



HONEYBEE BUZZ

November 2019

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our first "stay" retreat at Cinnamons was attended by fourteen of us. This was the first Honeybee retreat for a couple of members whom normally are not able to get away for a sewing retreat. Then there were the "old faithful" who never miss a chance to get away (at least a little while) and sew. Pat outdid herself and had the dinners catered by Red Lobster and 4 Rivers. We solved some of the world's problems and decided that this should be done A LOT more. So plans will be made to do it again.

I realize that I have said this a few times before, but again; you all got (and read) the email from Annette, Chairperson of the nominating committee, about considering stepping up to hold one of the Officers Positions for the guild? All four of the current officers have had the position for their two years and must step down. Also a few committee chairs need to be found for next year.

The October meeting of the Board of Directors, it was motioned and voted on, that the Bylaws of the Honeybee's will state that the annual meeting will be in December each year. This just makes the vote for the new officers to be done in December. The new officers will take office as of January 1st. It was also voted on that the yearly dues will not be collected until after January 1st, that way all fees collected will be on a yearly basis (not split as it is now)

Elfin Magic is coming up in November. This is always a fun day of making projects. This will be our last workshop for 2019. We have had lots of great learning opportunities this year, thanks to the planning and hard work of the Program Committee (Pat and Jill). In 2020 we will be strictly enforcing our deadline/payment policies for programs and retreats.

Keep on Keeping on
Elaine

MEETING

Tuesday, November 5th,
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

If you have ever been sewing a long time in the same position and gotten achy, stiff, or developed muscle cramps, this month's program is for you! A physical therapist will come teach us some tricks on how to avoid these problems and keep healthy as we do what we love.

The Elfin Magic workshop is coming up on Nov. 16. If you want to participate, be sure to bring your \$25 deposit to the Nov. meeting. If there is no deposit, there will be no kit for you.

The program committee is looking into ideas for next year's workshops and meeting programs. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them our way. Ideas that are being looked into so far, include binding and facing, collage quilts, Sally Terry, Grannie Suzannie, and landscape quilts. If you know of instructors for any of these techniques, please send the names our way. Also, next year, there will be some changes to the program policy, which will probably include a fee for workshops. The surplus funds that the Honeybees have been enjoying, has been dwindling, so there will be some changes to keep the funds from depleting entirely.

Honeybee Program Payment Policy

For workshops facilitated by Honeybee members, there will be a \$ 25.00 deposit due at sign-up. The deposit is refundable ONLY if the member shows up at the workshop. Sign-up closes two weeks prior to the date of the event.

For workshops facilitated by outside teachers, there will be a \$ 25.00 deposit due at sign-up. Sign-up will close when the class is filled, or two weeks prior to event, whichever comes first. The deposit is refunded if the member shows up, or if they can get someone else to take their place at the workshop.

For retreats, a non-refundable deposit is due at sign-up. The amount is determined by how much of a deposit the venue requires.

For bus trips, there will be a non-refundable deposit due to hold a place on the bus



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.

Joan Rogers - 3rd
Virginia Muse - 7th
Jill Voetsch - 12th



Karen Krueger - 26th
Janet O'Neal - 27th
Farhat Williams - 30th



NEWSLETTER

I would like to inform the Honeybee members that this is my last official newsletter. I announced several months ago that I would be stepping down and Connie Kight is graciously taking over the newsletter. The only thing is that she will begin in December. You see, the November meeting will be my last meeting with the guild. My husband and I are moving back to Indiana. We had always thought that we were going to retire here and do traveling. The company that he used to work for sought him out again and made him an offer. We are moving back to Indiana because of family. This opportunity for him came totally unexpected.

I would like to thank each and every one of you ladies for being so wonderful. You inspired me to be a better quilter. All of you touched my life in different ways. Thank you so much. If you are ever in my neck of the woods, stop by for a visit. I know all of the best quilt shops.

Irene



FUN FACTS ABOUT NOVEMBER

November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar and has retained its name from the Latin *novem*, meaning "nine." In Finland, they call November *marraskuu*, which translates as "the month of the dead." It is one of four months with a length of 30 days on the Gregorian, or modern, calendar.

In the United States and Canada, November is also known as National Beard Month or No Shave Month (also known as "No-Shave November") as a way to raise cancer awareness. Australians have a similar month where they grow a mustache instead of a full beard.

Topaz, a semi-precious stone that symbolizes friendship, is found in many colors, but it is the orange-yellow version that is the traditional birthstone for November. Citrine, which is actually a quartz crystal that ranges from yellow to orange in color, is considered another November birthstone. It is often mistaken for the orange-yellow topaz, which is the more expensive of the two stones.

The flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. The word chrysanthemum comes from the Greek words *chrys* and *anthemum*, meaning golden flower. In the language of flowers, chrysanthemum is considered to symbolize honesty, joy, and optimism.

Scorpio and Sagittarius are the astrological signs for November. Birthdays from November 1st through the 21st fall under the Scorpio sign. November 22nd through November 30th birthdays fall under the sign of Sagittarius.

