



# Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington

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## President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Ladies,

"Rain, rain go away and come again another day" or "April showers brings May flowers". Well, I am tired of the rain and so far have not seen any flowers in my garden. It seems like we get one day of sun and two days of rain. I suggest we all go outside and do the "sun dance". If we all do it on the same day and at the same time maybe it will work. Not! Oh, well the sun will eventually come.

By the time you read this the ballots will have been mailed out for those who are running for office on the Board for the years 2012 through 2014. If you do not know those on the ballot, don't ignore it. Ask someone in your group about them. Return your ballot to Dee Finney within two weeks of receiving the ballot. The ballots will then be counted in plenty of time to be introduced and installed at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. By the way if you did not know this, any and all members are welcome to come to any Board meeting during the year. The meetings are generally in September, January, April and July depending on weather and availability of the fire station. The meetings are held at the Felida Fire Station in Vancouver WA (the Hazel Dell area) from 10 am to 2 pm. Come and join us .

For the past 5 or more years, MEOW has participated in the Northwest Quilting & Craft show held in November at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. The Expo is held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm. Even though it is only May, we start making plans now asking for volunteers to help in the booth during one of those days. The shifts are two hours but if you only have an hour to help, that's OK. It's nice when we can get different volunteers in the booth because who wants to look at the same old (mature) people all the time? We have entry passes for those who volunteer to help in the booth. These passes are good for all three days to allow early entrance to the Pavilion prior to regular attendees. Another way to try to entice you is there are free juice, bagels and donuts for those who help in the booths provided by those put on the show. A gremlin also leaves gifts for those who help in the booth! I hope all of that will help you to make up your mind about volunteering. If so, contact Karen Bennett to sign up to help or to provide samples for display. There will be more about this further into the newsletter. - (Continued on page 4)

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## Upcoming Events

Board Meeting  
July 23, 2011  
Vancouver, WA  
At 9:30 am for General  
(Seminar) Board Meeting  
Regular Board Meeting  
at 10:00 am

## Due Dates for:

August Newsletter  
Articles and Reports  
July 27, 2011

## Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for  
September, October  
and  
November 2011

November Quilt and  
Craft Show  
November 17-19, 2011

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Kalico Kitties

Mouse Connections

Design Divas

Hollywood Stars

McKits

Aristocats

Bytes and PC's

Fabricats

Fantasy Felines

Kreative Kitties

Country Kitties

Multi-Media Katz

Sandy Katz

Purrfection

Mt. Hood

Stray Cats

Designer Cats

Silver City Kitties

Tacoma Tabbies

Cyber Cats

Digi-Cats



## Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders!

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

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

Tami Bennett,  
Newsletter Editor

## November Expo Display Items

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

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

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

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

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

Karen Bennett, November Sew Expo Coordinator.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

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

We are asking our members to begin to make plans for **attending and volunteering now**. This show has gotten larger in the last several years and I think it is more fun than the March Sew Expo. The price is \$8.00 for the full three (3) days and there is a \$1.00 off coupon at the Rusty Barn website. We will try to have passes for all volunteers. Please contact me, Karen Bennett at [pse@oz.net](mailto:pse@oz.net) to sign up for any of the days and times.

Karen Bennett, Coordinator

## SCHOLARSHIP 2010

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

Thank you,  
Pat Bridwell, Scholarship Chair

President's Letter - Continued . . .

I have babbled enough, so I will leave you with the following:

***“If you can count the number of projects you have going, you need to begin another so you have a varied range of complexity, from very simple “mindless” ones to those that demand individual attention.” written by Laura Early.***

How true this statement is!

Until next time,

God Bless!

Your President, Vicki

Meow Board Meeting Minutes  
Felida Fire Station  
11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue  
Vancouver, WA  
Saturday, May 7 2010

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

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

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

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

\* Signifies an Excused Absence

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**Guests:** Dee Finney and Carmen Groves

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Roberta Strebe is still working on the new bookkeeping system. She is also working on correcting some of the information and will add a line for member payments for hard copies of the newsletters. We have a C.D. and a 1- year bond coming due in May and June. Roberta will check on the possibility of putting them together into one.

The insurance premium is being sent to Nancy Shepherd to keep continuity and an error was detected that Nancy took care of and we will see a reduction in our next year's premium. The insurance is based on how many members we have. Our state non-profit licensing has been paid for both states.

