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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Dear MEOW Sisters:

WOW, it's hard to believe that MEOW is 21 years "young". As many of you know I am a Charter member, a Lifetime member and I have served on the MEOW Board of Directors in various capacities for the past 20 years. I have seen many changes in MEOW over the years – most were positive and some were negative. For example: A few members complained about one thing or another but were never willing to work toward positive changes. They found fault with everything that didn't suit their way of thinking and would not take the initiative to work for the "betterment" of MEOW. I have remained on the Board because I believe in teamwork and that we can all "agree to disagree" while still remaining friends to work together to build a stronger organization.

MEOW is going through a transition at this time due to the sudden resignations of three Executive Board Officers and seven Committee chairs which was not done with the "betterment of MEOW" in mind. At the last board meeting held on April 25th, 2009 I was voted in as President to finish out the remaining term left vacant by Jan Story. By approval of the Board members in attendance I appointed Nancy Howard as Vice President to finish out the term left vacant by Joan Webster; Jackie Rosier as Treasurer to finish out my remaining term; Karen Bennett was already voted on as Secretary Pro-Tem and Nancy Shephard as Oregon Director to finish out Nancy Howard's term. Other Committee Chairs were voted on at that same time. This was all done according to MEOW By-Laws, Standing Rules and Roberts Rules of Order.

The Board of Directors and other members are trying to move forward to fulfill the purpose of MEOW. All of us are trying to get past the ongoing negativity of others. It is not helpful to MEOW for those who resigned for personal reasons to influence members of their respective groups. The Board, for that very reason, put together a factual and time sequenced information packet so EVERY member could read the facts and ascertain how they individually want to proceed (Your Area Rep should have this packet in her possession). We are not "out there" spreading inaccuracies about anyone.

I'm sure you have heard how mean and vicious all of the Board members are But you must know that each and every board meeting is open to the general membership. I encourage and invite you to come to a meeting and see how business is being conducted in a professional, caring and respectful manner.....with consideration for all members.

Each and every member needs to step back and reflect on why they joined MEOW. The following is taken from the membership Application form: M.E.O.W. is a nonprofit educational group comprised of persons interested in the field of machine embroidery and machine artistry. (Almost anything except sewing garments). The objectives are:

1. To encourage and promote interest and knowledge in creative sewing machine artistry as an art form (appliqué, Battenberg, cutwork, lace, charted needle, etc).
2. To develop friendships as a means of sharing with one another, methods, techniques and other ideas pertinent to machine artistry.
3. To encourage high ethical standards among those persons engaged in machine artistry as a hobby or as a profession.

I would have quit MEOW a long time ago if it weren't for the many techniques I have learned over the years; my love of free motion machine embroidery and the many wonderful friends I have made.

If anyone still has questions or concerns about the future of MEOW I am available to talk with you at anytime. I will have the packet of information with me at seminar if any member wishes to read it.

My best regards to all for continued sewing enjoyment,
Vicki Nelson, MEOW President

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Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting
July 25, 2009
Vancouver, WA

Due Dates for:

July Newsletter
Articles and Reports
July 29, 2009

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
Sept., Oct. and
November

Latimer MEOW Show

2105 Wilson River
Loop
Tillamook, Oregon
September 8, 2009-
November 8, 2009

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SEMINAR 2009 RAFFLE

Hi everyone!! Seminar is right around the corner! Would you like to go to Seminar with a Scholarship, reducing the expense next year? Then please support our raffle by donating new and like-new items for the raffle drawings held at Seminar 09. We are hoping to get donations from each group and other commercial vendors that support sewers and crafters. Please put together your items, beg from the vendors, and pack the goodies up and bring them to the raffle. If you have items to bring, please email, or call so I can put a thank you together ahead of time. If you have questions please give ME call: Pat Bridwell, Seattle Katz or patria2br@live.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Snippy Katz member **Kathy Goetz** who walked away with two ribbons from the prestigious Mid Valley Quilt Guild show in Rickrell, Oregon.

She received **first place** for her "By the Water's Edge" innovative embellished landscape wall quilt and **third place** AND the **Judges Award for the best use of color** for her "Capall Mhana" - Horse of the Sea wall quilt which featured her own original sea horse pattern surrounded by a traditional Celtic knot border.

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.

Just a word

I just wanted to say how honored I was to be approved by the MEOW Board to finish out this Vice President term.

Most of us want what is fair and honest for all of our members.

In taking the position of Vice President my job as director was left open. Nancy Shepherd has graciously accepted the responsibility to fill the remainder of that term and will now have "my" former groups.

In this time of upheaval volunteers have stepped forward to keep the wonderful time-honored tradition of MEOW running as smooth as possible.

Please welcome your new President and Secretary who have "stepped up to the plate" to fill those positions. With their experience and dedication MEOW will thrive.

MEOW is growing in numbers weekly. There will be some changes in the future. . . but please remember it is for the good of all. Of ALL MEMBERS and for the health and longevity of MEOW.

MEOW is cared for by volunteers. So please consider stepping forward and volunteering your talents and time to keep us being the best that we can be.

*In being an organization - there will be some times of upheaval and changes are destined to happen. But please remember that we **never** want to make the changes based on personality differences. We want every member to be treated with dignity, respect and fairness. And by doing so MEOW will continue to grow and be the friendly, helpful organization that we all know it can be.*

Signed,

Nancy Howard



This being our 21st Seminar, the Board of Directors thought that it would be a nice idea if we reprinted the "History of M.E.O.W." by Carol Cornford and told all the members which members are still with us after all these years, so here we go back in time . . . And in Carol Cornford's own words . . ." My husband and I returned to Oregon in March 1987 from Southern California. While living in LA, I joined CAME (California Association of Machine Embroiderers) as a Charter Member. I was very involved with getting my local group off the ground and attended several area group meetings each month. After moving to Salem, I felt like a fish out of water without the close attachment to other Machine Artists. I started teaching in late 1987 and one Saturday while I was demonstrating at the store, JoAnne Cross came in. She had heard from some of the NMEIA (National Machine Embroidery Instructors and Artists) members in Portland that someone had moved up from LA.

At the 1988 CAME Seminar, I met Bobbie Demmer and Alice Goetschius and we talked about starting a CAME Area group in Portland. Before the Seminar was over, we had been challenged by CAME's President, Sharon Hurley, to form a State group.

At my first GSG (Columbia Stitchery Guild) meeting, Alice, JoAnne and June Kendell and I talked about a State organization and were really excited about it. So I found a meeting place (Overlook House) and made up a flyer. Everyone interested took flyers, talked and sent the information to anyone and everyone they knew.

