

Discussion Groups for 2012

Each guest will be registered for only 1 discussion group, chosen from the following list of seven topics. Please indicate, on the registration form, your top 2 choices.

For the second discussion time period everyone will return to the main dining room to hear a presentation by Trish Chambers, a businesswoman, author and Civil War re-enactor. She participated in the making of the movie "Gods and Generals" and has appeared on radio, local TV stations and the History Channel.

For the Loose Threads Tea Trish's presentation will be performed in period costume and using a facsimile quilt. She will discuss the history, legends and personal stories that make up the rich heritage associated with the Underground Railroad. Trish will speak about and show some clothing of the period and explain how it played into the making of quilts.

Thrifty Quilting - Have you become more thrifty as a quilter since the economy tanked? Using up what you have? Trading? Finding new suppliers? Come and discuss ways to save.

Borders – Back by popular demand! For those who want to move to the next level of creativity (beyond just four plain sides.) Please bring examples, patterns, and/or book resources to share about interesting, creative border designs. If you took this last year, please do not sign up again.

Fabric Exchanges - Trading fabric strips or squares is a fun way to increase your stash or collect what you need for a particular project. Discuss how to organize a swap and projects to make from them.

Hexagons ...and other paper pieced shapes – Have you discovered "hexies"? Hexagons are easy to do, use up lots of scraps and make a great portable project. Bring a few scraps, needle, thread and scissors and join in the fun.

Wool Work – Share your ideas for working with wool in quilts, wall hangings or small projects. Discuss felting, recycling, supply sources and projects.

Block of the Month – A favorite of every guild. Do you choose colors, fabrics, patterns or holidays? Discuss ideas and bring show-n-tell samples to share.

Shopping Outside the Quilt Shops – The hardware, grocery or dollar store can be a great source for a tool or item to repurpose for quilting. Share your clever idea and bring along a sample.