**Vice-President's Report** – Nancy Howard will need a monthly report from the Directors two weeks prior to the next Board meeting. The Area Reps need to make sure that they are taking the time to send a report to their Director on a quarterly basis and also sending in their Community Service information monthly (**hours, value of project, # of members participating and who they are giving the items to**). There will be an article in the newsletter that will explain how to figure out the information needed on the Community Service form found on the Website under Publications.

These reports from the Area Reps are then to be sent to the Vice-President quarterly by the Directors.

**Secretary's Report** – **Karen Bennett** read an email from Sue Goss in regards to how they fared during the tornadoes in Alabama. Fortunately their area was not damaged. They only lost power; telephone and cell phone service for a time. Karen will be writing up a thank you letter for all of the fabric that has been donated by **Margaret Clubb** for our community service projects.

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**Sunshine Report** –The Sunshine Report will be in the newsletter. Please remember that if you hear of anyone that could use a card for an illness, new baby, graduation, death or any other thing that you feel deserves a card, please make sure that you contact Carla so that she can make sure that a card is sent out (Carla's e-mail is [cm197058@embarqmail.com](mailto:cm197058@embarqmail.com)). Eight (8) cards were sent out to members during the last quarter.

**Director's Reports:** **Nancy Shepherd** has been in contact with Robin Slocum of Purrfection the Idaho group about her monthly reports. Nancy is also still working on contacting fabric manufacturers about donations for our community service projects.

**Texanna Cato** – Talked to the area rep for the Cyber Cats and received a report on their community service project and they will be making Molasses from Kangaroo wine labels

**Claudia Buntyn** – Daffy Cats have disbanded and are joining other groups

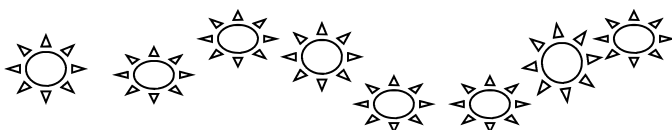
Bytes and PC's – no report

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

**Apral Harrel** –Mouse Connection are making Lace Angels for the Soldiers and other individuals that need encouragement.

**Kalico Kitties** – are struggling and will have a meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> about the situation. Our suggestions were as follows: contact past members, advertise – don't need expensive machines, put flyers at fabric stores, possibly change day, time and consider consolidating with another group. Members of the board have volunteered to attend the meeting and add their input. Apral will present a watercolor card class at the meeting.

**Peggy Bodle** – **Tacoma Tabbies** – are busy with their community service projects and Peggy joined them in April to teach Sashiko Purse making.



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**Silver City Kitties** – are meeting in Port Gamble

**Designer Kats** – no report.

**Betty Cooper** – **Hollywood Stars** – planning in July

**McKits** – are meeting every other month.

**Aristocats** – are meeting now, they do not meet during the winter

**Design Divas** – have 8 – 12 members now

**Kathy Brock** – handed her report in to Nancy Howard, the Vice-President

**Membership:** **Sandy Radtke** reported that we have six (6) new members for a total of 162.

Sandy also handed out the Honorary Member List and a Ballot to each Board member.

A discussion followed and we voted. Dee Finney and Carmen Groves totaled the votes and Sandy Radtke will be sending the results to each member. The results will be announced during the General Business meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Newsletter Report** – **Tami** mailed out nineteen (19) hard copy newsletters at a cost of \$23.00 for paper and \$5.15 in stamps; we used to send out all the newsletters and the quarterly cost was \$800.00 plus. Now the newsletters are all up on the Website where you can read it or print a copy to keep and it allows us to keep the dues low. If you find that you would like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, you need to send \$2.50 per quarter or \$10.00 for a full year to Sandy Radtke (Membership).

**Scholarship:** All of the 2010 Scholarships have been completed except for one and that is being addressed by Pat Bridwell and Vicki Nelson.

**November Sew Expo** – **Karen Bennett** is asking for volunteers for the November Quilt and Craft Show now. The dates are November 17, 18 and 19, 2011. I have already signed up two members. We are asking for donations from our members for display that can be sent to the July or September Board meetings. Please include your name, group and a name for the project. They will be returned to you after the show is done on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.



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We also would like to see something new from any of our volunteers not just something done on the sewing machine (beading, card making, painting, collage making, fabric folding, foiling, etc). We want to show that we are no longer just a free motion or embroidery group and that we now are looking into new avenues of projects that can be incorporated into our thirst for knowledge in the sewing world.

