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August 2011

President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Ladies,

I guess we are going to have to be satisfied with our summer coming one day at a time. That gives us more time indoors to work on UFO's (not that we have any. LOL).

September brings MEOW to its 23rd year. Wow! Several of us can remember sitting on the floor in Bobbie Demmer's house conducting a board meeting. My how things have changed. MEOW has grown because of the continued support of the members.

It is truly a great way to meet new friends and to be able to learn new techniques, whether by free motion; programmed or other methods of embellishments. We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful teachers in the organization that would be willing to visit your group sometime to teach a class. All you need to do is contact your Director and she will give you names of those who would be willing to travel. It's a great way to learn from teachers outside of your home group.

In September I will appoint 2 or 3 members to be on the Nominating Committee. I know what you will say "But I just voted". Yes, but that was for VP; Directors and Secretary. This time it will be for President and Treasurer. Appointing the committee this early, allows adequate time to find eligible members to volunteer for those positions. If someone on the Nominating Committee contacts you about volunteering to run (and I don't mean out the door) for an office don't just say "No", take time to think it over; ask others who have been on the board what it's all about; they are for a 2 year term; and it's a great way to learn how the BOARD operates. The description for all of the offices is in your By-Laws and also on the web. Please, really think it over.

I know that within our groups we have some who are sick, surgeries; deaths in families; etc. When you hear that someone needs a card for whatever reason, please let Carla LaBrousse, (Sunshine Chair), know so she will send an appropriate card to them. Info to include would be name; area group attending and the reason for the card. That way she won't send a cheery card to someone who has recently died. You know what I mean.

Now don't faint, but I have really started to sort through things in my sewing. Since I was unable to sew for the past five years due to surgeries, I would open the door and throw things inside. Well, now I can hardly open the door. So out of necessity, I have to do it. I know some of you can relate to this. Maybe then Art won't be able to call it a "crap" room!

I wish for you to have a great summer and I hope you will take time "to smell the roses".

Until next time, Vicki

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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
September 24, 2011
Vancouver, WA
At 10:00 am Regular Board Meeting

Due Dates for:

August Newsletter
Articles and Reports
September 28, 2011

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
December 2011,
January 2012 and
February 2012

November Quilt and
Craft Show
November 17-19, 2011

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Kalico Kitties (On Hiatus)

Mouse Connections

Design Divas

Hollywood Stars

McKits

Aristocats

Bytes and PC's

Fabricats

Fantasy Felines

Kreative Kitties

Country Kitties

Multi-Media Katz

Sandy Katz (Summer Group)

Purrfection

Mt. Hood

Stray Cats

Designer Cats

Silver City Kitties (On Hiatus)

Tacoma Tabbies

Cyber Cats

Digi-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, 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

November Expo Display Items

I would like to ask that you begin thinking about items that you have to put on display at the November Quilt and Craft Show. We are looking for items that show that MEOW is more than just Free Motion and Embroidery sewing.

MEOW has branched out into many other areas of fabric manipulation, beading, polymer clay, multi-media projects, embellishments. There is no end to what our members are now producing in their classes every month.

Be selective on what you have in your project stash and make sure that you send something that you think is unique or just plain awesome as all our projects are.

You can send your items with anyone coming to the September Board meeting. Please put your name, area group and telephone # on the item so that I can make arrangements to have your display items returned to you promptly.

Thank you so much for taking time to put together something for our display racks.

Karen Bennett, November Sew Expo Coordinator.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are starting early to get volunteers for the Rusty Barn Quilt and Craft Show and wish all members of MEOW to place these dates on your calendar for the future. On November 17, 18, and 19th, 2011, our MEOW booth at the Rusty Barn Quilt and Craft Show will need six (6) volunteers for each day, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and some volunteers to help take down and pack up the display. The hours for each day are as follows: 9:30 am to 12:00; 12:00 to 2:30, and the last shift is 2:30 to 5:15 pm.

We are asking our members to 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, Karen Bennett at pse@oz.net to sign up for any of the days and times.

Karen Bennett, Coordinator

SCHOLARSHIP 2010

We are continuing to work toward receiving all the scholarship recipients documents for the 2010 year. There is only one left, everyone else has completed their teaching and sharing. We continuing on a very positive track. I am in contact with the final recipient and we are trying to work out a schedule for her.

Thank you,
Pat Bridwell, Scholarship Chair

MEOW GENERAL SEMINAR MEETING

Date: July 23, 2011

Place: Felida Fire Station

11600 N. W. Lakeshore Ave

Vancouver, WA

CALL TO ORDER at 9:35 am by Vicki Nelson,
President

ROLL CALL:

Executive Officers: Vicki Nelson, President; Nancy Howard, Vice-President; Roberta Strebe*, Treasurer and Karen Bennett, Secretary

Directors: Claudia Buntyn*; Kathy Brock*, Betty Cooper; Apral Harrel; Nancy Lynn Shepherd; Peggy Bodle; Jyll Jones*; Texanna Cato

Committee Chairs: Sandy Radtke (Membership); Pat Bridwell** (Scholarship); Tamara Bennett (Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress; Judi Young* (Mediation); Kim Keller (Mediation)*; Caroline Burton*; Sharon Hults; Carla LaBrousse* (Sunshine Chair) and Sali Lusk, (Historian)*

Recognition of Guests: Dee Finney

Recognition: Current MEOW Board members – Vicki Nelson, President presented the current Board Members with a small thank you gift and with Life Savers Candy as we were all her life savers.

New MEOW Board members for September 1 were presented to the general membership: Karen Bennett, Vice-President; Peggy Bodle, Secretary and Sharon Hults, Director.

Honorary Members: Sandy Radtke sent Honorary Certificates to: Peggy Bodle, Barbara Frasier, Apral Harrel, Sali Lusk, Sandy Radtke, Nancy Shepherd and Betty Cooper for 2011 – 2012.

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Minutes of the last meeting were not read and there was no Treasurer's Report.

Sandy Radtke passed out annual renewal notices to the Board members and sent home some for the Area Reps to give out. The remainder will go in the mail this week.

A motion was made by Tamara Bennett and seconded by Texanna Cato that we adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn: Approved by the Board Yes (x) No
() Time: 9:46 am

Respectfully submitted: July 25, 2011

Corrections: 7-27-11

Karen Bennett,
MEOW Secretary

Meow Board Meeting Minutes
Felida Fire Station
11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue
Vancouver, WA
Saturday, July 23, 2011

Vicki Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Executive Officers: Vicki Nelson, President; Nancy Howard, Vice President; Karen Bennett, Secretary and Roberta Strebe*, Treasurer

Directors: Jyll Jones*, Texanna Cato, Peggy Bodle, Nancy Shepherd, Claudia Buntyn*, Betty Cooper, Kathy Brock* and Apral Harrel

Committees: Sandy Radtke, Membership; Pat Bridwell*, Scholarship; Tami Bennett (Newsletter Editor/Web Mistress); Karen Bennett (November Quilt and Craft Show); Judi Young, Mediation*; Kim Keller, Mediation*; Caroline Burton* (Mediation); Carla LaBrousse*, Sunshine and Historian, Sali Lusk*.

* Signifies an Excused Absence

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Guests: Dee Finney

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki Nelson presented the Balance and Profit and Loss Statements and there were no questions as to the information on the sheets.

Vice-President's Report – There was no report

Secretary's Report – Karen Bennett wrote a thank you letter for all of the fabric that was donated by **Margaret Clubb** for our community service projects and Karen contacted the Oregon and Washington fairs to notify them that there will be no more participation by MEOW and no ribbons or certificates provided as per the April 2010 Board meeting. We received several thank you e-mails.

Thank you to Hollywood Stars for the 52 Doll Hospital Gowns and also a thank you to Fantasy Felines for the 10 gowns and 5 dolls.

Sunshine Report –The Sunshine Report will be found in the Newsletter in August, 2011.

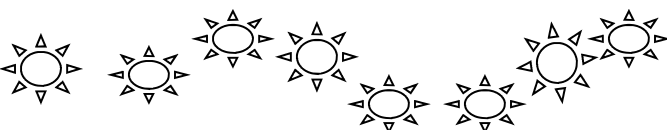
Director's Reports:

Nancy Shepherd had no return responses from any of her groups including the Stray Cats.

Texanna Cato – Stated that Arlette Wentz of the Digi Cats now is retired and will be spending more time on Scheduling and reporting information

Claudia Buntyn – No report

Jyll Jones - will send her report to Tami Bennett for the newsletter.



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Betty Cooper – Design Divas will be meeting at Quilting Delights and sent the remainder of her report to Tami Bennett

Peggy Bodle – Tacoma Tabbies – are busy with their community service projects and classes

Designer Cats – Area Rep was on vacation

Silver City Kitties – are meeting in Port Gamble and Peggy stated that it was a lovely shop.

Kathy Brock – sent her report to Tami Bennett

Membership: **Sandy Radtke** reported that we have 166 members (three being new). And will be sending out the renewal postcards soon.

