

## RARE Science RARE Bear Army Newsletter

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### The RARE Bear Army says goodbye to dear friend, avid quilter, colleague and Founding Member Sharon Hill

Sharon Lynn Hill passed away on December 26, 2016 after a long battle with lung cancer. A Founding Member of the RARE Bear Army, Sharon will be missed by all. Her passion was quilting and after "retiring", Sharon began working in a quilt and fabric store. She shared her passion and knowledge of quilting by teaching others.

Sharon was part of the North County Quilters' Association which founded the RARE Bear Army in 2015 with the idea of creating unique one-of-a-kind bears for children with rare diseases...a simple roundtable discussion which brought us to where we are today. Our RARE Bear Army members are 1,200 strong representing 14 countries and 48 US states. Our RARE Bears are sent to children worldwide and are instrumental in bringing awareness to rare diseases.



We honor Sharon's contributions and as her children said "there better be quilting in heaven". Sharon's daughter, granddaughter and sister, Sandy Bingham, are also part of the RARE Bear Army and continue making bears for the children enrolled in our programs.

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## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - our Spring into Action for Kids RARE Bear Sew-In. This is an international event for quilters everywhere to spend a day doing what we all love to do - sewing RARE Bears for children with rare diseases.

Our good friends at Spoonflower will be hosting an event at their Greenhouse in North Carolina - details available at <https://www.meetup.com/Spoonflower-Greenhouse-Events/events/237143107/>.

RARE Bear Army members and guilds all over the world will be joining in the fun. You can host an event no matter where you are - with your favorite sewing circle, in your home, at your local clubhouse or quilt shop. **Order your RARE Bear feet fabric and authentication tags now to ensure everyone gets what they need in time for the Sew-In!**

Register today at: <http://www.rarescience.org/rare-bear-army-signup/>.

Calling all quilt guilds,  
crafters and sewists!

## Spring into Action for Kids at the RARE Bear Sew-In

Join Spoonflower & RARE Science on March 18.  
Visit [www.rarescience.org](http://www.rarescience.org) to learn more.



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