



# HONEYBEE BUZZ

JULY 2019

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Just saw a commercial about "jingle in July" and it reminded me about how fast this year is going. It helped me remember what we have done so far this year (workshops, charity sew ins, community service projects, kids to sewing camp) and all that we have planned until the end of the year (more workshops, Quiltfest, retreat, Birthday and Christmas parties). WOW did you realize all that Honeybees do throughout the year?

The July workshop by Nancy Wines has so much interest that we booked a conference room at the Ramada Inn to hold it. I think that is great. July 25th is the date that your Quiltfest entries need to be post marked to enter a quilt. The quilt does not need to be finished by the July date but it must be entered.

Our Fall retreat at Lake Swan is going to be attended by lots of us. This means there will be lots of fun, advice, opinions, sewing, and even more advice. We even come home with projects worked on.

The members of the nominating committee will be contacting you about considering holding an office for the guild. All four of your officers have held their two years so new officers are needed. Talk to the four of us to find out what the job is about and think about doing it.

Keep on Keeping on  
Elaine

## MEETING

Tuesday, July 2nd,  
6:30 p.m. at Mandarin  
Presbyterian Church in  
the Fellowship Hall  
East Campus

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### Officers

- President: Elaine Stemetzki
- Vice-president: Marie Breslin
- Secretary: Jeanie Jacobson
- Treasurer: Pernie Gilbert

The website for Honeybee is  
<http://honeybeequilters.org>

## PROGRAMS

Hope you all enjoyed the Scrappy Rooster trunk show at the June meeting. For some reason, it's always fun to look at quilts (and dream, someday!) Ten people took the June workshop with Bruce Wilkerson and learned something new.

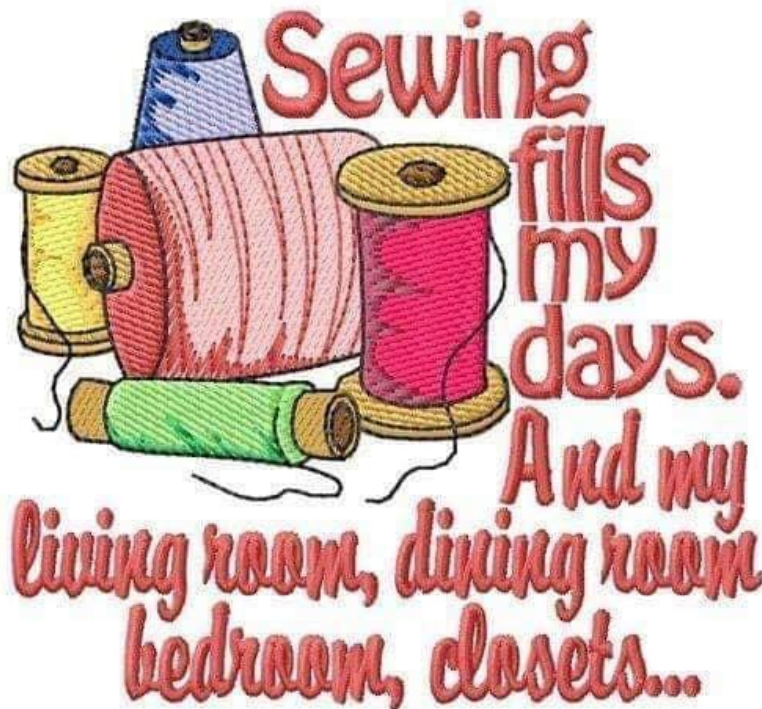
In July, Mo will show everyone how to attach a sleeve to a quilt, so there will no excuse for not entering a quilt into Quiltfest this year!

On July 20, Nancy Wines will teach a workshop using the Metro Rings pattern for the Quick Curve Ruler. There are currently 14 people signed up, which leaves room for only 1 more, because it is being held at the Ramada Inn on Hartley Road, and that is all the room will accommodate. If you are signed up, please make sure you have paid your \$25 deposit to hold your spot. You will also need the Metro Rings pattern and all the supplies listed, including the ruler. Cinnamon's currently carries both pattern and ruler.

