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President's Letter by Nancy Shepherd

Wow it is that time again. One MEOW year ends and we move on to another year. Seminars come and go. Last year is the only year in MEOW history where we held two (2) seminars in the same year. It has become harder and harder to reserve dates to attend Collins Retreat Center. In part that speaks to the wonderful facility. While there, we booked the only available dates for next August.

At the beginning of the MEOW year do you look back to what you have accomplished during the last year? Or do you look at the pile of unfinished projects and wish they would finish themselves.

As you set up classes or lessons what do you look forward to learning? Right now it seems that the learning we have done with MEOW thru the years is the latest and greatest being shown by Quilting Arts Magazine and artists like Leah Day.

Looking around there are many ways to learn. As the world changes have you looked into Craftsy Online Classes, or checked out Pinterest or do you read blogs?.

Last have you seen all the YouTube videos available? All the information you need on how to do just about anything is right there at your finger tips. Google YouTube videos and you can get the information you need. It is truly incredible. Did you ever think way back when, that it would be that simple for us?

Enjoy your groups lessons and the time you have to spend with friends, it is precious. . . .

Nancy

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
August 23, 2014
Eagle Creek, OR
At 7:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting

Due Dates for:

August Newsletter
Articles and Reports
Sept 2, 2014

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
December 2014,
January 2015 and
February 2015

Seminar 2014
August 20, 21, 22, 2015
Eagle Creek, OR

November Quilt and
Craft Show
November 15-17, 2014

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If you know of someone who has paid for their Newsletters; but is not receiving them, please have her 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 the last Newsletter proofreaders: Nancy Shepherd, Ruth Jones and Roberta Strebe, Elaine Solvang and Connie Hasten 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



Gluten & Dairy-Free Peanut Butter Cups

Adapted from [Oh She Glows](#)

Makes 12 cups

Ingredients

3/4 cup almond flour/meal (Grind almonds in a food processor or high-powered blender if you can't find flour or meal in the store)

3 T [coconut flour](#) or oat flour (if using oat flour increase to 1/4 cup)

2 T peanut, almond, or sun butter

2 T coconut oil, melted

2 T pure maple syrup

1/4 t pure vanilla extract

1/4 tsp salt

Chocolate topping

3 T coconut oil, melted

3 T pure maple syrup

2 T cocoa powder

pinch of salt

You can also make the topping using 1 cup chocolate chips combined with 2 T coconut oil (you can find dairy-free chocolate chips in the organic/natural section of your grocery store).

Directions

Combine almond flour, coconut flour, peanut butter, coconut oil, maple syrup, vanilla extra and salt in medium bowl until combined. I use my Kitchen Aid with paddle attachment. Line a muffin pan with muffin cup liners. Using a [cookie scoop](#) (2 tsp size) fill muffin tin cups with base and press evenly into cup. Place in fridge to set while making chocolate topping.

For the chocolate topping, combine melted coconut oil, maple syrup and cocoa powder in small bowl. Whisk until there are no longer lumps. If it seems thick, microwave for ten seconds and whisk again making sure the coconut oil is completely incorporated. Pour over each peanut butter cup and refrigerate until set. Store in the refrigerator in an airtight container.

**If I'm using coconut flour I aim to pay less than \$5/lb. Coconut flour lasts for a long time and can be used in pancakes, waffles, baked goods and more.*

A [Silicone Muffin Pan](#) works great if you don't plan on using liners.

FRENCH ONION SOUP

By Robert Carpenter

submitted by Bev Carpenter

Ingredients

4 T. (1/2 stick) butter

4 lg. sweet onions, halved and thinly sliced

1/4 c. sugar

salt to taste

1/2 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper

6 c. beef stock

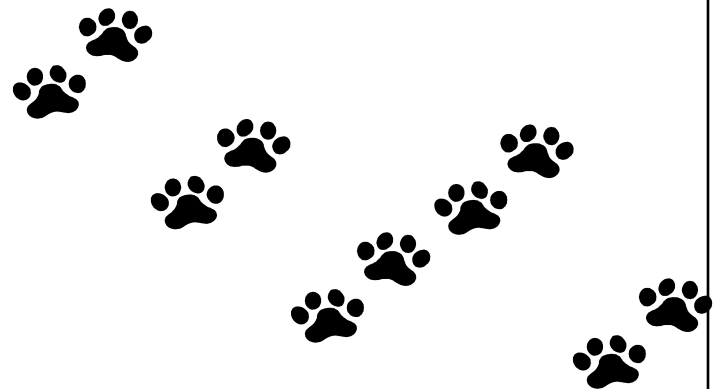
2 T. Ruby Port

4 lg. thick slice French bread, toasted

1 c. Emmentaler Swiss

Directions:

