



# Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington

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## President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Dear MEOW sisters:

Fall is in the air and ,before we know it ,Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be here.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> all those in attendance at the Board meeting were fortunate enough to view all of the class proposals for Seminar 2010. There were over 50 proposals presented for everyone to vote on which classes would be chosen to be included in the seminar brochure. I sure had a hard time deciding which classes to put my stickers on and I am sure everyone else was in the same predicament. The final vote came down to 24 classes which will be in the brochure. Maybe those who weren't chosen this year will resubmit for 2011.

MEOW has a web site which gives us all an opportunity to know what is happening within the organization. It is an easy way to get up-to-date info on what's happening with Seminar 2010 plans, learn who your Board of Directors are, and get info on all Area groups and their activities. If you haven't gone to the web site, we encourage you to do so. The web site is [www.sewmeow.org](http://www.sewmeow.org) and it is maintained by Jyll Jones and Tami Bennett.

MEOW will be having a booth again this year at the Northwest Quilting & Crafts Festival held at the Puyallup fairgrounds. If you go to the web site there is a link to get a \$1.00 off coupon. There are 3 co-chairs for the booth and they need volunteers to do small demos, talk about MEOW and hand out flyers telling about our organization. Sali Lusk is in charge on Thursday; Vicki Nelson is in charge on Friday and Karen Bennett is in charge on Saturday. The show is November 12, 13, and 14 from 10 am – 5 pm. So please contact one of these ladies if you can help in the booth. There are free entry passes for anyone who helps in the booth.

If you have never attended a Board meeting before; I would like to encourage you to do so. It will give you an insight into what happens at a Board meeting and how the Board of Directors actually works. The dates of the Board meetings are posted on the web site.

Sometimes members feel that they do not have anyone to talk to if they have a suggestion, a compliment or even a gripe about something. I would like to be your contact person to try to answer any questions you might have about anything pertaining to MEOW. I have big shoulders and I am a good listener. I can be reached anytime between 8 am – 8 pm on my cell #, which you may find in the Roster or via my email – [vickianelson@verizon.net](mailto:vickianelson@verizon.net).

I will be on vacation from October 11<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup>. Then I am home for 1 day before I go to help in the MEOW booth from November 11 – November 14<sup>th</sup>. So unless it is an emergency I would appreciate it if you do not email me during that time period. If you're volunteering to work at the Quilting & Crafts Festival; please contact Sali Lusk at [jsmudpie@earthlink.net](mailto:jsmudpie@earthlink.net) or Karen Bennett at [pse@oz.net](mailto:pse@oz.net).

Even if you do not volunteer in the MEOW booth, please stop by and say "Hi" and introduce yourself.

Hope to see you in Puyallup!

Vicki Nelson, MEOW President

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## Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting  
January 23, 2010  
Vancouver, WA

## Due Dates for:

**January Newsletter Articles and Reports**  
January 28, 2010

## Need Schedules from:

**Area Groups for March, April and May**

**SEMINAR 2010**  
Olympia, WA  
June 3,4,5,6, 2010

**Membership Renewals**  
Due August 31, 2010

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**Caroline Burton 2008—2010**

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Kalico Kitties  
Stray Cats**Ruth Casciato 2008-2010**

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McKits  
Mouse Connections  
Multi-Media Kats**Nancy Shepherd 2008—2010**

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Country Kitties  
Mt. Hood  
Valley Cats—Summer**Washington State Directors****Peggy Bodle 2008-2010**

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Designer Cats  
Silver City Kitties

Tacoma Tabbies

**Texanna Cato 2008-2010**

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Border Cats,  
Cyber Cats  
Digi-Cats**Jyll Jones 2009-2001 I**

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Fabricats  
Pampered Persians  
Pink Panthers**Sali Lusk 2008-2010**

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Purrfection  
Sandy Katz  
Daffy Cats  
Fantasy Felines  
Seattle Katz

## MARCH SEW EXPO CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Haven't I seen you at the SEW EXPO in February or March? If you love to shop and see all the different vendors, then we need your help! Each year MEOOW has a booth at SEW EXPO that allows new and potential members to see our magnificent work and become inspired to join and continue our organization's work. To that end, we still need someone to volunteer to be the Spring Expo chairperson. We would ask you to be at the Fairgrounds for five (5) days in Puyallup (Feb. 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2010), with set up of the booth on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>). There would be a daily manager for each day (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and eight (8) demonstration volunteers per day for a 2.5-hour time slot. There is an entry badge available for the Chairperson. Vicki Nelson has volunteered to mentor anyone that agrees to be the Expo 2010 Chairperson. We need this person prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> as that is when Vicki will be receiving the contract for the Expo. If we don't find someone to handle this, we could lose this valuable outreach to the community and a great resource for new members.

The job is not terribly difficult, just a little time consuming, but with being able to have a manager for each day, you would be free to take classes, shop and make connections with the various vendors. Each daily manager would need to make sure that her scheduled volunteers showed up 15 minutes prior to their set times and had everything that they would need to present MEOOW to the best of their abilities.

It is a good experience and counts towards your community service hours for your group. Please take the time to think this over and, if you have the time, let Vicki Nelson ([vickianelson@verizon.net](mailto:vickianelson@verizon.net)) know that you would be interested.

## NOMINATIONS

What are you getting out of MEOOW? Have you ever stopped to think what it takes to keep our groups going each and every month? Well, now is the time to get involved. There is a Nominating Committee of 3 of your M.E.O.W. members. They consist of Ginny Fischer (Oregon), Elaine Solvang (Washington) and a third that is still waiting to be determined. They will be contacting you to get involved.

This year we will be electing a new President, Treasurer, Washington Directors and Oregon Directors. If you have never served on the Board before, this would be a great time by running for one of the Director positions.

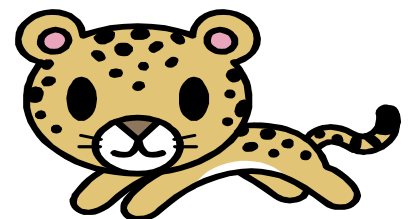
## Proofreaders

I would like to send out a special thanks to all the people that have helped put the newsletters together by submitting items and by providing help with proofreading what has become the finished product.

As the Newsletter Editor, I send out a special and warm hug to all that help and request that if anyone wants to become a contributing member to the Newsletter or would like to proofread the Newsletter before it goes out, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email. I send out a pdf format of the document, so you must be able to receive this type of file, but all persons volunteering are welcome.

Thanks again to all my helpers and volunteers.