Remember to bring your checks in the amount of \$163.20, for the August 15-18 retreat at Lake Swan. It's always a lot of fun at a very reasonable price!

Speaking of retreats, the signup sheet for the October 18 – 20 retreat at Cinnamon's will be at the next meeting. The cost for the Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon event, will be \$50, which will include 2 evening meals, some snacks, and the room to sew. There will be a minimum of 10 people needed to host the event, so if you are interested, please sign up early so the room can be released before a deposit has to be made.

The program committee is looking for ideas to start planning for 2020, so please pass along any suggestions you may have.



## HOSPITALITY

Prior to the meeting we will "Meet to Eat" starting at 5:30 pm, at Panera's in Mandarin. I am looking forward to a good salad and sandwich, maybe soup. You can't go wrong with anything on the menu. For the birthday girls, please don't forget to bring treats to share during the break.

Mary Alice Howle - 2nd;  
Barbara Enos - 5th;  
Joyce Snyder - 9th;  
Cheryl McCain - 14th;  
Irene Silva - 16th;  
Karen Krueger - 22nd;  
Robyn Eubanks - 25th;  
Robyn Baldwin - 30th



Joan Patterson - 2nd  
Virginia Muse - 17th

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

# FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

There is something written on the back of the **Declaration of Independence**, but it isn't a secret map or code. Instead, there are a few handwritten words that say, "Original Declaration of Independence/ dated 4th July 1776". No one knows who wrote this, but it was probably added as a label when the document was rolled up for storage many years ago.

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Once the Declaration of Independence had been written and signed, printer John Dunlap was asked to make about 200 copies to be distributed throughout the colonies. Today, the "Dunlap Broadside" are extremely rare and valuable. In 1989, someone discovered a previously unknown Dunlap Broadside. It was sold for over \$8 million in 2000. There are only 26 known surviving Dunlap Broadside today.

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Although Thomas Jefferson is often called the "author" of the Declaration of Independence, he wasn't the only person who contributed important ideas. Jefferson was a member of a five-person committee appointed by the Continental Congress to write the Declaration. The committee included Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman.

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Robert Livingston, one of the members of the committee who wrote the Declaration of Independence, never signed it. He believed that it was too soon to declare independence and therefore refused to sign.

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One of the most widely held misconceptions about the Declaration of Independence is that it was signed on July 4, 1776. In fact, independence was formally declared on July 2, 1776, a date that John Adams believed would be "the most memorable epocha in the history of America." On July 4, 1776, Congress approved the final text of the Declaration. It wasn't signed until August 2, 1776.

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After Jefferson wrote his first draft of the Declaration, the other members of the Declaration committee and the Continental Congress made 86 changes to Jefferson's draft, including shortening the overall length by more than a fourth.

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When writing the first draft of the Declaration, Jefferson primarily drew upon two sources: his own draft of a preamble to the Virginia Constitution and George Mason's draft of Virginia's Declaration of Rights.

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Jefferson was quite unhappy about some of the edits made to his original draft of the Declaration of Independence. He had originally included language condemning the British promotion of the slave trade (even though Jefferson himself was a slave owner). This criticism of the slave trade was removed in spite of Jefferson's objections.

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On December 13, 1952, the Declaration of Independence (along with the Constitution and Bill of Rights) was formally delivered to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., where it has remained since then.

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The two youngest signers of the Declaration of Independence were both from South Carolina. Thomas Lynch, Jr. and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina were both born in 1749 and were only 26 when they signed the Declaration. Most of the other signers were in their 40s and 50s.

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Philosopher John Locke's ideas were an important influence on the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson restated Locke's contract theory of government when he wrote in the Declaration that governments derived "their just Powers from the consent of the people."

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Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the vote to approve the Declaration of Independence.

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Some of the most famous lines in the Declaration of Independence were inspired by Virginia's Declaration of Rights by George Mason. Mason said: "all men are born equally free and independent." Jefferson's Declaration of Independence said: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Mason listed man's "natural Rights" as "Enjoyment of Life and Liberty, with the Means of acquiring and possessing Property, and pursuing and obtaining Happiness and Safety." Jefferson listed man's "inalienable rights" as "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

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Nine of the signers of the Declaration died before the American Revolution ended in 1783.