Melt butter; add onions and wilt over medium heat, covered, for 20 minutes. Stir occasionally. Sprinkle sugar over onions, toss, and cook uncovered until caramelized (about 10 minutes). Add salt and pepper. Add 3 cups of stock and simmer uncovered over medium heat for 15 minutes; add cold remaining stock and port and cook until broth is rich in taste, about 30 to 40 minutes. Preheat the broiler or oven to 350° F. Divide soup among 4 ovenproof bowls. Top each with a slice of toasted French bread and the cheese.



MEOW General Meeting

The General Meeting of MEOW was called to order by President, Nancy Shepherd at 9:10 am on July 26th at the Felida Fire Station, Felida, WA.

ROLL CALL - The secretary called the roll. Those present were:

Executive Officers: Nancy Shepherd, President; Kathy Brock, Vice-President; Beverly Carpenter, Secretary

Directors: Betty Cooper, Karen Bennett, Peggy Bodle

Committee Chairs: Sandy Radtke, Membership; Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress; Caroline Burton, Mediation; Roberta Strebe, Mediation

Excused board members: Vicki Nelson, Treasurer; Kim Keller, Mediation; Sali Lusk, Historian

Guest present - Mona Hermens

Membership - Sandy Radtke presented honorary memberships to Sandy Radtke, Karen Bennett, Betty Cooper and Nancy Shepherd.

Unfinished Business - Outgoing officers were thanked for their service. Newly elected officers were recognized: Karen Bennett, president; Nancy Shepherd, treasurer, and Barbara LeCain, director and Betty Cooper director. The following members will keep their positions on the board for another year: Kathy Brock, vice president; Beverly Carpenter, secretary; Tami Bennett, newsletter and web mistress; Peggy Bodle, and director.

There being no further business, the General Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am.

Submitted by Beverly Carpenter, July 26, 2014

MEOW BOARD MEETING

The regular board meeting of Meow was called to order by President, Nancy Shepherd on July 26, 2014 at the Felida Fire Station, 11600 NW Lakeshore Ave, Vancouver WA, at 9:18 am.

ROLL CALL - The secretary called the roll. Those present were:

Executive Officers: Nancy Shepherd, President; Kathy Brock, Vice-President; Beverly Carpenter, Secretary

Directors: Betty Cooper, Karen Bennett, Peggy Bodle

Committee Chairs: Sandy Radtke, Membership; Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress; Caroline Burton, Mediation; Roberta Strebe, Mediation

Excused board members: Vicki Nelson, Treasurer; Kim Keller, Mediation; Sali Lusk, Historian

Guest present - Mona Hermens and Barbara LeCain

Secretary – The minutes of last meeting stand approved as corrected.

Treasurer – Treasurer's report stands approved as corrected.

Vice-President - Kathy Brock reminded directors to give reports to Tami to be put into newsletter. Make sure community hours are turned in. Texanna said she would not be able to be Stray Cat director for the coming year.

Sunshine - Beverly Carpenter, chairman, announced that the Sunshine report being sent to board members would no longer contain the tally. A total of 18 Sunshine cards were sent out during the last quarter.

Directors - Reports were given by Peggy Bodle, Betty Cooper, and Karen Bennett

Membership - Sandy Radtke reported that membership is the same as last meeting or 74. Post cards are ready to be mailed out to members for renewals. Tami Bennett moved that we move \$25 from the general fund to Reserve for Seminar in memory of Jeanne Martenson. Motion passed.

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Newsletter/ Web site - Tami Bennett will put the last newsletter on the website. Please encourage members to send recipes, articles and tips for the next newsletter.

Seminar 2014 - Karen Bennett chairman, reported that Mona will take care of the class surveys. Sandy reported that our numbers are not good. She gave out class registration numbers. Roberta explained about the pot holder exchange.

Historian - Although Sali has moved, she still would like to complete the DVD project. Please ask for and send projects to Sali so she can put them on a DVD. (jsmudpie2@live.com).