**Seminar Committee:** The new committee consists of Apral Harrel – Chairperson, Nancy Shepherd, Caroline Burton, Renay Butts, Ivy Heiman, Louann Davis, Karen Bennett and Judy Betz. And all reports are sent to Vicki Nelson, President. A questionnaire has been put together and will be sent out to all members for comment with request of return by May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The main concern now is whether the members want to continue with the Seminars.

**Website Report – Tami** stated that a problem was reported from Nancy Shepherd and it took her awhile to figure out what was going on, but the matter has been fixed now. **If you have photos that you would like to see on the website, please send them to Tami Bennett and she will put them up on the website in the near future.**

**Nomination Committee:** The slate of officers for the 2012 election are as follows:

- Vice President – Karen Bennett
- Secretary – Peggy Bodle
- Director – Sharon Hultz

Texanna Cato’s time was extended one year by Vicki Nelson

With the advent of several groups disbanding, it was decided that we could run with only four directors at this time. If the membership rises to a point that we would need another Director, we would look for another volunteer.

The ballots will be sent out by Vicki Nelson and will have a return date of June 15th, 2011. They will be returned to Dee Finney for counting.

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Betty Cooper made a motion that we accept the nominations and was seconded by Texanna Cato. 12 Yes 0 No

**Historian:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Robert’s Rules – Disciplinary procedures ( home-work) Held over

Discussed why we are losing groups – some reasons are?

- Consolidating of groups
- Age of the membership
- Cost of fuel
- Cost of supplies for classes
- Can you add to this list for us to consider?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

JoAnn’s VIP Discount Card (this will give you a discount card of 10% on all purchases when you shop at any JoAnn’s store or online and is good until 8-31-2011. Contact your Director and she can give you the IRS # starting with 94- which you can find in your copy of the By-laws. Put the full name of our organization on the application. It takes about two weeks to get your card.

**Texanna Cato** made a motion that we adjourn the meeting and **Tami Bennett** seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Our next meeting will be on: July 23, 2011 at Vancouver, WA. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 am so that we can have the General Business meeting to introduce the new Board members and then the regular Board meeting will begin at 10:00 am. Any member wanting to meet the new officers is welcome to join us at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted  
by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary



## AREA GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS ARE DUE MONTHLY!

WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER ON EACH INDIVIDUAL AND THE PERSON WHO TURNS IN THE AREA GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS TO THE DIRECTORS. WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS WILL ENABLE THE VICE PRESIDENT THE TIME TO COMPILE THE BOOKKEEPING DURING THE YEAR INSTEAD OF AT THE END OF THE YEAR!

PLEASE HELP US AND MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR REPORTABLE HOURS TO YOUR DIRECTOR ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

### NEW MEMBERS:

We had 158 returning and new members combined as of January 20, 2011. As a new member and returning member, you will find that we are no longer listing any information for any of our members, like phone number, address, email address, other than their name and area group. You will need to refer to your 2010-2011 Roster for their information. If it is past the October printing of the Roster, please contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chair; Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor; or one of the Board of Directors for their information.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Susan Blackburn	Silver City Kitties
Jill Cole	Country Kitties
Sandra Gantenbein	Kreative Kitties
Dorothy Hedricks	Kreative Kitties
Nancy Kaupp	Fantasy Felines
Jeanine Moser	Country Kitties

### CORRECTIONS:

You will find that we are no longer listing any information for members other than their name and area group. If it is past the October printing of the Roster, please contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chair; Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor; or one of the Board of Directors for the New Members information for the correction listed below.

Pat Bridwell	Change Home group	Fantasy Feline
Karen Carpenter	Change Home group	Tacoma Tabbies
Terrill Closs Powell	Change Home group	Fantasy Felines
Mary Dicks	Change Home group	Stray Cats
Marilyn Doty	Change Home group	Stray Cats
Kathy Duerksen	Change Address	Purrfection
Janice Hammock	Change Home group	Stray Cat
Kathy Harris	Change Home group	Digi-Cats
Mona Hermens	Change Address/Phone	McKits
Nancy Hill	Change Home group	Tacoma Tabbies
Ruth Jones	Change Home group	Fantasy Feline
Pam Kartak	Change Home group	Digi-Cats
LaVerne Mazzuca	Change Home group	Fantasy Felines
Anita Peterson	Change Home Group	Tacoma Tabbies
Penny Perry	Change Home Group	Fantasy Feline

### RENEWALS

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

Thank you for your patience with this..

