

2014 DISCUSSION GROUPS

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. And remember to make a note of your choices!

Hexies...Not your Grandmother's English Paper Piecing - Do you love the look of all those "Hexie" quilts that you see everywhere but are leery of all the work that goes into making them? Join us and learn some shortcuts that will make English Paper Piecing faster, enjoyable and maybe even a new obsession. You will receive a small project kit which we will start during the discussion. Bring a needle and neutral colored thread, embroidery scissors, and a tube of fabric glue (if you have it). You too can become a member of the "Hexie Craze" cult.

Get Your Woolies On! Discover the pleasure of working with felted wool. Our discussion will include sources, tips on felting, applique and surface embellishment techniques. Bring your projects, patterns and ideas to share.

Altering Block Size - Have you found the perfect quilt block but not in the size you need for that quilt you are making? Don't panic! Join us to learn how to change the size of ANY block. A supply list will be sent before the Tea for those in this workshop.

Fiction for Quilt Lovers - Do you have a favorite novel that also includes a quilt? We will discuss all the latest books about murder, mayhem, and the quilt shops surrounding our favorite fictional quilters. Take a few relaxing minutes to share your favorite books.

Orphan Blocks Don't Have to Turn into Pillows - Do you have extra quilt blocks begging to be put to use. We will discuss many ways to put those blocks into a quilt or another beautiful object. We will show many projects that once were lonely blocks. Bring your ideas and samples to share.

Fun, Fast Gifts - Do you need a gift in a hurry? This is the discussion group for you! We have many novel ideas. Please bring your own ideas and samples to share with the group.

Quilting Adventures - Are you ready to have fun? Let's explore many of the quilt related events, excursions and trips that are available. These include cruises, bus trips, retreats, shop hops, quilt shows and many more. Come and share your quilt adventures, and hear about other quilters' finds! Remember that any day spent in the company of other quilters is a great day!

For the second discussion time period everyone will return to the main dining room for a trunk show by Nancy Bills entitled *Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*. The focus of Nancy's quilting energy centers on piecing and developing new and interesting techniques for traditional blocks, as well as experimenting with color placement within blocks to form new patterns. Nancy's primary goal when devising new methods is making her techniques fun, relatively math-free, and adaptable to existing patterns.

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