Unfinished Business – Kathy received notification that Texanna will not be the Stray Cat director any more. Discussion of who would take that place followed. It was decided to place the Stray Cats with another of the directors.

Meeting paused at 11:14 and resumed at 12:00. Kathy and directors are deciding which groups each director will have.

New Business - Karen Bennett will bring copies of Robert's Rules to Seminar for board members who do not have the approved version.

Next scheduled meeting will be August 23, 2014 at Collins Retreat Center. This will be in lieu of the September meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.

Submitted by Beverly Carpenter, Secretary, July 26, 2014

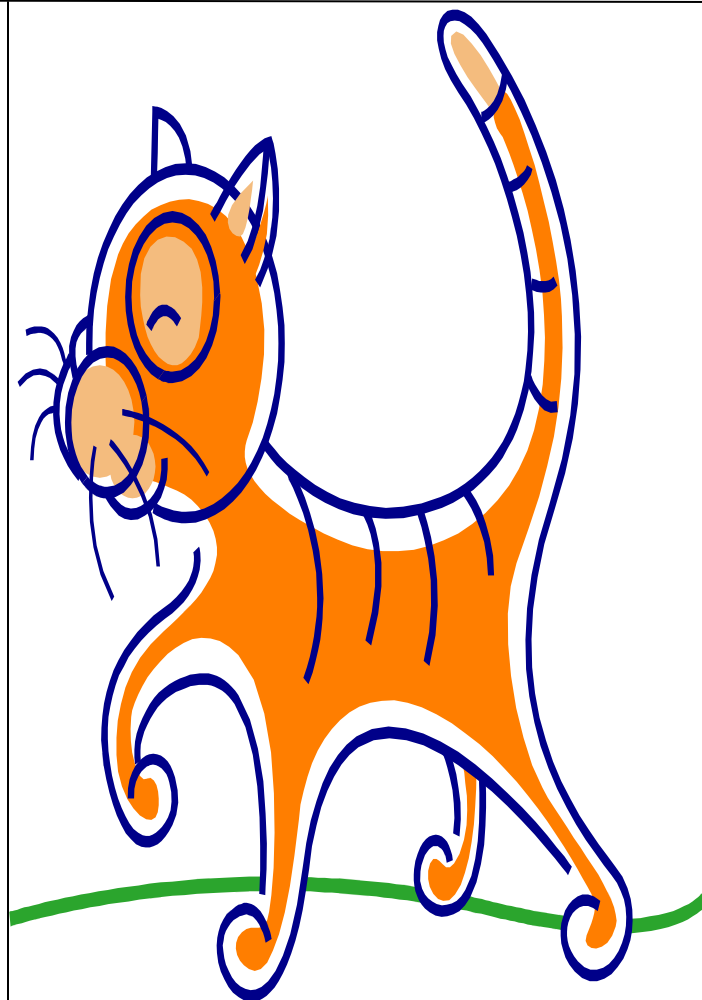
NEW MEMBERS, CORRECTIONS, RENEWALS

We had 74 returning, new and former members combined as of July 2014. 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 (unless specifically necessary), other than their name and area group.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

The renewals will be coming out in either the next newsletter or the January newsletter, so this portion will be short and sweet and to the point. There were no renewals or new members the past quarter. As before, if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Membership Chair, Sandy Radtke at her email, or phone number which can be found either at the beginning of this newsletter or Roster.

Rosters will be coming out for the new fiscal year either at the end of September or by mid October, so be on the look out for them. You will receive an email telling you that they are on their way.



Directors' Reports**KAREN BENNETT****CYBER CATS**

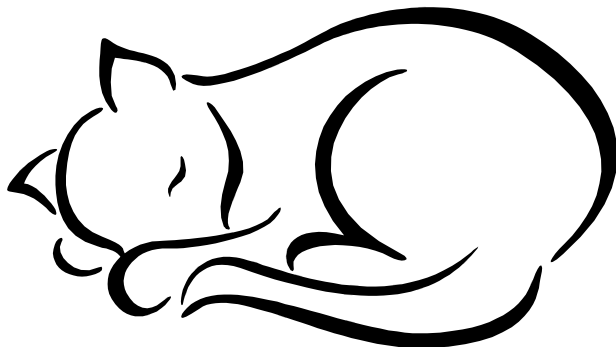
No report this quarter.

