

# HONEYBEE BUZZ

MARCH 2025

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I am so excited that spring is just around the corner. I love the cooler weather, but I miss all the shades of green that our tropical climate provides.

February is the month of love and the Bees showed their love for our community at the charity workshop. I am looking forward to hearing the number of fidget quilts that were completed.

As we "HOP" into March there is a lot of buzzing excitement for the All-Florida Shop Hop. I have heard of several people making plans to travel to several of the regions. I hope some Bees win some of the available prizes. If you are setting out on this adventure, post pictures of the treasures you find along the way on our Facebook page.

Staycation is this month and it will be a great time catch up on the UFO's, Half-Square Triangle Challenge, Pizza Box Exchange, and if you are taking April's Abstraction workshop you can get your homework completed early (you know the teacher in me likes that). If you have not received your instructions, please reach out so that you are well prepared for class.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

May your month be LUCKY!  
Mary Alice

## Snip-It:

- Remember to bring
- Membership form and fee check or \$20
- Challenge form and fee check or \$10
- Check or cash for down payment on retreat/s
- Refreshment if March 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 2<sup>nd</sup> campus, the big room **11844 Mandrin Rd**
- Woody Room 2<sup>nd</sup> campus, smaller room at end of building **11844 Mandrin Rd**

## MEETING

Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>

**6:30**

**Kids Space**

**Presbyterian Church,**

**2501 Loretto Rd,**

**Jacksonville, FL 32223**

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## Officers

President: MaryAlice Howle  
VP: Sheryll Capes  
Treasurer: Maureen Wasson  
Secretary: Dawn Kelly  
(Membership Meetings) and  
Colleen Rosatone (Board  
Meetings)

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

### *Happy Birthday*

Debbie Bradshaw	March 4
Colleen Rosatone	March 6
Kristine Ham	March 17
Sandy Brinson	March 27
Dawn Kelly	March 29
Kelly Johnstone	March 31

### *Happy Anniversary*

Trini Bowen	March 2
Tammy Sorrento	March 19
Dee Harrison	March 27
Sue Brown	March 28
Caroline Moegenburg	March 29

### 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:

Upcoming Spring Staycation retreat "Quilting in Wonderland", is in the works. We have had our first planning meeting in preparation for you attendees and I am very excited. We may go down a rabbit hole and get lots accomplished ... Wonder how?? Read on ...



March 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Total \$50 plus sign up to bring an item off our menu list.  
Doors open 10:00am Friday, Dinner at 6:00pm. Sew until last two are ready to leave (Midnight)  
Saturday 8:00am Doors Open, High Tea at 2:00pm and Baked Potato Bar dinner 6:00pm. Sew until last two are ready to leave  
Sunday 8:00am Doors Open Brunch @ 11:00am Sew until 3:30pm unless ..... you want to extend your retreat.

March 21st - Monday 24th = 4 day retreat Total \$60 plus sign up to bring an item off our menu list. ~ MUST SIGN UP FOR EXTENDED "MONDAY" with Honeybees in order to leave your supplies set up overnight.

Want a 5 day retreat?? ADD Thursday March 20th - March 24th Total \$70 plus sign up to bring an item off our menu list. ~ MUST SIGN UP FOR EXTENDED "THURSDAY" with Honeybees in order to leave your supplies set up overnight. Oh what a WONDERLAND this will be

We still have 2 spots available! This is a great opportunity to accomplish many projects and enjoy your fellow Honey Bees Quilting in Wonderland!

Staycation Retreat Balance Due at March Guild Meeting!! (Deposit was \$15) Balance Due \$35

Make arrangements with Robyn to pay your balance if you are not able to attend. Thank you!

Robyn and Elaine

## 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

Hope your first block went well and you updated the preference sheet in your box. Now the fun begins! The membership meeting on March 4th is the time to exchange pizza boxes. If you can not attend the meeting, try to complete the exchange before the end of the week. (March 8th)

Please text me if there are any issues.

Colleen Rosatone (904)635-3230 [rosatonec@gmail.com](mailto:rosatonec@gmail.com)

#### 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](http://quilthaventthreads.com) [quilthaventthread@gmail.com](mailto: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

#### Snip-It:

National Instructor, Gail Renna, **April 2025**, Abstract Workshop, sign-up sheet will be available at the membership meeting. Waiting list only

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- Fabric for label – tight weave to avoid lumps and bumps

## ART QUILT LABELS WITH MO REITER

HONEYBEE MEETING FEB 2025

## SUPPLIES:

- Books or any other inspiration for label art
- Fabric for label – tight weave to avoid lumps and bumps
  - White or light batiks are great choices
- Pigma pens – Mo's favorite size is 005
- Light Box
- Iron with High Cotton Setting
- Crayola Crayons (never a cheaper brand) – Optional
- Prisma Colored Pencils – Optional
- Art Blender sticks & emery board – Optional
- Fun-Tak Poster Putty (one brand is Loctite) – Optional

## STEPS TO MAKE A LABEL:

- 1) Determine size/image for label – copy if from book, copier can resize if needed
  - a. Can draw a box around the images for the label's size to help align label elements
  - b. Can adjust the tracing for the desired label size, i.e. use 2 birds when the image has 3
- 2) Cut fabric at least ½" larger on all sides to be able to fold over and finish in the final steps
- 3) Cut freezer paper to be smaller than the fabric to protect the iron
- 4) Add freezer paper to the back of the label fabric (press in place)
- 5) Use painters tape to attach the drawing face down to freezer paper
- 6) Place the drawing-freezer paper-fabric on the light box, confirm image and text are correctly oriented
- 7) Trace the outline / line drawing / border / text on the label fabric
- 8) Remove the painters tape and drawing
- 9) Repeat steps 5-8 for any design elements to add to the label
- 10) Heat Set the Pen drawing using a high Cotton setting
- 11) To add color:
  - a. For standard spaces add Crayola Crayon colors. Start with lightest color of the space and add darker and darker as desired
  - b. For tighter spaces use Prisma Colored Pencils
- 12) Optional step to blend:
  - a. Use an Art Blender Stick to blend crayon or pencil
  - b. Use the emery board to keep the stick sharp and remove the blended color from the stick
- 13) Optional step to remove color mistakes:
  - a. Pull off some poster putty and dab the putty on the label to remove color from the fabric (before heat setting)
- 14) Blend and Heat Set the color by first placing a clean Paper Towel over the label fabric then using the iron on a high Cotton setting to blend and set the color
  - a. Heating Crayola Crayons will melt the wax and leave the color stain on the fabric
- 15) Trim the label fabric down to size (leaving border to fold)
- 16) Remove the freezer paper
- 17) Press and fold the edges to create a finished edge
- 18) Attach to quilt as desired

## NOTES AND HINTS:

- Pens:
  - Be sure to practice writing on fabric with the pens you will be using
  - Try different pen sizes and label a sampler for reference
- Label Components:
  - Practice drawing on label fabric
  - Practice writing by placing lined paper behind the fabric using light box
- Resources:
  - Crab Apple Hill Studios in Seattle has great art
  - Pigma Pens can be found at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Cinnamons by the register or even North Main Art Supply
  - Best time to buy Crayola Crayons is the back to school sales

Notes by Dawn Kelly

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

### 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

**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](mailto:ckight21@bellsouth.net)

Payment and info due by 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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