



PenWAG Rag



Two Presidents' Thoughts. . . *Christine Kenworthy & Nell Stinson*

Co-Presidents

Welcome to 2022! PenWag is special, and what makes it so wonderful is all of you. So very much creativity! It's been a long couple of years with this pandemic. I know that there were days for me of intense focus on my art and other days I felt apathetic; wondering what will happen to the world as we know it. PenWag has been a beacon of light in these years, thanks to a wonderful board and staff. The speakers have inspired us in so many ways even though we watch and listen through Zoom. It's great to have an interactive forum! Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person again in July! What we all bring to PenWag is our very own kind of creativity; the kind that can bring joy and meaning to our lives. A creative life is always available to us even if it is only for small periods of time. Monday Muse showed us all that there are countless artists here who continue to create beautiful wearable art. Many have ventured out by trying entirely new avenues of exploration. For me, I've been learning Sashiko and loving it. An ancient form of sewing, it is beautiful, soothing and calming. I love the instant gratification. As I begin my year as PenWag's co-president, I am confident that PenWAG will continue to be an organization we are all proud to be in. I look forward to being part of the team that will make it happen! And a big thank you to Marty and Leilani for all the great work you've done as co-presidents! Happy New Year! Christine Kenworthy

To the members of PenWAG: I am honored to assume the role of co-president with Christine. There is also a bit of trepidation as I'm not as facile with Zoom and distant meetings/classes as I could be. I am in awe of the past board in the transitions they have made to keep our guild 'alive' and flourishing in these Covid times. They have been truly amazing. I can see there is a legacy to uphold and I will do my best to continue their stellar work. Thank you. Nell Lee Stinson

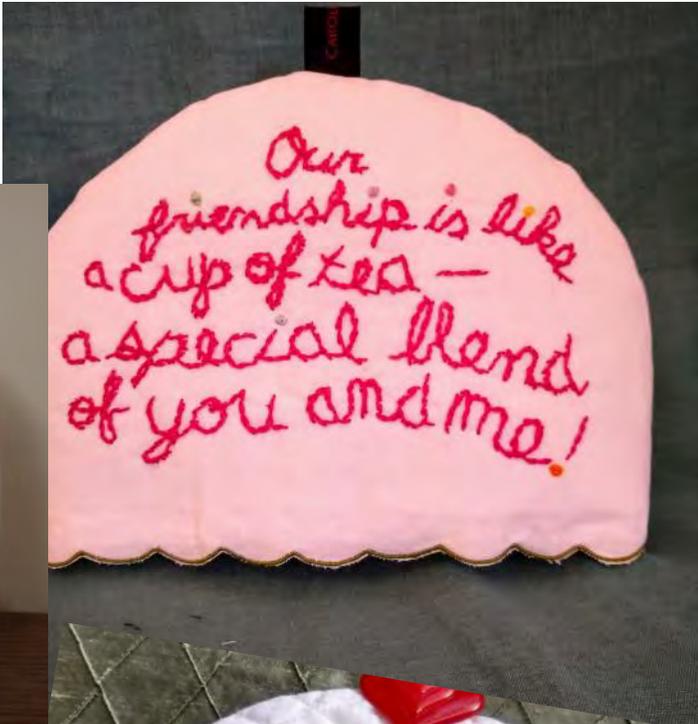
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Thank You From Your Outgoing 2019-2021 Co-Presidents!