FANTASY FELINES

This group is possibly in flux again. A change in their time and date of meeting has been discussed, but they have not come to a solid conclusion as of yet. As of the printing of this news letter, our understanding is that their meeting is still being held on Saturdays. As soon as anything changes, they will notify all Fantasy Felines and the appropriate parties for the Website and Newsletter. Thank you for being patient while this is still in the discussion stage.

TACOMA TABBIES

This group will start to meet again on September 20, 2014 and we will be discussing what we did during our summer hiatus from each other and what fun things we have in store for up coming classes. Tami and Karen both are going to Seminar this year again. Tami will be teaching two (2) classes instead of the normal four (4) and taking some time off to work on a beading project and quilting. Yes, quilting. She has taken up quilting. All of you have finally wore off on her and this is a good thing! She is really enjoying herself with the quilting, even though she gets a little frustrated with the sewing machine every once in a while. Like none of you do . . .

**Tacoma Tabbies Report : (Continued. . .)****BETTY COOPER****BYTES AND PC'S**

I attended their meeting in May and I found it was well attended. Good group. Linda said they have 15 hours of community service—that is working/sewing hours. No supplies, they used donated materials. They have their schedule set through December 2014.

HOLLYWOOD STARS**MT. HOOD**

Our schedule is not set in stone, except for July 28's meeting. Barbara Herget will lead basics of free-motion machine embroidery with hoop and various directional designs from the past. After that our group would like several methods of applique, a basic notebook cover (as a canvas), free motion flowers, and paper piecing. We will have a joint Christmas Party and gift exchange with two (2) other groups on December 8, 2014.

The Mt. Hood group was the very first to meet after the organizing meeting. We would like our particular group to hang onto the basic concepts of free motion - we would like to keep "doing it ourselves" !!!!

Please see the schedule either online or within the pages of this document for more information.

MULTI-MEDIA

They didn't have anything to report, but please see their schedule either online or within the pages of this document for more information. They do have some interesting subjects that they are looking at for future meetings.

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PEGGY BODLE **COUNTRY KITTIES**

The Country Kitties meetings were cancelled during the summer due to lack of participation and several husbands having surgery, so hopefully we will be back on track in the coming months . . .

DESIGN DIVAS

These ladies work off their software as they have been doing for sometime, they have fun doing it and the coming months are no exception.

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

This group is run as a yahoo group with each person loading into their computer . . . They are doing Embird exercises and will continue working on their software for the foreseeable future.

TEXANNA CATO **STRAY CATS**

Kathy Brock, McMinnville, OR - This coming month, Kathy is going to the Seminar in Eagle Creek and will be meeting up with old friends for three "fun-filled" days.

Roberta Strebe, McMinnville, OR - This coming month, Roberta will also be going to Seminar in Eagle Creek, she is looking forward to her classes and getting together with friends.



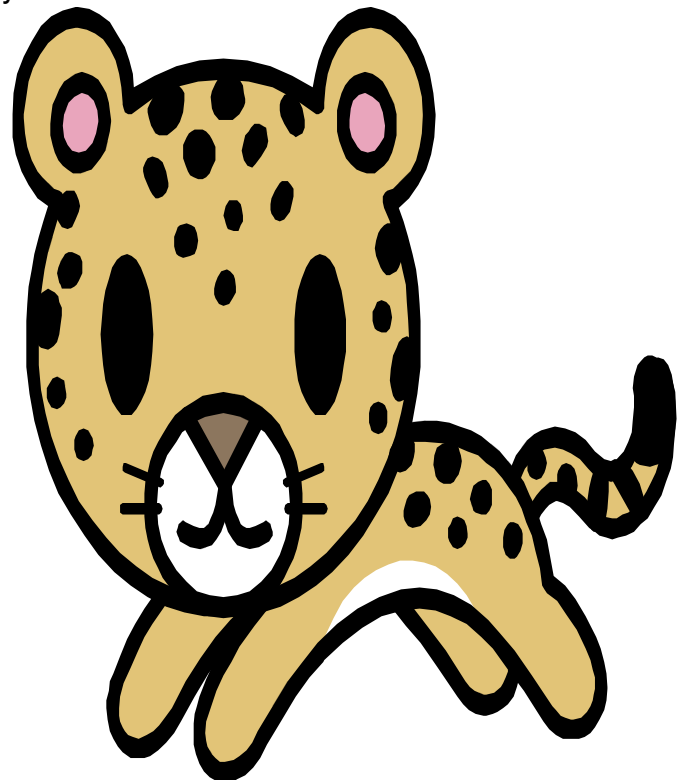
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Mona Hermens, McMinnville, OR - Has signed up for Seminar and is looking forward to friends, good food and some relaxation

Sali Lusk, Alamosa, CO - is experiencing some computer problems that she hopes to have solved soon so that she can start on the historical information of MEOW. She received some information from Karen Bennett with regard to MEOW to include in the historical packet she is putting together to place on CD for the Area Reps and Directors to place in their books.

