

# PenWAG Rag



## Presidents' thoughts . . .

**Marcia Manzo & Leilani Bennett**  
Co-Presidents

**F**irst of all, let me say that as one-half of the Co-Presidency, I'm definitely not a huge fan of Zoom! Absolutely nothing can replace the face-to-face, belly-to-belly, close-enough-to-hug-you camaraderie of real-time gatherings.

Despite my lack of enthusiasm, I happily admit that PenWAG's first ever Zoom meeting was a resounding success! Fifty-seven of us joined in and the participation was lively. Suggestions on how to make our meetings interesting, effective and pertinent, and opinions on what would or wouldn't work were abundant. In fact, I felt that there was more good dialogue than we usually got in pre-Corvid meetings.

While we aren't yet to the point where we can offer on-line workshops (but we are working on it), we have four excellent meetings and speaker presentations lined up for the remainder of 2020. We start off with master textile artist, John Marshall, as our September artist. John has been an exceptionally well-received artist at our Guild in the past and has spent a large part of this year formatting all of his real-time presentations to our new on-line reality.

John's presentation, "Dealing with What's Been Dealt" promises to be lively and very inspirational as we will follow six of John's projects from inspiration to completion. If you miss out on the September meeting, let me say it here, loud and clear, "you snooze – you lose!"

In October, Laura Murray, the surface design guru of stencils and oil paint sticks, will demonstrate the many ways we can embellish our textile pieces whether they be garments, accessories or wall art. The last time I got out my paint sticks was on a smallish art piece where I combined it with my favorite sashiko stitching. It was a happy marriage and

You are invited to a Zoom PenWAG Workshop.  
When: Sep 12, 2020 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: PenWAG Presents John Marshall: "Dealing with What's Been Dealt"

Please RSVP for this workshop at  
[https://sjsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_T-IBWgd\\_SBiGBxBO-Yq76Q](https://sjsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T-IBWgd_SBiGBxBO-Yq76Q)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you do not RSVP, you may still join us by going to the RSVP link at the time of the event.

I was quite pleased with the result. I have no idea why I didn't pursue it further so I am looking forward to being inspired by Laura.

November brings us our own Michelle Paganini who is going to introduce us to a lineup of the top people who are at the forefront of the upcycling movement.

Bear with me while I editorialize here a bit: I hate "fast fashion". It is probably the biggest contributor to the crap we pile on our fragile ecosystem. Refusing to support fast-fashion is a tangible, positive way we can do our part in saving our planet. And here is my big "AND" – you can't have one without the other. Besides not buying cheaply made stuff that you use for a season then toss in the trash bin, we need to creatively extend the life of the good stuff we have.

**LEILANI'S LETTER Continued. BOTTOM P 2**

# Upcoming Programs & Workshops

## Program: Dealing with What's Been Dealt Creative Solutions to Life's Little Challenges

One question John Marshall is continually asked is, "How do you come up with ideas?" The answer is not a simple one, but we believe the basis of a very lively presentation.

Attention is focused on five to six projects as we follow them from inception to climax.

Slides illustrate intimate details of the original source for an idea; with highlights of sketches and scribbles as ideas start to formulate; the pieces are shown in progress as decisions are made concerning how they should progress (or how they take off on their own), how to turn major (and minor) setbacks into definite pluses, constructing the piece, and the completed project. A large display of John's work is sure to spark ideas of your own.

The emphasis is on working with the materials at hand, with abundant samples, illustrating how the materials and circumstances help dictate the direction the piece is to take, and at the same time how to exercise one's own creativity in a fulfilling manner.

Do you have a problem "child" hiding in your work room? John will be on hand to share ideas, so bring questions about your works in progress!

