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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

To My M.E.O.W. Family

I could write for hours,
Use the finest word's in Webster's,
Fill pages upon pages with verse –
Only two words are needed,
Two words are everything I want to say:

Thank you

Two words, two syllables
So tiny,
These words say so many things –

You are ALL very special to me.

Thank you.
Vicki Nelson
Out-going President

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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
September 22, 2012
Vancouver, WA
At 9:00 am Regular Board Meeting

Due Dates for:

April Newsletter
Articles and Reports
September 27, 2012

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
December 2012,
January 2013 and
February 2013

November Quilt and
Craft Show
November 15-17, 2012

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Mt. Hood

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Tacoma Tabbies

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Kalico Kitties (on Hiatus)

Mouse Connections

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Stray Cats

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

Thank you for your time on this!

Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders!

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

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

Tami Bennett,
Newsletter Editor

November Quilt and Craft Show

Due to the lack of participation at the booth and new members signing up to volunteer, the Board of Directors have made a decision not to continue with the show in November 2012.

All of the members that have signed up for times to volunteer at the booth, thank you very much for your support, but you will no longer be asked to continue to support this cause and help man the booth.

We ask that you continue to support the November Quilt and Craft show. **The dates are November 15, 16 and 17, 2012.**

We are finding that this November show is becoming better each year. They are beginning to provide classes that are free except for the Make It and Take It demos which are usually only \$5.00, plus there is only a one time entrance fee for all three days. That is quite a deal. Keep a lookout for your friends

Karen Bennett, Managing Member

M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

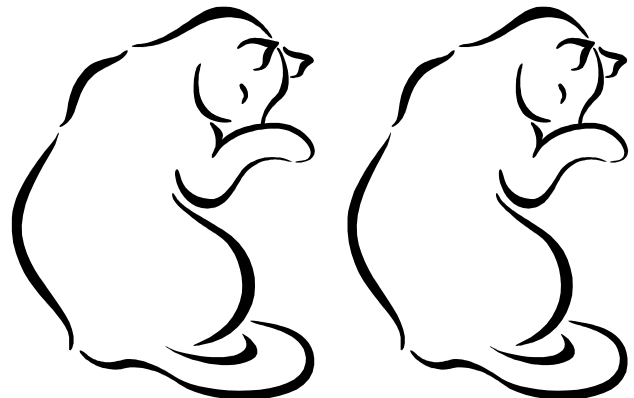
April 21, 2012 to July 20, 2012

Due to computer issues, this quarter's Report will be printed in October's Newsletter. Thank you for your patience.

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. :)



MEOW GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Date: July 28, 2012

Place: Felida Fire Station
11600 N. W. Lakeshore Ave
Vancouver, WA

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by president, Vicki Nelson at 9 a.m. Those present are listed, those excused (*).

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: Vicki Nelson, president; Karen Bennett, vice-president; Roberta Strebe, Treasurer; Peggy Bodle, Secretary

DIRECTORS: Peggy Bodle, Kathy Brock, Sharon Hults, Texanna Cato, Apral Harrell

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Sandy Radtke (membership), Karen Bennett (November Quilt & Craft Expo), Pat Bridwell* (scholarship), Tamara Bennett (newsletter editor and web mistress), Sali Lusk * (historian), Caroline Burton* (mediation), Judi Young* (mediation), Kim Keller (mediation), Carla LaBrousse* (sunshine card chairman), Dee Finney (meeting site coordinator)

RECONGNITION OF GUESTS: Betty Cooper, Nancy Shepherd, Barbara Belgrave, Dee Finney, Nancy Howard, Barbara Herget.

OLD BUSINESS: Honorary memberships presented by Dee Finney to: Karen Bennett, Tex Cato, Apral Harrell, Sandy Radtke, Nancy Shepherd, Roberta Strebe. The number of honorary memberships is determined by a % of the total membership.

NEW BUSINESS: Installation of in-coming officers for 2012-2014: president, Nancy Shepherd; treasurer, Vicki Nelson; directors, Betty Cooper, Barbara Belgrave. A "thank you" was given to the out-going officers in appreciation of their service. Vicki Nelson, as the out-going president, passed out gifts to officers.

Next regularly scheduled General Membership meeting will be July 20, 2013, or the new president could schedule another date.

Apral made motion to adjourn, Tami 2nd. Members voted to continue to the regular board meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by president, Vicki Nelson. Those present are listed In the General Membership meeting.

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

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

Secretary's Report — There was nothing to Report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report: 1. Balance sheet 2. Profit and loss 3. Report of CDs. These reports were e-mailed or passed out at the meeting.