Rhoda Oakes, Carmichael, CA - she is in the process of renewing her MEOW Membership.

Mary Ray Osmus, Walnut Creek, CA - she is also in the process of renewing her MEOW membership and looking forward to another year with MEOW.



M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

April 27, 2014 to July 21, 2014

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group (s)	Reason
1	4/27/2014	Elaine Solvang	Fantasy Felines	Car Accident, Shoulder injury
2	4/27/2014	Ginger-Christmas Beatty	Mouse Connections	Husband, Ankle surgery
3	5/5/2014	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Daughter Testing for Cancer in back
4	5/14/2014	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Daughter's Health
5	5/14/2014	Vicki Nelson/Kirsten	Fantasy Felines	Health Issues
6	6/2/2014	Ginny Fischer	Country Kitties	Husband Surgery
7	6/16/2014	Jeanne Martenson	Stray Cats	Death of Member
8	6/6/2014	Beverly Carpenter	Country Kitties	Back Surgery
9	6/8/2014	Beverly Carpenter	Country Kitties	Death of Sister
10	6/16/2014	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Daughter's Health
11	6/16/2014	Vicki Nelson/Kirsten	Fantasy Felines	Health Issues
12	6/21/2014	Cheryl Brown	Stray Cat	Knee Problems
13	6/21/2014	Barb Frazier	Country Kitties	Sick Husband
14	6/26/2014	Carol Lewis	Bytes & PC's	Daughter/Cancer
15	6/27/2014	Beverly Carpenter	Country Kitties	Back Surgery
16	7/8/2014	Jackie Rosier	Country Kitties	Husband Surgery
17	7/8/2014	Carla Labrousse	Country Kitties	Husband Surgery
18	7/14/2014	Betty Cooper	Mouse Connections	Husband Surgery
19	7/21/2014	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Daughter's Passing

Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
None to report	2	Self	2	Self	1	Self
	6	Family		Family	2	Family
	1	Spouse	5	Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
	9	TOTAL	7	TOTAL	3	TOTAL

LADIES OF MEOW

Ladies of MEOW, the Board of Directors asks that if you hear of **ANYONE** that could use a Sunshine Card for whatever reason, (birthday, congratulations, illness, death in the family, or just because they need cheering up), please contact Beverly Carpenter at bacarpenter@gorge.net with the following information:

The name of the person needing the card, the reason for the card, Street address or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code, And the name of the MEOW Group they belong to

Without all the above information Cards will not be sent. Please also place "**SUNSHINE**" in the subject line. One reason for this request is to keep the Sunshine request out of the Junk Mail folder. Thank you for your attention to this very important task. :)



Kitty Tip

- Did you know you can place Saran Wrap over your cutting templates and trace cutting areas (Roses of fabric patterns, etc) so that you can lay them over the fabric and get the same cut every time?
- For small projects that I am cutting multiple layers of them (Table runners, placemats, ect) I cut out the pattern pieces and place them in Ziploc baggies with a copy of the pattern, that way, I know which pattern I was going to make, if for some reason, I don't complete them as soon as I cut them out.



Newsletter Statement of Policy

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All materials and/or pictures will be returned, if so requested by the contributor, provided the request is made at the time the material is submitted and the contributor's name and address are clearly shown on all material to be returned.

All articles, features, pictures, filler material, comments concerning the MEOW NEWSLETTER, letters to the editor, etc., should be sent to the Editor. All Area Group information should be sent to the Vice President and Web Mistress. Address changes and complaints of non-receipt should be sent to the Membership Chairman. Comments concerning administration of MEOW should be addressed to the President.

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New President's Letter

Karen Bennett, President 2014-2106

I am looking forward to taking over the Presidency for the August 23, 2014 meeting during our Seminar. It will be the last meeting of the 2014 year for us. Our next meeting will be in Vancouver on January 26, 2015.

