

HONEYBEE BUZZ

Feb 2025

Happy Valentine's Day!

Wow! January was off to a running start! It seems like 2025 is going to fly by as fast as 2024.

I am excited to report that last month we added **7** new members. That has to be a record! That is the good news, the bad news is that we have quite a few current members that have not renewed for this year. Please remember to bring \$20.00 (cash or check) so we can get you renewed. You are all awesome ladies and I do not want to lose any of you.

We had another fabulous retreat! Robyn and her helpers outdid themselves. The June retreat is full, but if you are interested please get on the waitlist, a lot can happen between now and June, and we may have a cancellation. It is so much fun and a great opportunity to get to know the other bees.

The education committee has been working hard to create classes, programs, and activities to keep you learning and growing in your quilting journey. Our first Charity sew will be on February 22. We will be making fidget quilts for Alzheimer's patients. Check your sewing room for some interesting bits and bobs to sew on the quilts!

Don't forget your membership dues, UFO challenge projects, nonperishable food items, checkbooks, and show-and-tell items.

I hope you have a Love filled February!!!

See you soon!

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 Feb birthday

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 JAN 7th

6:30

Kids Space

Presbyterian Church,

2501 Loretto Rd,

Jacksonville, FL 32223

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Officers

President: MaryAlice Howle
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(Membership Meetings) and
Colleen Rosatone (Board
Meetings)

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

Happy Birthday

Christine Besser	Feb 9
Kelly Kennedy	Feb 13
Laura Snook	Feb 15
Carol McBryde	Feb 21

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

Happy Anniversary

Nicole Jacobson	Feb 13
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Snip-It

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

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

Retreat Corner:

2025 is off to a great start, we could say "Everything's Coming Up Roses"! We enjoyed our first retreat of the year with most attendees working on those UFO's. Pictures of all the Roses with their Rose colored glasses on, along with several beautiful creations were shared to the Honeybee facebook group. Our upcoming retreat is **Spring Staycation**. A local retreat at Cinnamon's Quilt Store off Hood Rd March 21st, 22nd and 23rd. We have 4 available spots and all deposits need to be made by the February Guild Meeting. ~ Thank you.

June Retreat ~ **Hello Summertime** is on a wait list if you would like to be first on the list. June 19th -22nd @ Dowling Park, FL. We never know when life gets in the way and someone suddenly needs a replacement.

August Retreat @ Luther Springs We are going on a cruise "**Bobbin at Sea**". We still have 12 spots available. August 14th-17th. Don't miss the bon voyage! We don't want to sail without you!

Fall Staycation is another local retreat which right now has a waiting list started.

I have received the names of those of you that wish to help with retreats! I am so thankful for the support and we are going to have a fun year!

First planning meeting for Spring Staycation will be at the Cracker Barrel OP 6:00pm February - this meeting we will plan the menu and commit to price per person for retreat. Our goal is for under \$50 and sign up to bring a dish to share, off a list provided of needed items per person.

May a retreat fit on each of your calendars! If we need to offer additional sewing / retreat opportunities, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

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 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

February 22nd will our first **charity workshop** of 2025!

Community Hospice has requested Fidget Quilts for their Alzheimer's patients.

We will meet in the Woody room (11844 Mandarin Rd.) at 9:00 AM

and sew until 3:00 PM.

I will bring fleece or flannel for the backings.

There are plenty of ideas on You Tube for inspiration.

I will bring a large cutting mat, iron & ironing board to share.

Lunch will be potluck! Please bring something to share. Bring serving utensils for your item.

I will supply bottled water, plates, bowls, plastic ware, and napkins.

New members, new to sewing do not worry about bits and bobs, we usually have enough to share!

I look forward to having a fun & creative sewing day!!

-Robin Allison

Supplies needed;

Sewing machine & sewing supplies

A small mat for personal use, rotary cutter

Brightly colored fat quarter-18"x22"

this should read as a solid

Buttons, too large to swallow

Ribbons

Zippers

Rick a rack

Textured fabric, minky, faux fur(as long as it doesn't shed)

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 quilthaventhread.com quilthaventhread@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

UFO #9 is due at the February meeting. You can still join - pay \$10, write 10 UFOs, and join in the fun!

Honeybee Exchange **2025**

Pizza Box Exchange

The Pizza Boxes are now available for distribution at the January 28th board meeting and the February 4th membership meeting. Please text me (904) 635-3230 if you need other arrangements.

You make the first block. In the box, is a blank copy of the Preference Sheet. You can refine your fabric choices and preferences, if needed, after making your block. Place the updated preference sheet in box and dispose of old copy.

Pass on your pizza box and completed block in March using the rotation schedule below. You will receive a new box in March. You will always pass the box to the same member and receive a new box from the same member each month.

Exchanges will continue monthly until February 2026. At which time, you receive your box and 12 blocks made just for you by your quilting sisters.

Questions?

Contact Colleen Rosatone

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! Sandra

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>

Regards,

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



CA WILDFIRE FUNDRAISER QUILT RAFFLE



\$5 Donation = 1 Entry
\$25 Donation = 6 Entries

THE BALANCE SHEET - 61" x 78"

Displayed at QuiltCon 2024 and awarded
Honorable Mention at JaxQuiltFest 2024,
this beautiful quilt was designed, pieced,
assembled, quilted, and bound by
JAXMQG guild members.



All proceeds to be donated to the CA Fire Foundation.