Newsletter Report – Tami still needs Directors reports and the Sunshine Report. The cost for the last newsletter was \$43.00

Sandy Radtke still has plenty of rosters for new members

A new roster will be sent out in October to the membership

Scholarship: All of the 2010 Scholarships have been completed and there is still one from 2009.

November Sew Expo – Karen Bennett is asking for volunteers for the November Quilt and Craft Show now. The dates are November 17, 18 and 19, 2011. I have already signed up to two members and our managers are: Kathy Brock for Thursday; Vicki Nelson for Friday and Tami Bennett for Saturday. We are asking for donations from our members for display that can be sent to the September Board meeting. Please include your name, group and a name for the project. They will be returned to you after the show is done on the 19th of November. We also would like to see something new from any of our volunteers not just something done on the sewing machine (beading, card making, painting, collage making, fabric folding, foiling, etc). We want to show that we are no longer just a free motion or embroidery group and that we now are looking into new avenues of projects that can be incorporated into our thirst for knowledge in the sewing world.

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Seminar Committee: There was a long discussion concerning the information gathered from the Questionnaires (71) and more information will be forthcoming. Watch MOEW's web page for news of Seminar 2012.

Website Report – Tami stated that she will be making changes to the Website; the Board of Directors page in August and Area Group schedules will be updated as the information comes in.

Area Rep forms (Community Service, etc) can be found on the Website.

Area Reps – Current Area Reps need to take some time and read the Group Manual and make sure that you have all of the current updates.

Historian: Sali is going to be going through the historical boxes and updating the information in the next months.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wording of this standing rule (No. 8) will be changed to bring it into the 21st Century and presented to the Board for view and approval. **Held over**

Robert's Rules – Disciplinary procedures (homework) **Held over**

NEW BUSINESS:

Updates on the 2012 Seminar

Tami Bennett made a motion that we adjourn the meeting and **Texanna Cato** and **Nancy Shepherd** seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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Our next meeting will be on: September 24, 2011 at Vancouver, WA. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am. Any and all members wanting to meet the new officers are welcome to join us at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

Corrected: July 27, 2011

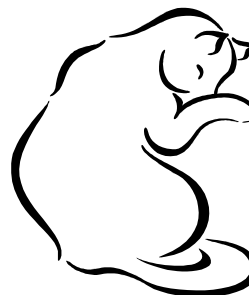
Approved:

NEW MEMBERS:

We had 167 returning and new members combined as of August 10, 2011. 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. 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.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Arlene Thomas	Purrfection
Beverly Swanson	Cyber Cats
Pauline Hnetinka	Fantasy Felines
Pam Season	Mouse Connections





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.

Tami Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	A d d r e s s
		Change
Diane Keilman	Country Kitties	Email Change
Ginny Fischer	Country Kitties	Email Change

RENEWALS

All renewals from now to October will be printed in the New Roster which will be printed in October 2011 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 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..

Tami Bennett

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

KATHY BROCK

COUNTRY KITTIES

Carla's group has so many things going on in her group. Congratulations went to Anne Marie for her Queen of Needle Craft 2011 from Multnomah County Fair. This is such an honor. Not only to Anne Marie, but for MEOW also. They also have such a high participation. They have many members teach things every month, Barbara Fraiser has shown the group many things last month. She taught them Flower Lace Petals, Appliquéing flowers and adding lace petals to make a 3-D effect.

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This month (July) it was nice to get together again, with 10 members attending, to discuss schedule for the following year. They had brought individual projects to work on after the discussion. Barbara Frasier plans on sharing Decorative Stitching with the group next month.

MULTI MEDIA KATS

This group always has something going on. There were several points made at the meeting. First, Beth made a very valid point that the reason they do so many different things in their group, is that they do a lot with paper instead of fabric. The reason for this is so that they are not carrying their heavy sewing machines (we do find this becomes an issue the older we get.) They use things such as wall paper, drawing on different weights of paper, ie: even paper bags.

Second, they also have Ivy and Beth that team up to show how to have tissue paper bleed, this also sounded very interesting.

I (Kathy) can hardly wait till I retire so that I will be able to do some of the things this groups does. I know if people would get out & visit other groups & reveal some of the resources that they have, we would be able to cut back on prices & a lot of leg work that goes into our projects.

Just a thought, we as Area Reps would be more willing to answer any emails or suggestions that any members are willing to present, if they are just willing to ask or simply place it in writing so that we may take it to share with the group, and see what the others might think. It just might catch on. Remember we are a Sharing Group.

SANDY CATS

This Group continues with it's Summer meetings and has several talented ladies. We hope to see some of our sisters from other groups coming down to visit us when the waves are lapping and the sun is over us.