Holidays

- **All Saints Day** is a Christian festival held on November 1 that celebrates the lives of all saints, known and unknown. In Mexico and throughout many Hispanic communities in the U.S., November 1 is also known as the **Day of the Dead**, a time for families to remember and honor loved ones who have passed away. **All Soul's Day**, in which Christians essentially do the same, is celebrated the following day, November 2.
- **Veteran's Day**, when we honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, falls annually on November 11. It also coincides with Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which mark the end of World War I.
- **Thanksgiving**, perhaps the most popular of all American holidays after Christmas, is celebrated each year on the third Thursday of November. Not only do Americans have the chance on this day to gather with friends and family over a sumptuous meal but they also get to enjoy a rare four-day weekend

(with the Friday afterward, known as Black Friday, marking the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season).

Recent Historical Events

- The Erie Canal was formally opened in New York on November 4, 1825.
- The Suez Canal opened on November 17, 1869.
- Abraham Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863.
- The United States and Panama signed the treaty that provided for the Panama Canal on November 18, 1903.
- The US and Canada celebrate the end of WWI every year on November 11, 1918.
- After discovering debris-covered stairs, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his crew entered the four-room Egyptian tomb of 18-year-old King Tutankhamen on November 26, 1922.
- The first mechanically ventilated underwater tunnel in the world, the Holland Tunnel, opened to traffic on November 13, 1927.
- Commander Richard E. Byrd and crew of three became first to fly over the South Pole, November 29, 1929.
- Parker Brothers introduced the world to the Monopoly game on November 5, 1935.
- On November 18, 1963, Bell Telephone Company introduced to the public the push button phone.
- John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963.
- The Reverend Jim Jones led over 900 of his followers to their death in a mass suicide, the largest in history, at Jonestown, Guyana, November 19, 1978.
- On November 22, 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher resigned after 11 years in office, the longest term of any British Prime Minister in the 20th century.
- The apartheid system in South Africa finally came to an end on November 1, 1995, with the first all-race government elections.



Honey Bee Guild Meeting October 1, 2019

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm

Visitors & new members: Visitor Taylor Corson (Maggie's niece from VA Beach)

VP: Chosen a child for community service at Mandarin Oaks for sewing class.

Treasurer: As of 9/15/19 – Savings \$14,551.50; Checking \$1,424.75

Charity: Mary Jane's husband Eddie passed away. Working on getting a quilt up to a friend for a charity of Mary Jane's.

Challenges: Sandy B (x3), Pat. Everyone would like to wait until after Christmas for any more challenges.

Christmas Party: Don't forget to bring your secret santa sister gift. Anne didn't get a bag ☹. No cookie exchange. Remember to bring a dish to share and donations for the Mandarin food bank.

Exchanges: Bring inner border (35 pieces $2\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$) and 35 blocks to December meeting.

Greeter: Need people to volunteer for the board – President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary. The slate of officers needs to be announced in November. We will vote in December.

Membership: 63 new members. 3 people joined at Quiltfest. Membership committee has not had a budget in the past. We have run out of name tags. New name tags have a spot for your name, raffle tickets, pen and we would like to decorate the tops. We can use them for meetings, classes and events.

Add line item for budget in the amount of \$50

Vote on buy new name tags (yellow & black) \$165 for 100 plus shipping – Pat motioned and Beth seconded. Vote approved.

Programs:

Monthly Meetings:

November 5 Physical Therapist to come and talk about posture, etc.

December 3 Birthday Party – bring a dish

Monthly Workshops/Programs/Retreats:

Oct 18-20 Cinnamon's Stay Retreat \$50 per person – 11 people signed up.

Friday: Arrive at 2:00 pm on Friday with your machine. Dinner provided. Sew until 9:00 pm.

Saturday: Arrive at Saturday at 9:00 am. Lunch on your own. Some snacks and dinner provided. Sew until 9:00 pm.

Sunday: Arrive 9:00 am. Lunch on your own. Sew until 3:00 pm.

Nov 16 Elfin Magic – Our normal meeting space. 6 projects to make.

Checking on: Collage quilts, home tour (Robyn's idea), bus trip interest? (maybe combine with another guild)

April 2-5 Epworth by the Sea – more details coming

Fall Lake Swan

Quilfest:

Quilfest 2022 theme: Honeybees are responsible. Maureen Wasson has volunteered to head it up. One idea for Theme – Eat, Pray, Quilt

Quilt Mom: Need to get quilt finished earlier. Marie has volunteered to be quilt mom.

Quilter's Walk Basket – Beth will take care of it again

Volunteer Sign Up for QuiltFest: Need someone to head up for next year. We really representation from our guild at Quilfest and even at our own opportunity quilt table.

Opportunity Quilt: Voted to buy 5 years' worth of tickets for the opportunity for \$900. Connie Motioned and Mary Alice seconded. Approved.

Quilfest Reps: We need a total of 6. 4 regular and 2 alternates. Meetings are once a month at the Lexington Hotel (downtown) the third Tuesday of the month.

Website: working on getting it updated.

Maggie mentioned for our guild to buy a design wall to bring to retreats and classes. Discussed asking people in our guild who own them, to bring them to retreat.

Door prize: Jennifer won.

Show and tell – lots to show. Quilts that were entered in quilfest, plus judge's comments were read.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm