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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Ladies,

2011 has finally begun. I hope you all had a good holiday season and didn't indulge too much. It seems like everyone does and vows to start a diet to get rid of all those extra pounds they gained by eating all of the goodies. I decided not to worry about it by stressing myself out. I'd rather be happy than worry about everything I put in my mouth. But if you do start a diet I wish you all the luck.

At the last board meeting the seminar committee reported that they will be sending out a survey to the members to get their insight into their feelings related to future seminars. When you get the survey I hope that you will take the time to fill it out and send it back. This will give us an idea as to what to plan for the future in regards to seminars or workshops or do nothing. The result will be up to the members.

I have been stuck in my house now for about a week due to the snow. I don't drive in the snow because there are twice as many reckless drivers as normal. I hope you have fared well with the weather better than I have. I am so looking for the warmer weather to get here. I feel that everyone is in a better mood psychology than when the weather is dark and dreary.

Nominations will be happening shortly. I am hoping that if someone contacts you about being on the board that you will give it some consideration. The members on the Board make most of the decisions regarding how MEOW will be run. We need new members to step up and join them in the decision making rather than the same officers all of the time.

Since I have been snow bound, it has given me time to start my "spring cleaning" in my sewing and craft rooms. It's amazing how many UFO's I have accumulated over the past 23 years due to being a member of MEOW. I will probably save them for the next seminar or workshop and share them with the members. I don't want to just throw them away if someone can get some use out of them. I am also going to be in a "Purge Your Stash Sale" in Tacoma, WA on April 16 & 17. The organizers charge each vendor \$15 and take a 30% commission from what you sell if you work a 4 hour shift. They take care of all of the advertising and the rent on the building where it is held. It is like one huge garage sale. They only let the vendors sell any sewing or craft related merchandise. Last year I made \$1000.00 from just books and fabrics I no longer wanted. This time I am hoping to get through all of my notions along with more fabrics and books. Do any of you have anything like this in your area? If not it might be something to think about.

It's time to start sorting things again so I will close for this time.

I wish each and every one of you the best in 2011!

God bless,

Vicki

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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
Tentative
April 22, 2011
Vancouver, WA
Email notification of
Date will be made as soon
as known

Due Dates for:

May Newsletter
Articles and Reports
April 27, 2011

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
June, July and
August 2011

November Quilt and
Craft Show
November 17-19, 2011

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Kalico Kitties

Mouse Connections

Design Divas

Hollywood Stars

McKits

Aristocats

Bytes and PC's

Daffy Cats

Fabricats

Fantasy Felines

Kreative Kitties

Pampered Persians

Country Kitties

Multi-Media Katz

Sandy Katz

Purrfection

Mt. Hood

Stray Cats

Designer Cats

Silver City Kitties

Tacoma Tabbies

Cyber Cats

Digi-Cats

Seattle Katz



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

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: 10 to 12:45; 12:45 to 2:45, and the last shift is 2:45 to 5:00 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

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER EXPO

I wish to thank all of those ladies who took the time to volunteer to man the MEOW booth during the three days of the November Quilt and Craft Show. The following ladies each get a thank you from me personally: Vicki Nelson, Texanna Cato, Louann Davis, Patricia Bridwell, Bev Burbridge, Nancy Howard, Tamara Bennett, Sue Goss, Laverne Mazzuca, Letha McKinnon, Ruth Jones and Kim Keller. We talked to a large number of ladies about MEOW, met several former members and a lot of possible new members. Not sure if we picked up any new members from the show.

Thank you to all for the help and participation.

Karen Bennett,
Chairman November Quilt and Craft Show

SCHOLARSHIP 2009 and 2010

For 2009 Scholarships, I have all of the completion forms. Yippee!

We continuing to work toward receiving all the scholarship recipients documents for the 2010 year. There are only a couple left. They all have signed up for teaching classes, now it is only a matter of time, so that they can perform their teaching service. We continuing on a very positive track. At this rate, the final few will fulfill their obligation well before the May 2011 cutoff date.

Thank you,
Pat Bridwell, Scholarship Chair

Meow Board Meeting Minutes
 Felida Fire Station
 11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue
 Vancouver, WA
 Saturday, January 22, 2010

Vicki Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

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

Directors: Washington – 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*; Sharon Hulst Mediation*; Kim Keller, Mediation; Caroline Burton* (Mediation); Carla LaBrousse*, Sunshine and Historian, Sali Lusk*.

* Signifies an Excused Absence

Guests: Dee Finney

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

Minutes of the last meeting: There was one change that needed to be made (Apral Harrel was only meeting with one new group – Design Divas. The minutes were then approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: Roberta Strebe is still working on learning the bookkeeping system and needed to make several changes as to where to report certain items.

Vice-President's Report –The Vice-President will be sending out a friendly reminder prior to each Board meeting asking the Directors for area group reports as to what they have done for their

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community service and what their schedule is if it has not been made for a full year and if they have any special events planned or a special presenter lined up. Area Reps – please make sure that you take a few minutes after each meeting to put together a report and send it to your Director who will then send it onto the Vice-President.

Secretary's Report – the secretaries minutes were approved from the September Board meeting.

Sunshine Report –Sunshine report will be in the newsletter. Please remember that if you hear of anyone that could use a card for an illness, new baby, graduation, death or any other thing that you feel deserves a card, please make sure that you contact Carla so that she can make sure that a card is sent out (Carla's e-mail is cml97058@embarqmail.com). Sali Lusk wants to thank everyone that has been sending her and John best wishes. The cards, emails and calls are very much appreciated. There were fifteen (15) cards sent out last quarter.

Director's Reports: Nancy Shepherd has had no luck in contacting the group in Ilwaco, WA that meets at the Jelly Bean Fabric Shop. Could the Area Rep please take a minute and contact Nancy. It would be much appreciated.

Texanna Cato – Talked to her groups and they are going to be sending reports to Tami Bennett for the newsletter

Claudia Buntyn – sent no reports in

Jyll Jones - sent her reports to Tami Bennett for the newsletter.

Apral Harrel mentioned that Carmen Grove of the Kalico Kitties stated that their attendance was low & wondered what could be done to change that & she also wanted some suggestions for Community Service projects (Project Linus, Nancy Zeiman has ideas on her website, NW Children's Outreach or contact local hospitals and ask what they could use. Attendance is always changing and we just need to keep sending out the notices for class information and they will attend when they can.

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If you have photos that you would like to see on the website, please send them to Tami Bennett and she will put them up on the website in the near future.

Peggy Bodle – Tacoma Tabbies Kim Keller and Karen Bennett delivered 157 pillowcases, 65 Faceless Dolls and 83 Doll Hospital Gowns from the Fantasy Felines, Kreative Kitties, the Capital Newcomers (an outside group) and Tacoma Tabbies. **Silver City Kitties** – are meeting in Port Gamble and **Designer Kats** – is a small group but still meet on a regular basis and are working on their community service project of blankets and onesies for newborns at the local hospital. Peggy had Show and Tell – the Country Kitties class taught by Marbe Cook where they worked on a Folded Log Cabin Patchwork project.

Betty Cooper – Hollywood Stars they worked on the Exploding Flowers, when I was visiting in November

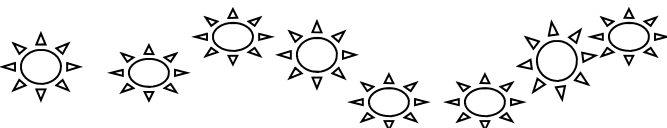
McKits – are meeting every other month.

Aristocats – are a very small group and will not be meeting until April, 2011

Design Divas – report was supplied by Apral as she is the co-rep and will be in the newsletter

Kathy Brock – her report was not ready

Membership: Tami Bennett reported for **Sandy Radtke** 156 total members: 5 renewed, 8 new members and 19 members have paid for the newsletter to be printed. If you want a printed newsletter mailed to you; please add \$2.50 per issue when you join. Nancy Shepherd read a letter from a member commenting on the \$5.00 penalty for not paying the membership prior to August 31st each year. This was put into effect several years ago and found on the membership form and the back of the newsletter to make sure that members make a concerted effort to pay prior to the end of the year for bookkeeping purposes. President Vicki Nelson, will send a note to the member addressing this item.



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Newsletter Report – Tami still needs the reports from several Directors and the area reps. The cost for the September newsletter was \$28.52 with 18 being mailed out and 140 rosters were printed and mailed out at a cost of \$156.47.

Scholarship: There was no report, but we think that 2009 is complete and there are still several of the 2010 scholarships that have not been completed.

November Sew Expo – Karen Bennett would like to thank everyone that volunteered to work the booth at the Rusty Barn Quilt and Craft Show on November 18, 19 and 20, 2010. We needed 18 volunteers for the event and only had 12 sign up. The next Quilt and Craft Show will be on Nov. 17, 18 and 19, 2011 and I would like all members that are in the area to put a mark on your calendar for those days (always the week prior to Thanksgiving) so that you can put your name down to work that week. This show is becoming larger and has more types of products and vendors being presented each year. So please make a notation to contact Karen to let her know that you would be available to man the booth.

There will be **NO 2011 March Expo for MEOW** as the cost is too high.

Seminar 2011: There will be no 2011 Seminar due to costs and lack of attendance. We are in the process of putting together a committee to research facilities and costs in the event that we have enough membership in the future to go back to having Seminars. We will be announcing the committee at the April meeting. Apral Harrel will be contacting MEOW members to see if they are willing to sit on the committee.

Website Report – Tami Bennett stated that the website is being updated and would like to see more recipes that she can put up on the Website. The Chinese Barbecue Turkey (like Chinese Barbecue Pork) by Karen Bennett is up on the Website now.



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Tami is also working on changing the Board of Directors page to include the duties of each board member, their position and their term of office. It was suggested that a picture be attached to each member of the Board, so that new members can identify each member.

Nomination Committee: Vicki Nelson is putting together the committee for the nominations, but still needs someone from Oregon and will be making contact with several members. The proposed committee will consist of Sali Lusk as the Chairman, Pat Bridwell, Elaine Solvang and Barb Frasier, if she agrees. Tami Bennett made a motion that we accept these nominations that Vicki Nelson presented and Texanna Cato seconded the motion. The vote was 9 YES and 0 NO.

Historian: Sali Lusk is beginning to work on the books that Vicky Wyrick put together while she was our historian.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Secretary (Karen Bennett) gave the Board some homework for the next meeting. The members will need to read the Disciplinary Procedures, page 654 of the Robert’s Rules of Order and then we will put together a new standing rule concerning consequences for disregarding powers of the Board.

Nancy Shepherd is working on donations of fabric from fabric companies for our community service projects. She is in the process of contacting all of the fabric manufacturers.

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Here are some Internet contacts: Find My Fabric.com (if you are looking for a fabric you can’t find, make this contact and they may be able to help you)

JoAnn’s VIP Discount Card (this will give you a discount card of 10% on all purchases when you shop at any JoAnn’s store or online and is good until 8-31-2011. Contact your Director and she can give you the EIN # you will need to put on your application and card. Put the full name of our organization on the application. It takes about two weeks to get your card.

JoAnn Fabrics also carries a new magazine called “Flair” which talks about the New York styles and fabrics that are coming out.

Texanna Cato made a motion that we adjourn the meeting and **Tami Bennett** seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Our next meeting will tentatively be on: April 30, 2011 at Vancouver, WA, weather permitting. **Dee Finney** will make the arrangements for the Board meeting, Thank you very much, Dee, for your help in this matter. Our July meeting will begin at 9:30 am so that we can have the General Business meeting to introduce the new Board members and then the regular Board meeting will began at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted
by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

Corrected: February, 2011

Approved:





**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!

NEW MEMBERS:

We had 158 returning and new members combined as of January 20, 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!

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| Kristina Friberg | Country Kitties |
| Ivy Heiman | Multi-Media |
| Margaret Imle | Design Divas/Mt Hood |
| Kathy Jones | Sandy Cats |
| Jeannie Lettenmaier | Design Divas |
| Karen O'Grady | Silver City Kitties |
| Sandra Ragland | Digi-Cats/Fantasy |
| Connie West | Kreative Kitties |



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.

