

# PenWAG Rag

## Two Presidents' Thoughts. . . .

**Christine Kenworthy & Nell Stinson**  
**Co-Presidents**



**Earth Day** was April 22. It's a reminder to be mindful of our beautiful planet. Earth Day made me think of the many people around the world who care about the health of the Earth. So, even a small thing like making a necklace from fabric scraps can help in the long run.

I attended a sewing workshop a few years ago, before the pandemic. As we all worked on our projects, I noticed the floor was full of fabulous fabric scraps, and I scurried around picking them up. Then I cut them into strips and proceeded to tie these onto a band made from an old t-shirt. The necklace was interesting, and when looking at it, I can remember that day and all the people who were there with me. Since then, I've made many more; some I have given as gifts.

So many of us are learning how to reuse and repurpose items to keep us from discarding huge amounts of fabric, notions, buttons, wallpaper (I have made necklaces out of wallpaper from **FabMo**), etc. from ending up in landfills.

So, keep up the good work so we can all live safely, happily and together on this wonderful Earth!

Christine

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A newly updated **Shopping and Resource Guide** from *Threads Magazine*

<https://www.threadsmagazine.com/2011/04/26/online-shopping-and-resource-guide>

**New Member**

Terry Smith *PIEDMONT, CA*



May 2022

Catherine Redford

Dorset Buttons

Zoom



May 2022

Catherine Redford,  
Workshop

Embroidered  
Embellishments

Zoom

## Off the Shelf

This is **first monthly list of free PenWAG books available to members**. Starting with a short list due to one finger typing. Be first to contact **Claire** at [claired@pacbell.net](mailto:claired@pacbell.net) and they are yours! Transfer method TBD.

1. A History of Fashion in the 20th Century, paperback, 120 pages
2. Altering Women's Ready-to-Wear, paperback, 190 pages
3. Applique', paperback, 112 pages
4. The Apron Book, hardback, 139 pages plus pattern
5. The Art and Craft of Jewelry, hardback, 144 pages
6. Style Book 2008, Japanese magazine, patterns included
7. Story 2010, Japanese fashion magazine, no patterns

See photo and do your research. If not claimed before next listing, these will be recycled or donated.

Happy browsing! Claire deLucci



## Other Speaker Info

From *Wren Clark*: In her talk, **Lorraine Torrence** mentioned that she is selling off her samples. I went to her website and found that she's selling off a number of things as she is planning to cut down her stash as she is aging. She presented a wonderful presentation and workshops in March and April, so I thought we might mention that and that she's selling off some of her work.

<https://www.lorrainetorrence.com/> is her website address.

On the next page, see a result from her workshop.

**Carolyn Soto** has been busy since the bias edged workshop by **Lorraine Torrance**. Carolyn Botta comments that her mother always loved vest and now she loves them too



*Anne Vogle* contributed this information about the **Lace Museum in Sunnyvale** and their **Lace Knitting group**.

<https://thelacemuseum.org/>

<https://thelacemuseum.org/lace-knitters/>

Beautiful website and I really enjoyed looking at their work. They have a LOT of classes. Lenore

*Caroline Nixon's* upcoming **ecoprinting workshop** link,(ask her about a discount as a PenWAG member)

<https://ecoprintwithcaroline.thinkific.com/courses/copy-of-april-foundation-skills-for-ecoprinters-3-4-21-2>

**For Sale:** Ten (10) **8mm habatoi 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**      **May 16th**      **Claire De Lucchi**

*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](#)".*

*<https://penwag.org/2022-program-and-workshops-overview/>*

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

*Sincerely Appreciative, PenWAG Membership*



**Michelle dJack** designed this coat, made the pattern, and constructed it for the Tailoring Class at **Cañada College**.



## April 9, 2022 PenWAG Members Meeting minutes

Zoom meeting started at 11:00 AM by Co-President Christine Kenworthy. There were approximately 57 attendees, with 2 new members and 2 guests. Membership is currently at 122 members.

### Announcements:

1. *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.
2. *Program Chair Michelle Paganini* covered the upcoming 2022 programs for PenWAG, which are listed on the website.
3. *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.

Michelle Paganini introduced the April 9, 2022 speaker, *Lorraine Torrence*, “Closures for all kinds of **Wearables**”. Please visit her website,

[www.lorrainetorrence.com](http://www.lorrainetorrence.com)

### FOR SALE

**Slat booth set up for a 5’x8’ sales booth.** Original price \$1600. My husband has built a beautiful, lightweight shelf that fits between the slats. I also have lots of hangers including water-falls and another shelf + lots of hooks. **\$400 or best offer.**

*Marcia aka Marty Manzo @*  
[moosedance@att.net](mailto:moosedance@att.net)

Shown:

- Overview
- Attachments
- Stored racks
- Waterfall





I think Debbie Bretchnieder sent me these pics of a kimono she made from this Star Wars fabric (note the mask). If it was not Debbie, let me know and I'll do an errata next month Oops! Ed.



**The Circle of St Paul's**, Burlingame is planning a ONE DAY sale on **Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**. We have a huge inventory of donations that have been in storage during the Pandemic. We are hoping to clear our inventory! With the hope and expectation that Covid numbers will allow, the sale will be held with social distancing and masking as appropriate.

The Circle is a small but mighty group, but we do need volunteers to help us! I especially need help in the Holiday, Crafts & Sewing Department. We've recently had a huge donation of beautiful leather hides and upholstery weight fabrics, with more items to be unpacked before the sale.

I welcome PenWAG members who have some time and would like to help out for even a hour or so, to contact me directly:

**Charlotte Greig** [cggreig@att.net](mailto:cggreig@att.net)

**Help needed in Holiday, Crafts & Sewing Department:**

Sale Set-up - Help needed on Saturday morning, from about 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Strong volunteers especially needed to help set up tables in the parking lot, carry and unload boxes from nearby garages.

Sale volunteers - Help needed from about 9:00 AM Saturday morning through about 3:30 PM afternoon.

Lunch Relief volunteers - Help needed for 1-2 hours, mid day, so our all-day volunteers can take a break.

Breakdown - Help needed on Saturday afternoon, from about 2:30 PM onwards. Strong volunteers especially needed to breakdown the tables in the small parking lot and carry repacked boxes to either to storage or ready for donation pickup.

Or mark your calendar for May 7th and come shop the sale.

For more info on the Circle and the Sale: <https://circlerummage.wixsite.com/stpauls>

Or find us on Facebook at [@CircleofStPaulsBurlingame](https://www.facebook.com/CircleofStPaulsBurlingame)



# 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, 11 AM - 3 PM; open late on Fridays, 4 PM - 6 PM Reservations recommended, but not required: <https://www.sjqiltmuseum.org/admission>

**The Museum has NEWS!** Happy to report that we have a **new director** for the museum! Camille will be officially here in early May [San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles Announces Appointment of New Director Camille Ann Brewer — San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles \(sjqiltmuseum.org\)](http://www.sjqiltmuseum.org)



## 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](http://www.kidsandart.org) 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](http://www.penguin.com). 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.

## 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.spoonflower.com/profiles/jane_foster_design">https://www.spoonflower.com/profiles/jane_foster_design</a>
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