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FREE Show this Weekend! - "Animal Magnetism" with Nancy Brown



You voted, now it's your turn to watch. [Show 701: Animal Magnetism](#) is open to everyone for FREE beginning Friday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 13.

Join Alex and Ricky as they meet quilt artist Nancy S. Brown on location in the Oak Barrel room at Northern California's Wente Winery. Nancy, best known for her amazing, award-winning, hand-appliqued animal portraits, explains how childhood outings to the zoo inspired her choice of subject matter, and reveals a surprising secret about her wedding dress. She also shares the thought process that goes into each design, the various techniques she employs to translate the design to fabric, and some of her favorite hand-applique tips... and wait 'til you see the gifts exchanged between guest and hosts!

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Congratulations to "Yosemite Bear" by [Nancy Brown!](#)

Yosemite Bear is the winner of the Celebrity RARE Bear contest here at TQS. The bears were created for the RARE Science Celebrity Bear Auction. [RARE Science](#) works directly with patient families and foundations to find more immediate therapeutic solutions for children with rare diseases.

Nancy writes,

"One night when I was a child I met a bear as I was walking back from the bathroom in Camp Curry in Yosemite. He was looking for food and fortunately I didn't look very tasty so we both went on our way and I was left with an exciting story to tell.

This RARE Bear is a tribute to my Yosemite bear. He is wearing a vest with scenes from Yosemite. On the back he is walking in a meadow in front of Half Dome, and on the front he is in front of one of the waterfalls. Also on the front is a Steller's jay - a very vocal bird found in Yosemite.

The bear is foundation pieced in a crazy quilt style. The vest is hand appliqued and hand quilted."



Nancy started making quilts over 20 years ago after her mother took a quilting class and taught her what she had learned. Nancy has always loved animals, and found that by using applique she could create realistic animal portraits. She feels that animals are important parts of this world and should be celebrated and preserved. She has made many animal quilts, but with the wide variety of subjects available, she feels there are many more animal quilts waiting to be made.

Nancy has exhibited her quilts in a variety shows, museums, and galleries and has won many awards. They have been featured in several books and magazines and many are in private and corporate collections. She also teaches classes in hand applique and animal portraiture.