Tami Bennett  
Newsletter Editor



MEOW Board Meeting Minutes  
 Felida Fire Station  
 11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue  
 Vancouver, WA  
 Saturday, September 26, 2009

Vicki Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. A sign-in sheet was passed around for the Board members and guests to sign to identify members that were present. See the following list:

**Executive Officers:** Vicki Nelson, President; Nancy Howard, Vice President; Karen Bennett, Secretary; Jackie Rosier, Treasurer

**Directors:** Washington – Sali Lusk, Jyll Jones, Texanna Cato and Peggy Bodle, Oregon – Ruth Casciato, Nancy Shepherd, Caroline Burton and Claudia Buntyn

**Committees:** Sandy Radtke, Membership; Rena Andrews, Oregon and Washington Fairs; Pat Bridwell, Scholarship\*; Jyll Jones (Web Mistress); Tami Bennett (Newsletter Editor/Web Mistress; Sali Lusk (November Sew Expo); Kitty Young, Mediation\*; Apral Harrel, Mediation; Kim Keller, Mediation\*; Carla LaBrousse, Sunshine\*; Historian (open); Nancy Howard, 2010 Seminar Chairperson \* Signifies an Excused Absence

**Guests:** Dee Finney, Roberta Strebe, Kathy Brock, Mona Hermens, Elaine Solvang, Sharon Hults, Carol Schesser, Diane Keilman, Connie Hasten, Janette Johnson, Bonnie Sabel, Ginny Fischer

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Were approved as written.

The teachers proposals were presented prior to the beginning of the Board meeting (9:30 am) and voted on by the MEOW members that attended the meeting. We have 57 entries and 24 have been chosen for the 2010 Seminar brochure.

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**Treasurer's Report:** All reimbursement forms for Directors are to be sent to Nancy Howard and then Jackie Rosier. The same goes for the Seminar reimbursement forms also.

We moved the Reserve for future Seminars into the 2009 budget.

To end the confusion as to the prepaid membership dues (those received prior to September 1), we will add a Prepaid Dues line to the proposed Budget. A question was asked as to why we have the MEOW year starting on September 1. This is because MEOW's first meeting was in August, 1988.

We discussed the need for an inhouse Audit now that we have a Certified Public Accountant doing the taxes. He will be taking care of that for us when doing the I.R.S. paperwork from now on. Nancy Shepherd made the motion and Claudia Buntyn seconded the motion, and it was approved by the members.

A motion was made by Jackie to approve the budget as presented and it was seconded by Nancy Shepherd. 13 Yes 0 No

**Vice-President's Report** - Community Service Reports will be requested of the Area Reps on a monthly basis. All final reports from Area Groups will be due on September 30<sup>th</sup>. A new form can be found under Publications and Forms on the Website. The Vice-President will then compile the final report as the information comes in.

If, as a Director, you can't visit your groups, please let the Vice-President know.

The Creative Cats have disbanded.

Nancy Howard has made up a new form for Area Reps and they will be sent to the Directors for dispersal.

If you can take time to teach at other groups (i.e. ,Border Cats and Fabricats), please contact the Area Rep. In the past the groups have been willing to provide bed and breakfast.

**Secretary's Report:** Sunshine Report – seven (7) cards were sent and the report is found later in the newsletter. Please make sure that you notify Carla LaBrousse if there is a need for a card, whatever the event may be. An e-mail from Robin Slocum of Purrfection was read and they would love to have you



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stop in if you are in the area. I can say that it was the highlight of our trip to Idaho last year and we are looking forward to visiting again next March.

Karen handed out copies of the MEOW's Standing Rules with proposed changes. These will be discussed and voted on at the January Board meeting.

**Director's Reports:** Sali Lusk reported that the Seattle Katz are meeting now on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the same time.

Texanna Cato has met with all of her new groups and asked the question as to how she goes about getting a response from her Area Groups. If there is no answer, just let the Vice-President and the Newsletter Editor know that there was no response.

Peggy Bodle reported that she met with the Designer Cats and they asked her to return next November, 2010, to teach a class, and they are working on their community service project.

Ruth Casciato reported that Multi-Media Kats are busy and so is McKits – see the reports later in the newsletter. She will be visiting her groups in October.

**Membership:** Sandy Radtke stated that we have 179 members at present with three (3) new members. We had 227 at this same time last year. Sandy turned in her expense report and handed out a roster to each Director showing which members in each group had renewed.

**Newsletter Report** – Tami Bennett stated that the last printed newsletter cost \$596.22 and 325 were printed. The price reduction was due in part because we didn't have two (2) inserts. We have nineteen (19) members that do not have e-mail and they will be receiving a hard copy, which will cost \$ .61 each to send.

**Scholarship:** Pat Bridwell is on her honeymoon at this time, so there was no report.

**Fairs:** No report

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**Sew Expo:** Sali Lusk is the Chairperson for the November Expo and the dates are November 12 through 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and hours will be 10:00 to 5:00 pm. Anyone that is willing to work the booth will receive a free pass that will be good for all three (3) days. Sali is asking for samples to display in the booth, so bring them to your next meeting and arrangements can be made to obtain them. We need volunteers for the daily slots and they are 10:00 to 1:00 pm; 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 3:00 to 5:00 pm. **So please check your calendars and be ready to sign up when the call comes.**

A suggestion was made that the volunteer not working on the sewing machine doing a demo, might like to bring something that they can do also to show that MEOW is proficient in other venues.

A chairperson is still needed for the February Expo, which will be on February 25 through the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

All samples for display must be turned in by the day of setup, which is Wednesday; the 11<sup>th</sup> of November and Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, if at all possible. We will try to make arrangements for displaying items brought after setup by our daily volunteers. Once the setup is in place, no changes are to be made.

**Seminar 2010:** If you would like a copy of a C.D. that has all of the teacher proposal entries on it, please contact Apral Harrel at [icrea8@comcast.net](mailto:icrea8@comcast.net) and the price is \$5.00. A notice will be found in the Newsletter also.

The results of the survey that the Board of Directors requested that Jackie Rosier and Jyll Jones present to the membership are as follows: 170 were sent out by Jyll and she received 60 answers back. You will be able to find the questions and results up on the Website in the next two weeks. MEOW Scholarship Dollars used for: Lottery Method = 14 votes; All attendees = 43 votes, Have a yearly seminar 47 = Yes 2 = No; Plan on attending future seminar 40 = Yes 7 = No; Read the Newsletter: 47 out of 60 said yes; Use the Website: 36 = Yes 21 = No. These are just a few of the results; for more information please go up to the Website.