PEGGY BODLE
DESIGNER CATS

There is no report for this group, but meetings are scheduled through December 5, 2011 so

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SILVER CITY KITTIES

I was able to visit the group in June at their new meeting site: Quilted Strait Quilt shop in Port Gamble It is a historic town and It is a well-kept and lovely setting to visit.

Their group has a busy schedule with many and varied projects. They voted to change their meeting day from the 1st Tuesday to the 1st Thursday starting in July.

During sharing time, we saw many amazing items and also told of classes they took in other places (with items to show!)

They continue making pillowcases and doll quilts for their community service projects.

TACOMA TABBIES

Carol Maddox taught foiling and will return to do quilt bindings in August. . . Their service projects are a continued effort and supported by other groups in MEOW. They include the faceless dolls, pillowcases and aprons for a church senior and junior camp. Karen has the pattern for dresses for children in Africa.

CLAUDIA BUNTYN

ARISTOCATS

We have been busy the last two (2) months working on a quilt called quilt as you go. Next month we are going to be doing a purse that sits inside an outside casing and you can change the outside casing and have two (2) different looks. Also will be doing books made out of paper and sewed on. We decide from month to month what we want to do.

BYTES & PC'S

"Bytes and PC's" planned 6 months of presentations. Since many of our members also attend the "Design Divas" we have broken several presentations into two (2) parts. The "Design Divas" will work on preparing a design using our embroidery software and then we will stitch it out into a project at the "Bytes and PC's meeting.

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This 6 month plan would allow us to be more flexible in choosing our projects. That way if someone brought in a new idea or an inspiring project to a meeting, we didn't have to wait a whole year to add it to the schedule.

TEXANNA CATO

CYBER CATS

These cats are still going strong. They are in the process of determining new classes and you can see some of them up on the website and with the Area Group Information and Schedule. Keep up the good work ladies.

DIGI-CATS

Arlette is now retired and it seems that she will have more time for MEOW adventures. We have received a schedule and you can look on-line and in future issues for coming classes.

BETTY COOPER

DESIGN DIVAS

We were meeting at the Boring Fire Station every third Tuesday, but that changed suddenly. We are now back at Quality Delights. We currently have four (4) to five (5) regular attendees, so there is plenty of room for new members. Our goal is for each of us to learn our own embroidery software. Each lesson presented contains information that will work with any brand of software.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

Kalico Kitties has joined with Hollywood Stars because their numbers were dwindling. It is nice to have new faces and they bring a lot of talent to the group. We are happy to have them with us.



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McKITS

In July the McKits did a Bobbin Work Tree with Nancy Lynn Shepherd. We had three (3) guests, Cindy Cronan, Vicki Nelson, and Texanna Cato. We also made up next year's schedule and continue to meet every other month. We talked about the Board meetings and where MEOW was going. We passed out community service paperwork and explained how it will work. We will not do a group community service, we decided each member will be responsible for their own. I (Roberta) explained that I had three (3) boxes of fabric to be used for the community service. Members will come and get a project, bring it back finished and take another until the boxes are empty.

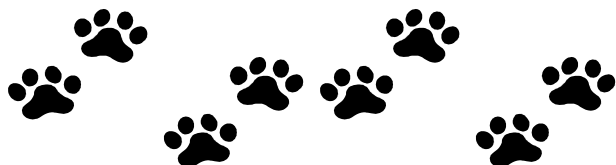
APRAL HARREL

KALICO KITTIES

For the time being Kalico Kitties will be on hiatus. If we get more members that want a group in Vancouver, and are willing to participate, we will start this group up again. I really love MEOW and learned a lot. I met such nice and helpful people while making a lot of friends too. It is so good to find people that share the same interest and passion as yourself.

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

Mouse Connections had their planning meeting on June 14, 2011 and they planned a whole year of great classes. Please don't hesitate to look on the website or in your next newsletter for classes coming up. Also you can contact the Area Rep for the list of classes.



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JYLL JONES

FABRICATS

Our group has not been meeting. We have a lead for a couple more members, so I will pursue that. I am again Chairman at the NCW Fair in Waterville for the open class sewing. It draws from four (4) counties. Joanne Burk and myself (Nadra Betcher) will hopefully be completing some MEOW planning very soon. **

FANTASY FELINES

Our Group has been working very hard and has a list of great classes coming up. We have been completing Community Service and we have turned in Dolls and Gowns to go to the Tacoma Children's Hospital to Karen Bennett of the Tacoma Tabbies as they deliver them for us. This is a great cause.**

KREATIVE KITTIES

We didn't meet in July. At the June meeting, Jean Rancouj brought in her paint sticks. She showed how she has used the sticks. Then we all played with them on cloth. What amazing results we all had. The talent that is within our group of ladies is so unlimited. We have just touched the icing on the cake. In August, another one of our ladies will be showing us an easy knitted scarf. **

NANCY SHEPHERD

MT. HOOD

Mt. Hood has set it's schedule for the next 6 months. We decided to only plan 6 months at a time so we would be able to be more flexible in choosing our projects. That way if someone brought a new idea or an inspiring project to a meeting we didn't have to wait a whole year to add it to the schedule.