Tami Bennett

### RENEWED MEMBERS:

Toni Colby	Cyber Cats
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**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS****KATHY BROCK**  
**COUNTRY KITTIES**

Met on February 11 at the PUD in the Dalles, Gayle Jacobson taught pin cushion thread catcher, we had one (1) guest and nine (9) members attend.

In March, we again met at the PUD. This time Jackie Rosier taught Fabric Beads, we had one (1) guest and eight (8) members.

In April, we met at the Parkdale Fire Hall. Vicki Nelson taught Temari Balls, it was a scholarship class. We had 14 members come to this class.

**MULTI MEDIA KATS**

The meeting place has changed to the Oak Grove Fire Station at 2930 SE Oak Grove Boulevard in Milwaukie, the meeting time is still between 10 and 4.

Over the last several months, we have completed classes in Boxes and Books in Boxes, we made a small book that would fit into the boxes we made, and then we took a field trip to SCRAP, I've been Framed, Columbia Art, Obliation, what a full day!

**SANDY CATS**

I haven't had time to contact this group yet, but they do not meet during the winter and should just be peeking their heads out of the winter gloom and start meeting for the summer months.

**PEGGY BODLE**  
**DESIGNER CATS**

They are using the project book by Alice Howell for some of their meetings. Their community service project is continuing for the local hospital. I'll be seeing them soon.

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**SILVER CITY KITTIES**

These ladies always have interesting projects. They seem to be having good attendance. Community Service projects scheduled for July will be pillow cases and doll quilts. I'll be visiting them soon.

**TACOMA TABBIES**

I had the pleasure of teaching here in April. Also taught the Kreative Kitties on Friday in Olympia and visited our daughter and family on Friday night.

These ladies are preparing for Community Service projects—faceless dolls, hospital gowns, fleece blankets and pillow cases.

Karen Bennett at [pse@oz.net](mailto:pse@oz.net) can give you the information where the greatest need will be for the above items.

A new project has been proposed: dresses for girls in Africa. All of us can help in these efforts by looking through our fabric stashes for appropriate fabrics. The pattern for hospital gowns can be downloaded from the MEOW website.

**CLAUDIA BUNTYN****ARISTOCATS**

Aristocats have not had any meetings planned for the next couple of months, we will keep you updated on their schedule. They are sort of on hold at this time..

Nancy Shepherd and Sandy Radtke went to visit with JoAnne Cross and had lunch with her. If you are near Sherwood, Oregon, JoAnne would love to see any of her MEOW Sisters, they would lighten her day!

**BYTES & PC'S**

They are continuing on as last newsletter. We hope to have an updated schedule after our Planning Meeting.



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### **DAFFY CATS**

This group has disbanded as of February 2011. All members have joined other groups as their new home group.

### **TEXANNA CATO CYBER CATS**

The Cyber Cats will be doing a Kangaroo Mola taught by Sali Lusk. This should be a great class. In June it is their Planning meeting, and In July they will be completing UFO's. They also completed 55 Dolls for their Community Service.

### **DIGI-CATS**

The Digi-Cats usually don't know what type of class they will be putting together until 2-3 days ahead of time. They do not appear to be planning ahead at this time.

### **SEATTLE KATZ**

This group has disbanded. All members have joined other groups as home groups.

### **BETTY COOPER**

#### **DESIGN DIVAS**

This group is going well. They have between eight (8) and twelve (12) people who attend. Their focus now (April through June) will be to continue learning to use their software tools for editing their designs. They seem to be learning how to use their machines and having fun doing it.

### **HOLLYWOOD STARS**

This group just keeps going and going. They seem to have a consistent group that comes to the meetings. In May they will be doing their Community Service projects. They will be taking the month of June off because there is no seminar and will do their planning meeting in July. This is a fun group and I love visiting with them.

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### **McKITS**

They are meeting every other month and this month they are off. They will be meeting in May and will be finishing up a project they started last month with Jan Storey. It's a clown wall hanging. They will be off in June and in July they will be doing bobbin work with Nancy Shepherd. August they will be off and in September they will decide what they want to do next.

Four (4) members went and had a beach retreat and had a wonderful time. They have a small group and decided that every other month would work better for them.

### **APRAL HARREL**

#### **KALICO KITTIES**

Kalico Kitties is struggling. Our attendance is way down and meetings are having to be cancelled because of the lack of participation. At the June meeting, we will be discussing the future of our group with our Director.