Finally the day for the formation meeting arrived. I knew that at least 5 or 6 ladies would be there because of the phone calls received, but when a grand total of 20 arrived, well, to say the least, I was delighted. We used CAME's by-laws as a basis for ours, decided that even through many of us were not into cats, that Gene's suggestion of MEOW was too appropriate a name to ignore. We nominated and had volunteers fill all the officer and Board positions. All it took was 2 1/2 hours. Thus, on May 31, 1988, MEOW was born through the efforts of these 20 ladies:

Caroline Burton , Canby, OR	Alice Goetschius , Canby, OR	Jeanne Martenson , Seattle, WA
Doreen Clayton, Beaverton, OR	Evelyn Haws, Troutdale, OR	Nancy Newell, Aloha, OR
JoAnne Cross , Redmond, OR	Barbara Herget , Sandy, OR	LeAnn Price, Estacada, OR
Bobbie Demmer , Tacoma, WA	June Kendell , Gresham, OR	Lillian Pullen Penney, Renton, WA
Bonnie Ellinger, Boring, OR	Pasty Kuppenbender, Milwaukie, OR	Gerry Ritter, Pacific City, OR
Theresa Giroux, Sumner, WA	Nancy Manny, Sumner, WA	Sandy Shannon, Aloha, OR
Carol Cornford, OR	June Williams, Salem, OR	

I don't think any of us at that meeting realized how very much an organization such as MEOW was needed. It mushroomed in membership. Just six (6) weeks short of our 4th birthday, our membership was 227, better than 1100% increase. Obviously, MEOW is really filling a need.

The 55 (56) *Charter Members are those who joined before September 15, 1988. All can be identified by the gold background membership pins. Along with the above founding ladies, they are as follows:

Marilyn Allen, Duluth, MN	Charlotte Haferkamp, Seattle, WA	Vicki Nelson , Edmonds, WA
Evelyn Barry, Olympia, WA	Theata Happ, Oklahoma City, OK	Betty Nicassio, Alta Loma, CA
Marge Barrett, Oregon City, OR	Sharon Hurley, Santa Barbara, CA	Maurine Noble, Seattle, WA
Harrietta Barlett, Joshua Tree, CA	Pat Jennings, Everret, WA	Mary Ray Osmus , Benicia, CA
Eleanor Belieu, West Linn, OR	Millie Lewis, Seattle, WA	Karren Richeson, Burlington, WA
Margaret Blake, Portland, OR	David Manny, Sumner, WA	Esther Read, Canby, OR
Doris Carmack, Fountain Valley, CA	Margaret McCreery, Hendersonville, TN	Eileen Schultz, Canby, OR
Debbie Casteel, Livermore, CA	Mildred Mead, MT	Bambi Stalder, Penngrove, CA
Treva Coston, Seattle, WA	Pat Merrell, Bountiful, MT	Mary Stusinski, Milwaukie, OR
Shannon Edmondson, Sequim, WA	Tecla Miceli-Schultz, Brea, CA	Lila Tabor, Milwaukie, OR
Cynthia Fellows, Gresham, OR	Marjorie Moxley, Tigard, OR	Linda Ward, Federal Way, WA
Jo Flint, Auburn, WA	Dot Wright, Huntington Beach, CA	Sue Watts, Seattle, WA

So here it is, our story, our roots. We are excited you joined us!"

Parenthesis number is counted names, no parenthesis is directly from the Membership Packed and the "History of MEOW". **Bolded names** have remained members since 1988 and are either Lifetime Members or Charter Members or both. Next time you see them, give them a Thank You for starting this wonderful organization that we all belong to!





Those Pesky Area Group Reports

No one likes the 'Sooo necessary' little chores.

By-Laws Article VII, section 6

DIRECTORS "Shall assist in the communications with assigned Area Groups and report to the Vice President in a timely manner."

So what kind of stuff is needed and why is it needed from me by such and such date? What happens if I am late or just do not send it?

Your Vice President is required to make a report at each meeting of the Board of Directors. Think of it as MEOW's "State of the Union" address each quarter. Materials for this report come solely from Area Reports submitted by the Directors, who in turn, have received them from the Area Reps.

Every one of us loves to see our Area Group's news "In print". I've heard much lamenting and gnashing of teeth, because your group was not mentioned, only has a "No Report" or "OPEN" reported in the MEOW Newsletter. *So what caused that? Each of you did*, by not getting the correct information or *any* information to your Director in time for it to be passed along and written into the Board reports. It takes a minimum of two weeks prior to board to do this.

There are TWO kinds of information needed. The group's Project Schedule and the news of the Group's Activities. Failure to send your group's project schedule will result in having an "OPEN" by your group's name. Failure to send a report on your group's activities will result in having a "No Report" by your group's name. Now, you know that sending in just the project schedule is not enough.

So, what do you need to say in the group's activity report? Tell about future events, tell about things that are happening that will be of interest to other members, tell about your Community Service projects. Past months and past projects are just that, *past*. *If your group has done something spectacular that would be of inspiration and interest to other groups, by all means, write a separate paragraph or two about it and it will be printed in the Newsletter. We do want to hear about it*

Your Newsletter editor has asked for each group's project schedule for the full year to be on file. If you have not sent this in yet, please do so as soon as possible. All reports and schedules need to be sent to your State Director at least 2 weeks prior to a Board meeting. The State Director then compiles the reports and sends the reports to the Vice President, Newsletter Editor and the Web Mistress.

Now, this isn't so hard, is it?

Respectively submitted,

Vicki Nelson

MEOW President

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*Latimer Quilt & Textile Show,
September 8, 2009 to November 8, 2009
Open House September 13, 12-4 pm*

The MEOW Committee and Latimer Museum will be hanging the show on Tuesday, September 8th. All items for the exhibit are due to the Committee by July 25th, 2009. Look for the form in this newsletter. Items may be sent to The committee members listed on the form or sent to the July Board Meeting. Items may be for sale or not, but every item needs a value for insurance purposes. Please attach a form along with a photo on each item for easy identification. Items need not be new as long as they are clean. All wall pieces must have a hanging device. The Committee will have flyers to advertise our show and would appreciate help from groups to place flyers in shops and places where there would be interest. All items not sold will be returned ASAP. We would like to have some people who would like to demo during the Open House September 13. If you are interested in doing so, please contact a Committee Member. Thank You in advance.

Caroline Burton
Committee Chair

MEOW Board Meeting Minutes
Felida Fire Station
11600 NW Lakeshore Avenue
Vancouver, Washington
Saturday, April 25, 2009

Vicki Nelson, Chairman Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. A sign-in sheet was passed around for the Board members and guests to sign in order to identify members that were present. See the following list:

Executive Officers: Vicki Nelson, Chairman Pro Tem, Karen Bennett, Secretary

Directors: Washington – Sali Lusk, Karen Bennett, Texanna Cato, Peggy Bodle and Oregon – Ruth Casciato, Nancy Howard, Kathy Brock, Caroline Burton

Committees: Jyll Jones 2009 Seminar Chairperson and Web Mistress, Tami Bennett Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress, Membership Pro Tem

Claudia Buntyn, Excused and Margie Mathison Unexcused.

Guests: Ginny Fischer, Dee Finney, Roberta Strebe, Jan Story, Nancy Shepherd, Sandy Radtke, Rena Andrews
Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum with eleven voting members present.

Minutes of the last meeting: Were approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Vicki Nelson handed out the Financial Report, which we will look at and talk about later

Vice-President's Report: Vicki Nelson, Chairman Pro Tem handed out copies of the Community Service report that was completed by Pat Bridwell. We want to thank her for taking the time to put this together for us. It will be turned over to Diane Baker to complete the Income Tax paperwork that we had to ask an extension for last year. Vicki also handed out an apology letter that was sent to Joan Webster, which will also be placed in the Newsletter concerning missing reports that were eventually found.

Secretary's Report: 16 Sunshine Cards were sent out by Carla LaBrousse from February 7 to March 30, 2009. The current minutes will be sent out for corrections and approval in the coming week.

