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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Ladies,

I decided that this President's letter would be on the lighter side of things.

So here goes. (I better tell you this before others (who will remain nameless) tell you). As most of you know I do not do any kind of sewing except maybe serge a seam at the bottom of pants which need hemming. Now comes the good part. I am only 5'0" so I always have to cut off about 4-5" leaving a 2" hem to deal with. Remember the old saying "Measure twice and cut once". Well, I must have been sleeping during that time in home economics (they don't even offer that in school anymore). I cut off the bottom of 2 pairs of pants and serged around the edges (it took me 30 minutes of struggling with threading the lower looper before I finally got out the manual – that took another 15 minutes to find). Now that was done so I proceeded over to my sewing machine. Here we go again – I couldn't get the bobbin out of the machine, there goes another 10 minutes. Then I had to put the bobbin back in the machine!!! You're right – another 10 minutes. How much time has all of that taken – 1 1/2 hours, give or take! At this point I was ready to take them to a local alteration's lady to hem them for me. But that would have cost \$10 per pair (and I wasn't going to let a little ol' hem get the better of me). So I decided that I was smarter than any machine (almost). I pinned the hem in place and did a blind hem using my sewing machine. It has been over 5 years since I have been able to even sit at a machine let alone do anything with it. I was on a roll – I had two pairs actually done! Remember I said "Measure twice – cut once"? Well, yep. You're right! The next two pairs were too short because I didn't try them on before I cut them; I only did that after they were finally hemmed. Now what do I do? Well, I had the excess fabric I originally cut off. So I thought now how can I sew it back on so no one would notice? I decided to try it. Do you know how hard it is to take out a blind hemmed pair of dark navy blue pants? Yep, another 30-45 minutes! I then evened the top of the piece I took off, evened up the hem of the pant and serged it back on. Guess what? They were just right. Duh! I should have tried them on to begin with. You really don't notice my booboo's unless you are staring at the bottom of my pants which I know all of you will do the next time you see me. Well, we all need a good laugh once in awhile. Maybe I should have paid the \$40 after all and saved myself all that time and frustration. I'm sure this has never happened to any of you! Maybe this should have a place in the newsletter for members to write in with their most embarrassing sewing or embroidery disasters. Why should I be the only one? LOL!

Oh, another thing: after the kids all moved out (last one left in 1987) we took a wall out between 2 bedrooms to make a large sewing/craft room (that way the kids' couldn't move back in). I filled that space up and spilled over into another room downstairs and from there into a Public Storage unit (\$70 a month). My husband decided he didn't want to pay for the storage unit anymore so that is why I am downsizing. I will probably have other things to tell on myself about in the near future. It's amazing what you can find in all of those boxes sitting on the shelves!

That's it for now – watch for the continuing saga in a few months.

Keep laughing! And God Bless Vicki

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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
July 28, 2012
Vancouver, WA
At 9:00 am General Board Meeting
At 10:00 am Regular Board Meeting

Due Dates for:

April Newsletter
Articles and Reports
August 2, 2012

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
September 2012,
October 2012 and
November 2012

November Quilt and
Craft Show
November 15-17, 2012

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Stray Cats

If you know of someone who has paid for their Newsletters, but are not receiving them, please have them contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chair or Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor/Website Mistress and we will take care of sending a new copy out to them and verify the address that we have is correct.

Thank you for your time on this!

Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders!

You have a very hardy task each Newsletter. I would like to thank last Newsletter proofreaders: Karen Bennett, Nancy Shepherd, Vicki Nelson, Elaine Solvang, Ruth Jones and Roberta Strebe and anyone else I might have forgotten.

If you would like to become a proofreader for an upcoming Newsletter, drop me a line at pse@oz.net and I will place your name on the list, we always need bodies even if it is only for a proofreading job!

Tami Bennett,
Newsletter Editor

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The lack of participation at the booth and new members signing up has brought up the possibility of MEOW not even attending this show in November 2013. The only way that we can continue to do this job is that we have more of you, the members, take the time to put your names on the list of volunteers who will man the booth. The regulars can't do it continuously and I won't ask them to do it any more after this year. It isn't fair.

I will be sending out a request to the Area Reps and individual members to ask them to take the time and sign up early for participation in the November 2012 show. I will be doing this soon to see if we can generate interest from the local members. **The dates are November 15, 16 and 17, 2012.**

We are finding that this November show is becoming better each year. They are beginning to provide classes that are free except for the Make It and Take It demos which are usually only \$5.00, plus there is only a one time entrance fee for all three days. That is quite a deal. We also have passes for the volunteers that man the booth during the three days, which includes snacks and drinks provided by Rusty Barn. Please think about helping us this year for this Quilt and Craft show and see what you are missing and the people you could be making friends with.

