

Bits and Pieces Feb. 2026 presentation by Jaydene Johnson

Our circle is very active: members have been officers of SMQA, active with committees, and led classes. We enjoy serving as hostesses and decorating the refreshment table. We have worked on charity quilt projects; raffle baskets for the Quilt Shows, pillowcases; heart pillows; cuddle quilts, quilts of Valor/honor and community and opportunity quilts for the Guild. Nancy Hyde, at 90, made a block for the community quilt we presented this afternoon. Several ladies within Bits and Pieces have been featured as quilters for the Guild Show including Mel Peters, Colette Wear, Virginia Corriea, and Kathy Millhollon will be honored in 2027.

In addition, some of the challenge projects we have been involved with are: cat beds for the Eastern Madera SPCA, and several twin-size cuddle quilts for Mountain Crisis Services.

We love spending time together and often go on field trips or shop hops. I can almost guarantee there will be an ice cream stop at the end before we return up the mountain. We have held our own retreats at Wilsonia and Bass Lake; and held our own classes with many fond remembrances.

The last few years we have challenged ourselves to complete six UFO projects each year, motivating us to get those projects out of the way. It is exciting to see everyone sharing their new treasures. We share tools, tips and techniques. Learning a new or old reminder of how to accomplish a task brings a smile to our faces. We work on projects within our group like placemats for the hostess of the month. We were given a theme and then put our creative minds to work...several are displayed today around the room. Also today you can see that several of the group are wearing a jacket or vest that were yet another challenge.

At this time our ladies will share individually.