Director's Reports: All the reports have been presented to the Newsletter Editor. Daffy Cats have regained their meeting place at the Quality Sew and Vac in Federal Way, WA. Fantasy Felines are hosting a workshop with Meredith Arnold making Silk beads. The date is July 11th in Edmonds, WA. The cost of the workshop is \$25.00. There are five (5) spaces open if you are interested. Send a check in the amount of \$25.00 to Vicki Nelson to reserve a space. There will also be a potluck. The Idaho Group now has a Web page, they have five (5) members and their new name is **Purrfection**. Robin Slocum is their Area Rep and Karen Bennett visited them in early March. She had a wonderful time meeting the ladies at a Bakery/Restaurant in Kamiah, WA. They are an excited group of ladies eager to begin learning our techniques.

Membership: We now have 285 members. That is a gain of 17 new members since February, 2009. Membership packets, seminar brochures and rosters were sent out to all of them and the pins will be going out next week.

Newsletter Report: \$1250.00 was advanced to Tami Bennett for the January newsletter. She still has a credit of \$343.66 after sending them out. Two newsletters were lost in the mail and replaced at the request of the members.

Scholarship Report: Seventeen (17) names were drawn for scholarship and five (5) alternate names were also drawn. Thirteen (13) scholarships will be used this year. Five (5) of the scholarships were re-used when the recipients were notified. We had two that were selected for teachers at Seminar and their scholarships were returned. There are five (5) scholarship recipients from 2008 seminar that have not

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completed their assignments nor have they sent in their signed forms. Lists of Seminar teachers that need to have an invite to present their projects will be listed in the newsletter. Scholarships are not transferable; if you can't use it, it must be returned to the Scholarship Chairman. Does anyone know who might have the Badge-A- Minute machine? Arlene used it to make (Ask-Me-To-Teach) badges. Jan Story didn't know anything about where it might be and we will be contacting Arlene Harrison. If anyone else knows about where it might be, please contact Vicki Nelson.

Fairs: Rena Andrews the WA Fairs Pro Tem sent out several notices: 1 by phone and 6 by e-mail. We are still looking for someone to take over Oregon Fairs. Peggy Bodle reported that she had sent out certificates only to the Asotin County Fair as they already had the ribbons.

Sew Expo: Our booth at the March Expo was very successful this year. Pampered Persians/Pink Panthers have gained six (6) new members so far and Fantasy Felines gained two (2).

Seminar 2009: Jyll Jones stated that we have ten (10) vendor tables, 61 people have registered with more coming each day and 63 was our goal. Texanna Cato, Vicki Nelson, Elaine Solvang and Vicky Wyrick toured the hotel complex at the end of March. Texanna stated that it is a beautiful place, free parking, a restaurant in house, restaurants in the area, the pool will be open (so bring you suits ladies), an outside picnic area and there will be massage therapists on site. The Seattle Katz will be doing the on-site registration and it is at the Red Lion in Olympia.

We will be having a catered Pajama Party on Saturday night with prizes. The grocery bag exchange gift pattern can be found on the Website under Patterns. There are no restrictions as to what you put on the bag, but there are size limits.

Kitty Young and the Multi-Media group are the only ones that have signed up for a Sharing Table. Jyll Jones will send out a mass e-mail about the sharing tables and registration of the hotel rooms.

The hotel has fold out screens available for those that might want to display their projects up off of the tables, but you would need to notify Jyll so she can let them know.

Confirmation letters on class selections will be going out after the Board meeting.

Due to the low registration there will be another cut of classes available by May 6, 2009

There is one large ballroom that will hold the raffle gifts, sharing tables and vendor tables. This room will be locked at night and reopened in the morning, so you will be able to see the gifts that are coming in and displayed prior to the raffle.

Brochure Problems – The brochures were labeled and stamped per the Olympia Main Post Office. Jyll Jones was told to bring only 100 to 150 in at a time, so that they could process them. She handed them personally to the postal clerk that was going to be taking care of sending them out. After a large number of them were not delivered, Jyll went back to the Post Office to file a complaint. Their comment was that if we don't send the brochures priority (\$5.40 each), they have no way of tracking them. They were sent first class and still were not delivered, except that Jyll is now being notified that several members have just received the brochure. Tami Bennett at the request of Vicki Nelson began sending out second copies of the brochures to those that were sent, but not received. She was not there to send one out to everyone.

Jyll Jones gave a huge apology to the entire Board and all members of MEOW about the brochure problem. This was never in the plan and we still don't know where they went, but during our conversation at the Board meeting, we were advised of a number of problems that the Board members were having in getting their mail and also sending it out (Peggy Bodle had to send her registration in twice before Vicki Nelson received it. Not sure where the first mailing went.

Website Report: Tami Bennett purchased her own program to begin up-grading the Website and other reporting areas. She is updating the group pages; and the Idaho Group now has their own. She contacted all of the area groups for their reports and only received fifteen (15) back. Many of them said that they were not planning anything and just leave the space open. She has added new publications, set up a pattern area that will see new items as she finds them. There is an important information section on the Latimer Show for MEOW, please read and consider sending in projects for display. They would need to be delivered to Caroline Burton, Nancy Shepherd or Betty Cooper no later than July 25, 2009 Board meeting that will be in Vancouver, WA. You can find the information under the heading "Upcoming Events" and Latimer Quilt Festival Show – September, 2009.

Many members are having trouble getting information off of the Website. There are a number of different ways of seeing the information: Hi-speed, DSL and Dial Up, the Browsers (are different), to get one of the slide shows to work it can take up to ½ hour on DSL and Dial up,



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which is too long a period to wait, so it is easier to put up one picture at a time.

The mass e-mail concept was voted in by the Board of Directors, but 70 members don't accept attachments, PDF's won't open and it is impossible to set up a system that will work for everyone because there are so many different systems in use.

If you have any problems, please contact Jyll or Tami and they will see what they can do to make sure that you can receive the information being sent out.

Sali Lusk asked about some of the past information that keeps coming up when we are searching. They don't update those search engines very often, so when we delete items, they can still come up until they update and then the old stuff disappears.

Latimer Quilt Festival Show for MEOOW – September 8 (this change was made due to the holiday schedule), to November 8, 2009 and our Open House is on September 13, 2009. Caroline Burton is asking for volunteers to come and present projects in the making during the open house. All items must be turned in by July 25, 2009 at the Board Meeting. There is a form on the Website and it will be in the Newsletter. You must have a form for each item that you want to display. It can be for sale or not, please give a value which ever way you are going for insurance purposes, also attach a photo or you can put \$1.00 along with the form and they will take a picture for you. Wall pieces must have a hanger: can be sleeve and rod, a saw tooth hanger, etc. There are no size limitations. The items will be juried as to areas available. **NO PICTURES WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SHOW and a sign will be placed by Latimer stating this decision by the Board of Directors.**

Nancy Shepherd presented a copy of the 1999 pin design that the Latimer Quilt Show Committee would like to digitize to sell to the MEOOW members for the benefit of the General fund. Nancy will be presenting the information at the General Business Meeting as to cost and designs that will be included.