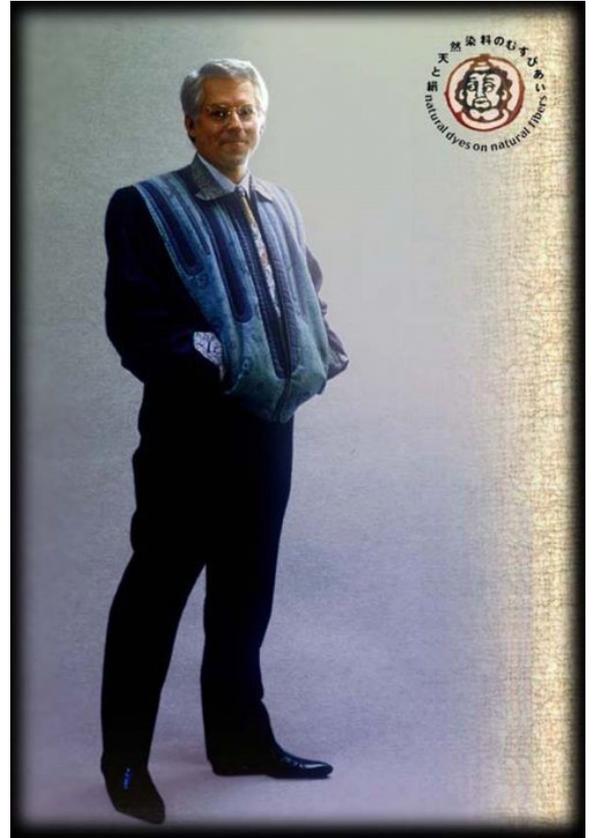
<http://www.johnmarshall.to/J-dealing.htm>

### *Pres. letter, continued*

Each of us is more creative than the average bear - the fact that we are PenWAG attests to that. Michelle's presentation is going to offer us multiple ways to tap into other creatives' ideas on how we can extend, recycle and upcycle creatively and artistically. This is going to be fun!

And December will be a giant Show-n-Tell! Think of it as our biggest strut- your- stuff show ever!

"See" you on my computer soon. Marcia and I promise a big virtual hug to each and every one of you! We miss you all so much!



Our December Meeting will be a giant Show and Tell extravaganza! As with all other meetings, it will begin at 11 AM. You will get an invitation to attend a c

I know many of you have been busy making masks and other PPI to aid in this Covid crisis. Others, like myself have UFO's haunting us. I plan to get at least one of mine done for this show and tell. Consider this fair warning that you too may need to get busy as Show and Tell is everybody's favorite thing about PenWAG meetings.

Happy sewing,  
marty

## *Things to Do & Places to Go*

Doing one online Zoom through SCRAP-SF...

<https://www.scrap-sf.org/upcoming-events/upcoming-events>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4184490014926560/>

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/button-up-necklace-workshop-tickets-115140293718?aff=ebdssbeac&fbclid=IwAR0yNr96yOJZjpVTLoukpCBo2ztNAMCJhSLaEY9yTcEU5W7fC5ITVEO\\_D54](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/button-up-necklace-workshop-tickets-115140293718?aff=ebdssbeac&fbclid=IwAR0yNr96yOJZjpVTLoukpCBo2ztNAMCJhSLaEY9yTcEU5W7fC5ITVEO_D54)

Thought your group would be interested.

Hope you are well.

Dorothy Yuki

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blog; [www.dotsrainbow.com](http://www.dotsrainbow.com)

the world

**Facebook people or groups: I have met some really talented people through them. *Karen Hiatt***

Raised texture beading <https://www.pinterest.com/beadbirdy/bdwrkaised-textured/>  
Beyond the boundaries with beads <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1484954621727356/>  
Seed bead art and jewelry <https://www.pinterest.com/pollydougjohnso/seed-bead-art/>  
Peyote Star <https://www.pinterest.it/parima/beaded-stars/?autologin=true>  
Battle of the beadsmith <https://www.facebook.com/groups/909085782545395/>  
Bead embroidery : threads that bind artists <https://www.facebook.com/groups/120473465297007/>  
Mermaids plunder <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1045699645481506/>  
Payote stitch patterns <https://www.pinterest.com/reddoorbeads/beading-patterns/>  
From petal to pod <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PetalToPod/>  
Celine payote freaks <https://www.pinterest.com/miamiblue/cellini-spiral/>  
Bead embroidery lovers <https://www.facebook.com/groups/241588786005233>  
Sabine Lippert- try to bead <https://www.trytobead.com/en/home/>  
Cath Thomas <https://caththomasdesigns.indiemade.com/>  
Cate Venn <https://www.instagram.com/damnedhalo/?hl=en>

