



# PenWAG Rag

*Christine Kenworthy & Nell Stinson*

*Co-Presidents*



## Two Presidents' Thoughts. . . .

Well, I've had the good fortune to return from a fabulous trip to Morocco led by *Sandra Betzina*. This has gotten me thinking...why do I travel? What am I seeking? There are a multitude of reasons that vary widely. Among my reasons are visiting loved ones, new foods, different cultures, art, nature, retreats/classes, and making new friends. Each trip entails a certain amount of trepidation but out of that hopefully comes growth and understanding.

How in this Covid limited world can I experience some of this at home? It can be as simple as looking through a book to see colors, patterns and places that inspire me. I can try a new recipe with spices I'm not as familiar with. Today I walked my usual route but in the opposite direction and was amazed at the plants that were previously hidden from me. Beauty and inspiration are out there, we just need to be receptive to it.

"Only the day dawns to which we are awake, if we are to grasp the reality of our life while we have it, we will need to wake up to our moments, otherwise, whole day, even a whole life could slip by unnoticed." Henry David Thoreau

Thanks, Nell Lee

P.S. *Me!* out of hospital and doing ok (has endocarditis and needs IV antibiotics and has resumed his radiation therapy for his skin cancer).

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**New Members**

*Sharon Coker Napa, CA*

*Michele Redel Mount Hamilton, CA*



April 2022

Lorraine Torrence

Closures of All Kinds for  
Wearables

Zoom

**APRIL 9th**



March/April 2022,  
2 Part Workshop

Lorraine Torrence

Making and Using  
Bias and Straight of  
Grain Tapes in  
Garments

Pre-recorded and  
Zoom



May 2022

Catherine  
Redford

Dorset Buttons

Zoom



May 2022

Catherine  
Redford,  
Workshop

Embroidered  
Embellishments

Zoom

From **Michelle Paganini**, Program Chair:

I am planning a “BEST OF” meeting and want to hear from you! **Send your entries to [Michelle@paganoonoo.com](mailto:Michelle@paganoonoo.com)**

What are your favorites? Patterns, online fabric Shops, 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

## Library Closing

Nearly complete set of Threads Magazines from inception through March 2016 is available for the taking. They are currently being housed in Redwood City. If you are interested, please contact Laughing Flower at 831-278-2820

[lnflowerart@yahoo.com](mailto:lnflowerart@yahoo.com).

These are an absolute treasure trove and it would be a shame if they all ended up going into the recycle bin!

**For Sale:** Ten (10) **8mm habatoui silk scarf blanks** 14" x 72", hand-rolled hems. Originally from Dharma's with price of \$6.78 each. \$35 for all with free shipping

Leilani Bennett ([leilanibennett@kraemersw.com](mailto:leilanibennett@kraemersw.com))

**NEXT MONDAY MUSE**      **APRIL 18th**      **Claire De Lucchi**

Scattered on the next pages are pics of Ronda Chaney's students all of whom worked with one simple shirt pattern to learn basics and then made changes according to their skill level. To the right is Christina



Facebook: "Printing with Botanicals" group. Caroline Nixon, a PenWAG speaker from last year, joined forces with Mel Sweetman to bring you a whole range of speakers on all things natural dye and ecoprint related. One donation of £35 (\$45) gives you access to all the live sessions, plus recordings of all the sessions in case you can't attend live. <http://www.handmadetextilesbycaroline.co.uk>

***Dear Members,***

***PenWAG has an exciting year planned. Thank you for renewing your membership. If you have any interested friends or groups please share this "Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild flier".***

***(ed. Note: link unavailable. Request a copy from  
Lenore@PenWAG.org)***

***Thank you for your help in building our community!***

***Sincerely Appreciative, PenWAG Membership***



Read more about Ukrainian needle work

[Secret Ancestral Codes — Autumn Salon \(theautumnsalon.com\)](http://theautumnsalon.com)

**FUNDRAISER** Natural Dyers and Printers for Ukraine — Natural Dye Education | Mamie's Schoolhouse

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Emily, Ari, Narineh, & Anna

### March 12, 2022 PenWAG Members Meeting minutes

Zoom meeting started at 11:02 A.M. by Co-President *Christine Kenworthy*. Christine introduced our newest member, *Sharon Coker*, and 3 guests for the meeting. Thank you to everyone who renewed! There were approximately 57 attendees.

#### Announcements:

Co-President Christine Kenworthy announced that starting in July, PenWAG would be re-starting “live” meetings, plus having a Zoom presence, which will be called Hybrid meetings.

Vice President *Claire De Lucchi* announced that **Monday Muse is the third Monday of the month**, March 21 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. An email is sent out the week before with the Zoom log-in information. Come see what the other members are working on!

Program Chair *Michelle Paganini* covered the upcoming 2022 programs for PenWAG, which are listed on the website. There is a 2-part virtual by *Lorraine Torrence*, starting on March 26 and finishing on April 9.