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The cost of the Seminar will be \$300.00, which does not include kit fees and lodging. Raffle tickets were sent home with the Directors for pre-sale to go against the 2011 Seminar. If you run out, please contact Nancy Howard to get more. Please take some time and contact retailers that you deal with or where you meet to ask for a raffle donation. If you do receive a positive response, please also get a business card from them to keep with the item and send a personal thank you.

Judi Young proposed that we make 5 to 10 Artist Trading Cards for exchanging at Seminar. This will be used to meet new members to the Seminar and/or talk with others that you haven't seen for awhile. Make sure that you put your name and year made on the back. We will put up samples of the cards later on the Website.

There will be one catered meal per the hotel contract, which will be announced in the Seminar brochure.

The Sunday classes will be three (3) hours only. Starting time will be announced in the brochure.

The members will be notified when the brochure is going to be posted on the Website, and hard copies will be mailed to those that don't have e-mail.

Alice Morris will be the instructor for the Basics 101 class on Thursday. Sharing tables will be free for MEOW members. We need at least four (4) surge protectors per classroom and two (2) extra just in case. The Treasure table will be handled differently at the next Seminar and more information on that will be forthcoming.

We went back to the general budget and made several amendments after going through the Seminar budget; and a motion to accept the budget as amended was made by Jackie Rosier and seconded by Sali Lusk. 13 = Yes 0 = No

**Website Report:** Tamara Bennett will be handling the following items for the Website: Board of Directors page, Newsletter items and Area Group schedules. Please notify Tami of any changes to be made to these three sections of the website.

Jyll Jones (Head Web Mistress) will handle all other items pertaining to the website. Jyll and Tami will have **at least two weeks** to make any changes

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Jyll requested funds to update her MEOW programs to match what Tami uses. A motion was made that MEOW purchase Power Point and Web Expressions for a total of \$130 by Claudia Buntyn and seconded by Karen Bennett. 13 = Yes 0 = No

Tami Bennett will be making the Community Service Report Form into an Excel format file so that it can be filled out by computer and printed.

Tami will be updating the Board of Directors page in the Newsletter and on the Website in the near future.

**Historian:** We are asking if there is anyone that would be interested in doing this job. You would not be required to attend Board meetings. The job consists of cataloging photos, seminar brochures and newsletters.

**Latimer Quilt Festival Show for MEOW** is September 8 to November 8, 2009. MEOW's Open House was on September 13, 2009; from noon to 4 p.m. and 55 attended. We had 250 items submitted and it took the committee all day on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> to complete the display.

There is a link on the Website front page (Latimer) where you can see four of the items. Sandy Radtke sold an item prior to the opening ceremonies. Caroline Burton stated that Latimer wanted to know if we would be interested in doing this again, but with a specified theme. The consensus of the Board was yes. Caroline will contact Latimer to find out more about this. **November 8<sup>th</sup> is the last day and it would be well worth a field trip to go and see it for yourself.** If you wish to be an individual member of Latimer and receive a newsletter, the membership is \$10.00/year since MEOW is already a member.

**NO PICTURES WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SHOW** and a sign will be placed by Latimer stating this decision by the Board of Directors.

Nancy Shepherd presented the digitized pattern for the OR/WA Cats design, sayings from the seminar logos over the years, and a combination file of the cats with each saying that will be available to the membership on a C.D. All designs will fit into a 4 x 4 hoop. It will be available in pes, pcs, vip, jef, and hus. The logos are in different fonts. The cost of the full C.D. will be \$15.00 plus shipping with all monies going to MEOW. Nancy passed around samples of the completed design with the different sayings. Contact Nancy Shepherd at

NancyLynn@iglide.net to purchase the C.D.



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**Nominating Committee:** Ginny Fischer, Elaine Solvang and possibly Roberta Strebe will be contacting members about running for offices being vacated in 2010. The membership will be voting on President, Treasurer and Directors from Oregon and Washington.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

MEOW's General Standing Rules – will be voted on at the January meeting.

Honorary Membership was discussed and this will be discussed more in the future as to requirements, and how many can be offered with our membership down.

Jackie Rosier will be talking to Chase about credit/debit card and what would be the best for our organization. We have several items that require payment by such a card – as in Domain Name, Website fee, etc., and it would be easier to have a card in our name. A motion was made by Ruth Casciato and seconded by Jyll Jones to apply for a card in the name of MEOW with a limit of \$500.00. 13 Yes 0 No

What constitutes an excused absence: Work, sick, death in family, in hospital, inclement weather and family matters.

A job description is needed for each Board position to complete our assigned task from last September. Each current Board member needs to read the description and update for their position and update if needed as we have made changes in several of those areas.

Board member abandoning office: It was discussed and the majority agreed that the consequence would be: 1. No longer eligible to hold office, and 2. No honorary membership status.

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We began a discussion about lengthening the term office of the Executive Board members. The consensus was that we look into changing Article V, Section 3, to state that the Executive Officers shall be able to serve consecutively in the same position for 2 consecutive two - (2) year terms with the approval of the entire membership, because it takes more than two years to learn the workings of the office, especially with respect to the offices of the President and Treasurer.

**E-mail Etiquette:** When someone sends you an e-mail, please take the time to answer with a quick reply stating: “Yes, I received it” or “received your e-mail”. This would make it so much easier to know if the information we are trying to send or communicate has been received.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We are still looking for a replacement for the Historian's position.

All forms and other information needing to be in the Director's books will be put up on the Website under Forms and Publications with revisions dates included so that each new Director can make sure that their books are current. This will be taken care of by the Secretary.

Texanna Cato made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Sali Lusk. 13 =Yes 0 = No

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Our next meeting will be tentatively on January 23, 2010, at Vancouver, WA. Future board meetings are: April 24, 2010; and July 24, 2010, at Vancouver, WA, if possible.

Respectfully Submitted  
by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

**NEW MEMBERS:**

We would like to introduce our new members from September 1 to October 28th, 2009. Welcome! You will find that we are no longer listing any information for them other than their name and area group. You will need to refer to your 2009-2010 Roster for their information. If it is past the October printing of the Roster, please contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chair; Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor; or one of the Board of Directors for their information.