Anyone in MEOW is always welcome to join us at the Board Meetings and we invite suggestions and comments from one and all.

If anyone has questions or needs information, please feel free to contact me by email or phone and I will try to find the answers for you.

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:30 am—2:30 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Ave,
 Contact: Linda Rigby
 Sept: Heart Shaped Satchet
 Oct: Tote Bag
 Nov: Candy's Candy Box

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

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

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: Marian Desgranges
 Sept: TBD
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: TBD

Design Divas ** Clackamas, OR ** July 2010

Meets: 1st Monday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Avenue
 Contact: Mary Rust
 Sept: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons
 Oct: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons
 Nov: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons

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

Meets: 3rd Tuesday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station #14, 18800 68th Ave W
 Contact: Sharon Hults/Joy Gonclaves
 Sept: Quillo with Angie
 Oct: Vinyl Bag with Pat
 Nov: Origami Pompoms with Pat/Hisako

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: TBA
 Oct: TBA
 Nov: TBA

Mouse Connections ** Beaverton, OR ** August 2005

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station, Murray Blvd & Butner Rd
 Contact: Ginger Christmas-Beattie
 Sept: TBD
 Oct: TBD
 Nov: TBD

Mt. Hood ** Gresham, OR ** July, 1988

Meets: 4th Monday—Program 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Avenue
 Contact: Barbara Herget
 Sept: Notebook Cover
 Oct: Applique
 Nov: Paper Piecing

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

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm
 Place: Oak Grove First Station
 Contact: Beth Heesacker/Apral Harrel
 Sept: Book Binding Techniques
 Oct: Book Binding Techniques
 Nov: Book Binding Techniques

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: Funky Chicken
 Oct: Shaving Cream
 Nov: Greeting Cards—Community Service

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 (# in Roster) ahead if you intend to visit another group.



Baby Powder Uses

If you believe baby powder is only for keeping skin smooth and fresh, you're really underestimating its power. Try sprinkling it some on these household woes to unleash its full potential.

1. A knotted necklace

Never waste time desperately tugging at tangled jewelry again. Loosen the knot with a little baby powder and use a pin to pull it apart.

2. Musty furniture

"I like to keep drawers fresh with a sprinkle of baby powder under drawer liners," says Becky at Clean Mama. "This is especially great with antique furniture that has that old smell."

3. Greasy hair

Most dry shampoos are starch-based, so baby powder has a similar effect in a pinch. Sprinkle some on your hands and massage it through your scalp to soak up excess oil.

4. A sweltering summer night

Crawling into a hot, sticky bed is no one's definition of nighttime relaxation. Dust powder between your sheets to help absorb sweat and keep things cool.

5. A stuck-together deck of cards

When poker night gets messy, toss the playing cards into a paper bag with a few tablespoons of powder and give them a good shake. Then wipe them with a paper towel.

6. A family of ants

Keep these intruders out of your kitchen by blocking their path with powder (they're not fans of the scent).

7. Oily stains

Don't stress over spilt salad dressing. Dab any oil-based stain with baby powder to absorb the grease before laundering like usual.

8. Dish glove friction

"After washing dishes, I sprinkle a little powder into my rubber gloves," says Victoria at Creative Home Keeper. "It helps keep them fresh while they dry and my hands easily slide through the next time."

9. Squeaky hardwood floors

Pour baby powder onto your wooden floor and sweep it into the cracks to quiet creaking floorboards. Wipe away the excess, and enjoy the sounds of silence.

10. Sandy feet

"Pack a travel size bottle of baby powder in your beach bag," says Jamielyn at I Heart Nap Time. "At the end of the day, rub it on your skin and sand will come right off."

11. Wimpy eyelashes

Beauty bloggers swear by this one. In between coats of mascara, use a cotton swab to dust baby powder on your lashes. "I was surprised how much volume it added," says Huda at Huda Beauty.

12. Sweaty feet

Sprinkle the stuff in your shoes to keep odors at bay. And forget socks — the powder keeps your feet dry so you can go barefoot in flats without worry.

When is Labor Day?

Answer: The first Monday of September

When was the first Labor Day parade held in the United States?

Answer: September 5, 1882 in New York City

Who was the U.S. President that signed the bill making Labor Day a National Holiday and in which Year was it done?