Many new members and several other members have been asking why we have \$40,000+ in the bank and not spending it? Here is a quick breakdown to answer your questions:

As of January, 24, 2009 we had 243 paying members, which equals \$8,505.00, four (4) new members joined prior to April 1 and sixteen new members joined after April 1, which equals \$460.00. This makes our total income for the year at \$8,965.00

Operating Expenses for fiscal year	\$13,450.00
Income available to cover expenses	<u>- 8,965.00</u>
Deficit of	\$-4,485.00

MEOOW Assets	\$40,000.00
Standing Rule 25	-10,000.00
Operating Expense	<u>-13,450.00</u>

Total Remaining \$16,650.00

To fully fund our yearly operating costs, **we need 385 full pay members.** The yearly dues are our only income at this time. If our projected expenses stay the same as well as our membership numbers, we will be out of money in approximately four years.

Peggy Bodle was excused from the remainder of the meeting as we still had the required quorum

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Nancy Howard and 2nd by Sali Lusk that we accept the resignations of Marjorie Mathison, Roberta Strebe and Mona Hermens. There were 10 Yes votes 0 No votes.

We made two changes to the General Standing Rules:

Kathy Brock made the motion that we strike out the first sentence in the first standing rule and it was 2nd by Nancy Howard. As we are now in the age of e-mail there is no reason to keep having to provide a copy of reports to all voting members of the Board, when they can print them from their e-mails. The vote was 10 Yes 0 No votes

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We are changing the wording to read: Participate in local sewing related venues with Board approval. A motion was made by Tami Bennett and 2nd by Jyll Jones that we make this change to update this item.

The vote was 10 Yes votes 0 No votes

We are still in need of a volunteer for the Oregon Fair position and the Directors were asked to talk to their groups about someone volunteering and there will be an article in the newsletter. Peggy Bodle will write a description for the position of fairs.

As President, Jan Story asked all of the positions to submit a write up for their jobs to be placed in the various notebooks and on file for future reference. We asked Jan where these write ups were as they weren't found in the President's file she turned over at the February 7, 2009 meeting. She still had them in her possession and was asked to provide them to the Board. Jan indicated that she would, but later informed Vicki Nelson that she unfortunately no longer had them on her computer. Nancy Shepherd had written the one for the President's position and said she would work on putting it together

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again.

We discussed the viability of having a Seminar 2010 due to the economic times. Several Board members will take the next month to scout out a possible location and give a report at the General Board Meeting. It will be based on 100 people for four (4) days. Judy Betz of CAME reported that on their 25th year they only had 35 members registered. Caroline Burton stated that she felt that we should continue to have the seminars to keep our continuity and momentum going. We used to make two sets of books for the Seminar. Both sets of books went to seminar chairs, the current chair has a set and the following chair has a set to get her started. At some point in time there was a decision to clean house and historical Seminar Manual was lost.

The costs to hold a Seminar are for example: \$4,000 minimum for the venue, \$10,000 for teachers and the operating costs makes up the remainder. Members are also asking for at least 1 class a day for advanced projects.

We discussed the need for ten (10) directors and came to the conclusion that since we only had eight (8) volunteers for the positions and that our membership is still down under 300, we will go with just the eight directors (4 in Oregon and 4 in Washington). We will shuffle the groups prior to the new officers taking office in September.

Honorary Members: Tami Bennett read the requirements for honorary membership and each proposed member met the following:

1. Member for ten years
2. Active in a Board position for four years or more
3. Active in a local Area Group
4. Has provided significant leadership and/or inspiration to MEOOW
5. Has worked "above and beyond" for the betterment of MEOOW
6. Must be a current member of MEOOW

The qualifications were read and a discussion began with all of the Board members and guests voicing their opinions as to the qualifications under these conditions. Secret ballots were handed out and the results were tallied by Dee Finney and Ginny Fischer. Of the thirteen (13) members proposed for Honorary Membership, eight (8) received a yes and will be presented their certificates and letters at the General Business Meeting at the Seminar. Letters will be sent to those that will not receive an honorary membership this year.

Charter Members: Since this is our twenty-first year, it was discussed and decided that the full list of charter members per Carol Cornford's History of MEOOW will be printed in the Newsletter. Of that original list we still have nine (9) charter members: Caroline Burton, JoAnne Cross, Bobbie Demmer, Alice Goetschius, Barbara Herget, June Kendell, Jeanne Martenson, Mary Ray Osmus, and Vicki Nelson. Seven (7) of those listed are Life Time Members.

The subject of what constitutes an **excused absence** for voting members came up and we will discuss that at the next meeting.

E-mail Etiquette: When someone sends you an e-mail please take the time to answer with a quick reply stating: Yes I received it or received your e-mail. This would make it so much easier to know if the information we are trying to send or communicate has been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following Board of Officers was voted on to complete a one year term vacated by others; President - Vicki Nelson; Vice-President - Nancy Howard, Treasurer - Jackie Rosier and Oregon Director - Nancy Shepherd. Jyll Jones made the motion that we accept these volunteers and Texanna Cato 2nd the motion. 10 Yes votes 0 No votes

Committee Chairs: Scholarship - Pat Bridwell; Fall and Spring Expo's - Millie James; Sunshine Cards - Carla LaBrousse; Washington Fairs - Rena Andrews; Historian - Vicky Wyrick; Membership - Sandy Radtke and Media-tion - Kitty Young, Apral Harrel and Kim Keller

These names were presented to the Board by Vicki Nelson, President. Nancy Howard made a motion that we accept this slate of volunteers and Sali Lusk 2nd the motion. There was a short discussion and 10 Yes votes 0 No votes

New Ballot: The new officers will be presented at the Seminar General Business Meeting. Ballots will be in the mail the last week of April and you will have until May 11, 2009 to return them. They must be mailed by snail mail this year. No e-mail votes will be accepted and they must be signed or placed in a blank envelope with a signature on the outside to verify that the members voting have a current membership status. There were no floor

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nominations presented and Nancy Howard made a motion that the nominations should be closed and they were 2nd by Kathy Brock. 12 Yes votes 0 No votes

Jyll Jones brought up the need for a **storage unit** to store the Seminar supplies, the Historical records, Seminar records and the Display boards. We are looking at an 8' x 8' unit with a price of \$40.00 per month. Entry is by key code and will be kept by several Board Members. We are looking in Olympia as it is fairly central to both areas. Nancy Howard made a motion that we approve funds for a storage unit for a year and Kathy Brock 2nd the motion. Jyll will continue to find the best set up available. 12 Yes votes 0 No votes

Vicki Nelson brought up the need for a **Debit/Credit Card** to take care of our Pure Host and our Domain costs that require a credit card payment. If we were to write a check they would charge an extra \$30.00 for the privilege. Vicki will look into a prepaid credit card from the Banks that we use. The limit would be set at \$500-\$750. We will discuss this again at the next Board meeting

Welcoming Card: At the request of Beverly Robinson, Silver City Kitties Area Rep, Sali Lusk presented an updated format for a welcoming card that is from our original four part folded card. The format will be placed in the next newsletter that has available space and it will also be found on the Website. It is for use by the Area Reps to welcome new members and teachers that present to their group. This was approved.

A question was asked about why we use the Robert's Rules of Order. Jan Story stated that they are part and parcel of our guidelines. We first use our By-laws, then our Directors General Standing Rules, but when we can't find the answers in either of those areas, we must go to the Robert's Rules of Order. Almost every organization in the United States uses them for parliamentary law. We thank Jan for her explanation of why we need to have copies on hand at our meetings.