Vice-President's Report – Directors' reports are printed in the newsletter. McKits is disbanding—3 to Stray Cats. Other groups are growing. Community service report was passed out and will be printed in the September/October newsletter. Some area groups will have a new director come September. Tacoma Tabbies have moved their meeting to Bennett's office.

Some suggestions were made for area group leaders to check on the status of paid members. There are some groups having difficulty in dealing with those that attend and have not paid their dues. Use Roster to determine paid membership or bring membership card to meetings and wear as a name tag.

Community Service - The Community Service Report was presented and a final report will be shown in the September Newsletter.



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Sunshine report: No Report. There were issues and it will be added onto next months report.

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

Membership Report: There are a total of 106 members. Honorary members: were presented at the General Meeting. 8 membership newsletters were sent at a expense of \$12.07.

Newsletter Report: The costs for April newsletter: \$15.89 (printing/postage for those that paid to have them sent and to membership).

Website: Have updated class schedules, seminar 2012 has been put on web site and can be downloaded by page or the entire publication, Domain renewal for 3 years, cleaning out old stuff and updating the web pages.

November Quilt and Craft Show: because of the lack of participation and failure to recruit new members, it was decided to discontinue this endeavor..

Historian: There is nothing new to report.

Seminar Committee 2012 – A 3rd classroom is needed. Only 7 have registered at this time.

When filling out registration be sure to fill out the SPECIAL DIET REQUEST.

Old Business:

A vote on revision of #8 in General Standing Rules. (Yes-9 No-0) Next meeting we will discuss and vote on the Disciplinary Rules to be placed in Standing Rules. Concerns by the Cyber Cats were tabled until next meeting in September.

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NEW BUSINESS:

In case of disbanding of MEOW, it would be done per Roberts Rules of Order. If financial reports are wanted by members, they can be requested and viewed at Board assembly only.

Sandy Radtke made motion which was seconded by Tami Bennett, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Approved Secretary. Peggy Bodle

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.

Lynda Guerra

Email Correction

RENEWALS

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

Thank you for your patience with this..

RENEWED MEMBERS:

None for this quarter.

NEW MEMBERS:

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

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

None for this quarter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PEGGY BODLE

DESIGN DIVAS

I had the pleasure of meeting with them---- it was a delightful experience to meet these ladies. They shared some of their finished projects while we visited and they ate their lunches. They gave me a few tips on the use of the computer and what to use to achieve their designs. We talked about seminar and it seems that some of them will be coming. Keep up the good work!

HOLLYWOOD STARS

taking a short vacation until Sept. when we will have a planning meeting for the next year with a potluck.

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KATHY BROCK ARISTOCATS

The Aristocats met in July. They have been making some Funky Food (hamburger) that will be donated to Northwest Children's Outreach.

BYTES & PC's

No report from Group.

Mt. HOOD

No report from Group

MULTI-MEDIA KATS

May They made interesting and unique little books.

June There was no meeting.

July They did felting, that's right with two hands and a tool with needles.

It is amazing what you can make and what you can embellish on felted items.

As a Director of this group, I would like to add that Beth is the best Area Rep. that I have ever had the privilege to work with. She has never missed a report. If she planned to be gone then I was always made aware.

That group has so much enthusiasm and always is stepping outside that box to discover new things to explore.

I have not done them justice with my reports as a director and I hope in the future the next director will enlighten all of you with their projects.





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TEXANNA CATO

CYBER KATS

Toni Colby has reported that in June they had their planning meeting. In August they are going to be working on Color Crayon Painting. Karen Bennett sent Toni a note telling her about the Project shows on Saturday Cable TV and about the Cloth, Paper, Scissors book and magazines for her to get ideas. Karen's group (Tacoma Tabbies) has been getting a lot of great ideas out of there lately. Keep it in mind ladies.

FABRICATS

This group is still struggling and did not meet during the month of July. They don't have any classes scheduled at this time. Nadra is doing volunteer work for their local Douglas County Historical Society Thrift Shop every month and she has already donated a minimum of 180 hours over the last several months.

TACOMA TABBIES

In May, this group moved to it's new location at the office of Karen and Tami Bennett. I think that this will work out well for this group.

Before we started the class this day, we gave out copies of the Seminar Brochure, discussed the classes and talked about the Board meeting. We then got to work.

We worked on Texture Magic. Everyone finished the portion of the project where we steamed the fabric to make it shrink. The ladies had a lot of fun this day.

We worked with Jello Mono Prints in June. All of us made numerous pictures with paper and fabric. All of us used various leaves, stamps, feathers, wheat and bottlebrushes. We even mixed paint colors and we were amazed at the color patterns that we ended up with.

In July we did paper beads out of the Cloth, Paper Scissor book and had a lot of fun again. Another class without our machines, but so much fun and messy.