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| Nadra Betcher | Address Correction |
| Priscella Edwards | Email Correction |
| Vernisa Sharp Rovig | Email Correction |

RENEWALS

All renewals following this are from September, 2010 to January, 2011. They list the name and Area Group only. You can find all pertinent information in the MEOW Roster. If you don't see your name listed, you might have been in the August 2010 or October 2010 Newsletter, if for some reason you still don't find your name then please contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chairperson or Tami Bennett Newsletter Editor.

Thank you for your patience with this..

Tami Bennett

RENEWED MEMBERS:

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| Lenette Bannister | Purrfection |
| Angie Bracero | Fantasy Felines |
| Corolyn Doughty | Purrfection |
| Barbara Herget | Mt. Hood |
| Jeannie Johnson | Design Divas |
| Anita Peterson | Pampered Persians |
| Tammy Toda | Country Kitties |

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**KATHY BROCK****COUNTRY KITTIES**

Nov Kathy taught Prairie Points Placemats Had a great turn out and everyone finished their project. Dec. Nancy taught the Hugs and Kisses Beaded Bracelet this is such a unique type of beading it contained small crystal beads in a circle with seed beads to make X's on top. Jan. Marbe Cook taught the Quilted Log Cabin she took a 2"center square building upon one another to make 6" blocks. Several blocks could be used for placemats, wall hangings.

Decisions were made that we will meet at PUD. In The Dalles during winter and Parkdale in the summer.

MULTI MEDIA KATS

Oct. Joanna taught Mono Printing with Gelatin Plates. Having a quiet and very productive group today Apral liked quite a few of her own mono prints and the last one Joanna pulled just before we left was fantastic. These are so worth sharing and showing in a future meeting or putting pictures in our own newsletter.

Nov. Apral playing with a pasta machine making what? Polymer Clay Beads using Canes.

Dec. No class we take this month to enjoy friends and family during the holiday season

SANDY CATS

This group became a summer group. They have meetings from April until October.

They take advantage of the weather and usually have 2 meetings per month.

PEGGY BODLE
DESIGNER CATS

Cutwork and fabric weaving were the classes in October and November. In December, they had a Christmas Party. January they continued working on their community service project of onesies and blankets for newborns at the local hospital.

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SILVER CITY KITTIES

Having a schedule sometimes provides a challenge when some members are juggling health issues and several ladies are snowbirds. This group works together to get a lesson planned and a meeting arranged even on short notice. This happened this month— - — Thank Goodness for email!

TACOMA TABBIES

Several groups have cooperated on Community Service projects for Mary Bridge Hospital. Before Christmas, Kim Keller and Karen Bennett delivered 157 pillowcases from Tacoma Tabbies, Pampered Persians, Fantasy Felines, and Capital Newcomers; 65 faceless dolls from Tacoma Tabbies, Fantasy Felines and Capital Newcomers and 83 hospital doll gowns from Tacoma Tabbles, Kreative Kitties and Capital Newcomers.

In December, they had a Christmas luncheon and discussed new projects for 2011.

CLAUDIA BUNTYN**ARISTOCATS**

The Aristocats are plugging away and doing fun things. Their group is small and would love new members. They are doing different projects that they have wanted to do for a long time. They have been working on Helene Knott's cats. Doing decorative towels. They are doing projects that can be finished in one session. Enough of the UFO's.

BYTES & PC'S

We did cut work. Several did table runners instead of pillow cases. We are making small projects so we don't end up with projects to finish later.

At the December meeting, Bytes & PC's combined a meeting with Design Divas and did a Christmas Ornament Exchange. We shared what works and what doesn't work in making ornaments. For lunch we shared in a Christmas potluck. Lots of FUN!



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January is a slow month, we discussed our up and coming projects. Discussed our Community Service project and supplies needed for Bibs that we will be making.

DAFFY CATS

In December we had lunch together. In January, we worked with Shiva Oil Sticks and leaf stensils to create a background for the 3D flowers that we made to go on the January back ground. The February meeting, Daffy Cats decided to Disband.

TEXANNA CATO

CYBER CATS

It was reported in the Board of Director Minutes by their Director that this group was going to send their quarterly report directly to Tami Bennett of the Newsletter and Website and she did not receive it by the time of printing this newsletter.

