

PenWAG Rag

Christine Kenworthy



EARTH DAY, April 23, 2023

When I first learned about Earth Day many years ago, I thought it was where a bunch of people got together to plant trees. Well, trees were planted! Earth Day and what we do, no matter how small, has become increasingly important as our Earth is needing our tender loving care more than ever. The theme this year, is "Invest in our Planet."

Margret Mead, cultural anthropologist, considered Earth Day as a holy day. "Earth Day is the first holy day which transcends all national borders, yet preserves all geographical integrities, spans mountains and oceans and time belts, and yet brings people all over the world into one resonating accord, is devoted to the preservation of the harmony in nature and yet draws upon the triumphs of technology, the measurement of time, and instantaneous communication through space."

What does Earth Day Mean to you? I always work in my garden. The smell of the earth, flowers, trees, etc., help me to focus on what is important to the world and to think about how can I help? During these horrible storms we've had, two trees came crashing down on my roof. Fortunately, one tree buffered the other so there was no damage. They had to be cut down. I loved my oak tree as I love all trees, so when the deed was done, I was really sad. But, there was sawdust everywhere, which I used to nurture my compost with healthy food (in the form of sawdust) for the worms in it. A small thing to do, but none the less important. I also had the unpleasant experience of having a huge slab of granite fall on me, causing a huge gash on my leg. But, as ever the artist, I noticed just how beautiful the granite was. And it's a piece of pure earth!

What little thing can you think of doing to help? Find a way to reuse fabric; make new garments out of old ones, sew quilts for charity? I think it's wonderful we have been able to resume our stash exchange every year so others can benefit from an unwanted piece of fabric. Let's do our part, no matter how small.

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New Members

Ann Smith	El Cerrito, CA
Karen Griffin	Portland, OR
Minoo Amjadi	(welcome back)

Guests

Christine Barnes
Mary Boalt
Sarah Marra



April 2023

Rachel Clark
Trunk Show

In-Person & Zoom
Simulcast

Rachel D.K. Clark Presented by Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild

Saturday, April 8th at 10:30 AM

Rachel D.K. Clark is a contemporary folk artist, teacher and lecturer who comes from a long line of sewers, beginning with her great-grandmother. She has been doing wearable art since 1973 and teaching on the national circuit since 1990. Eclectic fabric mixes, vibrant designs, and a keen sense of humor characterize Rachel's work. While her garments and quilts can be whimsical, political or a personal statement, it always reflects her love of traditional quilt making. She has done many one-woman shows around the country and her work has been featured in various gallery shows, magazines such as Threads, and "The Quilting Quarterly" on HGTV's Simply Quilts.

Rachel will be appearing in person as PenWAG's April 8th Speaker. We guarantee you will be amazed by her one-of-a-kind wearable art pieces that she is bringing to show us. She is a marvelous speaker with amusing stories that she will share about each of her creations. Please take this opportunity to see Rachel and her beautiful works of art! We recommend to come in person so you can meet Rachel and see the details in her designs up close, but the event is also offered on Zoom with closeups.penwag.org/PenWAG-signups-and-shop/

\$5 Guest Donation **April 8th at 10:30 AM, PST Campbell Community Center, Roosevelt Room, 1 W Campbell Ave., Campbell CA 95008**

Also APRIL 8

CHALLENGE!!

By Laughing Flower



My inspiration for the Challenge my Wedding Altar I made with lots of flowers

Penwag Challenge First Quarter
Due at the April Meeting
April 8, 2023

Our Challenge is April Flowers

Laughing Flower is delighted to narrate the show for us.



May 2023

Gayle Ortiz
Studio Tour & Trunk
Show

Pre-recorded &
Zoom Simulcast

Kate Cusack Zipper Jewelry: Innovative Elegance



June 2023

Kate Cusack
Zipper Jewelry:
Innovative Elegance

Zoom Only Meeting



July 2023

Member Show and Tell

Simulcast &
In-person meeting

August 2023

Glennis Dolce

**Silk Shibori,
Indigo & More!**

Zoom Only



**August 2023
Workshop**

**Glennis Dolce
Mermaid Necklace**

Zoom Only




September 2023

Stash Extravaganza

Saratoga Senior Center



- **October 2023**
- **Jennifer Angelo**
- **From Fiber to Felt:**
 - **My Journey into**
 - **The World of Felting**
- **Zoom Only**



November 2023

Olivia Competente

“Finding the Muse”

Simulcast & In-Person
Meeting



PenWAG Member meeting Minutes for March 11, 2023

President *Christine Kenworthy* opened the hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting at 10:33 AM. We had 21 in-person and 40 Zoom attendees.

President Kenworthy welcomed everyone to the largest art-to-wear organization! She announced that we had 2 new members, *Ann Smith*, *Karen Griffin*, and a returning member, *Minoo Amjadi*, plus 5 guests.

A reminder to send items to the newsletter, including Tips & Tricks or pictures of what you are working on.

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The PenWAG Board needs some new volunteers, including Member at Large and Programs Lead. Also, next year, we will need a new Membership Lead.

The Challenge is April Flowers for the April meeting. Please send 3 photos of each item to

challenges@penwag.org by March 31.

Michelle Paganini shared about upcoming Programs, including the upcoming April meeting, which is in-person and Zoom with *Rachael Clark* presenting. May and June are Zoom only with *Gayle Ortiz* and *Kate Cusack*. Michelle then gave a warm welcome to *Wynne*, *Helen Papke's* daughter and the March video of the interview with *Helen Papke*.