**Google these people or groups to see fun stuff and lots of lessons, help ideas etc.**

Contemporary geometric beadwork <https://www.facebook.com/ContemporaryGeometricBeadwork/>  
An open source bead work project [https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=Loom%20bracelet%20patterns&rs=srs&b\\_id=BA5TnkOKfGEwAAAAAAAAAACmK\\_mSdGIMlIUOnbSL83bDlIc9nQOm-VZVcelxPIUTdrFC60Ues1VjKGS05BnwFjk&source\\_id=rlp\\_Fl1FCMz7](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=Loom%20bracelet%20patterns&rs=srs&b_id=BA5TnkOKfGEwAAAAAAAAAACmK_mSdGIMlIUOnbSL83bDlIc9nQOm-VZVcelxPIUTdrFC60Ues1VjKGS05BnwFjk&source_id=rlp_Fl1FCMz7)  
CBC Arts <https://www.cbc.ca/arts/artuncontained>  
Heidi Kumkli. <https://www.pinterest.com/beadybirdy/heidi-kumkli/> She has 3 Facebook pages and her website. She was part of a art masque group that made beautiful masks  
Ameé Runs with Scissors Facebook and website <https://www.facebook.com/SoutacheSiren/>  
Get on the newsletter list. [Creativecastle.com](http://Creativecastle.com) The artists who give classes are from all over the world

Penwag Shares

Hi Everyone *Laughing Flower* here.

I have been searching the web for interesting things to share with all of you. I hope you find something that makes the world a little brighter right now. I found a number of **Wearable Art** sites to share.

***in New Zealand is a huge contest held each year.*** [World of WearableArt \(WOW\)](#)

I believe the rule is it has to be worn on the body. It pushes wearable to the nth degree. They have a whole channel on youtube "World of Wearable Art".

Here is a youtube highlight reel of the last ten years. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyJZ9pK97ek>

**City of Mandurah** I found a yearly Wearable Art exhibition in Australia in the City of Mandurah. Here is the link for their gallery of past exhibitions loads of amazing work. <https://wearableartmandurah.com/gallery/> They also have a newsletter you can sign up for.

**Port Townsend Wearable Art** Here is the link to videos of their past shows. <https://www.ptwearableart.com/past-shows>

A wearable art show in Ketchikan. <https://www.ketchikanarts.org/programs-events/wearable-art-show/image-gallery.html>

**Ocean Shores Wearable Art Show** Here is the gallery of their past shows. <https://www.oswearableart.com/upcoming-and-past-shows>

**Olympic Peninsula Wearable Art** Here is the link to their video gallery: [https://www.opwart.org/video\\_gallery.php](https://www.opwart.org/video_gallery.php)

**Wearable Artists: Canadian Wearable Art Show** here is the link to the artists. <http://thewearableartshow.com/artists/>

**Smithsonian Craft Show**

Here is the list of artists who had signed up to show in the cancelled 2020 show. <https://smithsoniancraftshow.org/wearable-art/>

**A museum tour:** The Victoria and Albert museum has a five part tour of their Kimono exhibit "Kyoto to the Catwalk". Here they are in order:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEf0iFNTVGw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hG6UVZexmc8>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvyC\\_pqYhvw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvyC_pqYhvw)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz1AzscxHjk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSgNdkcg9To>

Website worth looking at:

**Great Big Stories** is a group that makes feel good videos about people all around the world. I have found it very uplifting during these challenging times. There are crafts, cooking, helping others and just good stuff. To subscribe to their newsletter: <https://www.greatbigstory.com/newsletter> Online viewing site “Kanopy” is available through my library system here in Redwood City. I just enter my library card #. I know it is here in the San Mateo County libraries. You may want to check with your library to see if it is offered. Mine I get 10 per month in credits so I can watch 10 different movies each month. Here is their blurb about what they offer. “Kanopy is the best video streaming service for quality, thoughtful entertainment. Find movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos that inspire, enrich and entertain. We partner with public libraries to bring you an ad-free experience that can be enjoyed on your TV, mobile phones, tablets and online.”