DIGI-CATS

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SEATTLE KATZ

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BETTY COOPER

DESIGN DIVAS

This group is busy learning the basic anatomy of designs. They have several ladies from the quilt shop that have joined and are learning their machines. They have about 5-6 that attend. Apral told me she had already sent their schedule to you. I talked to her this morning and she said she emailed their schedule to me also but I did not get it. So hope you have it.

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HOLLYWOOD STARS

I attended their meeting in November and we had a great time with Marbe Cook doing Exploding Flowers. There is a lot of enthusiasm with this group. We had about 10 at the meeting and a great time was had by all.

McKITS

This group is down to four (4) members and they are wondering how long they will last. They did exploding flowers in November and their Christmas party in December . They will be doing "Old Cat Face" in January; Prairie Points (continuous) in February, This group is meeting every other month. Please call or email their area rep for their schedule.

APRAL HARREL

KALICO KITTIES

We are looking for some suggestions for our community service project. We are open to anything. Also our group attendance has been low since last spring. This past summer we cancelled our summer classes because attendance has been so low. Does any one have any suggestion on how to improve attendance? Or why it has been so low? Do any other groups have the same problem? If so, how are they dealing with it? We are looking for answers and suggestions from all who are willing to help.

I have to say that Cheryl Lenz gave a great presentation on fabric stenciling at January's meeting. She did a lot of work on it. She has been a member for just over a year.

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

Due to unforeseen circumstances this group has not met since November. This is a very unique group in that they communicate with each other through their own Private Yahoo group. This gives them the freedom to have discussions online as well as post photos

M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

9/28/2010 to 1/18/2011

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	09.28.2010	Renay Butts	Mt. Hood	Surgery
2	09.28.2010	Kitty Young	Hollywood Stars	Father's Passing
3	10.04.2010	Nancy Sheperd	Country Kitties/Kalico Cats	Husband's Passing
4	10.04.2010	Ginny Fischer	Country Kitties	Son-in-law Passing
5	10.20.2010	Letha McKinnon	Fantasy Felines	Injury
6	10.20.2010	Elaine Solvang	Fantasy Felines	Surgery
7	11.16.2010	Katherine Josephson	Silver City Kitties	Husband's passing
8	11.29.2010	Claudia Buntyn	Kalico Kitties	Illness
9	11.29.2010	Karen Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Husband's illness
10	11.29.2010	Tami Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Father's Illness
11	11.29.2010	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Surgery
12	11.29.2010	Nancy Shepherd	Country Kitties/Kalico Cats	Surgery
13	12.05.2010	Beverly Carpenter	Country Kitties	Son's Surgery
14	01.10.2011	LaVerne Mazzuca	Fantasy Felines/Seattle Katz	Illness
15	01.10.2011	Sali Lusk	Cyber Cats	Illness
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Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
None to report	6	Self	4	Self		Self
		Family	1	Family	1	Family
	1	Spouse		Spouse	3	Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
	6	TOTAL	5	TOTAL	4	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
 Mar: No Meeting
 Apr: No Meeting
 May: TBA

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex
 Contact: Apral Harrel
 Mar: 3-D Flowers - Apral Harrel
 Apr: Tissue Box - Betty Cooper
 May: In the Hoop Zipper - Carol

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla Labrousse
 Mar: Fabric Beads - Jackie Rosier
 Apr: Temari Balls - Vicki Nelson
 May: TBA - Peggy Boddle

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
 Mar: TBA
 Apr: TBA
 May: TBA

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

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm
 Place: JoAnn's Fabrics 31523 Pacific Hwy South, Federal Way
 Contact: Janice Hammock
 Mar: To Be Disbanded
 Apr: To Be Disbanded
 May: To Be Disbanded

Design Divas ** Clackamas, OR ** July 2010

Meets: 3rd Tuesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Place: Quilting Desights, 14863 SE Oregon Train Drive,
 Contact: Mary Rust
 Mar: Resize/Multi-Hopping - Apral Harrel
 Apr: Lettering - Apral Harrel
 May: Tutorial - Mary

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

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier
 Mar: TBA
 Apr: TBA
 May: TBA

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

Meets: 3rd Monday 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac 13501—100th Ave NE
 Contact: Arlette Wentz
 Mar: Leaves College
 Apr: TBA
 May: TBA

