

PenWAG Rag

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<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/julie-simon-cakes>

The sugar work of Julie Simon is truly amazing. It's a CAKE!!

You all gotta send me items, links & photos for the newsletter or there won't be one next time!!

Rhonda Chaney tells us: Did you know this fall will be the first time anyone in the state of California can take a class from the Cañada College Fashion Department from the comfort of their own home? Our instructors are excited to be teaching all the classes online. During this time when we are in our homes, it is nice to have the school community with whom we can ask questions and share our creations. Supplies can be mailed to you or you can pick them up from the bookstore. No commute!

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https://cts.vresp.com/c/?CanadaCollegeFashion/Ofacb26f09/4c-cf5fe599/8cf37425d1/term_desc=Fall%202020

Charlotte Greig recommends: This article and survey about face mask making may be of interest to PenWAG mask makers. It's called "The Home Front: Researching Pandemic Mask Makers"

https://thesewcialists.com/2020/07/10/the-home-front-researching-pandemic-mask-makers/?fbclid=IwAR0KWdv4yFwtoAqyv5BUxXMNbi2TdeJq3P_Qp4xqy6V5wdvegQzmi4FST8w

Thanks Charlotte! I had not found this site, look at the other links while at the sewcialists site.

Do you know Pinterest? go here:

[Pinterest <recommendations@explore.pinterest.com>](https://www.pinterest.com/explore/recommendations/)

John Marshall has a workshop of interest: <http://johnmarshall.to/C-1-katazome-SOY.htm>

Marilou Moschetti, long time member of PenWAG, told Marcia a group www.botanicalcolors.com that does zoom lectures on Friday mornings at 9 AM. I tuned into one by Porfirio Gutierrez, a Mexican natural dyer and weaver. Our group might be interested in checking the website out for other such meetings. It's free

see the announcement on the next page.

Tentatively we have left activities starting in October in place.

Subject to change of course, but PenWAG is hoping for the best.

A Heartfelt Thank You to FEEDBACK FRIDAY Presenter Porfirio Gutiérrez

This week, we've got video from our live FEEDBACK FRIDAY featuring Zapotec textile artist, natural dyer, researcher, educator [Porfirio Gutiérrez](#). Porfirio Gutiérrez is known internationally for his exceptional devotion to the textile traditions of his home pueblo of Teotitlán del Valle, Oaxaca, a richly historic Zapotec textile artist community. His mission has been reinvigorating and preserving natural dyeing techniques for future generations. Gutiérrez's work brings awareness to a profound spiritual belief that nature is a living being, sacred and honored.

[Here's the Zoom recording.](#)

If you are interested in exploring cochineal, which Porfirio talked about and is farming in Oaxaca, [you can find it here on our site](#). See how many hues of red YOU can get from it!

His site [has a shop](#) with beautiful pieces of his work for sale. The site itself is a total treasure.

As we talked about today, we've created a space for donations for Porfirio's Weaving Studio in Teotitlan del Valle, Oaxaca Mexico. He and his family are currently stuck in Ventura, California, as his studio manager has Coronavirus. All dyeing and weaving production has stopped until the virus passes in hopes that no one else in the studio, including Porfirio's elderly mother and father, will also get it.

This is a devastating blow to the family business and they need your help.

Would you consider a donation to his family of Zapotec textile artists who have been using traditional natural dyes for over 2500 years?

If yes, [please go here to donate](#).

FEEDBACK FRIDAYS are free and it would be great to call upon you now to support a presenter in a real actionable way.