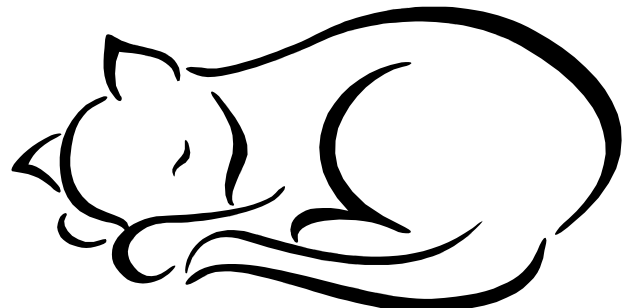
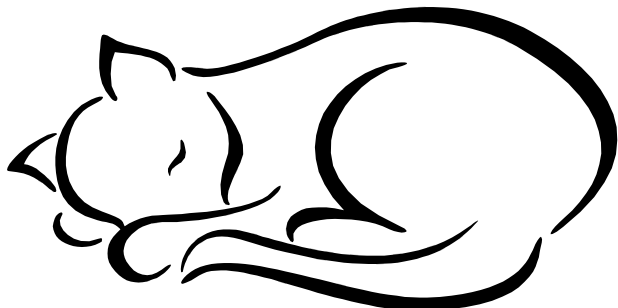
Answer: Grover Cleveland, under pressure from voters, signed the legislation in 1894

Who is considered the Father of Labor Day in America?

Answer: Peter McGuire – founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; credited with first proposing the idea of Labor Day as a national holiday in 1882. Samuel Gompers – American labor union leader, founded the American Federation of Labor (AF of L) Matthew McGuire - active in the formation of New York's Central Labor Council; William S. Walsh's 1898 book, *Curiosities of Popular Customs...* "In 1882 Matthew Maguire, secretary of the Central Labor Union in that city [New York], with the approval of the Union, corresponded with the various Labor organizations in the State with a view to setting aside one day in the year as their own holiday...Maguire was made chairman of the committee to arrange for the first labor day celebration in that year". Which one do you think is the father of Labor Day?

When Was The First Labor Strike in America?

Answer: Many believe 1872 and others say 1886. Still others contend the first labor strike in America was in 1836 when a group of Maine fishermen refused to work after the owner of their boats failed to pay them. Peter McGuire and 100,000 workers took to the streets in one of the largest worker strikes the nation had seen in 1886, the Haymarket Riots in Chicago occurred. But, actually the first labor strike on the American continent happened at Jamestown in the 1619, before the Pilgrims even got here. Polish artisans who had come over with British colonists went on strike when it was determined that only British people would be allowed to vote. The Poles went on strike, and the Brits quickly agreed to their demands to be enfranchised.





Labor Day Facts

Source: <http://www.bls.gov>

Civilian Labor Force

Answer: 155,170,000 (July 2010 non seasonally adjusted)

Number of Civilian Labor Force Employed

Answer: 140,134,000 (July 2010 non seasonally adjusted)

Number of Full-Time Workers

Answer: 113,974,000 (35 hours or more per week) (July 2010 non seasonally adjusted)

Number of Part-Time Workers

Answer: 26,160,000 (less than 35 hours per week) (July 2010 non seasonally adjusted)

Number of Workers with Multiple Jobs

Answer: 6,579,000 (July 2010 non seasonally adjusted)

Average Hourly and Weekly Earnings of All Employees on Private Nonfarm Payrolls

Answer: \$22.59 per hour; \$772.58 per week (July 2010 seasonally adjusted)

Frequently Asked Question of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics: Are undocumented immigrants counted in the (household and establishment) surveys?

Answer: It is likely that both surveys include at least some undocumented immigrants. However, neither the establishment nor the household survey is designed to identify the legal status of workers. Therefore, it is not possible to determine how many are counted in either survey. The establishment survey does not collect data on the legal status of workers. The household survey does include questions which identify the foreign and native born, but it does not include questions about the legal status of the foreign born.

The Year in which the 8 Hour Work Day was Established

Answer: The Labor Movement called for 8-hour days as early as 1836. In 1842, Boston ship carpenters won an 8-hour day, although they were not unionized. The year in which the 8-hour day was firmly established was 1916 with the passage of the Adamson Act. This was the first federal law regulating hours of workers in private companies.

Average Commute Time to Work

Answer: 24.3 minutes

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