Angie Bracero	Fantasy Felines
Lyn Daugherty	Mt. Hood
Jillian Gooding	Fantasy Felines
Sharon Hawkins	Kalico Kitties
Bonny Krueger	Country Kitties
Anna Marie Levens	Country Kitties
Melodee Mac Williams	Fantasy Felines
Mary Phillips	McKits
Bonnie Sabel	Kalico Kitties
Francis Snyder	Valley Cats
Sue Stanford	Designer Cats
Paula Strid	Silver City Kitties
Debra Ueda	Silver City Kitties

**RENEWALS**

ALL RENEWAL FOLLOWING THIS ARE FROM JULY 31, 2009 TO OCTOBER 28, 2009. THEY LIST THE NAME AND AREA GOUP ONLY. YOU CAN FIND ALL PERTINANT INFORMATION IN THE MEOW ROSTER, WHICH WILL BE MAILED OUT SOON. IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR NAME LISTED, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN THE AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER, IF FOR SOME REASON YOU STILL DON'T FIND YOUR NAME, THEN PLEASE CONTACT EITHER SANDY RADTKE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON OR TAMI BENNET, NEWSLETTER EDITOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE WITH THIS.

Tami Bennett

**RENEWALS:**

Betty Acheson	Stray Cat
Chris Aksel	Mouse Connections
Rena Andrews	Country Kitties
Clarice Angelo	Silver City Kitties
Donna Ballard	Silver City Kitties
Lenette Bannister	Purrfection
Sally Berg	Stray Cat
Shirley Billman	Stray Cat
JoAnn Biladeau	Stray Cat
Donna Bybee	Border Cats
Tracy Black	McKits
Carole Bonanno	Purrfection
Louise Braddock	Stray Cat
Kathy Brock	McKits
Donna Brooke	Stray Cat
Lorrie Bryant	Stray Cat
Renay Butts	Mt. Hood
Mary Calahan	Country Kitties
Beverly Carpenter	Country Kitties
Ruth Casciato	Kalico Kitties
Ginger Christmas	
Beatty	Aristocats
Marbe Cook	Country Kitties
Treva Coston	Silver City Kitties
Nadean Cox	Stray Cat
Marilyn DesGranges	Cyber Cats
Mary Dicks	Daffy Cats
Barbara Dickson	Mouse Connections
Marilyn Doty	Daffy Cats
Carolynn Doughty	Purrfection
Sally Dunkin	Stray Cat
Priscilla Edwards	Sandy Katz
Joyce Eslinger	Tacoma Tabbies
Gay Fawsett	Silver City Kitties
Ginny Fischer	Country Kitties
Cynthia Foster	Stray Cat
Beckyrae Franks	Kalico Kitties
Vy Frederick	Stray Cat/Valley Cats
Christine Freeman	Mt. Hood



**RENEWALS:**

Caroline Gerneglia	Cyber Cats
Corale Goesch	Snippy Cats
Alice Goetschuis	Hollywood Stars
Susan Goss	Tacoma Tabbies
Lynda Guerra	Cyber Cats
RobbaLee Hall	Silver City Kitties
Janice Hammock	Cyber Cats/Daffy Cats
Kathy Harris	Seattle Katz
Rhonda Harris	Country Kitties
Connie Hasten	Fantasy Felines
Teresa Hayes	Border Cats
Barbara Herget	Mt. Hood
	Multi Media/Hollywood Stars
Beth Heesaker	Stray Cat
Gloria Higdon	Pampered Persians
Nancy Hill	Mt. Hood
Mary Ann Hipply	McKits
Mona Hermans	Silver City Kitties
Lyn Hix	Stray Cat
Grace Hofer	Mouse Connections
Pam Hockman	Stray Cat
Chrys Hulshof	Fantasy Felines
Sharon Hults	Mt. Hood
Susan Hurd	Country Kitties
Gayle Jacobson	Border Cats
Carlotta Jarratt	Seattle Katz
Ruth Jones	Fantasy Felines
Jeanne Johnson	McKits
Janette Johnson	Pink Panthers
Linda Johnson	Silver City Kitties
Katherine Josephson	Seattle Katz
Pam Kartak	Stray Cat
Cynthia Keim	Tacoma Tabbies
Kim Keller	Country Kitties
Sue Koester	Stray Cat
Judith Larson	Designer Cats
Patty Larson	Mouse Connections
Heidi LaTondrese	Border Cat
Donna Lehfeldd	Kalico Kitties
Cheryl Lenz	Mt. Hood/Hollywood Stars
Carol Lewis	Sandy Katz
Carmen Lizakowski	Border Cats
Barbara Lynch	

**RENEWALS:**

Sophia Mallos	Fantasy Felines
Deene Mauerman	Designer Cats
Fran McCoy	Pink Panthers
Molly McCune	Pampered Persians
Pat McDonald	Stray Cat
Letha Dawn	
McKinnon	Fantasy Felines
Gail Mikuchonis	Persian/Panthers
Lois Mock	Hollywood Stars
Kay Moore	Cyber Cats
Alice Morris	Stray Cat
Virginia Munro	Fantasy Felines
Rhoda Oakes	Stray Cat
Anita Peterson	Pampered Persians
Sheryl Phaff	Pampered Persians
Terrill Closs Powell	Seattle Katz
Sandra Pugh	Cyber Cats
Kathleen Pulici	Silver City Kitties
Barbara Rader	Hollywood Stars
Sandy Radtke	County Kitties
Karen Richardson	Pampered Persian
Betty Riggs	Hollywood Stars
Mary Lou Rooth	Sandy Katz
Susan Rose	Stray Cat
Charlotte Russell	Fabricats
Mary Rust	Mt. Hood
Carol Schesser	Fantasy Felines
Kay Schrader	Pampered Persians
Joanne Schoner	Daffy Cats
Janine Scott	Country Kitties
Vernie Sharp-Rovig	Cyber Cats
Bonnie Shashani	Pampered Persians
Judy Shields	Country Kitties
Robin Slocum	Purrfection
Liz Silberman	Mt. Hood
Linda Simkus	Country Kitties
Freddie Smith	Tacoma Tabbies
Maggie Stevens	Silver City Kitties
Donna Stewart	Cyber Cats
Roberta Strebe	McKits
Roberta Steen	Silver City Kitties
Louise Stinnett	McKits
Ericka Suhrbier	Designer Cats

**RENEWALS:**

Rieko Takashima	McKits
Candy Throop	Purrfection
Tammy Toda	Country Kitties
Tana Tyler	Digi-Cats
Cindy Urie	Border Cats
Janis White	Aristocats
Arlette Wentz	Digi-Cats
Lydia Wilson	Stray Cat
Barbara Wolfendale	Cyber Cats

**Mark your calendars!**

November Quilt and Craft Show in Puyallup Washington, November 12, 13, and 14, 2009, Thursday through Saturday.

MEOW will be hosting a booth at this event. We will be displaying samples of our work and demonstrating free motion embroidery. We are looking to invite new members and promote our organization. Please consider volunteering for a short 2 to 2.5- hour shift while you are at the event. Please examine your work and others in your group for the most impressive pieces to showcase what we do. Samples of work were collected at the Board meeting on September 26, 2009. For more information, or to volunteer for a shift ; please contact Sali Lusk at [jsmudpie@earthlink.net](mailto:jsmudpie@earthlink.net).