Marcia Manzo and I would like to thank the membership for their patient and kind support for the last three years. It was quite a ride with ramifications none of us would have ever anticipated! But with an excellent Board of Directors who stuck with us through thick and thin, and a small cadre of support people who did whatever needed to be done to "make it work!", we weathered the transition and we think that perhaps we are a stronger organization for it. We both are so looking forward to being regular members and being led by a new Board. A happy, productive and healthy new year to each of us! *Leilani Bennett*

New Member
Jo Balzer San Jose, CA

REMINDER: Happy New Year PenWAG members! We have a great year of speakers for 2022. To check when your membership expires; login into www.penwag.org; select menu item: Members->Members Area... to see when your membership will expire. Several members, please beware that your membership could have ended,



Tea Cozies by Carolyn Soto



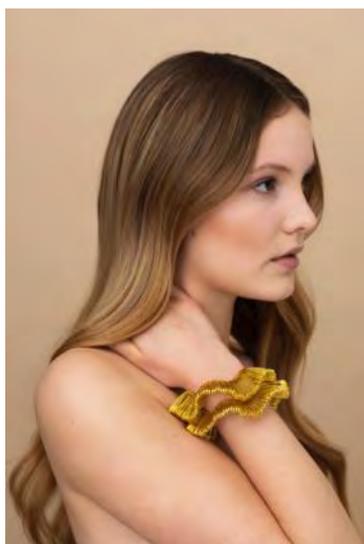


January 8, 2022

**Program: Tonje Halvorsen and the Safety Pin -
The Love Story 11:00 – 12:30**



This is a talk about how Tonje became an artist and fell in love with the safety pin as a medium. She will share her journey beginning with how it all started, her success and challenges, and her working process. She will also share how an idea and garment are formed.



Workshop: Tonjeinnea Curvy Bracelet 1:15 – 4:15

In this workshop you will learn how to create with safety pins. It is a workshop both for the experienced craftsperson wanting to try something new and for the beginners who are curious about giving this craft a try. We are going to walk through the basics of the craft, so no prior knowledge is needed.

We will go through the different techniques of how to create textures and art pieces using safety pins (28mm). After the introduction we will create curvy bracelets with help and guidance from Tonje.

Supplies: This project will use 28mm safety pins.

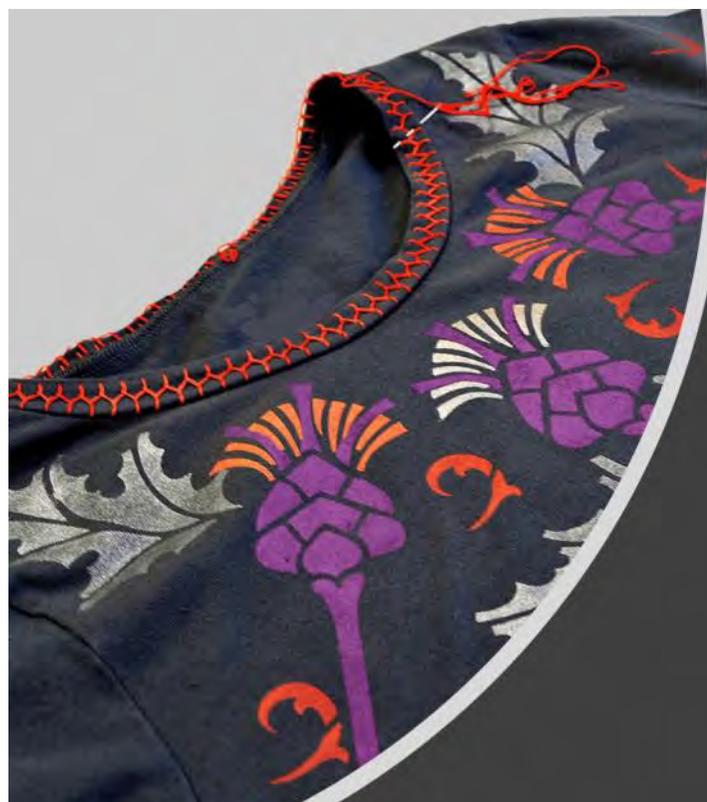


February 2022

Paul Gallo

History of Fashion
1970 +

Zoom



March 2022

April Sproule

Transformation
from
Technician to Artist
+ Stenciling

Zoom

NEXT MONDAY MUSE January 17

Claire De Lucchi

From **Michelle Paganini**, Program Chair:

I am planning a “BEST OF” meeting and want to hear from you! **Send your entries to** Michelle@paganoo.com

What are your favorites? Patterns, online fabric shops, blogs, podcasts, inspiring artist websites, Pinterest searches/pages, Books, Blogs, Notions, Magazines, embellishment tools, etc.?

