

PenWAG Rag

Leilani Bennett & Marcia Manzo

Co-Presidents



Presidents' Thoughts. . . .

Ok! I've read my umpteenth opinion piece starting off with telling me the reader how awful/crazy/unprecedented/etc. 2020 was. Enough already!

2021 isn't going to be miraculously wonderful but I'm damned glad I'm here to welcome it and one thing I personally learned/relearned in 2020 is that while I can control so little of what happens around me, I do have total control of how I react.

Personally, I'm tired of complaining to myself and anyone else who has the patience to listen to me how I've not been inspired to be creative. That can so quickly become a self-perpetuating prophesy and just an excuse to sit on my ample backside and indulge in one form of screen time or another. Which believe me, doesn't do anything for the ample backside except add to its ampleness. (Is that a real word? No matter – you know what I mean.)

I admire all of you who continue to create and while I'm certain I won't be happy or satisfied with a lot of my work, I will be extremely happy with the fact that I'm doing something.

So here's to 2021! I'm ready for you! Bring it on! Leilani

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January Program

Michelle Paganini, Program Chair



January 9, 2021
PenWAG Program

Kay Khan

In Search of your Creative Edge

Kay will take on us a visual feast of her sculptural fiber vessels, art-to-wear, and more. Her work is alive with color, texture, form – don't miss it!

11:00 – 1:00 via Zoom



www.kaykhanart.com



February Program

February 13, 2021
PenWAG Program



www.dotsrainbow.com

Dorothy Yuki

Ms. Yuki's artistic journey has drawn her in many directions; calligraphy, botanical printing, alphabet books, book making and more. She is charming and artful to the hilt.

11:00 – 1:00 via Zoom

February 13, 2021
PenWAG Workshop



Dorothy Yuki

Making Button Necklaces

You will learn how to make two versions of button necklaces. Endless possibilities!

Workshop \$45,
Non-Members \$65

Participants purchase a kit including all basic supplies (20 available), order deadline is Jan 25th, kit is \$22 including postage

2:00 – 5:00 - Via Zoom

March Program

March 13, 2021
PenWAG Program



www.suziclick.com

Suzi Click

The Power of Adornment

Suzi Click Artisan Apparel & Accessories presents The Power of Adornment - a presentation of her evolution as a designer recognized for her own unique personal style using ethnic textiles.

Talking about her inspirations from an early age and throughout her career and how she now combines her passions for travel and textiles as she combs the world visiting women of traditional style and weavers in remote places to discover textile traditions that she feels need to be shown to the world.

She shows you how she takes these textiles and combines them in her work as a wearable art designer.

11:00 – 1:00 via Zoom

Your Monday Muse

Greetings, fellow PenWAG members!

We would like to kick this off this year's first Muse for **Monday, January 18th from 7-8:30 PM**. Please look for the invite in your email soon.

Claire De Lucchi

**PRETTY WILD
HOW WE USED
TO EAT CAKE
AFTER SOMEONE
HAD BLOWN ON IT...
GOOD TIMES...**

**Romance novels written
during Covid-19
will be like...
"And then she slowly
slipped her mask down,
revealing her warm red
lips, and her blushed face,
and as their eyes met, he
gently removed her gloves."**

Membership Dues

Wren

PenWAG dues are now payable for 2021. 2020 has been a stressful year for PenWAG members and for the organization. The PenWAG Board has decided that dues will remain at \$60 per year. However, the Board recognizes that 2020 was a difficult year; members who have been negatively impacted by the events of this year may renew their dues for 2021 for any comfortable amount.

Those paying the full \$60 can pay either through our web site **PenWAG.org**, or by mailing a check. Those renewing for less should renew by mail to:

PenWAG
P.O. Box 111776
Campbell, CA 95011-1776

If you used one of these:



Stay at home! You are in the high risk group.

Consolidated Minutes - November and December General Meetings

Claire De Lucchi

November General Meeting (via Zoom):

Leilani Bennett called meeting to order at 11:02 am (56 members in attendance). She shared resources to enjoy virtually such as *San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles* "Textile Talks". She also shared that all of the currently serving Board members had volunteered to stay on for 2021, given the virtual format and the difficulty in trying to transition roles to new members under the circumstances.