**Email Etiquette by Tami Bennett**

Over the last several years. members of the Board of Directors have been going over varying forms of email etiquette and we have even made mention of this in the Minutes of the meetings that we attend; and this last meeting was no different. We feel that there are things that should be done better by both the Board members and the general MEOW membership where email is concerned, and that is why we continue to bring this up. I have gone on the grand and expansive internet and reviewed several articles and written items about email eti-

(Email Etiquette continued . . . )

They might help us understand why it is important to do things with regard to email that we do.

First, we have mentioned several times in the newsletter about the time it takes to answer an email. And that it would be nice for everyone to acknowledge the receipt of said email. We all know that the reason an email is sent is because someone has something to say and they wish a quick response, or they want to lighten our day, or they just want to say we were thinking of you. We need to tell that person we got it. Just like snail mail, things get lost and if they didn't wish a quick response, they would just send out a written letter or a fax or they might wait and give someone a call much later on. Therefore, each email should be replied to within at least 24 hours. If the email is complicated, just send back an email telling the person you received the email and you will get back to them. This will put the sender's mind at rest and usually they will be patient with you.

The second thing that I am going to bring up today is the fact that many of us, me included, don't read an email before I send it. I just type and go. I find that after I punch the send button, I have a misspelled word here, a broken sentence or I just can't figure out what I meant. My gosh, I don't know how many times, I have to send out a second email correcting the first, because I was in such a hurry to answer, please also remember that your written e-mail does not convey inflection or emotion. Sometimes it's hard to tell by works alone if you are joking, very mad, or somewhere in between. So next time you wish to answer or send an email, take a breath and read what you are sending and make sure it makes sense, it is representing you. Put your best foot forward each and every time you put an email out.



## Carol Cornford Scholarships for Seminar 2010

All MEOW members are eligible to submit their name for a blind drawing to be held at the January 2010 MEOW Board meeting. Exceptions will be those members who have received a scholarship to one (1) of the last three (3) Seminars. The scholarships are used to assist members with fees at Seminar 2010 to be held June 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2010; at Olympia, WA. Scholarships are funded by the raffle held at MEOW Seminars.

There is money in the fund for seven (7) \$100.00 Scholarships to the 2010 Seminar.

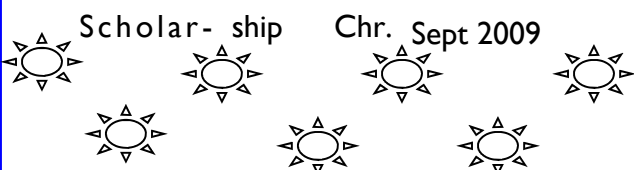
Scholarship recipients are required to present a program to a group, other than their home group, by May 15, 2011.

Please send your name, address, phone number, email address and Area Group by January 15, 2010, to Scholarship Chair, Pat Bridwell, 22910 - 90th Ave West # D308, Edmonds, WA 98026 OR email this information to me at [patria2br@live.com](mailto:patria2br@live.com). If your submission is emailed, you will get an acknowledgment. If no response, please send again. No submissions will be accepted after January 15, 2010.

Winners will be notified by letter after the drawing at the January 2010 Board meeting.

The Carol Cornford Scholarship Guidelines are detailed in the MEOW Standing Rule #37. If you do not have a copy of the Standing Rules, please ask your Area Rep, State Director or see on the Website under Forms and Publications. Any questions, please do not hesitate to call me per my phone number in the MEOW Roster.

Pat Bridwell



## 2009 Carol Cornford Scholarship Winners

I have received 2 of the Confirmation Letters that can be found on the Website and were mailed out to "Scholarship winners". As previously mentioned "Scholarship winners are listed on the Website under "Scholarship Winners", then you proceed to "Scholarship 2009" where you will find all them listed by name, group and state. You can click on their names and an email form will pop up to facilitate your contacting them for teaching opportunities. Please contact them and help them out with this wonderful opportunity.

As a reminder Confirmation forms must be mailed to the Scholarship Chairperson by May 15, 2010 after their teaching is completed.

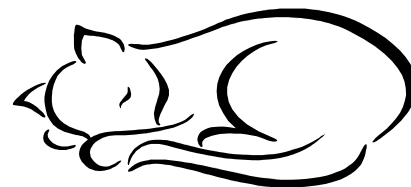
Pat Bridwell  
Scholarship Chr. July 2009

## MEOW LOGO C.D.

Nancy Lynn Shepherd has produced a C.D. with two State logos that also includes sayings from previous Seminar pins. All of the designs will fit within a 4 x 4 hoop.

Ginny Fischer graciously agreed to embroider all of them to show what they look like. It is available in the following formats: pes, pcs, vip, jef and hus. A color version will be posted on the website for all members to view. This C.D. is copyrighted to the MEOW organization.

The C.D. is being sold for \$15.00 plus shipping and you will need to contact Nancy Shepherd at [NancyLynn@iglide.net](mailto:NancyLynn@iglide.net) to request a copy. All proceeds will be going into a fund for future Seminars.



**M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT  
7/20/2009 to 9/20/2009**

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	9/10/2009	Bonny Krueger	Country Kitties	Surgery
2	9/11/2009	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Injury
3	9/14/2009	Lynda Guerra	Cyber Cats	Father's death
4	9/14/2009	Marian DesGranges	Cyber Cats	Two Surgeries
5	9/14/2009	Toni Colby	Pampered Persians/Cyber Cats	New Grandson
6	9/14/2009	Beverly Robinson	Silver City Kitties	New Granddaughter
7	9/15/2009	Virginia Munro	Fantasy Kitties	Sister's Illness

Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
Grandchildren 2 cards	1	Self	2	Self		Self
	1	Family		Family	1	Family
		Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

October 26, 2009

### Latimer Quilt Show by MEOW

This is to the members of MEOW. If you have not gone to see the Latimer Quilt Show by our members, please take some time and go down to Tillamook, Oregon, and take in the display. Jyll Jones and I stopped in on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

It was amazing to just sit on the bench at the front of the display and just look at each piece that was there. We have an absolutely wonderful group of ladies in MEOW that do incredible projects and we spent two hours there. Met one of our newest members, talked to the host of the day and watched a number of couples walk through the display.

I was allowed to take pictures of most of the display for our Historical records and we will be putting some of them on the Website so that you can see for yourselves what a wonderful sight you will see when you visit. They are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. They will be closed on Sunday as of November 1, 2009. The show will be over on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, 2009.