Tami Bennett proposed that the MEOW Board approve the cost of providing seventeen copies of the Robert's Rules of Order to the voting members of the Board to stay with the office position and Nancy Howard 2nd the motion. 12 Yes votes 0 No votes

Historian – Vicky Wyrick is working on putting together a C.D. that will go to each Area Rep Group and Directors, which will have patterns that can be used by MEOW. She is in the process of checking out Copyright Laws and contacting all known owners of designs that are in our books. If we are using anyone's pattern that we can identify, please make sure that you are giving credit to that designer. Copyright is always in effect for a minimum of 70 years whether it is registered or not.

Membership: We have a chance to purchase an updated software program that is a database file only. This means that it can't be used for e-mail or website use. It is the Ultimate Office and the cost is \$100.00. A discussion ensued concerning the old system that we have been using for more than ten (10) years. Nancy Howard made a motion that we donate the MEOW computer and unnecessary items to a school, church or etc. and get a receipt for bookkeeping purposes and was 2nd by Tami Bennett and that we purchase the updated program. 12 Yes votes 0 No votes

Our next meetings will be the General Business Meeting at Seminar on May 29, 2009

And our next Board meeting will be at the Vancouver, WA Fire Station on July 25, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm after a motion was made by Nancy Howard and 2nd by Tami Bennett to do so.

Respectfully Submitted
by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

Corrected: May 6, 2009

Approved:

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOLUNTEERISM

Thank you to all that stepped forward to help with the open positions . . . Rena Andrews, Pat Bridwell, Apral Harrel, Millie James, Kim Keller, Carla LaBrousse, Sandy Radte, Jackie Rosier, Nancy Shepherd, Vicky Wyrick, and Kitty Young. Your help and dedication to MEOW is greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors Thanks you again for filling valuable positions!



Area Group				Retail	Sewing	#	Donation Recipient	
	Demo Hours	Judging Hours	Other Hours	Value of Project	hours for project	of contribent members		
Aristocats	0	0	0	30 Walker bags	\$900	120	4	Mt Scott Care Center
Aristocats				105 Cool Tie/Helmt	\$1,575	162	5	US Army
Aristocats				9 Polar Fleece Blkts	\$90	18	2	Children W Cancer
Aristocats				39 Jackets/Vests	?	156	2	NW Children's Outrch
Bytes & PCs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Cats	15	94	190	56 Stuffed Animals	\$1,117.20	310	12	Sound Care Kids
Capital Cats				6 Quilts	\$60.00	8	1	Project Linus
Country Kitties	0	0	1552	5 Baked Goods	\$50	8	1	Trout Lk Comm Fair
Country Kitties				1 Quilt	\$800	80	1	St Mary's School
Country Kitties				1 Wall hanging Qlt	\$100	***	***	Walter Reed Med
Country Kitties				1 Wall hanging Qlt	\$100	***	***	Roseburg, VA Hosp
Creative Cats	0	0	0	45 Baby Blankets	\$360	135	***	Salem All. Baby Botq
Cyber Cats	0	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0
Daffy Cats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Designer Cats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Digi-Cats	0	0	0	4 Baby Quilts	\$36	15	***	Project Linus
Digi-Cats				40 Pillow Cases	\$200	10	***	Conkerr Cancer/Kids
Digi-Cats				50 Pillow Cases	\$200	25	***	Childrens Hospital
Fabricats			255					
Fantasy Felines	100		73	20 Preemie hats	\$5	100	1	Amara Parenting
Fantasy Felines				25 Bags	\$187.50	60	4	Foster Kids
Hollywood Stars	0	0	157					
Juanita Gatos	0	0	0	33 Walker bags	\$495	50	6	Grp Health Hmcare
Juanita Gatos				20 Pillow cases	\$200	20	1	Foster Serviof KC
Kalico Kitties	0	0	0	25 Cuddle Blkts	\$500	27	5	White Shield
Klassey Kats	0	0	45	20 Lap Baby Qlts	\$900	42	4	DSHS
Klassey Kats				10 Fleece Qlts	\$650	44	1	DSHS
McKits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mouse Conn.			168	30 Blkts/Sweaters	***	40	2	***
Mt Hood	8	0	1709	5 Lap Quilts	\$250	54.5	4	Fairlawn Nurse Hm
Mt Hood				12 Xmas Stockings	\$120	27	8	Boring Fire District
Multi Media Kats	0	0	0	36 Walker Bags	\$1,080	120	2	RoseCent Salv Army
Multi Media Kats				15 Cool Ties	\$150	22.5	2	RoseCent Salv Army
Multi Media Kats				500 Gem Bags/kids	\$75	60	2	Gem & Rock Show
Pampered Pers.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pink Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandy Katz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle Katz	8	0	35	12 Breast Pillows	\$24	24	8	NW Hospital
Seattle Katz				4 Scarves	\$12	12	2	NW Hospital
Seattle Katz				2 Hats	\$4	6	2	NW Hospital
Silver City Kitties	3	51	340	59 Qlts/Stuffed Anim	\$2,065	354	8	Kitsap Comm Res.
Silver City Kitties				61 Pillowcases	\$732	162	8	Kitsap Comm Res.
Silver City Kitties				16 Knit Hats	\$80	32	1	Kitsap Comm Res.
Snippy Cats	10	0	184	300 Baby Blankets	\$600	300	11	Family Bld Blocks
Snippy Cats				200 Baby Blankets	\$400	200	1	Salem All. Church
Stray Cats	83.5	0	0	33 Hats	\$330	66	1	Pennisula Sch Dist
Tacoma Tabbies	80		118	115 Pillowcases	\$1,150	86	10	Mary Bridge Hosp
Tacoma Tabbies				50 Doll Hosp Gowns	\$250	31	8	Mary Bridge Hosp
Tacoma Tabbies				# *** scarves etc	***	***	2	Bethel School Dist
Tri-Katz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	308	145	4826		\$15,847.70	2987	132	
Missing info	***							

M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

2/7/2009 to 3/29/2009

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	02/14/09	Judy Shields	Country Kitties	Her knee Surgery
2	02/14	Bev Carpenter	Country Kitties	Son's Surgery
3	02/14	Toni Colby	Puyallup Pampered	Mother's Illness
4	02/14	Peggy Bodle	Country Kitties	Family Member Injury
5	02/17	Marilyn Willeford	Creative Cats	Husband passed away
6	03/02	Toni Colby	Puyallup Pampered	Husband passed away
7	03/07	Barbara Wolfendale	Cyber Cats	Heart Surgery
8	03/07	Sali Lusk	Cyber Cats	Complication from fall
9	03/09	Anita Gallagher	Kalico Kitties	Daughter's Surgery
10	03/10	JoAnne Cross	Multi-Media Kats	Broken Bone Surgery
11	03/10	Marjorie Mathison	Juanita Gatos	Broken Arm
12	03/16	Donna Stewart	Cyber Cats	Illness - Pneumonia
13	03/16	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Thank you
14	03/21	Marsha Kurle	Juanita Gatos	Death of Father in law
15	03/24	Sali Lusk	Cyber Cats	Spinal Surgery
16	03/29	Mary Petram	Creative Cats	Surgery

Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
Thank you 1	2	Self	5	Self		Self
	3	Family	2	Family	3	Family
		Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
Total 1	5	TOTAL	7	TOTAL	3	TOTAL

Latimer Quilt & Textile Show, September 8, 2009 to November 8, 2009

Open House September 13, 12-4 pm

MEOW Committee and Latimer will be hanging the show on Tuesday, September 8th. All items for the exhibit are due to the Committee by July 25th, 2009. Look for the form in this Newsletter and on the Website. Items may be sent to Committee Members listed on the form or sent to the July Board Meeting. Items may be for sale or not, but each item needs a value for insurance purposes. Please attach a form along with a photo on each item for easy identification. Items need not be new as long as they are clean. All wall pieces must have a hanging device. The Committee will have flyers to advertise our show and would appreciate help from groups to place flyers in shops and places where there would be interest. All items not sold will be returned ASAP. We would like to have some people who would like to demo at the Open House September 13. If you are interested in doing so, please contact a Committee Member. Thank You in advance.

