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# Busy Bee

After selling most of her stake in Burt's Bees, the wildly successful line of natural balms, cleansers and creams, ROXANNE QUIMBY tackled crème fraîche at a pastry course at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris. But while she was a natural at concocting and selling skin products, baking Génoise cake proved more of a challenge.

"My instructor came over, zapped my cake in half, showed me the texture was all wrong and threw it in the garbage," Quimby, 56, says. "It was a very humbling experience. But I think everyone, no matter what their accomplishments, should do something like that to be reminded that there's a lot to learn at any time of your life."

Since the single mother of twins began crafting beeswax candles on her farm in rural Maine to scrape by, she has continually sought challenges to better herself and the world around her. Quimby, who winters in Palm Beach and spends summers in Winter Harbor, Maine, recently debuted Happygreenbee, a line of vibrant, striped, organic-cotton clothing

for children and infants. And despite her experience in Paris, this summer she plans to open a cooking school and bed-and-breakfast in Winter Harbor, which will feature mostly local, organic ingredients.

So how does someone who thrives on productivity relax? "I love to do needlepoint," she says. "I find that you cannot speed it up, so when I need to be reminded to be patient in life, I pull out my needlepoint."

**NIGHT OWL:** Quimby often walks around the island after midnight—the best time to spy otherwise reclusive wildlife. "I see more foxes here than I did living in the woods in Maine," she says.

**KEEP ON TRUCKIN':** Quimby drives her Nissan pick-up truck to buy manure and mulch for her tropical garden. "I'm a tomboy and a do-it-yourselfer," she says. "No matter how successful I become, I stay true to myself."

**SALVAGE JUNKIE:** Quimby often visits the architectural salvage shops on Georgia Avenue for vintage fixtures to refurbish old Palm Beach homes.