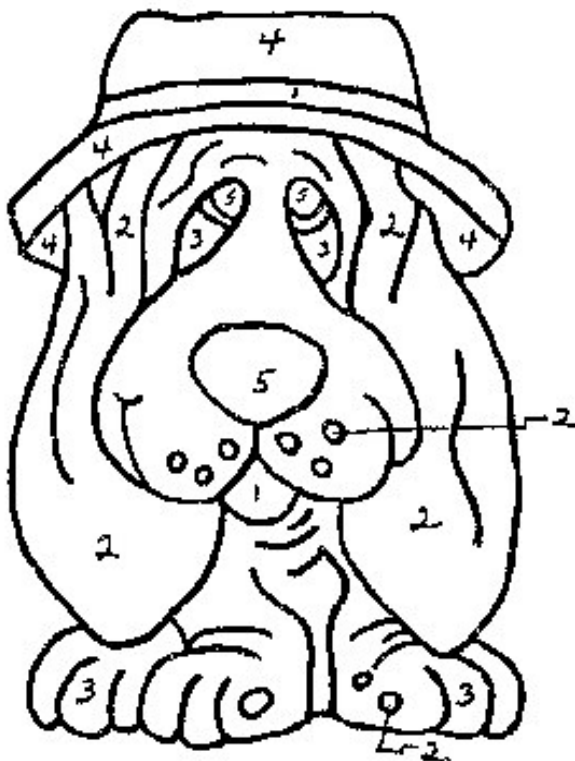
We were also informed that if we call ahead, have a group of ladies and ask to have a tour of their depository facility, they will make arrangements for anyone interested in seeing their collection. They would also have one of their experts come in and give information on the quilts and other items that are not on display at the time of the visit.

A number of our members also have items on display that are for sale either in the show room or in the other two display rooms. And if you live in the area, they are also providing lessons for people who would like to learn weaving.

Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary and Area Rep for Tacoma Tabbies

## Bobbin Work Instructions from Meow Newsletter February 1994

1. Trace pattern onto a piece of Muslin.
2. Use another piece of Muslin - turn cross grain and place both pieces in a hoop together.
3. Top tension should be on 3—4.
4. With Free Motion - Fill in eyes, nose, ears and mouth with straight stitch. Do outline with a back and forth heavy line. Match thread color to the color you plan to use for the project chosen (car, bear, etc.)
5. Do all embroidery work first (flowers, bows, ears, nose and mouth).
6. Bobbin stuff - Bobbin stuff is worked on the back side of fabric. Use punch embroidery thread in the bobbin. Run the thread up through the hole in the bobbin case, but not through the tension. Use invisible nylon thread in the needle.
7. Work short straight stitches in rows. Work in the same direction that fur grows. (If doing a cat or any other animal).
8. Lay rows of stitches close together but not on top of each other. You should not be able to see the Muslin on the front side of your fabric.
9. Brush out with an embroidery brush when finished (embroidery thread only)
10. Use Founder's Glu'n Wash permanent fabric adhesive on the back of your project. Be sure to cover it completely (especially the edges) and let dry.
11. Cut out and glue onto T-shirt or sweatshirt with the same glue. Put a piece of wax paper on the inside of shirt to prevent the garment from sticking together.



### OUTLINE IN BLACK

- 1 - RED
- 2 - BROWN
- 3 - TAN
- 4 - YELLOW
- 5 - BLACK

NOTE: SPOTS ON FACE AND FEET DO NOT OUTLINE

## HAVE FUN SEWING!

YOU MIGHT WANT TO ENLARGE THE PICTURE BEFORE DOING YOUR WORK.



**Aristocats** \*\* Portland, OR \*\* September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm  
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway  
 Contact: Betty Cooper  
 Dec: No Meeting  
 Jan: No Meeting  
 Feb: No Meeting

**Border Cats** \*\* Lynden, WA \*\* November 2008

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm—9:00pm  
 Place: Tangled Thread Quilt Shop, 202 6th Street  
 Contact: Donna Bybee  
 Dec: Christmas Party  
 Jan: Work on Quilt for Community Service  
 Feb: Call for Project

**Bytes & PC'S** \* Boring, OR \*\* September 2005

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm  
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex  
 Contact: Linda Rigby Co Rep: Apral Harrel  
 Dec: No Meeting  
 Jan: Landscape (Background)  
 Feb: Landscape (Design Placement)

**Country Kitties** \* Hood River, OR \*\* February 1991

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall  
 Contact: Carla LaBrousse  
 Dec: Superior Threads—Gayle and Barb  
 Jan: Sheer Nets - Carla and Ginny  
 Feb: Quilting Nets

**Cyber Cats** \* Renton, WA \* April 2004

Meets: 4th Thursday 9:30 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: King of King's Lutheran Church 18207—108th Ave SE  
 Contact: Caroline Gerneglia  
 Dec: Holiday Party - Potluck  
 Jan: Fabric Beads - Barbara Wolfendale  
 Feb: Credit Card Holder - Gail Mikuchonis

**Daffy Cats** \* Federal Way, WA \*\* Sept. 1991

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm  
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac, 31653 Pacific Hwy South, Federal Way  
 Contact: No Area Rep at this time Mary Dicks  
 Dec: Holiday Luncheon  
 Jan: Cancer Caps— Marilyn Doty  
 Feb: Seminar Exchange - Joanne Schoner

**Designer Cats** \* Chehalis, WA \*\* Sept. 1998

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm  
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics  
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier  
 Dec: Christmas Party & Sharing  
 Jan: TBA  
 Feb: TBA

**Digi-Cats** \* Kirkland, WA \*\* Nov. 2005

Meets: 3rd Monday 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm  
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac 13501—100th Ave NE  
 Contact: Arlette Wentz  
 Dec: Holiday Party @ Tana's  
 Jan: Leaf Variations  
 Feb: Community Service (Large Picture Projects)

**Fabricats** \* Wenatchee, WA \*\* June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm  
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee  
 Contact: Nadra Betcher  
 Dec: Open  
 Jan: Open  
 Feb: Open

**Fantasy Felines** \* Lynnwood, WA 88 May, 1994

Meets: 2nd Monday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm  
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W  
 Contact: Elaine Solvang/Vicki Nelson  
 Dec: Christmas Party— Potluck  
 Jan: Community Service  
 Feb: Teacher Gifts Project