Caroline Burton, Latimer Committee Chair



Invite them to Teach

Thirteen scholarships were given to MEOW members to attend Seminar 2009.

These winners must teach a lesson or technique at a group other than their home group. This is a perfect time to get in touch with them—they are all here—and invite them to be part of your group’s schedule. They must complete this obligation by May 15, 2010.

When you invite them, consider those who live close to your group. With the price of gas these days, be sure to collect enough money at your group so that their fuel expense is reimbursed. Thank you . . .

The following are Scholarship Winners:

Oregon:

- Betty Cooper Aristocats
- Alice Howell McKits

Washington

- Texanna Cato Fantasy Felines
- RobbaLee Hall Silver City Kitties
- Connie Hasten Fantasy Felines
- Sharon Hults Fantasy Felines
- Susan Isaacson Tacoma Tabbies
- Marjorie Mathison Juanita Gatos
- LaVerne Mazzuca Fantasy Felines
- Letha McKinnon Fantasy Felines
- Gail Mikuchonis Pampered Persians
- Joanne Schoner Pampered Persians
- Elaine Solvang Fantasy Feline

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

At the January 24th board meeting it was announced that 17 members had applied for Carol Cornford scholarships. The \$150.00 scholarship is to assist in defraying costs for the 2009 seminar. Money raised by the Scholarship raffle in 2008 supports these 17 scholarships.

The following 13 members have accepted their scholarships: Texanna Cato, Betty Cooper, Alice Howell, Sharon Hults, Susan Isaacson, Lavern Mazzuca, Letha McKinnon, Gail Mikuchonis, Joanne Schoner, Elaine Solvang, Connie Hasten, Robba Lee Hall and Majorie Mathison.

Two people whose names were drawn returned their scholarships because they were selected to be teachers. The scholarship money earmarked for 2009 but not used will be returned to the scholarship fund for the next seminar.

You can help these recipients fulfill their obligation of teaching at a group that is not their own by inviting them to teach at your group. Please consider the driving distance for these people when you invite them.

Of the 15 winners of the 2008 scholarship, five have not completed their contractual agreement to teach. This has to be completed by May 15, 2009 or the person has to reimburse MEOW the \$150.00 scholarship grant. It was brought up at the board meeting that one of the recipients was going to be teaching on May 15. If the recipient needs the form to be submitted to MEOW they can find that form on the web. Or if they need one mailed to them they can contact Pat Bridwell, as she was appointed scholarship chair at the April 25, 2009 board meeting.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience as I have muddled my way through this in trying to get this job done this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Nancy Howard
 (Former) Scholarship Chair Pro-Tem

Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders! You have a very hardy task each Newsletter. I would like to thank last Newsletter proofreaders: Nancy Howard, Nancy Shepherd, and Vicki Nelson!

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

Aristorcats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway
 Contact: Jo Anne Cross
 June: Schedule for coming months
 July
 August:

Boarder Cats ** Lynden, WA ** November 2008

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm—9:00pm
 Place: Tangled Thread Quilt Shop, 202 6th Street
 Contact: Donna Bybee
 June:
 July:
 August:

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex
 Contact: Linda Rigby
 June: Planning Meeting/Potluck
 July:
 August:

Capital Cats * Olympia, WA ** May 1993

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am —4:00 pm
 Place: Lacy Library 500 College Ave SE
 Contact: Wilma Simpson
 Velma Fitzsimmons
 June: Thread Catcher
 July: UFO Cleanup and Planning Session
 August: Stained Glass without Bias Tape—Cathy Beal

Country Kitties * Hood River, OR ** February 1991

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla Labrousse
 June: Trapunto —Ginny Fisher
 July: Planning Session for 2009—2010
 August: TBA at July meeting

Creative Cats * Salem, OR * Dec. 1990/Aug. 2004

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: Capitol Manor Retirement Center Hwy 22
 Contact: Lyda Banick
 June: Bobbin Work
 July: Beginning face portrait work—Jan Story
 August: Curved Pieced Jacket with Free Motion Animals—A. Morris

Cyber Cats * Renton, WA * April 2004

Meets: 4th Thursday 9:30 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: King of King's Lutheran Church 18207—108th Ave SE
 Contact: Caroline Gerneglia
 June: Potluck & Planning Session
 July: Open
 August: Open

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

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm
 Place: Quality Sew and Vac, 31653 Pacific Highway South, Federal Way
 Contact: No Area Rep at this time Mary Dicks
 June: Open
 July: Open
 August: Open

Designer Cats * Chehalis, WA ** Sept. 1998

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier
 June: Community Service—No Meeting
 July: Community Service—No Meeting
 August: Community Service—No Meeting

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
 June: Planning Session
 July: Open
 August: Open

Fabricats * Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 June: No Meeting
 July: Free Motion Quilting
 August: Open

Fantasy Felines * Lynnwood, WA 88 May, 1994

Meets: 2nd Monday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W
 Contact: Elaine Solvang/Vicki Nelson
 June: Planning Session with Potluck
 July: Brazilian Embroidery Part 1—Vicki Nelson
 August: Brazilian Embroidery Part 2—Vicki Nelson



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
 June: Planning Session
 July:
 August:

Juanita Gatos * Kirkland, WA ** June, 1992

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm — 8:30 pm
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac 13501 — 100th Ave NE
 Contact: Diane Baker/Marsha Kurlle
 June: Planning Party
 July: Community Service
 August: Open

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
 June: Party and Planning Meeting Potluck
 July: Field Trip
 August: Lost in the Stash—Peggy Bodle

Klassy Katz * Aberdeen, WA ** October, 2004

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Quilt Harbor Two 208 Broadway
 Contact: Jennie Giles
 June: Designer Fabrics—Ann Tosland
 July: Humanitarian—Mary Kay Heggie & Jennie Giles
 August: Open

McKits * Lafayette, OR ** July, 2000

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: The Quilted Hill, 7601 NE Blackburn Ro, Yamhill
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Mona Hermans
 June: Journal Cover
 July: Beaded Santa—Janette Johnson
 August: Thread Catcher—Roberta Strebe

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
 June: Scheduling Programs for 2009—2010
 July:
 August:

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
 June: Planning Meeting
 July: Sweatshirt Jacket Part I/ Group Share
 August: Sweatshirt Jacket Part II/Group Share

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
 June: Marbling, an Artistic Approach—Beth /Caroline
 July: Rusting of Paper and Fabric—Caroline at Caroline's
 August: Airbrushing—Jan and Beth at Jan's