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In the summer of 1776, when the Declaration was signed, the population of the nation is estimated to have been about 2.5 million. (Today the population of the U.S. is more than 300 million.)

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The oldest signer of the Declaration was Benjamin Franklin, who was born in 1706 and was therefore already 70 at the time of the Declaration. Franklin went on to help negotiate the Treaty of Alliance with France in 1778 and the Treaty of Paris, which ended the Revolutionary War in 1783.

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The only signer of the Declaration of Independence to survive beyond the 50th anniversary of the signing was Charles Carroll of Maryland. Carroll died in 1832 when he was 95 years old.

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The copy of the Declaration of Independence that is housed at the National Archives is not the draft that was approved by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Instead it is a formal copy that the Continental Congress hired someone to make for them after the text was approved. This formal copy was probably made by Timothy Matlack, an assistant to the Secretary of Congress. This copy was signed on August 2, 1776.

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No one who signed the Declaration of Independence was born in the United States of America. The United States didn't exist until after the Declaration was signed! However, all but eight of the signers were born in colonies that would become the United States.

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The first public reading of the Declaration took place on July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia. A fictional story written in the 1840s suggested that the bell now known as the Liberty Bell was rung that day to bring the people together. However, historians now doubt that this happened. The steeple that housed the bell was in very bad condition at the time and the bell was probably unusable.

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Although August 2, 1776, was the date of the official signing ceremony, there were several people who signed on later dates. Some of these late signers included Elbridge Gerry, Oliver Wolcott, Lewis Morris, Thomas McKean and Matthew Thornton.



## CHALLENGE

Honeybee Challenge #3 (June 4th to September 3rd)

Since this challenge will be within the month of July, we're going for the idea of Christmas in July, only it will be **holidays in July**. To make either harder or easier, however you want to look at it. We are only using three holidays to pick from: Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Halloween. The challenge will be different color schemes for a holiday other than the normal colors. Such as you cannot use red and green for Christmas, orange and black for Halloween and brown and green for Thanksgiving. You can use these colors in the project, just not the main color scheme.

You can use any technique or method of quilting you like.

The size of the project be in the range of 12" x 12" to 20" x 20" **finished** and any shape that fits in this range. Think **outside** the **box** and have **fun**.

If you have any questions, please either call me or email me for answers

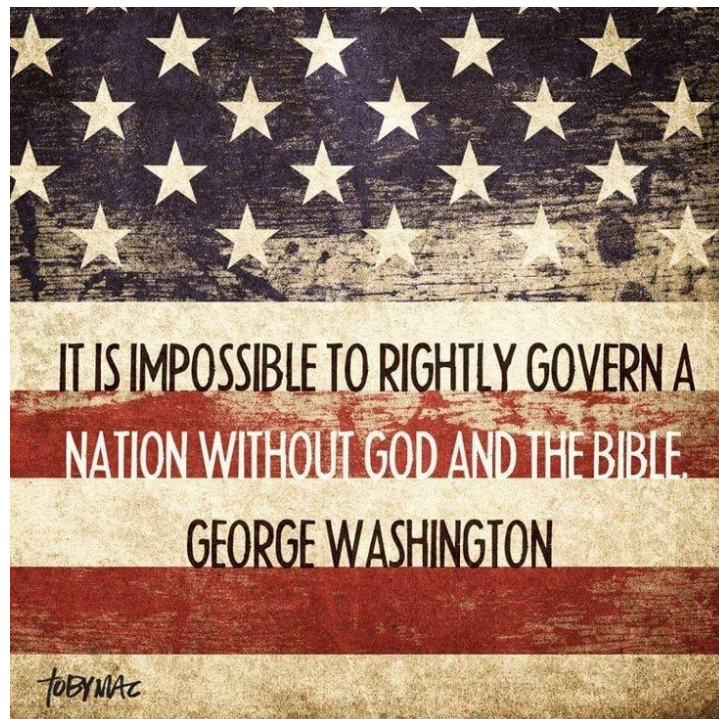
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## SECRET SISTER EXCHANGE

Brown bags are still available. Put a yard a fabric in the bag along with your name (no name on outside) by the August meeting. Give to Connie. Draw secret sisters in August. Elaine will collect any brought to the July meeting. Theme is going to be button nose reindeer.