Use the following format:

Category: (what is it?)

Website or purchase info: (how can we find it?)

Why is it a favorite? (be specific and give examples)

Submitted by: (your name)

For example:

Category: Podcast

Website or purchase info: <https://lovetosewpodcast.com/>

Why is it a favorite?

You wouldn't think a sewing podcast would work, but it is entertaining and informative every time. Covers a wide range of sewing topics, also features interviews with artists and organizations.

Given by Helen of Helen's Closet Patterns & Caroline of Blackbird Fabrics. Favorite episode – Get your SewJo Back #87

Submitted by: Michelle Paganini

Wren & Martin's quilt tops for Bay Area Furniture Bank

Wren Clark

Martin and I were asked by one of his daughters to get to the **Bay Area Furniture Bank (BAFB)**; we were needed. When we got there a few days later, *Annette Hancock*, who runs the part of the organization that deals with bedding and kitchen items, welcomed us.

BAFB supplies furniture to 70-80 households per month. These are generally people who have been living outdoors, in cars, or in homes of relatives or friends. Case workers from 90 social work organizations in the Bay Area recommend people to BAFB who need furniture for an apartment.

The furniture available is free from hotels/motels/businesses/ and colleges that are upgrading. At this point, the BAFB has diverted over 235 tons of furniture from going to landfill. The furniture is worked on and renewed in the facility. New mattresses are included when delivered to the site.

Annette has set up the area that provides other necessities. Volunteers work that section, so Martin and I have become volunteers, making quilt tops. Other volunteers attach the backing and the stuffing. (We get to do the fun stuff!) Much of the fabric comes from the fabric room which has all kinds of textiles found or donated. In addition to what we have used from their stash, we've used fabric from my stash as well as some fabric I've purchased to use.

Together, we make 4 or 5 quilt tops each week. Without the PenWAG stash exchange this year, perhaps you would like to donate some of your stash.

For information, please call me (*Wren*) or Martin at **650-969-1197** or email us at wrenclark@yahoo.com. We can arrange to pick up fabric or encourage you to make a few quilt tops

We're still in the learning stage, but Martin and I are enjoying making quilt tops that are about 86" by 60" (the requested size, but that's not an exact requirement.) So far, the 16 quilt tops we've turned in have been satisfactory or better. The volunteers give us lovely compliments. I'm including pictures of a few of our quilt tops. Wren Clark



December 11, 2021 General Meeting Minutes & Election Results - by *Claire De Lucchi*, Secretary

Zoom Meeting opened at 11:03 AM by *Leilani Bennett*, Co-President/VP. Approximately 58 people were in attendance, including 9 non-member guests.

Leilani welcomed members and guests. Leilani informed attendees that the Board had approved a \$1000 donation to **Next Door Solutions**, and she encouraged members to make additional contributions to this worthy non-profit dedicated to assisting mothers and children to safely leave a violent home environment. There is a link from the PenWAG website to the Next Door donation portal. Approximately 50 stuffed animals made by PenWAG members were dropped off at the Next Door office in November and were warmly received on behalf of the many clients.

Leilani reminded members to renew their membership. Roughly 65 of the current 142 members are still up for annual renewal. Auto-reminders are emailed 2 months and 1 month prior to expiration. If membership is not renewed, workshop fees will be \$20 higher when booked.

There were no announcements. Announcements to be shared with members can be emailed to lenore@penwag.org and president@penwag.org

Claire De Lucchi, Secretary, announced that there would be a live Zoom poll for members only to vote to accept or reject the revised published slate of officers in the December newsletter. Over the next 5 minutes, 49 members anonymously voted "Yes" to accept the published slate of Board Directors; there were no "No" votes. 49 votes exceeded the quorum of 47 required in the Bylaws. Claire thanked the voting members and congratulated and thanked the elected 2022 Board members. She also reminded members about the Monday Muse Zoom every 3rd Monday of the month from 7 PM until 8:30 PM.