Marcia Manzo Informed members that the Board would meet virtually the following week to determine a path forward for 2021 dues, etc. and would share plans with members in early December.

Claire De Lucchi reminded members about the "*Monday Muse*" Zoom meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month 7-8:30 pm. Roughly 25 members have been attending the free monthly sharing meeting since October.

Michelle Paganini summarized the upcoming Programs:

December: Member-narrated Show and Tell Slide Show coordinated by Judi Seip.

January: *Kay Kahn*

February: *Dorothy Yuki*, with a Button Necklace Workshop in the afternoon for up to 20 paying attendees.

Meeting was adjourned and Guest Speaker *Laura Murray* followed with a narrated slide show and then demonstrated various Paintstik techniques. She made several limited-time offers to PenWAG members for purchasing combined Paintstik/stencil sets and unique hand-dyed fabrics.

December Annual General Meeting (via Zoom):

Leilani Bennett called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM (51 members in attendance, representing a quorum of members). The slate of Officers for 2021 was summarized by Secretary *Claire De Lucchi*:

President/VP: Leilani Bennett / Marcia Manzo

Treasurer: Wren Clark

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Combined minutes, from previous page

Secretary: Claire De Lucchi

Programs: Michelle Paganini

Publicity / Newsletter: Lenore Kelly

Membership: Anne Vogel

Member at Large: Laura Koehler

Members had been sent a link to a Doodle poll to vote prior to the meeting, but only 29 votes were received prior to the meeting, with a quorum being 46 (1/3 of the 138 current members). Therefore, *Claire* polled the 51 members in attendance via the "hand raising" Zoom feature and the slate of officers was unanimously adopted via acclamation since a quorum was represented).

Michelle Paganini reminded members of the January and February programs (see above). All information has been posted on the website regarding presentations and any workshop details.

Kevin Roche informed members they could renew their membership for 2021 online so as to be assured of gaining access to all member activities. They could also make donations to the *Angel Fund* to help members who may be experiencing financial hardship.

Wren Clark is the *Angel Fund* coordinator. If members need to take advantage of reduced membership, they need to opt for the "Pay by Check" option when they renew online and enclose a note with the check describing their hardship. She will coordinate the transfer of funds.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM and was followed by an amazing year end "Show and Tell" with 17 presenters and 97 slides, compiled and moderated by *Judi Seip*. *Kevin* promised to summarize the show and tell for the newsletter. Future items can be emailed to *Judi Seip* by sending an email with attached photos to showandtell@penwag.org. The presentation ended at 12:43 PM.

I was noodling around looking for something else and I happened to run onto a site with ALL the *Peggy Sayers* videos, indexed, with links. Enjoy Lenore

<https://sdbevindys.wordpress.com/lets-sew/>

In Memoriam

We were sadly informed that *Harold Thomas* passed away of (non-covid related) bacterial pneumonia in December. Harold was our scholarship winner several years ago and won on the strength of his very creative costume designing and superb *technical ability*. *The following year he won a top award in the wearable arts division at the Pacific International Quilt Festival.*

We send our sincere condolences to his family and close friends.

Advice from a Singer Sewing Machine Manual from 1949

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing.

Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference dominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.

When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.

What, Where & When

Meeting Time

PenWAG meets on the *second Saturday* of every month. Members will get an invitation to register for our Zoom meeting. See the newsletter at www.penwag.org for program information (there's a public copy available also).

Monday Muse

We are going to try an inspirational meeting for the third Monday of the month, 7:00—8:30 p.m. See the newsletter article for details

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 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 non-profits (for free) to store our documents in the cloud, e.g. newsletters and minutes. You can synchronize the *PenWAG Google calendar* with your calendar.

NOW THAT I'VE LIVED
THROUGH AN ACTUAL PLAGUE,
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND
WHY ITALIAN RENAISSANCE
PAINTINGS ARE FULL OF
NAKED FAT PEOPLE LAYING
ON COUCHES.