**Hollywood Stars** \* Portland, OR October 1991

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm  
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center 8326 SE Stark  
 Contact: Kitty Young  
 Dec: Christmas Party - Exchange ATCs  
 Jan: Shadow Appliqué - Cheryl Brown  
 Feb: Fabric Beads - Judi Young

**Kalico Kitties** \* Vancouver, WA

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Felida Fire Station 11600 Lake Shore Ave  
 Contact: Carmen Groves  
 Dec: No Meeting - Merry Christmass  
 Jan: Ribbon Project - Sharon Hawkins  
 Feb: Hip 2 be Square - Betty Cooper



**McKits** \* Lafayette, OR \*\* July, 2000

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: The Quilted Hill, 7601 NE Blackburn Rd, Yamhill  
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Mona Hermans  
 Dec: 5th Annual Tea Party  
 Jan: Pillow Case—Mona Hermans  
 Feb: TBA—Alice Howell

**Mouse Connections** \* Beaverton, OR \*\* August 2005

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 5:00 pm — 8:00 pm  
 Place: Fire Station Murray Blvd & Butner  
 Contact: Ginger Christmas-Beattie  
 Dec: Dinner Exchange  
 Jan: Create a college wall hanging using your favorite theme  
 Feb: Creating Tags with machine embroidery

**Mt. Hood** \* Boring, OR \*\* July, 1988 10:00 am –2:00 pm

Meets: 1st Mon.—Community Service & UFO's 4th Monday –Program  
 Place: Boring Fire Hall  
 Contact: Apral Harrel  
 Dec: No Meeting  
 Jan: Shaded Rose  
 Feb: Machine Quilting

**Multi-Media Kats** \* Milwaukie, OR \*\* August, 2003

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm  
 Place: Gladstone Nazareen Church  
 Contact: Beth Heesacker/Apral Harrel  
 Dec: No Meeting - Merry Christmas  
 Jan: Fancy Stitched Books—Beth  
 Feb: Calligraphy—Joanne

**Pampered Persians** \* Puyallup, WA \*\* April, 2005

Meets: 2nd Thursday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm  
 Place: South Hill Quality Sew & Vac 3715 S. Meridian  
 Contact: Gail Mikuchonis/Toni Colby  
 Dec: Christmas Party - Group  
 Jan: TBA - Jyll Jones  
 Feb: Lifted Star - Karen Bennett

**Pink Panthers** \* Puyallup, WA \*\* April, 2007

Meets: 2nd Thursday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm  
 Place: South Hill Quality Sew & Vac 3715 S. Meridian  
 Contact: Gail Mikuchonis  
 Dec: Christmas Party - Group  
 Jan: TBA - Jyll Jones  
 Feb: Lifted Star - Karen Bennett

**Purrfection** \* Kooskia, ID \*\* February, 2009

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm  
 Place: Valley Bible Church, 319 North Main Street  
 Contact: Robin Slocum  
 Dec: Christmas Party - Date Change  
 Jan: Paintsticks  
 Feb: Silk Ribbon Embroidery

**Sandy Katz** \* Ocean Shores, WA \*\* October, 2006

Meets: 1st Monday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Cranberry Bay Fabric & More 897 Minard Ave NW  
 Contact: Dian Millette Kathy Jones  
 Dec: MEOW Christmas Luncheon  
 Jan: TBA  
 Feb: TBA

**Seattle Katz** \* Seattle, WA 88 September, 1999

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm  
 Place: 7301 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, WA  
 Contact: Penny Perry  
 Dec: Children's Pillow Case Construction  
 Jan: Lutradur Exploration  
 Feb: Paintsick Workshop

**Silver City Kitties** \* Silverdale, WA \*\* July 1999

Meets: 1st Tuesday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Sound Sew & Vac, 10600 Silverdale Way  
 Contact: Katherine Josephson  
 Dec: Christmas Social Potluck  
 Jan: TBA - Donna Ballard  
 Feb: TBA - Donna Ballard

**Tacoma Tabbies** \* Tacoma, WA \*\* January, 2002

Meets: 3rd Saturday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm  
 Place: Shibori Dragon 11124 Gravelly Lake Dr  
 Contact: Karen Bennett  
 Dec: Christmas Luncheon  
 Jan: Corded Bowl - Karen Bennett  
 Feb: Banner Construction

**Valley Cats** \* Albany, OR \*\* October, 1994

Meets: 1st Saturday 10:00am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Oregon Sew & Vac  
 Contact: Lydia Wilson

We are now a summer group and will be meeting from May through September. Please contact Lydia Wilson for our Schedule.  
 We can come and play on First Saturday of each Month.

All area group schedules are subject to change. Please call ahead if you intend to visit another group.

All area groups must be organized according to MEOW By-laws and Area Groups Guidelines, under the direction of the MEOW Vice-President. Please contact her for assistance.

I would like to thank all Area Reps that have gotten back to me with their schedules. This is a tremendous help with updating the Website and the Newsletter. If you change your schedule, please do not hesitate to get a hold of me your (Newsletter Editor) and one of your Website mistresses at [pse@oz.net](mailto:pse@oz.net) or [stitchnstuff@comcast.net](mailto:stitchnstuff@comcast.net) to tell me about it at your earliest convenience. I'm here to help you communicate with the outside world. Thanks again. Tami Bennett

If you have an idea for a Kitty Tip, please do not hesitate to send them to [pse@oz.net](mailto:pse@oz.net). All will be welcome and used in future Newsletters. We would like to make this a regular part of the newsletter. Thank you.

**OREGON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS****CLAUDIA BUNTYN****ARISTOCATS**

Betty Cooper, Nancy Lynn Shepherd, Caroline Burton and Cheryl Brown have been busy getting ready for the Latimer Quilt Festival. We will not be meeting for the winter months.

**BYTES & PC'S**

Bytes and PC's had a wonderful fun day of shopping in Portland. We started early in the morning and rode Max into downtown Portland to visit a fabric store and the Bead and Button Emporium. Then we went to a fascinating store, Yarnia that allows you to create your own custom yarn by combining different yarn weights and colors. We also shopped at Fabrics For Less that specializes in discounted sheers, silks and other specialty fabrics.

**HOLLYWOOD STARS**

Several of our MEOW members from a couple of our local groups have been making a concerted effort to increase memberships. They have been holding demonstrations at a local library, demo'ing at Fabric Depot and talking up MEOW at the Craft Warehouse. We have added seven (7) new members that we know of. There may be more yet to come. This is what it takes to grow MEOW! Thanks to Liz Silberman, Cheryl Brown, June Kendell, Joann Livingston, Barb Herget and Jan Story!

We had a community service day at our last meeting. We organized a little "sweat shop" and made 75 "hugs" for our solders. Some of us took home homework, so there will be more .

