

HONEYBEE BUZZ

APRIL 2025

Happy Spring!

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

We had a great time at our boxy pouch workshop. Janet is a great teacher. I look forward to more workshops with her. I don't know when or what it will be, but you don't want to miss it!

It is finally here...our Abstraction Class. We have been looking forward to it for months. The class is full but check with Jeanne at the meeting in case there have been some last-minute cancellations. Don't forget to make sure you get your homework done before class.

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 to bring your ½ square triangle challenge project and this month's UFO.

I hope you have a wonderful month!

See you at the meeting!

Mary Alice

Snip-It:

- Remember to bring
- Check or cash for down payment on retreat/s
- Refreshment if April is your birthday month

Snip-It:

- Sign-ups to remember (look for the signup books at meeting)
- Retreats-March, June, August, October
- National Teacher class in April-waitlist

Snip-It:

- Kids Space (the loft) Normal meeting space **2501 Loretto Rd**
- Fellowship Hall 2nd campus, the big room **11844 Mandrin Rd**
- Woody Room 2nd campus, smaller room at end of building **11844 Mandrin Rd**

MEETING

Tuesday April 1

6:30

Kids Space

Presbyterian Church,

2501 Loretto Rd,

Jacksonville, FL 32223

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President: MaryAlice Howle
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(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
GiGi McKnight	April 11
Connie Kight	April 21
Caroline Moegenburg	April 23
Trini Bowen	April 24

Happy Anniversary

Beth Porkert	April 10
Cheryl McCain	April 13
Elain Stemetzkl	April 18
Lisa Janes	April 18
Suzanne Ziemba	April 19
Sandy Kruszewski	April 22
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.

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, except for August-HB birthday party and Dec- Holiday party

Snip-It

Remember, new members can request to join the Facebook group:

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

Retreat Corner:

Quilting in Wonderland was so tasty! We really had a great time getting to know each other just a little bit better, many beautiful things were created and the time spent was priceless! Thank you everyone for having such a helpful spirit and making our first spring staycation such a success! We are on the books for next year already. Check out the "Save the Dates" list for more Retreat opportunities.

June Retreat ~ "Hello Summertime" June 19th -22nd @ Dowling Park, FL is "sold out". Final payment \$150 due on or before May 6th at Honeybee Mtg. Those of us lucky ladies that are attending, we will be having a Luau! Aloha! The 1st planning meeting for this retreat will be April 17th. @ Cracker Barrel OP 6:30pm. I will have a sign up at the meeting or you can let me know you'd like to participate so I can send you separate reminders. I can't wait to see what we collectively come up with. Let's flamingle and luau like there's no tomorrow!

- August Retreat @ Luther Springs We are going on a cruise "Bobbin at Sea". We still have spots available. \$25 non refundable deposit upon signing up. August 14th-17th. Don't miss the bon voyage! We don't want to sail without you.
- October Retreat is a Staycation @ Cinnamon's October 17th, 18th & 19th with the opportunity to "stay a day" Monday the 20th. Right now a waiting list has started. Don't let that discourage you, Life happens and that is a long way down the road. You never know when a spot may open.

Sign ups are not yet available but you may want to Save the Dates:

- January 22-25, 2026
- March 12-15, 2026
- March 26-30, 2026
- June 18-21, 2026
- August 13-16, 2026
- October 15-19, 2026

We are so thankful for each retreat committee's support and planning as we prepare for retreats. We are going to have a fun year!

May a retreat fit on each of your calendars! If you know of a location we should look at, please pass on the information. If we need to offer additional sewing / retreat opportunities, please advise.

Sincerely yours, Robyn E. and Elaine S.

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.

Honeybee Exchange 2025

Pizza Box Exchange

Job well Done for the first Pizza Box exchange! The second exchange is now due.

Please contact me if any problems occur.

Colleen Rosatone

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Quarterly Challenge:

Just a reminder that the challenge due at April meeting is to make something using 1/2 square triangles. You can make anything!! Quilt, throw, runner, placemat, pillow, coaster, mug rug, trivet. Whatever your heart desires. Looking forward to seeing all of the different ideas that you come up with!

Abstraction Workshop - April 26th

Just a quick reminder that everyone attending the workshop needs to make sure their fabric is pre-cut and ready to go by April 26th. Pre-cutting instructions and fabric requirements were emailed to everyone.

If you have questions, please let us know.

Jeanie & Jennifer

Abstraction Supply List Finished Quilt Sizes: Lap (64" x 64") and Full/Queen (83" x 97")

This unique sphere design is created by choosing three different fabric values, on a light background. The Four Patch tool provides accurate squares and rectangles to piece together creating this geometric Abstraction.