STUFF

This is a **user-contributed** feature! This is where you can post:

Tips n Tricks

Something cool

WIP & UFO's

I need a . . .

Found a great website

1 FREE ad from a member per year

send **STUFF** to lenore@penwag.org

Ruth Lincoln says: This hot iron cleaner is wonderful. https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07ND5YKK7?psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details

Says Lenore Kelly: In the spirit of our upcoming Hard Wear Challenge later this year, I enjoyed this PBS piece about artists Lisa and Paul who make art (some wearables) using found objects. [How a couple in rural Indiana uses art to combat consumerism and waste | PBS NewsHour](#)

President *Christine Kenworthy* lets us know that:

PIQF has been cancelled this year!

Lenore Kelly found an interesting book review in Threads: [Book Review: Red Carpet Oscars - Threads \(threadsmagazine.com\)](#)

Ruth Lincoln says: this is an interesting review about *Tulip Needles*. [Have You Tried Tulip Needles for Embroidery? – NeedleThread.com](#) *Leilani Bennett* likes them too.

More from Lenore Kelly: [5 Essential Tools and Supplies for Resin Jewelry Making \(interweave.com\)](#), [Image Transfer Creations for Resin Jewelry | Beading | Interweave](#)

NEXT MONDAY MUSE

April 17th

Claire De Lucchi

Things to Do & Places to Go



Mark your calendars for the next **Designer Exhibit** in the *Fashion Department at Canada*.

Friday evening, April 21, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Approximately 80 original garments that were not in the fall, 2022 exhibit will be on display. Bring friends.



KAFFE FASSETT IS COMING BACK TO GOLDEN STATE QUILTING!

***Timeless Themes* Book Signing & Lecture with Kaffe Fassett -
May 20, 2023**

Kaffe & Brandon are returning to Golden State Quilting!!!

Join us for a lecture & book signing event celebrating the release of Kaffe's latest book ***Timeless Themes*** on Saturday, May 20th, 11:30-3:00pm at the Starbright Theatre in Campbell.

Kaffe Fassett needs no introduction - a master colorist and textile designer, Kaffe is known for legendary designs and fantastic quilts. And now he's back with new images, new patterns, and a new look at his most storied designs. ***Timeless Themes*** explores the classic, bold patterns that we've come to know and love from Kaffe.

Each chapter focuses on a pattern theme from the Kaffe Fassett Collective—whether stripes, circles, geometrics, and botanicals, or wild paisleys and retro zig zags. An archive of Kaffe's photos, collected over the last 50 years, is presented alongside images of the fabrics they inspired.

An exciting addition to any quilter's library, ***Timeless Themes*** blends the best elements of Kaffe's life and inspiration, resulting in a fresh look at the designer at work—a must-have for readers everywhere.

Kaffe's unique sense of color, drive to create and his desire to encourage others, has led to his reputation as a guru in the world of color and textiles. He is a prolific author of books on color and design in craftwork, having written over forty books.

Admission price of \$80 includes:

-a copy of Kaffe's newest book-***Timeless Themes*** and a lecture.

-An opportunity to have books signed will immediately follow the lecture as well as light refreshments.

*books are shipping to the shop in late March 2023 and should be picked up **before** the event.

Seating is extremely limited. Please reserve your spot soon by clicking here:

[Kaffe Book Signing reservation May 20th](#) <--click here

Doors open at 11:30 (open seating)

Event will begin promptly at 12:00pm (no late arrivals, please)

No refunds will be given, but tickets are transferable.
(at customer discretion & arrangement.)

Happenings at the Museum

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

Currently On Exhibit at SJMQT

QUILT NATIONAL '21 - through April 16, 2023!

We are fortunate to host collections A and C from Quilt National '21, a biennial exhibition by The Dairy Barn Arts Center, in Athens, Ohio, which has developed an international reputation for showcasing in quilting. More information about Quilt National and its artists

[Current Exhibitions — San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles \(sjquiltmuseum.org\)](#)

TEXTILE TALKS



Virtual Presentations Our friends at International Quilt Museum, Quilt Alliance, Studio Art Quilt Associates, and Surface Design Association host the famous TEXTILE TALKS series, featuring weekly panel discussions about all things fiber arts. Held every Wednesday at 11 am PST/ 2 pm EST. [Register for sessions](#)

[Textile Talks | SAQA - Studio Art Quilt Associates](#) .

Wednesday, April 5

Growing a grass-roots collaborative art project: Reflections of Ourselves
Presented by: SAQA

Wednesday, April 12

Miniature Costumes and Quilts: Geeta Khandelwal's Labor of Love
Presented by: International Quilt Museum

Wednesday, April 19

Sharon Peoples - Stitching a Path From the Wall to the Plinth

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 on the third Monday of the month, 7:00—8:30 PM. See the newsletter entry 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

April Sproule	Sproule Studios
Glennis Dolce	Shiborigirl Studios; www.shiborigirlstudios.com ; https://shiborigirl.wordpress.com/
Jane Foster	http://janefosterdesign.com/ http://instagram.com/sewjane ; http://facebook.com/janefosterdesign ; https://www.legaleriste.com/jane.foster ; https://www.spoonflower.com/profiles/jane_foster_design
Jane Wolfe	Wolfe Designs ; Expressive Tunics and Tops ; UpcycleandArtbyJane
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