As always, it was a lot of fun working together.

Caroline Burton is participating in another art show with two (2) other artists. This one is held at Mt. Hood College, running September 15, 2009, through Mid-October. Check it out!

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We have recently had the opportunity to attend workshops held in our area. Barbara Schapel taught the most recent, and Helene Knott taught one a few weeks before that. These gals are quilters, but oh my, what wonderful free motion embroidery they do on their work! All that attended had a wonderful growing experience!

### **CAROLINE BURTON**

#### **CREATIVE CATS**

We are sorry to report that the Creative Cats have chosen to disband.

#### **KALICO KITTIES**

They have been doing back to basic free motion.

#### **STRAY CATS**

Tess says receiving the newsletter by email makes a whole lot of sense to her. She is working on two (2) wedding quilts. Now looking forward to fall and more time to sew.

Bev Mallette is doing some sewing and trying to stay cool in Stockton, California. She enjoyed her time in MEOW for the last several years.

Judy Betz is well again. She taught 16 women thread painting techniques. Daughter, Barbara, came and took the class. She free motions on her wonderful needle-felted projects.

### **RUTH CASCIATO**

#### **McKITS**

All of us members received the email from Jyll Jones regarding the MEOW survey, which we already sent in. In October, four (4) of us will be going to Quilt Retreat at Camp Yamhill. As far as the Community Service project goes, we made 71 bags and gave them to Lori Painter, which she will be giving to the Special Olympics.

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### **MOUSE CONNECTIONS**

July meeting was FSL Bowls. Ginger Christmas Beattie's Christmas Design. August, we met at Kitty Young's home for a demonstration - Trapunto designs. We did not meet in September because of the show. Next meeting, October, Betty Cooper will be demonstrating fabric etching.

### **MULTI-MEDIA**

In the last three (3) months we have taken a field trip through interesting places to purchase supplies including SCRAP (donated mixed media parts and pieces), also a discount art supply store and an artist's garage sale. We also rusted fabric and paper, and made our own original hand-made paper out of plant material. Just another group of opportunities to expand our creative horizons.

### **NANCY SHEPHERD**

#### **COUNTRY KITTIES**

Scholarship winner Betty Cooper will be presenting November's class; "Hip to be Square." Two (2) members went to Superior's School of Threadology. In December, they will be sharing about thread and needles. Guests are welcome, but be sure to call for location.

### **MT. HOOD**

Mt. Hood Area Group has a unique way of doing our Community Service Project of making lap robes for Fairlaw Nursing Home. Each month each person tries to stitch at least one crazy quilt square and bring it to the meeting. These squares are then stitched together and sewn to create the lap quilts at our yearly Community Service project day.



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In order to keep track of our Community Service hours, we have a post-it note attached to our sewing machines and whenever we spend time on Community Service, we just note the time on the post-it.

### **VALLEY CATS**

Valley Cats has finished their summer schedule for this year. Look for their return in May of 2010. They have a full schedule for 2010; please look on the website.

### **WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTORS REPORT**

#### **PEGGY BODLE**

#### **DESIGNER CATS**

I had my first meeting in September with this small but great group of ladies. Since they have only two (2) hours for their meetings, a lot of their work is done at home. Their schedule is planned through next year. For Community Service, they are committed to making layette sets.

#### **SILVER CITY KITTIES**

They are busy finishing up quilts and pillowcases for Kitsap Community Resources. Community Resources were invited for a luncheon with the Silver City Kitties. Their schedule looks very interesting, including a witch's hat and gifts for Seminar.

#### **TACOMA TABBIES**

They have about 40 pillowcases finished for their Community Service. Seminar and volunteering for Expo coming is being discussed. Guest teacher for September was LaVerne Mazzuca. Her class was very well appreciated and well received. She is a wonderful teacher.

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### **TEXANNA CATO**

#### **BORDER CATS**

In August, the group was visited by Vicki Nelson, President; Karen Bennett, Secretary; Sali Lusk, Director; and Texanna Cato, Director. Vicki taught a class on "How to Thread Paint the Easy Way." The group is still looking for outside teachers from other groups to hopefully come to Lynden to teach a class for them. Their Community Service project for 2010 is to make a quilt which will be auctioned off by a medical clinic which gives free or lowcost care to people in need.

#### **CYBER CATS**

The members made serger dolls as their Community Service project and they were donated to Virginia Mason Hospital. Barbara Wolfendale is still recovering from her recent pacemaker implant. Toni Colby suffered a bad fall but fortunately no bones were broken. Kay Moore recently remarried and is going on a Panama Canal cruise for her honeymoon.

#### **DIGI-CATS**

The members made small quilts which were donated to Project Linus.

#### **JYLL JONES**

#### **FABRICATS**

The Fabricats are working on Community Service at the NCW Fair. Nadra designed a way to show quilts. Nadra makes cinnamon rolls on site and sells them for her Wheat Wives group.



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### **PAMPERED PERSIANS AND PINK PANTHERS**

On-going Community Service projects, learning free motion and the beaded peacock. Gail taught the Reindeer.

### **PURRFECTION**

No Report.

### **SANDY KATZ**

Priscella Edwards has joined our group. We have lost 2 members. One took in three (3) exchange students for this school year and the other possibly because of stuff that was going on. I invited one of the disbanded Aberdeen group to join us, but she is not driving anymore. Dian is busy again with a wedding this time. We finally finished up our project with the painted dryer sheets and bobbin work and are moving on to Latrador that we have already painted and now will stamp, and more importantly, put heat to.

### **SALI LUSK**

### **DAFFY CATS**

The Daffy Cats have scheduled a good variety of projects.

### **FANTASY FELINES -**

October found the Fantasy Felines involved in making the Teacher Appreciation gifts for Seminar 2010.

### **SEATTLE KATZ**

The Seattle Katz have been very active this summer with several extra meetings called "play days." They also went on a field trip and plan more.

## **Newsletter Statement of Policy**

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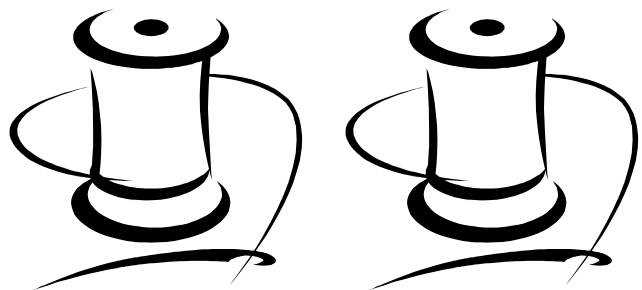
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