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Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild



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The Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild and the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles to Collaborate on a Fashionable First Friday

Treat Yourself to a Fun-Filled Evening of Unique and Artistic Clothing and Accessories

San Jose, California, October 15, 2007 — On December 7, 2007 at both 6pm and 10pm the Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild and the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles together will bring you a fun-filled evening featuring artistic clothing and accessories. This fashion show, featuring locally designed handmade fashions and wearable art, will be held at the Museum during downtown San Jose's arts and entertainment district's 'gallery crawl' called South First Fridays. Entrance to the fashion show and the Museum are both free to the public.

The Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild (PenWAG) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the knowledge of, appreciation for, and the skills associated with creating wearable art, such as clothing and accessories. PenWAG members participating in the Museum's First Friday event schedule will model their creations, which include costumes, art-to-wear, hats, altered couture, quilted and tailored work, jewelry, painted, dyed, or embellished pieces, and knits. The evening's theme is California Dressy.

"The original and creative 'designs for the body' by PENWag members are a fitting introduction to our exhibition of renowned artist and designer Marian Clayden, opening January 15, 2008," said Museum Curator Deborah Corsini. "This event also caps off our 30th anniversary exhibition of contemporary fiber art *Saturn Returns: Back to the Future of Fiber Art* which fills our galleries through January 6," Corsini added.

"This First Friday in December will not only provide visitors with the opportunity to enjoy the museum for free, it will dazzle them with some of the Peninsula's most notable and inspiring designs of artful clothing and accessories," said Darcy Fowkes, a PenWAG board member. This artistic, social, and cultural event is a first for both organizations.

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The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is the first museum dedicated to quilts & textiles in the United States, and in 2005 was named one of the top 10 attractions in San Jose. Museum and Museum Store hours are: 10:00am-5:00pm Tuesday through Sunday; closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$6.50 general; \$5 students and seniors; and free to museum members and children under 13. Admission is free on the first Friday of each month. The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is located at 520 South First Street in downtown San Jose. For more information, call 408-971-0323 or visit www.sjqquiltmuseum.org.