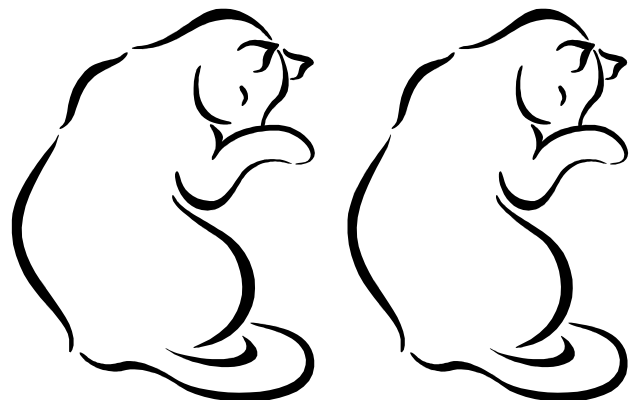
Karen Bennett, Managing Member

NOVEMBER QUILT AND CRAFT SHOW – 2012

We are starting early again for the November Quilt and Craft Show Volunteers. I know that you hear the same thing every year, "We need Volunteers", "It's your turn to step up", "Come and join us and have some fun", "Learn about some of the ladies that volunteer." It's all true and all real.

Volunteers are what MEOW is about and very important to this organization. We can't do our jobs without the help of our members. The same ladies that step up are getting tired. It is time for the remainder of you to also step up to help. We know that at this time of year weather is a large factor and Oregon members have a difficult time trying to get up to our area since our weather is so unpredictable.

This means that our Washington members need to look towards helping with this endeavor. As everybody knows by now, MEOW dropped the March Expo due to the high costs and the large number of volunteers necessary. We were only getting 15 at the most sign up.



MEOW BOARD MEETING
Date: April 28, 2012
Place: Felida Fire Station
11600 N. W. Lakeshore Ave
Vancouver, WA

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

ROLL CALL: Executive Officers: Vicki Nelson, president; Karen Bennett, vice-president; Roberta Strebe, treasurer; Peggy Bodle, secretary;

Directors: Kathy Brock, director; Apral Harrel, director; Texanna Cato, director; Sharon Hulst, Director;

Committee Chair: Sandy Radtke, membership, and Tamara Bennett, newsletter/web mistress, Karen Bennett (November Quilt and Craft Show), Dee Finney (Meeting Site Coordinator)

* Signifies an Excused Absence.

Excused: Pat Bridwell, scholarship; Judi Young, mediation; Kim Keller, mediation; Caroline Burton, mediation; Carla LaBrousse, sunshine chair; and Sali Lusk, historian.

Recognition of Guests: Nancy Shepherd, Betty Cooper and Dee Finney (Meeting Site Coordinator).

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

Minutes of the last meeting. Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Secretary's Report — There was nothing to Report.

Treasurer's Report: Balance sheets and Profit and Loss reports for the 9/1/2011 to 3/31/2012 were handed out and discussed.

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Vice-President's Report – Director reports will be printed in the newsletter. Letters from 2 members were read that had concerns about MEOW disbanding and the proposed Seminar. - No decisions were made on these matters at this time. It will be on the agenda and reviewed at the July 28th regularly scheduled Board Meeting. **The members writing the letters have been sent a response letter asking them to attend the next Board Meeting on July 28, 2012 to discuss their concerns.**

NOTE THE EARLY STARTING TIME FOR THIS MEETING : 9 AM.

Community Service - Report showing 984 hours donated and goods valued at \$2,825.20 . Mary Bridge has been over run with pillow cases and will not accept any more at this time, but they would like "Survivor Bags" (Directions will be on the website under patterns in the near future).

Sunshine report: No Report. Please see items later in the Newsletter.

Director's Reports - Full Directors' Reports are in the newsletter.

Membership Report: 1 renewal to make a total of 106 members. Honorary members: A vote was taken by the Board for these members to receive honorary memberships: Karen Bennett, Sandy Radtke, Nancy Shepherd, Roberta Strebe, Apral Harrel and Texanna Cato.

Newsletter Report: The costs for January newsletter: \$27 (printing/postage).

Website: Seminar Information should be available about Mid-May on the website with email notification to the membership. Anyone that would like a CD can contact Tami Bennett—Website Mistress for that item.



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Scholarship Report — Sharon Hults made a motion and Tex 2nd, that all scholarships are discontinued. Monies in the scholarship fund would be used to benefit the whole group attending seminar. Vote 9 Yea, 0 No. Discussion was held on how the Seminar chairperson had been compensated in the past.

November Quilt and Craft Show: Karen Bennett, Coordinator. Karen has a confirmed reservation from Rusty Barn for the dates: November 15, 16, and 17th. Volunteers are needed to keep the booth running.

Historian: Sali Lusk has moved to Colorado and wished to continue this project.

Nominations Committee — Dee Finney reported that 38 ballots were returned. New officers are: President: Nancy Shepherd, Treasurer—Vicki Nelson, Directors—Betty Cooper and Barbara Belgraves.

Seminar Committee 2012 – Nancy Shepherd and Apral Harrel. Seminar will be held at the Collins Retreat Center at Eagle Creek, OR. Information about all the classes, registration and fee schedules will be on the website about May 15th. Teachers contracted for classes are Caroline Burton, Angela McIntyre, Tami Bennett, and Nancy Shepherd. Friday Classes will start at 2 pm and you will be finished after lunch on Sunday. Tami will send out an email when other seminar information is ready for viewing.

Old Business:

Item #8—MEOW Board of Directors General Standing Rules—Discussion held and changed some of the wording. Will reread in July and vote.

Disciplinary procedures under the guidelines of the General Standing Rules—Discussion held and made some wording changes. Will reread and vote

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NEW BUSINESS:

Sandy made a motion to add to the By-laws that voting by email be allowed. Tami 2nd. Vote: 10 yes, 0 no. When we have a new notice of membership renewals, we will ask for a vote on this motion. Members can return their vote and renewal at the same time.

Next meeting: Vancouver, WA on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at 9:00 am. General membership meeting. Regular Board Meeting at 10 am.

Future meeting dates: September 22, 2012,

Tex made a motion to Adjourn and Sharon Seconded it.

CORRECTIONS:

You will find that we are no longer listing any information for members other than their name and area group. 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 the New Members information for the correction listed below.

Ginger Christmas-Beatty	Address Correction
Nadra Betcher	email correction
Kathy Brock	email correction
Alice Goetschius	email correction
June Kendell	In Memory Of
Sali Lusk	email correction
	Address correction
	Phone # correction
Kitty Young	email correction

RENEWALS

All renewals from now to October will be printed in the New Roster which will be printed in October 2012 and mailed to you. If from now until then you need information on a new member or correction mentioned in this newsletter or previous newsletter, please contact either a member of the Board of Directors, your Membership Chair, or the Newsletter Editor/Website Mistress, they will be able to help you with whatever you might need

Thank you for your patience with this..

RENEWED MEMBERS:

Sandy Makin Bytes & PC/Design Divas

NEW MEMBERS:

We had 106 returning and new members combined as of April 20, 2012. As a new member and returning member, you will find that we are no longer listing any information for any of our members, like phone number, address, email address, other than their name and area group. .

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Pat Barbour Bytes & PC's/Design Divas
Barbara Belgrave Design Divas
Cindy Cronan McKits
Penny Delancy Mouse Connections

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PEGGY BODLE

DESIGN DIVAS

These ladies are using their computer to digitize embroidery patterns and learning how to use the software . . . Currently using Rose Cottage embroidery designs. They will do the stitching in the Bytes and Pc's Group.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

Kitty Young showed us how to make flower corsages. Each petal was sewn separately, cut, and sewn into a flower arrangement. These can be used to decorate clothing, hats, or anything else you like

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(cards, books, Journals, purses). The following month, we took Kitty's petal pattern and used it on Krinkle Magic (or a similar product) layered with a fabric of choice— then using a heat source, we made the same petals and sewed them into flowers.

As most everyone knows, we lost our very loved member, June Kendell. We certainly will miss her but we do have many wonderful memories of the years we had with her. I recall her saying that she had never missed a seminar since the beginning of MEOW - she was one of our founders. She will always be in our hearts.

There won't be a meeting in June, July or August. September will be their Planning Meeting on September 8th with a brunch potluck.

KATHY BROCK

ARISTOCATS

No Report.

BYTES & PC's

Please see the report about June Kendell's passing.

Mt. HOOD

Mt. Hood - is sad to report the death of June Kendell. June was a Charter Member of MEOW and Mt. Hood is the first Area Group that was formed.

June's family has requested that we send cards to her home address because they will be checking her mail.



A Long Time Member Graduates

Hollywood Stars would like to announce that June Kendell has graduated from MEOU. As you can see, she has made an impact on more than one group. We will surely miss her. She has been such a big part of our group, always supportive, generous, caring and sharing. She will remain in our hearts even when she is not with us. What a wonderful woman. What a privilege to have known and loved her. She would have turned 90 on June 3rd. Many of us were planning to have a birthday party for her. The party was held on June 3rd at the Olive Garden in Gresham, but we are all with them in our hearts.

We all hope that June is at peace and that she is busy sewing to her hearts content now. We will all join her someday.

Love your MEOU Sisters

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MULTI-MEDIA KATS

The Multi-Media Kats have been chasing more wild and wonderful art mice. We have caught and played with monoprinting mice, silk paper mice, and Lace paper cutting/folding mice. We stalk and sit, not so quietly, waiting for many more art mice to come along during the course of the year. Everyone is welcome to come and join our wild and funny catnip inspired meetings. No mice have been harmed nor catnip smoked in the pursuit of our artistic endeavors.

We have a current schedule through December of 2012. Please look to the website for the update of this.

TEXANNA CATO

CYBER KATS

March—Linda taught a casserole cover.

April—Berr will teach a potluck carrier (Plates, silverware, napkin-carrier). No other classes.

No community service report and nothing else is scheduled.

FABRICATS

They are meeting on the second Thursday from 1-4 at Andrews Sew and Vac.

Last month they did an Origami purse, 9" square and they enlarged it. In April a necklace was made. Nadra did not have any more information about this class for us.

Nothing else is scheduled at this time and no Community Service report.

Nadra has healed from her surgery just a twinge from time to time in the wrist.

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TACOMA TABBIES

We talked about the passing of June Kendell. Also discussed the Seminar that we are having in October and Freddie is not sure that she will be in town. Becky, the store owner approached me, and said that we needed to have six members to be able to have a standing reservation. So I decided to move our class to our office, which will fit our small group just fine and we won't disturb anyone. We will now be meeting in the North end of Sumner/south end of Pacific off of SR 167. This will also give me time to look for another member and another location if we so desire. Everyone is welcome at our new site. I have been watching the Sewing shows that have been on Saturdays and they have been giving me all sorts of ideas for our classes. This has been a wealth of information.

Our community service project has changed. We have been asked by Tacoma Mary Bridge to make what are called "Survivor Bags" for the kids left behind after a sibling or parent. They also requested what they call knitted stress balls. Tami has figured out a simple pattern for this also and we will be delivering 25 of each soon. I have already started on another 30 bags and Tami has completed around 30 of the balls. We have also contacted yarn shops about helping with the knitted items to take a strain off of Tami trying to knit all the balls that we need to go with the bags. We did find one shop that was willing to help.

APRAL HARREL

COUNTRY KITTIES

No Report.

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McKITS

I have been going through the sewing stuff given to McKits by Marge Black (Tracy's mother). Also getting a lot of quilts made. On our non-meeting months, we each do our own thing.

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

The Mouse Connection has had many good meetings this past year. Due to weather, we cancelled the March meeting. Our classes are off by one month, so the next class will be a demonstration of how to convert a redwork or color work machine embroidery design into appliqué through our software.

SHARON HULTS

DIGI-CATS

I have not contacted them yet.

PURRFECTION

Robin Slocum reported May 18th will be Confetti Collage, June 15th will be UFO's (Unfinished Objects), and July 20th will be their planning meeting.

FANTASY FELINES

May 14th is Pillow Techniques with Letha, June 11th is Summer potluck and planning meeting, and July 9th is Velvet Embossing Play Day.

The Community Service was in April making greeting cards for Manor Care Rehabilitation Center.

Survivor Bag Pattern

1 1/4 Yards of Fabric (This will make two (2) bags—
16 1/2" x 16 1/2")

You will need to cut out two (2) pieces 17" x 36"

A. If you cut salvage to salvage, you will have 8" left, if the fabric is 44" wide

B. This will give you two (2) 4" x 24" strips for the handles

C. If the fabric has a definite design and you cut the pieces out the long way, you will get two (2) plus enough material to get your straps.

Take one (1) piece of the 17" x 36" and fold it in half, right sides together, to make 17" x 18", serge both sides and then do a straight stitch (inside the serge line) to secure the sides. Now you are ready to fold over the top 1 1/2" (Folding a 1/2" of that under and stitch down) to the inside of the bag).

Set aside and now take your (2) pieces of 4" x 24" strips and iron in half and then fold each side into the center and iron. Now you are ready to stitch both sides. Attach the straps to the bag on each side - moving in 4" on each side and stitch down. Do the same thing on the other side of the bag.

You are now done.

The finished size will be approximately 16 1/2" x 16 1/2"

Note: If you want to put a design by embroidery or satin stitch on the bag you will want to do this prior to stitching up the sides.

The bags need to be gender specific, i.e. boy or girls.

Karen Bennett



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M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

January 23, 2012 to April 20, 2012

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	01.24.2012	Nadra Becher	Fabricats	Surgery on Wrist
2	02.04.2012	Diane Keilman	Country Kitties	Death of Brother-in-law

Other	Illness/Injury	Surgery		Loss	
None to report	Self	I	Self		Self
	Family		Family	I	Family
	Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
	Other		Other		Other
	TOTAL	I	TOTAL	I	TOTAL

LADIES OF MEOW

Ladies of MEOW, Carla LaBrousse asks that if you hear of **ANYONE** that could use a Sunshine Card to please contact her with the name of the person, their address, group they belong to and what the card is for (death, sickness, wedding, birth, etc). She has not been receiving very many requests and would like to make sure that she is not missing any members that need attention.

Thank you for your attention to this very important task. :)

The reason that this newsletter is late, is that the Brochure took precedence and as soon as it was online I started to work on the newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at pse@oz.net.



Aristocats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway
 Contact: Betty Cooper
 June: TBD
 July: TBD
 August: TBD

Bytes & PC'S ** Gresham, OR ** September 2005

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Ave,
 Contact: Apral Harrel
 June: TBD
 July: TBD
 August: TBD

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla Labrousse
 June: TBD
 July: TBD
 August: TBD

Cyber Cats ** Renton, WA ** April 2004

Meets: 4th Thursday 9:30 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: King of King's Lutheran Church 18207—108th Ave SE
 Contact: Toni Colby
 June: Planning Meeting
 July: TBD
 August: TBD

Design Divas ** Clackamas, OR ** July 2010

Meets: 3rd Tuesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Place: Quilting Delights, 14863 SE Oregon Train Drive,
 Contact: Mary Rust
 June: Planning Meeting
 July: TBD
 August: TBD

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
 June: Planning Meeting
 July: TBD
 August: TBD

Fabricats * Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 June: No Scheduled Activities
 July: No Scheduled Activities
 August: No Scheduled Activates

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W
 Contact: Letha McKinnon/Vicki Nelson
 June: Summer Potluck and Planning Meeting
 July: Velvet Embossing Play Day
 August: Calligraphy Techniques with Connie

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
 June: Planning Month
 July: TBD
 August: TBD

Kalico Kitties ** Vancouver, WA ** October, 1994

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Felida Fire Station 11600 Lake Shore Ave
 Contact: Carmen Groves
 June: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes
 July: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes
 August: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes

McKits ** Yamhill, OR ** July, 2000

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: The Quilted Hill, 7601 NE Blackburn Ro, Yamhill
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Kathy Brock
 June: Off
 July: Sampler - Roberta
 August: Off

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
 June: TBD
 July: TBD
 August: TBD

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

Meets: 1st Mon.—Community Service & UFO's 4th Monday –Program

Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Avenue

Contact: Apral Harrel

June: Planning Month

July: TBD

August: TBD

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

June: Felting Ideas - Beth at the Firehouse or at Caroline's?

July: Cloth, Paper, Scissor or Quilting Arts Video workshop—Caroline

August: Cloth, Paper, Scissor or Quilting Arts Video workshop - Caroline

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

June: TBD

July: Planning Month

August: TBD

Tacoma Tabbies * Tacoma, WA ** January, 2002

Meets: 3rd Saturday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm

Place: Bennett P.S. & E, Inc. 12907 16th Street East, Sumner

Contact: Karen Bennett

June: Jello Mono Print

July: Paper Beads

August: Batik Braiding

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.

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

If you have an idea for a Kitty Tip, please do not hesitate to send them to 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.

VICKI NELSON

STRAY CATS

Clarice Angelo, Bremerton, WA has been doing lots of travelling and not getting any sewing done; then home in time for Sew Expo from there Sacramento & Portland. She hopes to be home for 3 months to recuperate. She spends a lot of time working on new digitized designs for her business.

Katherine Josephson, Silverdale, WA has been taking classes from various groups she belongs to as well as teaching a few quilting classes to a sewing group. She made a trip to Palm Springs to visit with her children. She took a stabilizer class from a Viking Dealer in the Joanne's in Silverdale and said she came away with a wealth of information. Maybe a few more Stray Cats will respond next time.

Kitty Tip

Coffee Filters: Who Knew! And you can buy 1000 at the Dollar Tree for \$1.00, even the large ones .

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome . . . Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
4. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.

From Carla LaBrousse in an email

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