Program Chair Michelle Paganini also announced that Challenges are returning! The July 2022 program is already the **Artwear day**, so we are adding the Challenge of “**Embellish Something!**” Please take before and after pictures that we can share, even if you can’t be at the meeting in person.

A **Survey** will be going out to the membership in the next month or so. Please respond so the Board will know how you feel.

Michelle Paganini introduced the March 12, 2022 speaker, *April Sproule*.



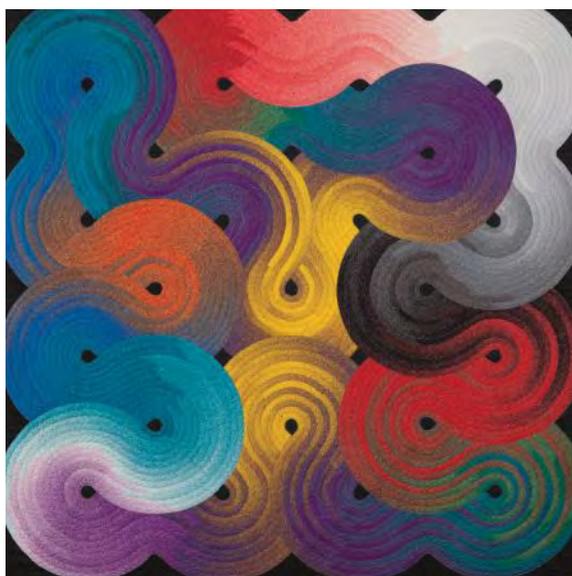
Note the perfectly matched plaids and the color-coordinated hair and shoes on Christy, Gwen, Tiffany, & Margaret

# Happenings at the Museum

Visit the **San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles** located at 520 S. First Street. For information [www.sjqiltmuseum.org](http://www.sjqiltmuseum.org) Museum Hours: Thursday - Sunday, 11am - 3pm; open late on Fridays, 4pm - 6pm

Reservations recommended, but not required: <https://www.sjqiltmuseum.org/admission>

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



## 45th Anniversary Exhibition: New Directions

February 9—July 3, 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

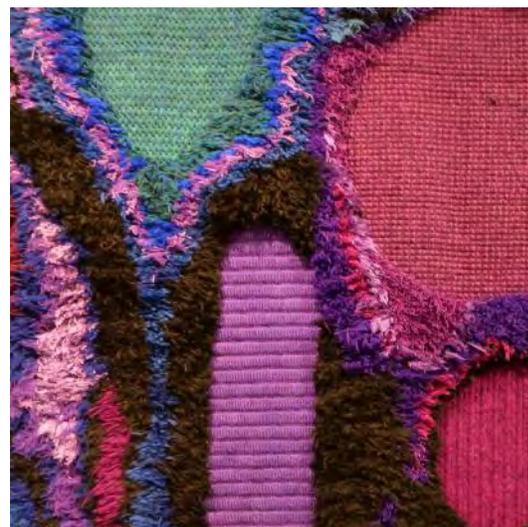
supporting contemporary artists from or working in the Bay Area, including Alexander Hernandez, Liz Harvey, Amber Imrie, Carolina Cuevas, Tricia Royal, Mung Lar Lam, and more.

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.

### Coming Together - A Quilt for Healing

February 9- July 3, 2022

SJMQT and the [Kids & Art Foundation](#) celebrate their first collaboration inspired by the historic Gee's Bend Quilts featured in author Tangular A. Irby's children's book [Pearl and her Gee's Bend Quilts](#). The Kids & Art community project, "Coming Together, a Quilt for Healing," spotlights quilt squares created by pediatric cancer patients during an online art workshop lead by artist Caroline Robins and Tangular Irby. Volunteers and donors also contributed quilt squares as part of the community project in support of the Kids & Art mission to bring the healing power of art to children and families confronting childhood cancer.



**images:** (takahashi.jpg) Etsuko Takahashi, *Waves #4*, 1998; (waller.jpg) Anne Marie Waller, *Untitled Number Five*, c. 1980

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:lenore@penwag.org)

April Sproule	<a href="#">Sproule Studios</a>
Caroline Nixon	<a href="http://www.handmadetextilesbycaroline.co.uk">http://www.handmadetextilesbycaroline.co.uk</a>
Diane Ericson	<a href="#">Diane Ericson Design</a>
Jane Foster	<a href="http://janefosterdesign.com/">http://janefosterdesign.com/</a> <a href="http://instagram.com/sewjane">http://instagram.com/sewjane</a> ; <a href="http://facebook.com/janefosterdesign">http://facebook.com/janefosterdesign</a> ; <a href="https://www.legaleriste.com/jane.foster">https://www.legaleriste.com/jane.foster</a> ; <a href="https://www.legaleriste.com/jane.foster">https://www.legaleriste.com/jane.foster</a>
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Joan Ragno	<a href="mailto:upmarketdesign@comcast.net">upmarketdesign@comcast.net</a>
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