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# RARE Science RARE Bear Army Newsletter

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## Hello Quilters/Sewers!

We are excited to share with you the first issue of our *RARE Bear Army (RBA) Newsletter*

## Geographic Update

Thanks to the introduction made by Alex Anderson of The Quilt Show, and local California volunteers from many guilds, our Army has recruited more than 200 new quilters, representing 3 continents, 6 countries, and 66% of states in the US. We are so grateful for each and every one of you. We have 300 finished bears and two just shipped flat bears ready for stuffing.



Some amazing bears from our volunteers!

Some very exciting news to share with you - Dr. Christina Waters, CEO/Founder of RARE Science, will be at **The International Quilt Show** (Oct. 29-31) in Houston. Christina will be presenting RARE Science and the RBA on Friday, Oct. 30 at 3:00 PM and also gifting bears to several children - Beckett, Uriel, Remi, Drew, Lizzy - who are RARE patients on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 11:00 at The Quilt Show booth. Autumn can't make it so we are sending her bear! The bears are packed and ready for the next step in their journey!



**New Sponsors** - The last couple months have been very busy and exciting for the RBA as we were introduced to several new organizations, which soon blossomed into sponsorships of the RBA.

- **Spoonflower** - printer of the RARE logo fabric for the bear's feet gives us a discounted cost and will be organizing a "sew in" with their own volunteers at a Spoonflower classroom in the New Year. Stay tuned!
- **The Quilt Show** - Alex and her team enthusiastically introduced the RBA thru their website. It was their effort that enabled us to add over one hundred (and counting) new volunteers to our Army!
- **Simplicity** - partnering with RARE in the use of their Pattern #C5461. They are putting the previously-discontinued pattern back into production, featuring RARE in their pattern catalogs and a portion of the proceeds from the purchase of this pattern are donated back to RARE!
- **Fairfield** - as soon as we met the Fairfield team, they asked "where can we ship our stuffing?" Within days, two about-to-burst boxes full of Fairfield's premium filling showed up on the doorstep!

**Simplicity**

The Quilt Show.com

Spoonflower

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of your project

Fairfield

### San Marcos (CA) Quilt Show:

The San Marcos Quilt Show brought us fifteen new members, many of whom are already working on their bears. Thank you so much for joining our project.

A RARE Bear Army workshop was held in Escondido on Oct. 3 with a great turnout of sewers, cutters, stuffers and embroidering. There were eight sewing machines and at the end of the day, eight new RARE Bears!

The Ramona Quilt Show  
Brought us 16 new  
Volunteers!



A very productive day. Fun was had by all!



Workshop attendees Monica Scott, Cindy Nash and Kaye Schmook (L-R) share fabric selections for their bears.

A RARE Bear Army *Shout Out* to our newest members representing the following organizations:

- Santa Rosa Quilt Guild
- Windsor Senior Center
- East Bay Heritage Quilters

#### Join the Rare Bear Army!

- Support life-changing research,
- Make a special friend,
- Bring a Smile to a Rare Child.

Have a unique story of your guild and its community service to share? Send it to [dleewalker13@gmail.com](mailto:dleewalker13@gmail.com) and we will try to include it in a future issue.

Kudos to Roberta Wackler of San Francisco for being the first volunteer to return her completed bear to RARE. It's gorgeous - thank you, Roberta!



We can't wait to see each of your unique creations. Please call or email us if you have any questions. Once we receive your bear(s), we will check to see if you would like more feet fabric and tag for additional bears.

### See us the Fallbrook CA Quilt Show:

November 6 & 7 10:00 -  
4:00

SonRise Christian Fellowship,  
463 S. Stage Coach Lane,  
Fallbrook



### How do I join and/or donate?

Please contact

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heading. You can also  
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