## Honey Bee Guild Meeting

June 4, 2019

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm

Visitors: Bruce Wilkerson & Rhonda (Scrappy Rooster), Beth English (joined tonight)

**Newsletter:** Irene gave notice and is looking for someone to take over either now or in January.

**Secret Sister Exchange:** Brown bags are still available. Put a yard a fabric in the bag along with your name (no name on outside) by the August meeting. Give to Connie. Draw secret sisters in August. Elaine will collect any brought to the July meeting. Theme is going to be button nose reindeer.

**Vice President:** Opportunity Quilt Money: Two children were picked to sponsor for the Cinnamon's Summer Camp and one for Cut Up N Sew. All are getting class fees, supplies and sewing machine. Irene donated \$20 so we can sponsor another child at Mandarin Oaks Community Ed. All classes are June 17<sup>th</sup>. Invite them to come to our meeting and show us what they made.

**Charity:** Gave a quilt to Cheryl to quilt. Another quilt was completed (lantern quilt) and we are thinking of giving it to Mary Jane's husband (it was one we received from her stash). Please come to charity workshop to help layer and/or quilt on June 29.

**Opportunity Quilt:** Top is done and going to Gayle to quilt.

**Challenges:** Black on white and a color due tonight: Colleen, Lisa, Sandi, Sandy, Pat, Carol, Maggie, Jill participated. New challenge: Holidays in July – Take Christmas, Thanksgiving and Halloween and make a project not using holiday specific colors (between 12 x 12 and 20 x 20). Due in September.

**Exchange:** Modern Anvil – due in December – background is black on white with bright colors – 35 blocks.

**Hospitality:** Birthdays, Frances (3), Faye (8), Christine (16), Anniversary Denise (2), Frances (3), Maureen (5) Anna (9), Carolyn (12), Judy (14), Mo & Christine (26). Maureen is doing meet to greet, Jeanie is taking supplies. Please send card to Gayle Wrigley thanking her for quilting a charity quilt.

Lace & roses – theme for birthday party– bring a covered dish, bring a 12 inch block with lace & roses

**Membership:** 58 members

**Programs:**

Great class with Kathryn Metzger – painted quilts. 4 people attended.

Monthly Meetings:

July 2	Putting sleeves on Quilts by Mo
August 6	Birthday Party
September 3	Quiltfest Info
October 1	Bring quilts in that were entered into QuiltFest
November 5	Possible Physical Therapist to come
December 3	Birthday Party

Monthly Workshops/Programs/Retreats:

June 15	Deb Tucker Ruler Workshop – Bruce (Scrappy Rooster) Our Monthly Mtg Room 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – need at least 10 or it will be cancelled
June 29	Charity Workshop Our Monthly Mtg Room
July 20	Nancy Wines – Metro Rings Pat Guilford's house
August 15-18	Lake Swan Retreat - \$163.20 – 3 nights and 9 meals – need money by July meeting
Oct 18-20	Cinnamon's Stay Retreat

**Quiltfest:**

Quilter's Walk Basket – need a theme, need to watch the weight

Quilt Sale Table – no report

Celebrity Quilt – our celebrity is Nikki Kimbleton, quilt should be 24 x 24 – Robyn, Cheryl & Christine will work together to get the quilt together.

Opportunity Quilt Table – sign up

Entrance fee is now \$12

Registration for quilts is now \$15 and registration must be turned in by 7/25/19. Quilts need to be turned in 9/7/19.

Ponte Vedra Cultural Center could be somewhere to advertise. Sandy K is taking some book marks to put on the table.

Bruce & Rhonda Wilkerson (owners of Scrappy Rooster) gave a great trunk show and showcased some Deb Tucker rulers for our workshop scheduled for June 15.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm