



# Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington

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## President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Dear MEOW Members:

It is time once again to catch you up on a few things that have been happening within the MEOW organization.

You may or may not have heard rumors that there will be no Seminar 2011 due to the economy and too expensive of a facility to hold the seminar. It was decided that I was to appoint several members to be on a committee to pursue other less expensive facilities. If the costs go down then maybe more members would attend. For the past several years only about 25% of our membership attend the seminars. If any of you have suggestions about any of this please feel free to contact me. I will be appointing the committee members on or before September 1st, which starts MEOW's fiscal year. If anyone would like to be on this committee, let me know.

Another change which was made by the Board, was to decline participation in the Spring Sew Expo. It was costing MEOW between \$500.00 and \$700.00 to rent the booth along with electricity and flyers. We are not getting much of a return on our investment when we only recruit one or two new members. Last year we needed at least 40 volunteers to help work in the booth, but we only had 25. Setting up the booth, doing demos, handing out flyers and tearing the booth down were falling on the same members each year. Another factor was that there was a possibility that the Expo was going to increase the hours from 8 am—8:30 pm Thursday through Sunday. It was a hard decision to make because once we say no; we won't get back in again as there is a long waiting list of vendors who would like to participate. We are going to continue to have a booth at the Northwest Quilting and Craft Show in November. The only costs incurred are for electricity and flyers. This show is only 3 days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

I always enjoy myself when I am at seminar because I can see friends from other groups who I only see once a year. I also get to make new friends amongst those newbie's who come to seminar. I did not participate in the apron challenge or the ATC's (Artist Trading Cards) this year, but from what I saw that night, everyone was having a good time. I do have 3 ATC's to make as a few members gave me one of theirs. If you are into this sort of thing, maybe look in the roster and pick someone you don't know and send her one and tell her a little bit about yourself and ask her to respond back.

Another thing on my agenda is to pick three (3) members who are not on the Board to be on the nominating committee for the election which will be held at the new general meeting which is usually done at Seminar. Since there will not be a Seminar, the new officers will be installed at the July Board meeting. Next year, the Membership needs to vote on the Vice President, Secretary and four (4) State Directors. So if someone calls you from the nominating committee to run for a Board position, please give it some thought as it is a great way to learn about the in's and out's of what happens at these meetings.

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## Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting  
September 25, 2010  
Vancouver, WA

## Due Dates for:

**October Newsletter  
Articles and Reports  
September 29, 2010**

## Need Schedules from:

**Area Groups for  
Dec., Jan. and  
February 2011**

**November Craft and  
Quilt Show  
November 18-20,  
2010**

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**Nancy Shepherd 2008—2010**

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Aristocats

Bytes &amp; PC's

Hollywood Stars

Kalico Kitties

Stray Cats

McKits

Mouse Connections

Multi-Media Kats

Country Kitties

Mt. Hood

Valley Cats—Summer Only

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Designer Cats

Silver City Kitties

Tacoma Tabbies

Border Cats,

Cyber Cats

Digi-Cats

Fabricats, Kreative Kitties

Pampered Persians

Pink Panthers

Purrfection

Sandy Katz

Daffy Cats

Fantasy Felines

Seattle Katz



**President's Letter Continued . . . .**

In lieu of a Seminar this year it was suggested that the groups have mini-workshops. These are a lot of fun as the workshops are on a much smaller scale than the seminar. I believe in the Area Reps manual there is a section on how to hold a mini-workshop. If not, then contact Nancy Howard, Vice President, as I think that she might have some information with the Vice President's paperwork. I know that the Country Kitties and the Kalico Kitties have each put on several mini-workshops and I am sure that if you are really interested in doing this you could contact the Area Rep and they might have some suggestions on how to go about it.

We finally had our summer with some very hot weather. I hope all of you survived the extreme heat. I have rambled on enough for this time. So I will close and say to all of you—"Please take time for yourself and to smell the roses!"

Until next time,  
Your President,  
Vicki

**ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION**

On November 18, 19, and 20th, 2010, our booth at the Rusty Barn Quilt and Craft Show will need six (6) volunteers for each day and some volunteers to help take down and pack up the display. The hours for each day are as follows: 10 to 12:45; 12:45 to 2:45, and the last shift is 2:45 to 5:00 pm. We need a manager for Thursday and Saturday. Tacoma Tabbies meets on the 20th in the morning and I will be able to cover the last portion of the day and take down the display, with help. We would like to have our members begin to make plans for attending and volunteering now. This show has gotten larger in the last several years and I think it is more fun than the March Sew Expo. The price is \$8.00 for the full three (3) days and there is a \$1.00 off coupon at the Rusty Barn website. We will try to have passes for all volunteers. Please contact me to sign up for days and times.

If you have items that you would like to display, please make sure that they are labeled and you give them to your Director prior to the September Board Meeting, so they can be brought to me.

Karen Bennett, Coordinator

**SEW EXPO 2011**

The Board asked the Directors to poll their Area Groups as to whether or not to continue with the booth at Sew Expo held at the end of February/ early March. It was the consensus of the entire MEOW group that we discontinue attending the Sew Expo.

The reasons were many for this. It comes down to these two reasons, our cost vs what we bring in as to membership isn't a financially sound decision. And second, the volunteer pool just isn't there to pull from and the people doing the brunt of the work, can't continue.

We would like to thank all the people that volunteered in the past and who will continue to volunteer in the future at the November Quilt and Craft Show.

**SCHOLARSHIP 2009 and 2010**

For 2009 Scholarships, I have all but three (3) completion forms. The remaining three have had some technical difficulties this year. I am in the process of touching base with them and following up on their progress.

I have already received three (3) out of the ten (10) recipients completion forms for Scholarship 2010. We are off to a good start. I am in the process of contacting the remaining seven (7) recipients to see where and when they are scheduled to teach.

Thank you,  
Pat Bridwell  
Scholarship Chair

## NEW GROUP!!!

We have a new group in the making! They will be in the shop called Quilting Delights in Sunnyside, Oregon and their name is "Design Divas". We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The address of the Quilting Delights is 14863 SE Oregon Trail Drive, Clackamas, Or 97015. We have picked an Area Rep, Mary Rust with a Co-Rep of Apral Harrel. We will be including more information in the next newsletter once the ladies get a little more footing. Good luck and if you need help, please do not hesitate to ask any one of us! That is what we are here for!

### MEOW GENERAL SEMINAR MEETING

Date: June 4, 2010

Place: Red Lion Hotel  
2300 Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
City: Olympia, WA 98502

**CALL TO ORDER** at 7:01 pm by Vicki Nelson, President

**ROLL CALL:** Did not complete a roll call.

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

**Directors:** Oregon--Claudia Buntyn\*; Caroline Burton; Ruth Casciato\*; Nancy Lynn Shepherd; and Washington—Peggy Bodle; Jyll Jones; Texanna Cato; Sali Lusk\*

**Committee Chairs:** Sandy Radtke (Membership); Rena Andrews (Washington & Oregon Fairs; Pat Bridwell (Scholarship); Tamara Bennett (Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress; Kitty Young (Mediation); Kim Keller (Mediation)\*; Apral Harrel (Mediation); Carla LaBrousse (Sunshine Chair) and Sali Lusk, Historian\*

\* Signifies an Excused Absence

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**Seminar 2010** – Nancy Howard presented the Seminar Committee chairs with a bracelet she made for them and a decorated candy jar pin cushion made by the Silver City Kitties directed by Robba Lee Hall.

**Recognition:** Current MEOW Board members – Vicki Nelson, President presented the current board members with a small thank you gift.

New MEOW Board members for September 1 were presented to the general membership

**Honorary Members:** Sandy Radtke read a short thank note

Presentation of the Certificates were made to Peggy Bodle, Barbara Frasier, Apral Harrel, Sali Lusk, Sandy Radtke, Nancy Shepherd and Kitty Young for 2010 – 2011.

Minutes of the last meeting were not read, there was no Treasurer's Report and all Committee Chairpersons need to send their Seminar reimbursement statement to Nancy Howard with original receipts.

Jyll Jones, State Director, introduced the new group, Kreative Kitties of Tumwater, WA. Louann Davis is the Area Rep for the group.

Vicki Nelson brought up the question as to whether we should continue having a Seminar? Each Area Rep needs to talk to the members and find out what they think. They will have one vote per each group.

The subject was also broached as to whether we should continue with the March Expo. We will need a minimum of 40 volunteers for 2011. It costs us from \$500 to 700.00 for the booth and the hours could be 8:30 am to 8:30 pm.



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The November Expo is run by the Rusty Barn group and the booth is free to us. It runs for three (3) days from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. To advertise about us we need to do the following: put out a flyer to the general area promoting our organization, make up business cards and hand them out at fabric stores that you visit.

Vicki Nelson introduced the Charter and Lifetime members that were in attendance: June Kendall, Caroline Burton, and herself. Barbara Herget is a Charter member. We have three (3) members that have attended all 21 seminars: Caroline Burton, June Kendell and Vicki Nelson

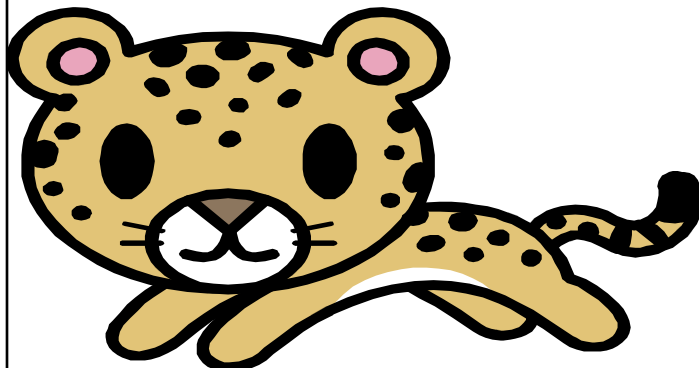
You can pay your dues at anytime now - \$35.00 and if you want a hard copy of the newsletter x 4, you will need to add an additional \$10.00 for the printing and mailing costs.

A motion was made by Nancy Howard and seconded by Tami Bennett that we adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn: Approved by the Board Yes (x) No ( )  
Time: 7:37 pm

Respectfully submitted: June 17, 2010

Karen Bennett,  
MEOW Secretary



Meow Board Meeting Minutes  
Felida Fire Station  
11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue  
Vancouver, WA  
Saturday, July 24, 2010

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 and Jackie Rosier, Treasurer

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

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

\* Signifies an Excused Absence

**Guests:** Roberta Strebe, Kathy Brock, Betty Cooper and Louann Davis

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

**Confirmation of new Committee Chairs:** Historian – Sali Lusk; Mediation- Judi Young; Mediation – Sharon Hults and Mediation—Caroline Burton. The Board voted to approve these additions to the Board for 2010 – 2011.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Were approved as written and the General Meeting Notes needed one correction.



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**Treasurer's Report:** Jackie presented the budget: We have income of \$4,800+; made a \$533.00 profit with the Seminar, the total expense for the Seminar 2010 was \$10,732.88. We had two teachers that were overpaid and one teacher that hasn't paid for a class. A motion was made by **Nancy Howard** that we send a letter to each of the teachers to request a return of the overpayment and also that we be paid for the class that was taken. Claudia Buntyn seconded this. The vote was 11 Yes and 0 No.

**Vice-President's Report** – New assignments were made to the Director's as to their area groups for the 2010 – 2011 year. They will be announced in the October newsletter. We have a new group in Sunnyside, which will meet at the Quality Delights Quilt Shop and will be learning about embroidery software. **Community Service Reports are requested of the Area Reps on a monthly basis.** A reminder that all final Community Service reports from Area Groups will be due on September 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a new form under Publications and Forms on the Website that will allow you to fill in the blanks. Area Reps please remind your members to send out their thank you notes from the Seminar Raffle.

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes from the January Board meeting were reported in the last newsletter.

**Sunshine Report** – There was no report. It was suggested by a new member that we leave out the reason for the card.

**Director's Reports:** **Nancy Shepherd** announced that the **Country Kitties** are having a workshop on September 20, 21 and 22, the cost is \$100 per person for three (3) days, which includes lunch, kit fees and the class (see the information in the newsletter).

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**Texanna Cato – Border Cats** made no report; **Cyber Cats**– Toni Colby is the new Area Rep;

**Seattle Cats** are meeting from 12:00 to 3:00; **Peggy Bodle - Designer Cats** – made no report; **Silver City Kitties** moved to Port Gamble; **Jyll Jones - Kreative Kitties** now have seven members;

**Caroline Burton** – - It was so nice to have **Stray Cats Rhoda Oaks** and **Judy Betz** from CA join us at Seminar 2010; **Letha McKinnon** is the Area Rep for **Fantasy Felines**; **Karen Bennett** of the **Tacoma Tabbies** would like to thank **Caroline Burton, Sandy Radtke** and the **Kreative Kitties** for their donations of Hospital Doll Gowns and Dolls for the Mary Bridge Hospital Children's Cancer Unit.

Directors please make sure that your area reps are aware of the Community Service Form on the Website (2009) format where they can fill in the blanks.

**Membership: Sandy Radtke** reported that we now have 211 total members with 21 renewals. She will be sending out reminder postcards on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. If you want a printed newsletter mailed to you; please add \$10.00 to your membership fee. She is going to need to print 50 new membership packets, which will cost \$125.00 and asked for a \$100 advance. There will be a new membership form put up on the Website under Publications showing the additional cost update.

**Newsletter Report** – **Tami** still needs reports from some of the Area Reps. The cost for the April newsletter was \$80.00. She still has some e-mails that are not good, so if you have received a notice from Tami, please get in touch with her to update your changes or you will be dropped from the newsletter roster. Several members are not receiving the notice of the newsletter being up on the Website and Tami will look into that.

**Scholarship:** Nine scholarships were issued for 2010 and several of those members have completed their teaching requirement.



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**Fairs:** If you are presenting a project to one of the fairs, please contact the Newsletter Editor – **Tami Bennett** and she will make sure that your name is mentioned if you are a winner. Make sure that you attach all of the necessary information.

**Sew Expo – Karen Bennett** will be the Coordinator for the November Quilt and Craft Show, which will be held on November 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Please take time to contact Karen to sign up for being a volunteer for one of those days. **Vicki Nelson** will be manager for Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. We already have two signups for Friday – **Nancy Howard and Texanna Cato**. Karen will be sending out notices to the Area Reps and Directors concerning volunteers. This is the event that charges admission for the first visit and free for any additional days. The times are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and the entrance fee is \$8.00 for Puyallup.

There will be **NO 2011 Spring Fair for MEOW** as the cost and benefits derived from said attendance are too high. The cost is \$500.00 +, very few signups to volunteer and we only picked up two new members this year.

**Seminar 2010:** A survey was taken from the attendees and **Nancy Howard** only received fourteen (14) back. Comments made: they liked the ATC exchange, there was no group activity set up for Saturday evening, it was too expensive and the hotel was also too expensive. Some members felt it would be okay to pay for a printed copy of the Seminar brochure if it was \$6-7.00. The Seminar made \$533.00 this year and we have \$846.55 in the raffle fund.



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**Seminar 2011:** There was a long discussion about having a seminar in 2011. Because of the economic problems we are having, the opinion that the seminar is too expensive as is the facility and only an average of 25% of our membership attends, **Apral Harrel** moved that we not have a seminar in 2011 and that we refer the discussion to a committee appointed by the President consisting of:

- Charter Member
- 10 year or more attendee at seminar
- 1st time attendee
- Past Seminar Chair
- Stray Cat
- Secretary (to take notes)
- Current Seminar Chair - Nancy Howard if she is willing to do it again next time.
- Someone who has never attended seminar
- Anyone else the president feels is appropriate.

This committee would review our policies and procedures concerning Seminar and make recommendations to the board and find an appropriate facility and time.

Submitted by **Apral Harrel** 7/24/10 If we did not have a 2011 seminar, it would give the Board of Directors time to look into the suggestions that were presented to Nancy Howard and it would give the economy time to recover by 2012. The vote was 6 Yes and 3 NO and 2 Abstained. **There will be no 2011 Seminar.**

**Website Report – Tami Bennett** stated that she would be updating the Website as of September 1 to show the new Board members and the changes to the Director's groups for 2010-2011. She will be contacting each group. **Dee Finney** has already gotten our September 25, board meeting date set with the Fire Station. If you have any pictures from the 2010 Seminar that you would like to share with the group, please send them to Tami and she will put them up on the Website.

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**Historian: Sali Lusk** will be working on putting together information for the history books.

**Nominations: Vicki Nelson**, President will be contacting the membership looking for three persons to handle finding people to run for the following offices: Vice President, Secretary and four Directors each in Oregon and Washington. We need an infusion of new people on the Board of Directors.

We talked about the possibility of making the offices of President and Treasurer more than a two year term as it takes more than a year just to become familiar with the position. **Sandy Radtke** made a motion that we leave things as they are for now and **Jyll Jones** seconded the motion. The vote was 8 Yes and 1 No and 2 Abstained

Now that we have only four (4) directors in Oregon and Washington, the next election will make it so that we will have two directors elected on even years and 2 on the odd year in each state.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No action needed to be made on the Board of Directors Standing Rules.

The Stray Cats will be contacted on a monthly basis, which will make it easier for them to report

We discussed how to handle the voting and counting ballots for new officers, if one of the nomination committee happens to also be running for office. It was brought up that we could have an alternate on stand-by. This will be discussed further at a later time.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Since we are not having a 2011 Seminar and we are required to have a General Business Meeting. We will have that meeting at 9:30 at the July 2011 Board meeting where the President will present the new officers for the 2011-2012 year and then continue with the regular Board meeting at 10:00 am.

We will count the election votes at the April 2011 Board meeting per Article VII – Elections.

**Roberta Strebe** read a letter concerning doing demonstrations at the Oregon State Fair and it was decided that we were not interested as a group.

**Texanna Cato** made a motion that we adjourn the meeting and **Tami Bennett** seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Our next meeting will tentatively be on: September 25, 2010 at Vancouver, WA, if possible. **Dee Finney** made the arrangements for the Board meeting, Thank you very much, Dee, for your help in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted

by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

Corrected: August 6 , 2010

Approved:







**NEW MEMBERS:**

We would like to introduce our new members from January 24 to April 24th, 2010. 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 2010-2011 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.

- Charlyne Broadbent Kreative Kitties
- Kathy Duerksen Purrfection
- Nancy Hammock Daffy Cats, Kreative Kitties
- Cindy Jandt Silver City Kitties
- Nancy Tideman Fantasy Felines
- Sherri L. Volkening Sandy Katz

**CORRECTIONS:**

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**EMAIL:**

- Carole BonAnno Purrfection
- Marilynn Lee Hollywood Stars
- Elaine Solvang Fantasy Feline

**PHONE NUMBERS:**

- Donna Bybee Border Cats

**RENEWAL:**

- Dian Millette Sandy Katz

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS ARE DUE MONTHLY!**

THIS WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER ON YOU AND ON THE BOOKKEEPING AT THE END OF THE YEAR!

PLEASE HELP US AND MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR REPORTABLE HOURS TO YOUR DIRECTOR ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

**Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders!** You have a very hardy task each Newsletter. I would like to thank last Newsletter proofreaders:

If you would like to become a proofreader for an upcoming Newsletter, drop me a line at [pse@oz.net](mailto: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

**SEWING TIPS**

Have you ever been in a pinch when embroidering, did not have the stabilizer you wanted? Sometimes you can use what you have at home. I don't recommend this for everyday use, however at midnight on Christmas Eve what else can we do . . .

Freezer paper can be used in place of sticky back. Iron the wax side to the back of your item, and it will hold.

Paper towels or coffee filters can be used as tear-a-way.

Thanks to Charlene Mosher of  
Sound Sewing  
June 2, 2009



**M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT**

4/17/2010 to 7/20/2010

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	5/3/2010	Claudia Buntyn	Kalico Kitties	Husband's Illness
2	5/28/2010	Robin Slocum	Purrfection	Illness (hospitalization)
3	6/02/2010	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Back problems
4	06/02/2010	Carmen Groves	Kalico Kitties	Surgery
5				

Other	Illness/Injury	Surgery	Loss			
None to report	2	Self	1	Self		Self
		Family		Family		Family
	1	Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>

**Remember those Thank You Notes!**

We understand that everyone has busy schedules and lives, but please remember to complete and mail out your Thank you notes from your Raffle Gifts. This is the way that we can ask these donors to be gracious again in the coming years for Raffle!

Thank you!





**Aristorcats** \*\* Portland, OR \*\* September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm  
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway  
 Contact: Betty Cooper  
 Sept: Fabric Flowers  
 Oct: Tea Towels  
 Nov: Helene's Kittens

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

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm—9:00pm  
 Place: Tangled Thread Quilt Shop, 202 6th Street  
 Contact: Donna Bybee  
 Sept: OPEN  
 Oct: OPEN  
 Nov: OPEN

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm  
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex  
 Contact: Apral Harrel  
 Sept: Fringing - Mary  
 Oct: In the Hoop - Ray  
 Nov: Cutwork - Carol

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall  
 Contact: Carla Labrousse  
 Sept: Sit and Sew at Ginny's  
 Oct: Footwork Techniques - Ginny  
 Nov: Placemats - Kathy Brock

**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  
 Sept: Ribbon Scissor Holder - Toni  
 Oct: Shiva Paintsticks - Toni  
 Nov: Date Change to November 11 due to Thanksgiving

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

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm  
 Place: Quality Sew and Vac, 31653 Pacific Highway South, Federal Way  
 Contact: Janice Hammock  
 Sept: OPEN  
 Oct: OPEN  
 Nov: OPEN

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

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm  
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics  
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier  
 Sept: September 13th Planning Schedule  
 Oct: Cutwork bookmark in Project Book  
 Nov: Fabric Weaving - Peggy Bodle

**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  
 Sept: Beaded Tree  
 Oct: Majic Stocking  
 Nov: Personal Christmas Project

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

Meets: 1st Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm  
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee  
 Contact: Nadra Betcher  
 Sept: OPEN  
 Oct: OPEN  
 Nov: 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: Letha McKinnon/Vicki Nelson  
 Sept: Free Motion Sampler #2—Vicki AND Milk Carton Boxes—LaVerne  
 Oct: Exploding Flowers - Donna  
 Nov: Free Motion Sampler #3—Vicki AND Community Service—

**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  
 Sept: Waterfall Bag - Caroline Burton  
 Oct: Inchies - Judi Young  
 Nov: Exploding Flowers - Marbe Cook

**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  
 Sept: Planning Meeting  
 Oct: Fabric Stenciling - Cheryl Lenz  
 Nov: TBA - Judi Young

**Kreative Kitties** \* Tumwater, WA \*\* March 2010

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:30 am — Noon  
 Place: Ruby Street Quiltworks 100 Ruby Street  
 Contact: Louann Davis  
 Sept: Christmas Table Runner - Peggy Bodle  
 Oct: Raw Edge Applique - Jyll Jones  
 Nov: OPEN

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

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: The Quilted Hill, 7601 NE Blackburn Ro, Yamhill  
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Mona Hermans  
 Sept: Service Project—Everyone  
 Oct: Service Project—Everyone  
 Nov: Beaded Tree—Kathy Brock

**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  
 Sept: Quilting Perspectives - Ginger  
 Oct: Charity Angels - Everyone  
 Nov: Christmas Globes - Open Instructor

**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  
 Sept: Stitch Dancing - Barbara Herget  
 Oct: Fusing Natural Things—Caroline Burton  
 Nov: Crazy Birds - Carol Lewis

**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  
 Sept: Batik Using Transparent Paints—Caroline & Beth at Caroline's  
 Oct: Mono Printing with Gelatin Plates—Joanna  
 Nov: Polymer Clay Beads using Canes - Apral

**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  
 Sept: Cherry Blossoms - Bobbin Work  
 Oct: Silk Beads - Karen Bennett  
 Nov: Coloring Note Cards and Quilts

**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  
 Sept: Not Meeting Until Further Notice  
 Oct: Not Meeting Until Further Notice  
 Nov: Not Meeting Until Further Notice

**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  
 Sept: Guest Teacher - her choice of project  
 Oct: Pet Art—A quilting Arts magazine challenge  
 Nov: Fabric Bowls

**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: Mary Lou Rooth - This is a summer group now.  
 Sept:  
 Oct:  
 Nov: No Meeting

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

Meets: 4th Tuesday 12:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: 7301 NE 175th Street, Kenmore  
 Contact: Penny Perry  
 Sept: Field Trip—La Conner Quilt Museum  
 Oct: Holiday Cards—Pat and Tex  
 Nov: Community Projects  
 Extra Day: September 22: for Beading, UFO's and New Pattern



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


Meets: 1st Tuesday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Material Girls Quilt Shop, 10404 Silverdale Way NW, E109  
 Contact: Debra Ueda  
 Sept: Open House Potluck—Demonstration (& how about name tags)  
 Oct: Corded Bowls - Debbie Ueda  
 Nov: Corded Bowls (continued) - Debbie Ueda & Carol Olsen

**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 (253) 405-5838  
 Sept: Christmas Panel—Peggy Bodle  
 Oct: Quilted Sweatshirt - Karen Bennett  
 Nov: UFO's or Quilted Sweatshirt Completion—Karen Bennett

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.



**Kitty Tip**

Your husbands golf tees can come in handy for sewing: glue them to a board or to the bottom of a box to store extra spools of thread.

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**

No Report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule of events..

**BYTES & PC'S**

Please see the schedule in the newsletter and on the website for their schedule of events.

**HOLLYWOOD STARS**

No Report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule of events.

**CAROLINE BURTON**

**KALICO KITTIES**

There is no meeting for August. We are having a planning meeting in September and please see the website for the remainder of the year's classes.

**STRAY CATS**

It was good to see Judy Betz and Rhoda Oakes at Seminar this year. Rhoda has been using her photo shop to enhance her photos and then print them on to fabric which she then embellishes with stitching.

**RUTH CASCIATO**

**McKITS**

No report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule of events.

**MOUSE CONNECTIONS**

No report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule of events.

**MULTI-MEDIA**

No report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule of events.

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## NANCY SHEPHERD

### **COUNTRY KITTIES**

Last month we did a project for the local hospital, we finished them at home and brought them to our last meeting. They are Breast Cancer comfort cushions. They are designed to go under the arm to help ease the pain of the patient. We made fifteen (15) at last count.

September 20, 21 and 22nd the Country Kitties will be hosting two (2) days of 3 C's of Art Quilts with Melanie Chang as the instructor. The third day will be Paint on Fabric. Cost is \$100.00 per person, and includes lunch and the \$15.00 kit for the painting day. Costs are figured on 15 to 20 participants. This is being held at the Parkdale Oregon Fire Station.

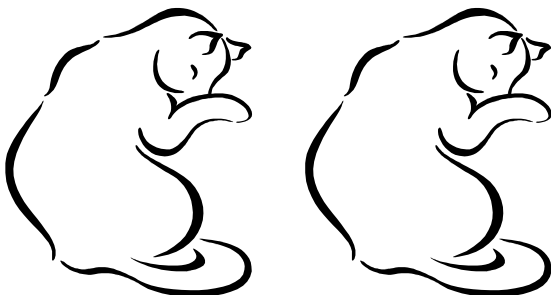
\$100.00 check can be mailed to Gayle Jacobson, please see the roster.