**** Information was not received by Director, but was received from the individual Area Reps. We appreciate that they went the extra mile to report their Groups activities to us. Thank you!**

M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

April 15, 2011 to July 15, 2011

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	05/09/2011	JoAnne Burke	Fabricats	Passing of her Husband
2	05/09/2011	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Passing of her Step-son
3	06/06/2011	Elaine Solvang	Fantasy Felines	Shoulder Surgery
4	07/16/2011	Tracy Black	McKits	Illness
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				

Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
None to report	1	Self	1	Self		Self
		Family		Family	1	Family
		Spouse		Spouse	1	Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
	1	TOTAL	1	TOTAL	2	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. :)



Aristocats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway
 Contact: Betty Cooper
 Sept: Purse within a purse
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: TBD

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: Jean Legs
 Oct: Jewelry
 Nov: Apron

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: TBA - Linda Cope
 Nov: "Bird Collage" Jackie Rosier

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: Wine Bag - Marian
 Oct: Iris Folding - Barb
 Nov: Picnic Plate Carrier - Bev

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
 Sept: Jewelry
 Oct: Potholders
 Nov: TBD

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

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier
 Sept: TBD
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: 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
 Sept: Lace Dyeing - Kathy
 Oct: Free Standing Christmas Ornament - Kathy
 Nov: Fabric Bowls - Diane

Fabricats * Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 Sept: No Scheduled Activities
 Oct: No Scheduled Activities
 Nov: No Scheduled Activities

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
 Sept: Journal Covers - Terril
 Oct: Beaded Ball - Sharon
 Nov: Ribbon Headband - Sharon

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: Sashiko Bag - Peggy Bodle
 Oct: Sashiko Bag - Peggy Bodle
 Nov: Lutador - Caroline Burton

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: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes
 Oct: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes
 Nov: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes

Kreative Kitties ** Tumwater, WA ** March 2010

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:30 am — Noon
 Place: Ruby Street Quiltworks 100 Ruby Street
 Contact: Luann Davis
 Sept: Lecture on Thread and It's Different Uses
 Oct: Halloween Project
 Nov: Envelope Purse

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
 Sept: Shear Circle - Alice Howell
 Oct: No Meeting
 Nov: TBA - Cindy Cronan

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: Stabilizers In Hooping Your Work
 Oct: Christmas Ornaments
 Nov: Blooming 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
 Sept: Circle Designs
 Oct: Crayons on Fabric
 Nov: Twisted Tucks

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: Marbling along with the Multi-Media Swap
 Oct: Sampler Exercises - Caroline
 Nov: Sampler Exercises - 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
 Sept: Open
 Oct: Open
 Nov: Open

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: TBA
 Oct: No Meeting—Summer Group
 Nov: No Meeting - Summer Group

Silver City Kitties * Port Gamble, WA ** July 1999

Meets: 1st Tuesday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: 32280 Puget Way Northeast, Port Gamble
 Contact: Debra Ueda
 Sept: On Hiatus
 Oct: On Hiatus
 Nov: On Hiatus

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
 Sept: Vashon Island Fabric Store Trip
 Oct: Quilting Techniques
 Nov: Open

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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.



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MT. HOOD

We tried something different when we were selecting our projects and it worked very well. We put each of the suggested projects in a page protector. The members were then given stars and asked to vote on their favorites just like we do for seminar projects.

We also gave everyone a handout that had all the meeting dates listed as well as blank spaces for the project and the presenter. Everyone was also given a **PENCIL** just in case we had to make any corrections.

PURFECTION

This group is still quite active and just had it's Planning Meeting. The Newsletter Editor hopes to have their schedule for at least the next 6 months by the next newsletter, in October.

STRAY CATS

I am sad to report that I received no updates from any Stray Cats this quarter.



Kitty Tip

This Kitty Tip is from Nadra Betcher of Fabricats in Eastern Washington.

I had 3 glue sticks that I kept in a small snack size plastic bag. I thought that they would not dry out. Well, I was wrong. So, I kept them in the same little zip lock bag and covered them with water and left them for about 24 hours. Now they are useable again.



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