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# RARE Science RARE Bear Army Newsletter

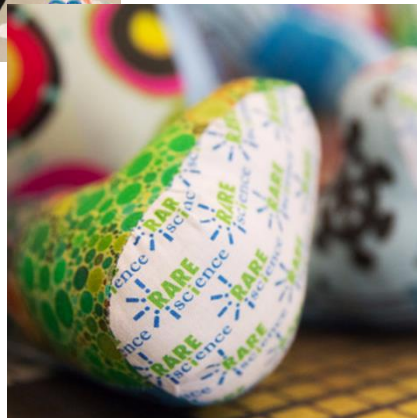
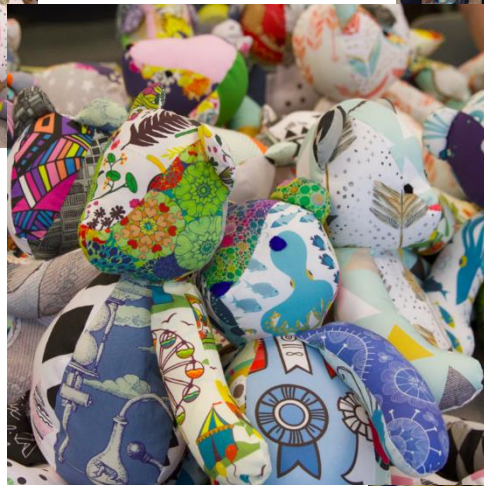
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## Spring into Action for Kids!

The March 19<sup>th</sup> Spring into Action for Kids National Sew-In was a huge success! This issue is dedicated to all of you who made it happen.

**RARE Bear Mania Hits the Greenhouse!** Over 30 community members and Spoonflower employees spent the afternoon sewing RARE Bears for one-of-a-kind kids supported by RARE Science Inc. On this very special afternoon, quilt guilds, sewing groups, and crafty individuals stitched up bears all over the country to Spring into Action. From California to Durham, North Carolina, it was RARE Bear mania!



**Adult Education Program, Smithtown in Suffolk County, Long Island NY** - this quilting group of about 20-25 women have been together for many years. They meet as part of the Adult Education Program, and when the program is between semesters, they meet at one of the local diners. Marcia Schulman (see photo below - seated at table to right), a member for at least 12 years, describes them as "just fantastic, each and every one so giving and caring".

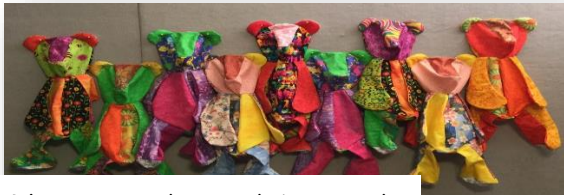


Over 65 people the April 3<sup>rd</sup> "Stuff-In/Sew-In event in San Diego. Men, women and kids ranging in age from 2 to almost 90 years old. Everyone helped with everything, even the 2 year old (as she gave people stuffing or provided some cute entertainment).

When we got to the sewing part, a huge circle just developed and our youngest one sewing was 8 years old. Girls & women were sewing, boys & men were sewing... everyone worked together seamlessly.

The group was so dedicated that we went over on time....by two hours!

The event ran from 10am to 4pm... 6 hours of bears!



These are designed by Brenda Stultz before she organized the March 19 Sew-In day. Thank you, Brenda!



These are designed by Marianne Venuti and sewn Brenda Stultz. Marianne provided her sewing room for the group to meet and also provided a nice lunch as well.



Gorgeous Rare Bears sewn by (left to right): Joyce Wallace, Janice Elwell, Phyllis Anderson, Karen Powell, Anne Wulf, Wayne Able and the last three on the right Chris Foreman



Sew-In in San Marcos, CA including some of the founding members of the Rare Bear Army!





Connie Emmen Cat in My Lap Quilting LLC

## It's a Bear Palooza!



Mary Ann Dreckman



Kristen Farwig



CATHI THORSELL



LESLIE GUGLIELMO



FRAN HAMILTON





**KARIN WOLF AND FRIENDS FROM THE NETHERLANDS  
SHOW THEIR BEAR SKINS !**



**KARA BUTTERWORTH**



**SUZY FULTON AND HER SISTER  
JAN SEARS**



**ROBERTA WACKLER**





PIRATE BEAR BY LISA HARRIS



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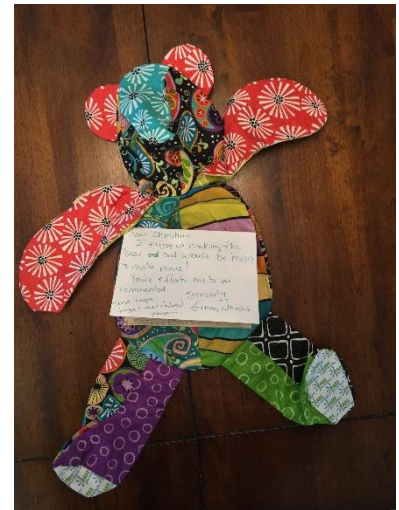
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Kathi Martin hosted a month-long of sew-ins at her shop, Jack of all Arts in Arizona and provided the following on the March 19<sup>th</sup> activities: "I wanted to give you an update on our Saturday shenanigans. We had an absolute blast. We have just over 60 bear kits assembled and finished 17 bears. About 30 of the kits are in various stages of completion." Kathi donates fabric and supplies to make Rare Bear "kits" which she sells and donates the money back to RARE Science. Another example of the amazing Rare Bear Army members!

Check out Kathi's interview with a local radio station that brought in even more volunteers! Kathi did an outstanding job - thank you!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gyErmZTX28&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gyErmZTX28&feature=em-share_video_user)

**Join the Rare Bear Army!**

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- Make a special friend,
- Bring a Smile to a Rare Child.

Juanita Bean and friends Paula and Christie designed and sewed 20 bears in Bakersfield CA. Love those colors!



**Thank you all for your wonderful contributions. We could not do this without each and every one of you!**

**And our utmost thanks to our sponsors for their outstanding support of our programs.**

**The Rare Science Team**