Fabricats **Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 Mar: Open
 Apr: Open
 May: Open

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
 Mar: Fremotion Sampler 3#A (Vicki Nelson) and Appliqué (Angie)
 Apr: Shibori Dyeing - Sewing portion—Tex
 May: Shibori Dyeing -@ LaVerne's

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
 Mar: Community Service—Dolls and Gowns
 Apr: Finge - Barb
 May: Surprise - Carol

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
 Mar: Open
 Apr: Small Easter Project - Nancy Shepherd
 May: Water Color Paint and Stitch - Apral Harrel

Kreative Kitties ** Tumwater, WA ** March 2010

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:30 am — Noon
 Place: Ruby Street Quiltworks 100 Ruby Street
 Contact: Luann Davis
 Mar: Quilted Sweatshirt 2 Ways
 Apr: Bobbin Work
 May: Vortex

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
 Mar: Sampler 1 - Jan Story
 Apr: Sampler 2 - Jan Story
 May: Cat Name Tag - 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
 Mar: Understanding Design s and Downloading Designs
 Apr: Open (TBA)
 May: Open (TBA)

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
 Mar: Coiled Bowls - Liz Silberman
 Apr: Potato Chip Bag - Apral Harrel
 May: Mitered Corners and Bindings—Betty Riggs

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
 Mar: TBA
 Apr: TBA
 May: TBA

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: Director—Jyll Jones/Vice President Nancy Howard
 Mar: TBA - Tacoma Tabbies is inviting them to their meetings
 Apr: TBA - Tacoma Tabbies is inviting them to their meetings
 May: TBA - Tacoma Tabbies is inviting them to their meetings

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
 Mar: Community Service Project
 Apr: Water Color Crayons
 May: Hand Dyeing (Schedule Change)

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.
 Mar: Sumer Group
 Apr: No Meeting
 May: Meeting starting?

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
 Mar: Exploding Flowers
 Apr: Beading Day with UFO's and New Pattern
 May: Photo Transfer Technique - Pat

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
 Mar: Wrapped Tree - Clarice Angelo
 Apr: Wrapped Tree (Continued) - Clarice Angelo
 May: Embellished Cards - Donna Ballard



Tacoma Tabbies * Tacoma, WA ** January, 2002

Meets: 3rd Saturday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm
 Place: Shibori Dragon 11124 Gravelly Lake Dr
 Contact: Karen Bennett
 Mar: Exploding Flowers - Karen Bennett
 Apr: Fabric Beads
 May: TBA - Peggy Bodle (Tentative)

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.

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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**JYLL JONES
 FABRICATS**

Our Fabricats are still almost non-existent. Joanne's husband is not well, so it is hard to plan. There are still just the three (3) of us. I (Nadra) did several community service things. I did 45 hours for the NCW fair in Waterville. I am chairman of the open class sewing. Also our non profit (Wheat wives) make on-site at the fair and sell cinnamon rolls. Our open class sewing has went real strong to quilts. I won a best of show for wall hangings on my aurora borealis wall hanging.

Our thrift shop is a good place to pick up blank clothing. Right now, I am trying to figure out what I am going to put on the linen beige blouse I just purchased.

Joanne entered a couple of quilts in the Wenatchee quilt show. She did not win, but in my book she is a winner! She's one in MEOW's too! One was for her son and had some personal pictures incorporated into it.

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FANTASY FELINES

Since there are several new members, at the beginning of each meeting, Vicki Nelson will teach different stitches from a "Free motion sampler". Then the instructor for the class project for that meeting will take over. Each member takes a turn each month bringing cookies for the Firemen at the Station.

KREATIVE KITTIES

We have one additional new member within the last several months, with several new members attending their 1st meeting. So much fun. At our Christmas party everyone was asked to bring finished projects from the last year. The talent of the ladies is overwhelming. What a fun way to see what the ladies have done with the new skills learned in the past year.

PAMPERED PERSIANS

This group is still without an Area Group leader. They are receiving invitations from the Tacoma Tabbies each month so that these fabulous ladies do not feel left out. We are still trying to find a solution for the Pampered Persians and if anyone out there can help out, please contact Jyll Jones the Director or Nancy Howard, Vice President, it would be greatly appreciated.