**Folkwear** If you're not familiar with them, *Folkwear* are the manufacturers of very interesting patterns, they specialize in patterns from the past. They make patterns for ethnic and easily embellished garments. They also have a gallery of photos of customer makes. Lots of good ideas. I recommend their **website** [www.folkwear.com](http://www.folkwear.com) **Blog** <https://www.folkwear.com/bltogs/news> I really enjoy getting their **newsletter**. To sign up here is the link. [https://www.folkwear.com/blogs/news/news-and-newsletter-from-folkwear?\\_pos=1&\\_sid=3b4f76031&\\_ss=r](https://www.folkwear.com/blogs/news/news-and-newsletter-from-folkwear?_pos=1&_sid=3b4f76031&_ss=r) They always have links to sewing related things to go and look at in their newsletter.

[Rebecca at Folk Made wrote a great review of the blouse](#) from our pattern [256 At the Hop](#).

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If you haven't seen it, [this article about two octogenarians modeling clothes](#) that customers abandoned at their cleaning shop is really fun!

I know a lot of us are having to do more fabric shopping online (if not all of our fabric shopping online) and it can be tricky. The ladies at [Love to Sew Podcast have a great episode on online fabric shopping with a great discussion and tips](#) (Caroline owns and runs [Blackbird Fabrics](#) so she knows what she's talking about!). [makes amazingly creative headdresses](#) (sent to me by a customer - thanks!)

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# Museum Happenings

## Happenings at the Museum

Marie Strait



The **San Jose Museum Quilts & Textiles** is currently closed. Check the website for reopening schedule. The Museum is located at 520 S. First Street, San Jose.

Looking for inspiration or just some fun? Visit SJMQ&T on your computer. <https://www.sjqmilmuseum.org/museumfromhome>



The **visit from home section** features:

**Coloring pages** - color some of the quilts in the Museum collection

**Artist Spotlights** – weekly textile artist interviews and views of their work

Links to **Textiles Talks** – a weekly series that have been very informative, inspiring and fun.

**Maker Space** with craft projects and ideas

Shopping at the Museum SJMQT Embroidered Magnet \$7.00. Our embroidered patch magnet is a favorite for lovers of fiber art! This brightly colored magnet is perfect for hanging your important reminders to yourself (including a reminder to visit our museum!) on any metal surface. <https://www.sjqmilmuseum.org/shop/logo-quilt-patch-magnet>

# What, Where & When

## Facebook Page

If you like PenWAG, you can now “like” our *Facebook page*. Come see the pictures from the Show & Tell, and news about upcoming events. Click on the link below to get there. <http://www.facebook.com/penwag> (you can look at this even if you don’t have a Facebook account).

**Lynnette** Viste and **Andy** Trembley are “admins” for the page. Let us know what you’d like to see! The PenWAG Board will help decide what is posted. Stay tuned as we continue to explore the world of social networking!

## Join The PenWAG Yahoo group

There is a button to take you to instructions on how to join the PenWAG Yahoo Group in the *Members Only* section of the PenWAG website.

## Google Docs

We also have *Google apps* for nonprofits (for free) to store our documents in the cloud, e.g. newsletters and minutes. You can synchronize the *PenWAG Google calendar* with your calendar.

## PenWAG website

[www.penwag.org](http://www.penwag.org)

**Amazon % to PenWAG** If you shop via Amazon, please remember to go to our web site ([www.penwag.org](http://www.penwag.org)) and CLICK on the Amazon link that appears in a box at the bottom of the last column on the right – scroll down the page. Click on the box, which includes the words

“SHOP. CONNECT. ENJOY. amazon,”

which takes you to the Amazon home page, where you log in to your account as usual to shop. PenWAG will receive a percentage of your purchases. Please encourage your family and friends to use this link too.

## Meeting Time

PenWAG meets on the *second Saturday* of every month at 10:00 a.m. - noonish.

**Come see Rita Lane's new show -  
"Head to Toe: Wearable Fabric Art"  
at Aegis Gallery in Saratoga**

**Show: September 1 - 27**

**Open House\*: Saturday, September 12, 3:00 - 7:00PM**

Some of her handmade items include:

Naturally dyed scarves

Knitted hats, sweaters, cowls, scarves

Sewn jackets and vests

Fabric bead earrings

Knitted and felted booties and mittens

**Aegis Gallery of Fine Art**

**14531 Big Basin Way (at 4th Street)**

**Saratoga, CA**

**Hours: Fri / Sat / Sun from 3:00 - 7:00 PM each day**

\* We are fully following Santa Clara County guidelines for COVID.