO #5 was due, see the Facebook group for photos.

Bring UFO #6 to the April meeting or post photo to the Facebook group and tag Beth.

Challenges – Sandi Brinson (not present), covered by Maureen Wasson & Dawn Kelly:

Challenge due at tonight's Meeting Quilt As You Go, AKA Sew and Flip method in any size.

Beth Porkert won the prize for her Mug Mat from the kit provided in her AQS membership renewal swag bag.

Challenge due at the April 2nd meeting is one or more of the Quilts Of Valor 2024 Special Ohio Star block to turn in for the Jacksonville QOV leader to make into quilts. Use patriotic Reds, Whites and Blues from your stash. URL form the QOV website and PDF pattern to be emailed and posted to the Facebook group Files.

Charity – Robin Allison:

The Saturday, March 16th workshop will be in the Fellowship Hall from 9am to about 2 or 3 pm. Honeybees will be sewing (not stuffing) Hearts & Me dolls, see Robin to get patterns. Hearts can be made of scrap fabric. Me dolls are muslin on 1-side and fun kid fabric on the other side.

Bring a dish to share for lunch. Feel free to show up and sew your own projects for the comradery.

Education – Jennifer Routh:

Workshops:

February was the Iron Caddy, several members brought their caddies to show, photo in Facebook group

March is Charity Sew, see above.

April is T-shirt Quilt with Claire on 4/20 for \$10. Claire is an excellent and well liked teacher. Please sign-up as only 2-people have so far.

May is Exchange Strips sewing opportunity for the Exchange.

Meetings:

May meeting is our 'Ugly Auction' starting at 6:30pm in the Woody Room. Please bundle as many items together as possible so that our Auctioneers can get through them. Bring, to sell, your gently or never used items that you don't want. The guild gets a % and you get the rest. This year everyone selling will pick their top 4 items to be auctioned. Everything above the 4 will be put on a Buy It Now table for purchase.

Remember to bring your checkbook for easy check-out.

Exchanges – Colleen Rosatone:

Not Present.

Hospitality – Denise Adams and Trini Bowen:

List available for one member to sponsor each month, that member takes the supplies home the month before and brings them to that month then sets up the table.

All members, on your Birthday Month meeting remember to bring snacks for all members.

Birthday Party – Trini Bowen & Nikki Levinson-Lustgarten & Denise Adams:

The Theme is "A Little Bit Country" and the Exchange Block pattern will be provided next month.

Membership and Newsletter – Connie Kight:

50 members have paid. Every member must fill out a form for 2024. Anyone unpaid by tonight will be removed from the email list and Facebook group.

QuiltFest 2024 - Opportunity Quilt Mother – Carol Malicki:

Bird blocks were due tonight at the March meeting. Carol received many at this time in the meeting.

Retreats – Robyn Eubanks:

May Retreat at Live Oaks in Dowling Park is the Memorial Day weekend, but you will be home by Sunday as the dates are 5/23 – 5/26. Honeybees needs to book 8 sleeping rooms, need 2 more. Target of 18 attendees in the Conference room comfortably. Fees Due by 3/24. Single \$320, Double \$185/person.

August Retreat – 8/15 – 8/18: Denim & Diamonds at Luther Springs.

October Staycation – 10/18 – 10/20 at Cinnamon's, sign-ups start tonight.

Sign up for Retreats in the Retreat Book.

Sunshine – Bonnie Lovett:

Not Present

Door Prize – Sheryll Capes:

Trini Bowen won this month's Door Prize.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: No New Business

Show and Tell – Photos to be posted to Facebook Group

Break

Program: 2025 National Teacher update and 2024 & 2025 QuiltFest Topics

2025 National Teacher – Jeanie Jacobson:

In 2025 on April 26th, a National Teacher from Quilt Haven Threads in Tallahassee will be leading the workshop for "Abstraction" quilt pattern from the Deb Tucker Studio 180. The workshop will be held from 9am to 5pm in the church; church to receive \$500 from the QuiltFest Education Budget. The workshop fee is for 20 participants. Additional participants can attend for an additional \$30/person. The workshop fee will be \$30 non-refundable but does not include the pattern and Studio 180 ruler costs. If you sign-up, be sure to completely prepare materials for the workshop. Jeanie will provide the pattern photo in the Facebook group. A sign-up sheet will be added soon.

QuiltFest 2024 Theme "Sew Your Heart Out" – Stacy Shelton, Maureen Wasson & Jeanie Jacobson:

Stacy is the Honeybees QuiltFest Airport display Coordinator. Jill Smith has determined monthly themes, for March and April that's green for spring. The Airport displays will be available through at least September. May's theme will be Patriotic and Summer. Labor Day theme will be traditional Red, White & Blue quilts.

If you have a Green Quilt of any size contact Stacy and she will get it to the Airport. She is located in Green Cove Springs.

Maureen demonstrated how two 2024 Bookmarks make a full heart. The QuiltFest Board picked the Heart-shaped Ribbon Toppers and the team is now testing gray colors for the fabric and will provide an update later.

Jeanie discussed the 2024 New Categories, Intermediate Duet (2 people collaboration), Large Duet (2 people collaboration) and Modern. Other collaboration categories are for 3 or more people. \$8,100 sponsorships are needed and have \$5,600 so far. There are a few categories left to sponsor for as little as \$100, get together with a friend of a few and sponsor a category.

