Program Ideas for Quilt Groups

1. Scrap Quilts - Demonstration

2. Crazy Quilts – Demonstration – Go over hand embroidery stitches

3. Round or Row Robin – need rules

4. Block of the Month or Sampler Quilts – a workshop – “you won them – what now?”
   - bring in quilts made from BOM blocks they’ve won or block exchanges
   - show different ways they can be put together

5. Woven table runner demonstration

6. Demonstrate new or old gadget someone has tried and liked

7. Trunk show from different shops or group members

8. Pass a list around – see what people want to do and see if they’re willing to help or organize and deliver program


10. Demo on mesh tote bags

11. Mistake month – everyone bring in some of their mistakes (in colors, holes, square-up-ness – etc.) – Oops – If I could do it over – this is what I would change – or I’ll never do this again.
12. Small or short demos - maybe a few at a meeting (not round robin style)

13. Give small prizes for various reasons

14. Sampler quilts – have everyone bring in one or two that they have done. Like from a Quilt Shop - $5.00 quilts

15. Themes for show and tell – Examples:
   Quilts from members of family
   Quilts from the Past – Quilts made by your mother or grandmother or great-grandmother.
   Reproduction quilts – civil war, 30’s, 50’s sample
   Block of the Month Quilts
   Challenge Quilts
   Round or Row Robin Quilts
   Block exchanges
   Christmas or Holiday Theme Quilts
   First Quilt
   Last Quilt Completed
   Favorite Color or Line of Fabric Quilts

16. Project: Design Box - 16 inch NEW Pizza boxes – glue batting or flannel or felt to the top of the box.

17. Mystery Quilt

18. Do your own Row or Round Robin – patterns given at each meeting for next row or round.
19. Demonstration on Sashing and Borders

20. Attend workshop or visit a quilt guild meeting as a group

21. Hands on Quilting Tips and Tools – discuss various tools that a quilter should have ready for the last minute invitation to a quilting event.

Examples:

Box for Tools
Various Rulers
Rotary Cutters
Stiletto
Small Cutting Mat
Thread Cutter/Lanyard
Seam Ripper
Magnets
Bobbin Holder
Different Scissors
June Taylor Cutting Ruler
Hemostat
Graph Paper
Thread Organizer
Lint Roller
Dye Catchers if you pre wash
22. Share books – quilting patterns – quilting related fiction or non fiction


24. Fat Quarter exchange – Bring fat quarters each month for a member of the group – “her” choice on fabric – until everyone has received fat quarters – must have sign up so everyone who receives also gives.

25. Birthday block – in your birthday month you receive a block of your choice and color - must have sign up so everyone who receives also gives.

26. Strategies and encouragement to finish UFOs.

27. Day long work sessions to work on your own projects or UFOs – check local community rooms at banks they are usually perfect for an all day work shop.

28. Charity quilts – keep to lap or crib size and encourage everyone to do at least one a year using appropriate fabric for group to receive quilts (babies, children, adults, veterans, etc.)

29. Demonstration on appliqué techniques

30. Demonstration on raw edge appliqué

31. Celtic design quilts
32. Group project – pick a pattern and everyone uses their choice of fabric and color.

33. Machine quilting – on your sewing machine

34. Introduction to long arm quilting – at shop that rents time on a long arm machine – to see if you would be interested.

35. Hand piecing and hand quilting

36. Demonstration on Rulers – how to use them and why so many square rulers.

37. Block of the Month – everyone who does the block has a chance to win all the blocks – consider a year long theme – baskets, 9-patches or use a book – Underground Railroad, Pioneer Blocks, etc.

38. Exchange charm squares, fat quarters or other sizes of fabric – have a theme – Prime Colors, African Prints, Reproduction, etc.

39. Get acquainted games or activities – Bingo, Introductions, etc.

40. How to make a T-Shirt Quilt
41. Demonstrations or group work sessions on:
   Quilting techniques
   Placemats
   Aprons
   Pot Holders
   Dish Cloths and decorated towels
   Pillow Cases
   Table Runners
   Tissue Box Covers
   Bags and Totes
   Baby bibs
   Baby Quilts
   Pin cushions
   Travel Tissue Holders
   Glass Cases
   Check Book Covers
   Decorated T-Shirts
   Weighted thread catcher with pin cushion
   Sewing Tools Holder
   Needle Cases
   Fleece Blankets
   ETC – Use your imagination

42. Speakers on various subjects.

43. Summer Picnic

44. Christmas Party

45. Other celebrations to have food.