**NANCY SHEPHERD
 ILWACO**

I have not been able to get in contact with this shop/group. It does not appear as if this group will be up and coming at this time. Please anyone associated with this group please contact Nancy Shepherd directly for any questions or comments.

MT. HOOD

The Mt. Hood Area Group is functioning very well. We continue to work on our lap quilts and walker totes for the nursing home. We have found that the nursing home gets plenty of donations during the Christmas holiday season, but they are in need of more in the late spring so that is when we have scheduled the delivery of our gifts.

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PURRFECTION

This group is now working on hats and mittens for their Community Service project.

STRAY CATS

There was nothing from the Stray cats at this time.

Way to get your members to teach!

This was sent to me by a lady from Florida. She read our newsletter and noticed that we had some issues with getting some people to teach. She made a suggestion that works with her group down in Florida and I thought that maybe it had been tried by some, and maybe not by others. . . here it goes . . .

Hi! I was forwarded your newsletter by a member of Meow and I live in Ocala, Florida. I noticed that one of the clubs mentioned spreading the teaching responsibilities around which is sometimes a problem in many groups.

As a member of American Sewing Guild, we started a club within our group to further our interest in embroidery machines. Since a lot of us were beginners, we came up with an idea so that one or two people would not always be responsible for teaching.

We started a list and each person picked a month. It would be up them to be the teacher for that month. They would pick one project and if they did not know how to make it, they could go to Embroidery Library and go to the projects listing. There, anyone can find tutorials for every conceivable project. Of course, more experienced members were available for help if needed.

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This method has worked so well for us, I thought it might be something workable for your groups.

Since I was one of those beginners and also intimidated by the machine, it forced me to learn.

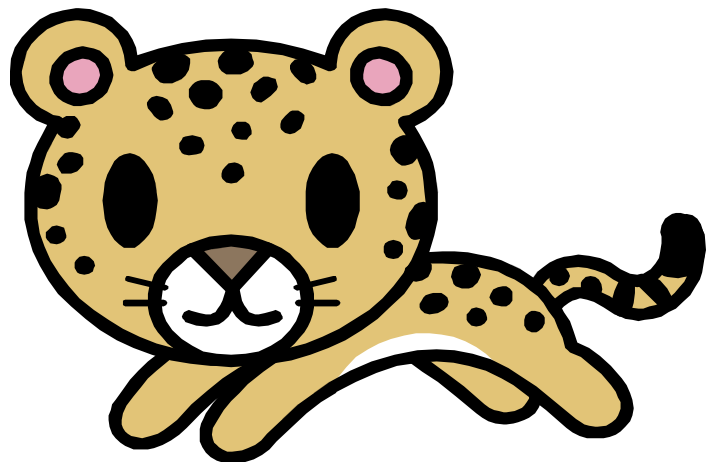
In no time I was very comfortable and am now having the time of my life. I think a lot of people are afraid to get up and do something that does not come easily to them.. It is such a great learning process and might just work for some of your members.

I love what your group has done and love the cute kitty names for all the different groups. Just wished I lived closer to visit.

May you have many more years of fun, learning and sharing.

Denise Shortway, Ocala, Florida

p.s. if any member comes to Florida for a vacation, let me know and perhaps you would enjoy being a visitor at one of our meetings.



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Submitted by June Kendell

'Twas the night before Christmas, I'm decorating the tree.

I'm wondering what Santa will bring just for me.

Could it be fat quarters or a pattern or lace?

Or a quilt kit, I said, with a smile on my face . . .

And that's when I heard him, "Hi Santa" I said.

"You know, good old broads should be in their beds".

"I know I should Santa, and now I've been caught.

But I was just so excited to see what you brought."

"Well, lets take a look in this room where you work."

He shook his head quickly, and left with a jerk.

I heard him exclaim as he put it in gear,

"You've got enough crap, I'll see you next year !

Author Unknown



Kitty Tip

Cut a quilting design template out of Contact Paper - it can be lifted and moved easily yet sticks enough to mark easily.

When using ribbon bows for tying a quilt or for decorations. Tie the bow, stitch in place by stitching close around the knot and on top of the loops and ends. For a stand up bow - stitch around the knot but only over the tie ends, not over the bow loops.



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