For 2024, pre-sale tickets will not have pre-determined date of attendance. More shops will be selling ticket and they will also sell with the Senior Discount. There will be 4-lines at the Prime for buying tickets, 2 credit and 2 cash.

The Registration Fee for Quilts will be \$20 for guild members and \$30 for non-guild members.

Consider volunteering to be a scribe at judging, or another volunteer to help and watch judging. Remember during judging all participants must be silent.

Ways and Means can use more Advertising. Dawn will email a clean printable copy of the form. Take the form to your local service providers to see if they want to advertise.

- Stacy will collect the Honeybees \$5 Friends of QuiltFest line for the Program.
- AQS (American Quilter's Society) is again a Golden Needle sponsor this year.
- Remember to make items to sell in the Boutique and donate to the Silent Auction.

This year's QuiltFest Guilds Social will be at Bee's in St. Augustine on April 13, 12-4pm. Honeybees needs volunteers to man our table. Please reach out if you can make it. Please try and carpool.

Honeybees will be hanging quilts on the Mezzanine Level this year. The quilts can be very big. Jeanie asked if the quilts should be in the "Sew Your Heart Out" Theme with Hearts and/or Red Quilts. No motions made yet. Quilts will be collected at the August meeting and returned at the October meeting.

QuiltFest 2025 Theme "Color Our World" will be hosted by River City Piecemakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Retreat Corner: Robyn Eubanks

Spring is in the air and I have a spring in my step as our "Sew Patriotic" retreat May 23rd-26th has met the minimum room requirements!! We have 1 spot for a single room at \$320 if anyone is still interested in joining us!

All money due at the April meeting. I will be sending a group email to those registered to attend with your total due.

Be thinking Red, White and Blue!

August retreat "Denim and Diamonds" still has spots available, check out the retreat notebook and get yourself signed up! It's going to be fun, Y'all! 🤗

What is a retreat?

What does it mean to go on a retreat? It is not quite like a holiday, but it is a break from usual work. The difference is in the purpose. It is the physical removal of self from normal life to allow time for creativity! If you have any thoughts for future retreats, please let me know!!

Just do it!!

As always yours!
Robyn Eubanks



Snip-It

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.

Snip-It

Any unpaid members after the March meeting will be removed from the roster and will no longer receive newsletters or emails with updated info for events, classes and retreats.

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**.

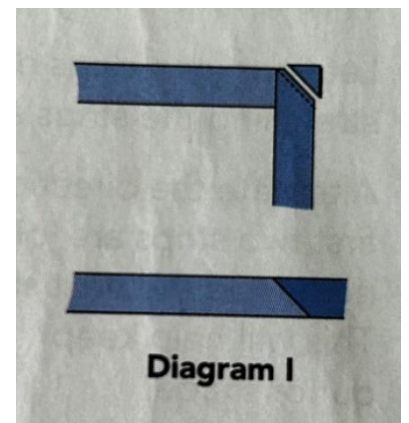
Assembly:

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!



QUILTFEST -- ALL KINDS OF UPDATES!

1. Categories:

We are bringing back some categories and adding one:

Large Pieced Duet

Intermediate Pieced Duet

Modern Quilts

2. Tickets -

We will be pre-selling tickets again at quilt shops, but you no longer have to pick a date! Last year we sold at only 3 quilt shops, but we hope to expand.

Senior discounts will be all 3 days.

There will be 4 lines to buy tickets. 2 for cash and 2 for credit card. There will also be signs for people who already have tickets so they can bypass the lines.

3. Registration Fee for Quilts

Because of rising costs at the prime, we will be raising the prices for registering quilts.

Guild members will be \$20

Non-guild members will be \$30

4. Judging

Please consider being a scribe

5. Ways & Means

We are asking for your help to solicit your friends and family who own small businesses to put an ad in our program, sponsor a category (it doesn't have to be the whole thing) or become a friend of quiltfest.

6. Publicity

AQS is sponsoring Quiltfest again - \$2500 as a Golden needle sponsor

7. Boutique

We are adding a boutique this year where guild members can sell some small items and make money, while giving 15% back to quiltfest. This area could interest people who are non-quilters that attend the show. If you are putting something in the boutique, we also request you support the silent auction too.

8. Airport Display

We were provided the opportunity to display quilts at the airport in the bag claim area and upstairs in the glass cases. We are hoping this will help promote Quiltfest. We need 2 volunteers from each guild to collect quilts and hang quilts. Jill Smith with Coastal Quilters is in charge of coordinating. You can contact her at 904-755-8400 or smythaj@msn.com. In March the theme is St. Patrick's day - so quilts of all shades of green are invited.

9. Sewcial at Bee's Quilt Shop

Last year the guilds got together for a "sewcial" at Cinnamon's quilt shop to promote quiltfest and increase their membership. This year we will be supporting Bee's Quilt Shop in St. Augustine on April 13, 2024 from 12 pm - 4:00 pm. We need to find some volunteers to head up our booth and don't forget to attend. Be on the lookout for a flyer and an announcement on social media.

10. Last but not least - River City has the theme for 2025 - Color Our World

Jeanie Jacobson

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