Supply List: Studio 180 Design pattern Abstraction Four Patch Square Up tool 6 x 24 (approximate) Ruler Rotary Cutter

Mat

Sewing Machine in good working order

Sewing supplies you like to use - 1/4" foot, thread, bobbins, glass head pins, seam ripper, scissors, sewing machine needles, etc.

Fabric Requirements:

Precutting before class: Following the Cutting Instructions on your pattern cut your strips for your blocks. Be sure to label and organize your pieces by units and value. I will provide labeled paper plates for keeping organized during construction. Do not cut Outer Border length. Certified Studio 180 Instructor: Gail Renna quilthaventthreads.com quilthaventthread@gmail.com Fabric Lap Full/Queen Dark 7/8 yards 1 1/4 yards Medium 1/2 yard 5/8 yard Light 1/2 yard 5/8 yard Background 4 3/4 yards 8 yards Binding 5/8 yard 7/8 yard Backing 4 yards 8 3/4 yards

New members can request to join the private Members Only

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

The Public Facebook Page also has the meeting information as Events:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561652758379>

Dawn Kelly

Secretary, Membership Meetings

NEW:

Business card 1 year--\$25

Items for sale 3 months--\$15 All info on item sent by email after payment received

Services/Notifications 3 months-- \$15 All info on service sent by email after payment received

Email: ckight21@bellsouth.net

Payment and info due by 15th of month to be in Newsletter for that month.

Non Profit adds: No charge

SALE PAGE

Business card 6 months--\$15

Proceeds used as fundraiser for
American Cancer Society.

Wash clothes are \$4 each or 2/\$7.

Nikki Levinson-Lustgarten
(904) 571-7097



Crab Apple Hill Studios, is going out of business
with several items discounted.

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

Blueberry Breakfast Bundt Cake

Ingredients

- baking spray
- 2 c blueberries, frozen (thawed) or fresh
- 1 tbs all-purpose flour, to coat blueberries before adding to mix
- 2 3/4 c all-purpose flour
- .1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 3/4 c butter, unsalted, room temperature
- 2 c granulated sugar
- 4 eggs, room temperature
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 c vegetable oil
- 1 c sour cream, full fat, room temperature



Glaze

- 1 c powdered sugar
- 3-5 tsp milk, pour in a little bit of milk at a time, constantly stirring. The more milk will make the consistency more runny.

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Add the blueberries and 1 tablespoon of flour to a mixing bowl and toss together until all of the blueberries are coated with the flour. Set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.
3. In another large mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugar for about 4-5 minutes until light and fluffy.
4. Mix in the eggs one at a time until well combined, then mix in the vanilla.
5. Add oil.
6. Add the dry ingredients, alternating with the sour cream in small amounts.
7. Add the blueberries and stir carefully with a spatula.
8. Spray a 10-inch bundt pan well with nonstick cooking spray. Pour the batter into the prepared bundt pan and evenly spread it around.
9. Bake at 350°F for 50-65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean. Cover loosely with foil if needed for the last 5-10 minutes of baking to prevent excess browning.
10. Remove from the oven and cool. Turn upside down onto a cooling rack. Once cooled, place on a platter and drizzle with glaze.

Glaze

- Mix powdered sugar and milk together. Add more or less milk based off of your consistency preferences.

2025

Honeybee Monthly Meetings/Programs

Loretto Road Campus—2501 Loretto Road

Room : **Kids Space—6:30 pm**

January 7	free play
February 4	Quilt Labels by Mo
March 4	Calico Station
April 1	Quilting 101 (round table)
May 6	Ugly Auction
June 3	Understanding the colors in your stash
July 1	QuiltFest Info & Signup
September 2	Pizza box Update/2026 Block Exchange
October 7	QuiltFest Follow Up
November 4	How to Find and Value Quilts

Mandarin Road Campus—11844 Mandarin Road

Woody Room

August 5	Birthday Party
December 3	Christmas Party

Honeybee Monthly Workshops

Mar 29*	Bags with Janet-	Woody Room
April 26***	Abstraction Workshop-	Kids Space
May 17*	Charity sew-Reading Pillows-	Woody
July 26*	Candy Bag Class-	Woody
Sept 27**	TBD	
Nov 15**	Elfin Magic	
Dec 20**	TBD	

Retreats

January 23-26	Advent Christian Village
March 21-23	Staycation @ Cinnamon's
June 19-22	Advent Christian Village
August 14-17	Luther Springs
October 17-19	Staycation @ Cinnamon's

*Woody Room—Mandarin Road Campus

**Location—TBD

***Kids Space—Loretto Road Campus