

The Bits & Pieces Circle was born in the year 2000. I got involved when Nancy Hyde called to say she and Barbara Mattice were starting a new circle because all the current circles were full. They were inviting new guild members to join them.

We started with Nancy and Barbara, Patty Vincent, JoAnn Waters and me. For our first project Diane Ward taught us to make a big bag to carry quilts in.

We eventually grew to 12 members, 6 from Madera County and 6 from Mariposa County. We rotated meetings at members' homes but when COVID wiped that out, we circled our wagons in the parking lot next to Steve's Sportsman's Café to have our meeting, lunch and show and tell. We like to have fun! Did anyone remember to wear Valentine socks today?

Currently we have 14 members and meet monthly at the Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park. On one of our meeting days when we started to eat lunch, Carolin opened her can of soda which sprayed a straight shot up to the ceiling of the meeting room. Quick as a wink, Charlotte climbed up on the table and wiped the soda off the ceiling.

Original members that are still a part of our circle are: Our founder Nancy Hyde, Patty Vincent and myself. Honorary original members are Pat Bauer and Colette Wear.

The following current members were unable to be present this afternoon:

Penni Simily, who just last weekend moved to Southern Calif.

Faith Moore