Pampered Persians * Puyallup, WA ** April, 2005

Meets: 2nd Thursday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
 Place: South Hill Quality Sew & Vac 3715 S. Meridian
 Contact: Gail Mikuchonis/Toni Colby
 June: 3-D Thread Butterflies—Gail M.
 July: Basic 101 Quilting Tech—Gail M.
 August: Beaded Peacock—Karen Bennett

Pink Panthers * Puyallup, WA ** April, 2007

Meets: 2nd Thursday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
 Place: South Hill Quality Sew & Vac 3715 S. Meridian
 Contact: Gail Mikuchonis
 June: 3-D Thread Butterflies—Gail M.
 July: Basic 101 Quilting Tech—Gail M.
 August: Beaded Peacock—Karen Bennett

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)
 June: Open
 July: Open
 August: 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: Dian Millette Kathy Jones
 June: Laundry filters as fabric bookcovers
 July: Felting
 August: Decorative Bleaching on Black Fabric

Seattle Katz * Seattle, WA 88 September, 1999

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: Pat Bridwell call Shelly for information
 Contact: Shelly Watson
 June: Planning and Potluck
 July: Silk Bead Workshop—July 11th
 August: Field Trip (TBD)

Silver City Kitties * Silverdale, WA ** July 1999

Meets: 1st Tuesday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Sound Sew & Vac, 10600 Silverdale Way
 Contact: Beverly Robinson
 June: Oil sticks & Thread Sketching—Mary Pickens
 July: Oil sticks & Thread Sketching—Mary Pickens
 August: Community Service Project

Silver Kits * Silverton, OR ** March, 2006

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: Purl Dist— No. Water St., Silverton, WA
 Contact: Jessica Kennedy
 June: Fabric Vessels
 July: TBA
 August: Community Service

Snippy Kats * Keizer, OR ** August, 2004

Meets: 4th Friday 9:30 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: John Knox Presbyterian Church 452 Cummings Ln N
 Contact: Jan Story
 June: Picnic Potluck/Planning
 July: Marion County Fair/ No Meeting
 August: Oregon State Fair/No Meeting

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
 June: Community Service Project
 July: No Meeting
 August: Community Service Project

Tri-Katz * Pasco, WA ** April, 2004

Meets: 2nd Saturday 1:00pm—3:30 pm
 Place: Janean's Bernina 6303 Burden Blvd. #C
 Contact: Gail Ristow
 June: Beading on Fabric
 July: Free Motion Birds
 August: TBA

Valley Cats * Albany, OR ** October, 1994

Meets: 1st Saturday 10:00am — 2:00 pm
 Place: Oregon Sew & Vac 401—1st Ave NW
 Contact:

We are going on vacation until May 2009. We will meet again on May 2, 2009 at Oregon Sew-Vac at 10:00 am to discuss options. We can come and play on First Saturday of each Month.

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

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

Kitty Tip

Use non-slip shelf/drawer liner under your cutting mat if you find that it slides while trying to cut. If you have an embroidery machine and your outer hoop wants to slide around while you are trying to hoop the project, put a layer under the hoop. You can find this product in any hardware store, grocery store and even at the Dollar Tree.

Charlene Mosher
 Sound Sewing, Silverdale, WA

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

February Strip piecing Flip and sew method for sewing leaf placemats. taught by Marbe Cook 2 guests attended this month Luann and Marilyn Niewoehner from Rugby, N.D. Placemats were made with 1" by 18" sewing the strips together on batting and backing and then cut into a leaf shape and bind. We had several show and tells this month Marilyn brought some embroidered items to share with the group. Marbe brought a wall hanging project she had worked on with fourth graders in the Artist in the Schools program. There were 8 blocks of fabric where they had photocopied photos of babies in a collage onto the blocks. Some of these photos were from the 19th Century and mixed with the baby pictures of the children in the class. Marbe was very impressed with the cooperation the hospital and community gave her in opening up their archived photos to her. Allowing her to take them to copy, willingly, she really appreciated the trust they had in her. Rena and Barb brought items from the Superior Thread Class they had attended in Utah over the previous weekend. They showed us drawstring bags with new plastic material used for the base (not on the market yet) that shrinks when heat is applied. New needle case to hold different sizes of needles which remain in their original containers. Anita brought a camouflage frog blanket she is working on. Carla wore the sweater she had recently finished knitting (the night before) and the grocery bag tote to demonstrate what we are requested to make for trading at seminar. Nancy H showed some bead work she had just recently completed. Nancy Lynn brought a valentine card that Ginny gave her, made at last month's cut work project.

March, Peggy Bodle taught Molas this was layering several different colors of fabric and then cutting the piece in such a way that different colors show.

Barbara shared a card from Marilyn Niewoehner a guest she had brought to an earlier meeting. Marilyn is from Rugby, North Dakota; she writes: One of the highlights of my recent trip to Hood River was being invited to the local MEOW meeting. If I lived in your area, I would be a member. I felt very comfortable with that great group of women. I had a vacation second to none. I shopped 'til I dropped every day. I hope to have the opportunity to visit your group again. Sincerely, Marilyn Niewoehner.

Due to renovation of our normal meeting facilities we must temporarily relocate our meeting for the next two or three months.

April was Black work taught by Ginny Fischer. Technique of using utility and fancy stitches in different densities adjusting length and widths of stitches; and appliquéing together to create different designs. Using fusible web to secure them and then cutting in different designs. One of our new members, Linda Simkus, is a member of Fallen Servicewomen which had a write up in Quilter's Newsletter Magazine April/May 2009 (see the photo) she took a quilt that was in that magazine to Washington D.C. and presented it to the Women's Memorial foundation. "What an Honor.

Our location will be announced. We are still attempting to secure a location that is suitable for the class since the Extension Office is Remodeling.

SNIPPY KATZ— Sally Berg (Community Service Chair) read thank you letters from Community Building Blocks and Smoka House thanking us for the baby blankets we donated to them. She showed 23 blankets that were turned in and discussed different ways of using our sewing scraps to make crib quilts.

SNIPPY KATZ (Continued . . .)

Alice Down, guest and soon to be new member, donated 9 teddy bears. Snippy Katz member Janice Kilborn, presented a lesson on trapunto by sewing machine. She pointed out that Pennsylvania Dutch hex patterns are especially adaptable to this technique. The members enjoyed a nice lunch and each other's company following the meeting. Kathy Goetz showed examples of discharge dyeing which she will present next month. Several members in April brought back items they created from the last month's class. Snippy Katz member Kathy Goetz, shared ways to use discharge past before turning the members loose to "play" with the product. It was so much fun watching the underlying colors that emerged when the past was activated. Many of the ladies discharged patterns on their garments and promised to wear them at the May meeting. What fun! Jan Story showed several examples of needle lace broaches that Caroline Burton will present at the May meeting.

CLAUDIA BUNTYN

ARISTOCATS— This group is still holding strong and will fill up its' schedule when it meets in June at its annual planning meeting.

BYTES AND P.C.'S— This group will be making its annual planning meeting in June to continue on with its wonderful work with the Fabric arts.

HOLLYWOOD STARS— We are planned out through August 2009 and hope to get more classes planned at our annual planning session at June. We have Molas and Appliqué coming up as two of our classes. With two (2) talented teachers.