George Paganini, Zoom host, shared a pre-recorded video from *Michelle Paganini*, Program Director, summarizing the complete slate of programs for 2022 including lectures and workshops.

With thanks from co-president/Vice President *Marcia Manzo* for all of the member support over the past years, the business portion of the meeting was concluded at 11:20 AM.

George then briefly explained the Zoom Webinar format for attendees and how the Show and Tell presentation would be narrated by the actual creators of each of the items submitted for the slideshow by allowing them to speak in turn as their slides were shown. The presentation was recorded and will be available to members via a link on the PenWAG website, www.penwag.org.

Popular class at Canada College starts again on January 18, 6:00 pm online.

FASH 114, Introduction to Italian Fashion. Questions: Ronda Chaney, coordinator, Fashion Design & Merchandising, Cañada College , chaney@smccd.edu

Student comments: *Sarah Chambers:* The class was amazing, and it was the most fun college class I've ever taken, and I've taken many. The main topic for each class has been Italian fashion but we have spoken about many aspects of Italian culture, as well as topics that affect the fashion industry in a broader sense such as recycling, sustainability, and genderless fashion. We've had the chance to listen to some fantastic speakers from many different parts of the fashion industry

Lenore Kelly said this after taking the class: The history of Italian fashion was valuable to understand how Italy got to where it is today. I enjoyed the speakers and was exposed to concepts and runway shows I didn't even know existed – great eye candy.

Sharon Tobias: A valuable aspect of Intro to Italian Fashion was the replacement of a required textbook with a number of photos, articles and videos focused on the designer or topic to be addressed that week.



Happenings at the Museum

Visit the **San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles** located at 520 S. First Street. For information www.sjqUILTmuseum.org Our new hours are as follows: **Thursday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. ; Friday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.** Evening hours admission is 'Pay What You Can!'); **Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Timed reservations are recommended but not required; masks are required, regardless of vaccination status.

BioQuilts: Artist in Residence, Corinne Okada Takara August 20, 2021 – September 12, 2022



45th Anniversary Exhibition: New Directions January 13 – March 27, 2022

This special anniversary exhibition highlights recent acquisitions at San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles in a series of thematic installations spanning three galleries. Both the specific artworks and broader themes explored in this survey reflect the diverse reasons our Museum seeks and acquires new works. *New Directions* prominently features recent artwork from SJMQT's Artist in Residence program. Established in 2016, this program supports local artists with on-site studio space and opportunities to exhibit work in the Museum's Maker Space Gallery. This program has deepened the Museum's commitment to supporting contemporary artists from or working in the Bay Area, including Alexander Hernandez, Liz Harvey, Amber Imrie, Carolina Cuevas, Tricia Royal, Mung Lar Lam, and more.

Works of art gifted by the Museum's many donors and patrons appear in each section of *New Directions*. Their generosity and dedication allow us to expand SJMQT's collections and cultivate curiosity, wonder, and excitement in our audiences.

Wash the Calendar: Victoria Martinez

January 13, 2022 – April 3, 2022

Chicago-based artist Victoria Martinez is inspired by urban landscape, signage, and graffiti and translates these symbols onto fabric using paint, screen-printing and sculpture to create vibrant mixed media works and installation.

images:

Marlin_1993_web.jpg: Chas Marlin, *Castelli Lovers*, 1993 ; martinez_web.jpg: Victoria Martiez, *Flirting with looms*, 2019



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 have an inspirational meeting for the third Monday of the month, 7:00—8:30 PM. 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). *Jane Wolfe* is “admin” 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!

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

Member Blog List

CALLING ALL MEMBERS: Have you a website or other social media to be listed here?

Send it to lenore@penwag.org

April Sproule	Sproule Studios
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Diane Ericson	Diane Ericson Design
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