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APRAL HARREL

COUNTRY KITTIES

June's meeting was Planning. September will be ice dying. The large wire baskets needed came from Dollar Tree. They can't be found at the Hood River store but can be found at the Bend store for this project.

McKITS

Unfortunately, this group will be disbanding, but, three (3) of the ladies will be staying on with MEOW as Stray Cats. Thank you for the continued support ladies.

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

The Vice President will be in touch with Ginger to find out how the group is doing as a whole and introduce the new Director to them. Their Community Service hours were sent in and will appear in the Community Service Report next month.

SHARON HULTS

DIGI-CATS

During the last 3 months Kathy Harris has done a lot of community service that I can report for the Digi-Cats. She worked about 20 hours completing 5 quilts for Project Linus. Kathy made 5 quilts working with her quilting group to benefit Camp Korey. She made 53 pillowcases for KonKerr Cancer for Kids project. I (Arlette) teach a group of Indian ladies to sew in my home. (In my previous job, I worked with husbands of these ladies.) This is an ongoing project for the past couple years as a group of about 12 ladies are learning to sew and make a variety of projects. In the last 3 months we met 6 times for a total of 24 hours (plus a lot of prep hours, not counting). They are currently making a small quilt sampler. They love the classes and are so pleased with their accomplishments which rewards me as well.

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The Digi-Cats currently meet in the community room of the Bothell Police Department on the 3rd Monday of each month. The address is 18410 101st Ave NE, Bothell, WA 98011. It is incorrectly posted on the website that we meet at Kirkland Quality Sewing (our previous meeting location). This has been updated on the website.

During our recent planning session to schedule class topics for the year we included the following classes: Stupendous Stitching in August, Serger Basics in September and Zentangles in January.

PURRFECTION

No Report from Group.

FANTASY FELINES

The July meeting was attended by 11 members. Kathy stopped by for a brief "Hi". Our project was embossing on velvet. Tex brought a very elegant example of the velvet embossing on a long skirt. Most everyone tried out the technique with good results. Other napped fabrics were tried as well, with varying degrees of success.

VICKI NELSON

STRAY CATS

None of the Stray Cats wrote to this Director at this time. I will try again next quarter.

SEMINAR PLANS

We are still planning at this time to complete some Community Service. This will consist of making cards for Retirement facilities for Get Well, Thank You, Birthdays, Holidays, etc. This should be a fun filled evening activity for both Friday and Saturday. Please bring card stock, glue, stamps, glitter and ink stamps of your choice to help. Paper cutter and scissors will be provided. We should also have one CRICKIT to use. Thank you.



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Aristocats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

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

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Ave,
 Contact: Apral Harrel
 Sept: TBD
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: TBD

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla Labrousse
 Sept: TBD
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: TBD

Cyber Cats ** Renton, WA ** April 2004

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

Design Divas ** Clackamas, OR ** July 2010

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

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

Meets: 3rd Monday 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm
 Place: Bothell PD (Community Room) 18410 101st Ave NE,
 Contact: Arlette Wentz
 Sept: Serger Basics
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: TBD

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 Activates

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W
 Contact: Letha McKinnon/Vicki Nelson
 Sept: Calligraphy Technique with Connie
 Oct: Christmas Tree Napkin with Joy
 Nov: Microwave Bowl potholder with Connie

Hollywood Stars * Portland, OR October 1991

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center 8326 SE Stark
 Contact: Kitty Young
 Sept: Planning Month
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: TBD

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

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

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: Graceful Embroidery Anniversary Challenge
 Oct: Butterfly Appliqué - Nancy
 Nov: TBD - Betty Cooper

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

Meets: 1st Mon.—Community Service & UFO's 4th Monday –Program
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Avenue
 Contact: Apral Harrel
 Sept: TBD
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: TBD

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

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm

Place: Gladstone Nazareen Church

Contact: Beth Heesacker/Apral Harrel

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

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

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

Purrfection ** Kooskia, ID ** February, 2009

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm

Place: Valley Bible Church, 319 North Main Street

Contact: Robin Slocum

Sept: TBD

Oct:

Nov: TBD

Tacoma Tabbies * Tacoma, WA ** January, 2002

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

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

Contact: Karen Bennett

Sept: Community Service Project

Oct: Prior Commitment (Individuals are on their own)

Nov: Fabric Weaving Fun

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

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

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



Kitty Tip

Did you know that sewing tape measures stretch and distort over time?

It is important to have an accurate tape measure for sewing and other craft related projects. To check it lay it out over a ruler. Replace it as needed. Avoid rolling it up as your tape will stretch and twist out of shape.

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