CAROLINE BURTON

CREATIVE CATS— Creative Cats have an average attendance of 12. Ladies have been turning in baby blankets for their service project. Some of their projects have been mini quilts with appliqué and needle lace. Barbara Hergert presented fabric book covers to fulfill her seminar scholarship. They just might be covering everything from now on. They will be exploring more challenging project in the future, one being portrait work in May and continuing for a couple of months September, Oct and Nov making a notebook studying Mary Osmos technique book, Dec, Jan free motion patterns using learned techniques.

SILVER KITS— Silver Kits have been learning to stitch on metal, lots of ideas surfaced. April they will be doing ribbon embroidery. They have redesigned their banner. They have an average of 5 members attending and a potential new member. Sunshine cards will be the May meeting with Sweatshirt Jackets in July and August.

STRAY CATS— Alice Morris and Sally Dunkin have been making jackets and purses with free motion embellishments. See Alice's at seminar. Bev Mallette is sewing baby things for her first great grand baby. Too fun! Judy Bets is giving sewing lessons to 3 young mothers. She reports CAME held its 25th Seminar with 31 attendees. We will be seeing Judy at MEOW seminar Diana Hokenson will be attending a Quilt Seminar in Honolulu. Don't we wish we were having MEOW there? Diana plans on joining us next year at MEOW seminar.

RUTH CASCIATO

MCKITS— No April meeting as most of us are going to Camp Yamhill for a quilt retreat. May our guest will be Jill Rue, which she will be teaching us Fabric Beads.

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MOUSE CONNECTIONS— Our Service Project for the Year will be making Cool Ties and Helmet coolers for the soldiers serving in Iraq.

MULTI MEDIA KATZ—The group has been working on a Fractured Picture which will be on display at the Seminar. Please keep a look out for it.

NANCY HOWARD

MT. HOOD—This group is continuing on with various classes during the next few months so please take a look at what they have to offer. Please check out their web site. Their May 25th Class has been cancelled and will now meet on May 11th.

TRI-KATZ— The Tri Cities group issues challenges to the group. Each member will receive each member will receive a piece of fabric and the only limitation is that the piece can be no bigger than 12 x 18. There are no rules except size. Several members were doing free motion sewing on their current challenge fabric.

The members in this group are quite busy with their volunteer work. Gail, the area rep teaches sewing arts once a week at the City Cancer Center to survivors and to patients that want to participate. Gail also teaches at Kennewick Senior Center.

The entire group participates in the Linus project.

They also make quilts and donate for the sew-q auction that benefits the local hospice. They do this in conjunction with other local groups. The Tri Cities group is making placemats and napkins for the Tri-Cities Meals on Wheels program. A placemat and napkin for each person that receives a meal.

Because of the economic times in that area, they are having a difficult time attracting new members. We discussed free giveaway papers, guild meetings as a way to get the word out about this great organization and this dynamic group.

This is a diverse and very talented group of women. Meeting with them and learning from them is always a joy.

WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PEGGY BODLE

KLASSEY KATS—NO REPORT AT THIS TIME

TACOMA TABBIES—They are taking a lot of responsibility for seminar projects for everyone's pleasure and comfort. We appreciate all their efforts.

SILVER CITY KITTIES—They have been planning classes for the coming year and have nearly a full calendar. Some amazing finished projects are shared during their meetings. Several members are planning to attend seminar.

I had the great pleasure of visiting these 2 groups in April as their director. It is always wonderful to meet old friends and meet some new ones. These ladies were very cordial and made me feel like part of their groups.

WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

KAREN BENNETT

PAMPERED PERSIANS AND PINK PANTHERS—The groups are beginning to collect items for the Raffle Baskets for seminar In May they will be working on making cosmetic bags for Women's shelters and everyone is collecting mini soaps, shampoo, etc to fill them. Also toothbrushes for young Children. Gail will be teaching a Free-Motion 101 class at the South Hill Quality sew & Vac on June 20th and there will be a MEOW Sew-In that evening starting at 5:00 pm until ???

PURFECTION—Robin Slocum let me know that they will be meeting on the 3rd Friday of each month and will be working on just the basics for first few months. They have four (4) members now they chose the name Purfection. I visited with them on March 14th and had a delightful time. The drive through the countryside is full of historical sites as it is part of the Lewis and Clark trail.

SANDY KATZ— They now have a schedule of events that keeps them hopping and they also meet twice month sometimes to get their work done. They are working hard in this group. Their Community Service project is going to be Beds for Service Dogs for the Ocean Shores Police Department.

TEXANNA CATO

CAPITAL CATS—The Capital Cats remain strong. In April a new person visited them who learned about them from Sew Expo. They finished their Community Service project for the year and are planning on what to do for next year's project. The members would like to do more thread painting and have postponed the class on portrait technique thread painting until the members have had more practice.

CYBER CATS—The members made 300 bookmarks as their Community Service project. The bookmarks were donated to King of King's Lutheran Church for their Easter celebration. Please keep Barbara Wolfendale in your prayers for a speedy recovery from recent heart valve replacement surgery.

DIGI-CATS—The Digi-Cats continue working on quilts for Project Linus as part of their Community Service projects. The members have been donating cotton fabrics and fabrics suitable for children's designs which are then sewn into quilts by Kathy Harris. If you have an embroidery machine the Digi-Cats are encouraging you to attend their meetings as well as your home group. You will have fun learning how to do more with your embroidery machine. The Digi-Cats are busy making the Teacher appreciation gifts for Seminar 2009.

SALI LUSK

BORDER CATS—This is a new group and is working together. In June they will have a potluck and planning their next calendar.

DESIGNER CATS—Please see the schedule for the entire year that is on the website. This will allow you to not to pull out your hair trying to figure out what we are doing. We are doing Community Service for the Summer months of Newborn Layettes for the local hospital in Lewis County.

JUANITA GATOS— Not much to report at this time. They have been busy working on Embroidered Clocks (March and April meetings).

SEATTLE KATZ—Penny Perry will be installed as the new Area Rep at the June meeting. Everyone has enjoyed the last three meetings where we experimented with creating different textures. One of the most interesting was the "fabric bubbles". The "designer jeans" project was lots of fun and everyone came away with a unique design.

VICKI NELSON -

DAFFY CATS—No report at this time.

FABRICATS—Nadra reported that the group is still stumbling along. Nadra also stated that they are having problems getting anyone to commit to coming to present a project. There are



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FABRICATS (CONTINUED . . .)—only two of the group's members who are planning on attending seminar this year.

FANTASY FELINES—The group continues to grow as they welcomed 3 visitors at their April meeting. The members are making tote bags for foster boys from camouflage fabric which was donated to the group as their Community Service Project. The Fantasy Felines and the Seattle Katz are hosting a potluck and a workshop on "Silk Beads with Meredith Arnold" on Saturday, July 11 from 10 am – 4 pm. You can see Meredith's work at www.mereditharnold.com. The cost is \$25 per person. Class size is limited to 20 but there are still a few open spots. If you are interested, contact Vicki Nelson at vickianelson@verizon.net or call her at (425) 218-4447.

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

*Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?*

*Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the flock;
Or do you stay home,
And criticize and knock?*

*Do you take an active part,
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that— - "just belongs?"*

*Do you ever do something special
And make our hearts beat quick;
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?*

*There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate it if you, too,
Will come and help us out.*

(Poem continued . . .)

*Some come to meetings often,
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.*

So think it over, dear friend.

You know right from wrong.

*Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?*

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