Questions please email or phone either Gayle Jacobson or Barb Frasier. You can find that information in the MEOW Roster.

The workshop is set up in workbook format with the largest part being Composition and Creativity. Color theory is thrown in at the end, but is not the primary focus. Another big part of the workshop is learning arrangement, and structure so we can be creative and know it's going to turn out right. Creativity is the main focus, but presented in such a way that those of us that have "creative fears" will be comfortable in LEARN. The workbook we create is a resource for ideas and for reference in doing other projects. The third day will include painting. All kits are provided as part of the workshop fee. This class is appropriate to free motion artists, embroiderers, fiber artists, quilt artists, scrap bookers and beaders. Melanie Chang comes with great credentials and reputation. We are very lucky to be able to have her as a presenter.

### **MT. HOOD**

Mt. Hood has planned their schedule through September 2011. Please check the area groups schedules to see what fun things they have planned.



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## **WA STATE DIRECTORS REPORT**

### PEGGY BODLE

#### **DESIGNER CATS**

No report on the members at this time.

#### **SILVER CITY KITTIES**

They are now meeting in a new location, the Quilted Strait Quilting Shop in Port Gamble. The information can be found on their Area Group page on the website.

Congratulations to Gay Fawcett, who won a kayak and Carol Olsen for having a quilt chosen to be shown at the Houston Quilt Show this fall. Good Job Ladies!!!

Community Service Project: Pillow cases and Small Quilts for younger Children 18x24" which is large enough to put a stuffed animal inside. These items will be delivered to Kitsap Resource at the September meeting.

Arrangements were made at a recent meeting for volunteering at the Kitsap County Fair.

#### **TACOMA TABBIES**

Their Community Service is Pillow Cases, doll gowns and the faceless dolls for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. The demand for these items is great and has been an on-going project for our group for several years.

### TEXANNA CATO

#### **BORDER CATS**

No report on the members at this time.

#### **CYBER CATS**

We had a great potluck last month, thank you, Sali, for hosting us. It was a perfect day to visit and eat our lunch outdoors.

We discussed many MEOW related things, including our upcoming schedule which is including in this newsletter and on the website.

#### **DIGI-CATS**

Please see the updated schedule in this newsletter and on the website. There is no additional report on the members at this time.

### JYLL JONES

#### **FABRICATS**

No report on the members at this time.

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### **KREATIVE KITTIES**

No report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule.

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

No report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule.

### **PURRFECTION**

No report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule.

### **SANDY KATZ**

No report on the members at this time. Please see the newsletter and website for their schedule.

### **SALI LUSK**

### **DAFFY CATS**

No Report on these members at this time.

### **FANTASY FELINES**

This last quarter we added two new members to our group and it appears we will have two additional new members this quarter with the possibility of another. Vicki will be teaching free motion techniques each month to help the new members improve their free motion skills. One of our new members will be doing a "fitting" class with a garment pattern of our choice! We have a variety of projects coming up, including Exploding Flowers, appliqué, and will be having free motion "sampler" sessions before our main project of the meeting for the next several months to teach our new members free motion. We will be doing some sewing in the coming meetings, but will also be venturing out with learning Shibori Dyeing. We are planning a couple other crafts also. We are planning a couple of field trips - Vashon Island, and Shibori Dragon/Shipwreck Beads. We will be trying some new Community Service Projects including faceless dolls for Children facing surgery and mastectomy pillows. Letha McKinnon will take over as our new Area Rep on September 1st.

### **SEATTLE KATZ**

This group decided to change it's meeting time and it now meets on the 4th Tuesday from noon to 3:00 pm. They have a full schedule and are throwing in an extra day in September to complete additional projects. Take a look at their schedule to see what fun and exciting things these ladies are doing.



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