### **MOUSE CONNECTIONS**

Mouse Connections continues to study software and embroidery machine capabilities. Free standing lace angels are made for Community Service. These are sent to individuals who need cheering and some make it into soldier care packages.

The schedule has not been set up for anything past June at this time.



## M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

2/18/2011 to 4/15/2011

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	2.18.2011	LaVerne Mazzuca	Fantasy Felines/Seattle Katz	Passing of Sister
2	2.18.2011	Texanna Cato	Fantasy Felines/Seattle Katz	Surgery and Illness
3	3.02.2011	Linda Cope	Country Kitties	Death in the family
4	3.02.2011	Tami Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Illness
5	4.05.2011	Beth Heesacker	Multi-Media/Hollywood Stars	Surgery
6	4.05.2011	Anita Gallager	Country Kitties/Kalico Kitties	Mother's surgery
7	4.09.2011	Tracy Blakk	McKits	Surgery
8	04.15.2011	Betty Cooper	Aristocats	Surgery
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Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
None to report	2	Self	4	Self		Self
		Family		Family	2	Family
		Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
	2	TOTAL	4	TOTAL	2	TOTAL

## LADIES OF MEOW

Ladies of MEOW, Carla LaBrousse asks that if you hear of **ANYONE** that could use a Sunshine Card to please contact her with the name of the person, their address, group they belong to and what the card is for (death, sickness, wedding, birth, etc). She has not been receiving very many requests and would like to make sure that she is not missing any members that need attention.

Thank you for your attention to this very important task. :)



**Aristocats** \*\* Portland, OR \*\* September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm  
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway  
 Contact: Betty Cooper  
 June: Planning Meeting  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm  
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex  
 Contact: Apral Harrel  
 June: Planning Meeting  
 July: No Meeting  
 Aug: TBD

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall  
 Contact: Carla Labrousse  
 June: TBD - Barb Frasier  
 July: Planning Meeting  
 Aug: TBD

**Cyber Cats** \*\* Renton, WA \*\* April 2004

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

**Design Divas** \*\* Clackamas, OR \*\* July 2010

Meets: 3rd Tuesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Place: Quilting Desights, 14863 SE Oregon Train Drive,  
 Contact: Mary Rust  
 June: Planning Meeting  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

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

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm  
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics  
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier  
 June: TBD  
 July: TBD  
 May: TBD

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

Meets: 3rd Monday 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm  
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac 13501—100th Ave NE  
 Contact: Arlette Wentz  
 June: Planning Session/Potluck  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

**Fabricats** \*\* Wenatchee, WA \*\* June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm  
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee  
 Contact: Nadra Betcher  
 June: No Scheduled Activities  
 July: No Scheduled Activities  
 Aug: No Scheduled Activites

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm  
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W  
 Contact: Letha McKinnon/Vicki Nelson  
 June: Planning Meeting/Potluck  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

**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 Meeting  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

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

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Felida Fire Station 11600 Lake Shore Ave  
 Contact: Carmen Groves  
 June: Watercolor Card - Apral Harrel  
 July: Stitch a doodle - Liz Silberman  
 Aug: Card Buffet - Everyone

**Kreative Kitties** \*\* Tumwater, WA \*\* March 2010

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:30 am — Noon  
 Place: Ruby Street Quiltworks 100 Ruby Street  
 Contact: Luann Davis  
 June: UFO's—No Teacher  
 July: Snap Kit Purse - Jyll Jones  
 Aug: TBD

**McKits** \*\* Yamhill, OR \*\* July, 2000

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: The Quilted Hill, 7601 NE Blackburn Ro, Yamhill  
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Kathy Brock  
 June: Off—No Meeting  
 July: Bobbin Work - Nancy Shepherd  
 Aug: Off—No Meeting

**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: TBD  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

**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 /Potluck  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

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

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm  
 Place: Gladstone Nazareen Church  
 Contact: Beth Heesacker/Apral Harrel  
 June: Paste Papers Revisited - Caroline at Caroline's  
 July: Collage Fusion - Joanna Price  
 Aug: TBD

**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: Assigned but not determined  
 July: Planning Meeting  
 Aug: TBD

**Sandy Katz** \* Ocean Shores, WA \*\* October, 2006

Meets: 1st Monday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Cranberry Bay Fabric & More 897 Minard Ave NW  
 Contact: Mary Lou Rooth - This is a summer group now.  
 June: Planning Meeting  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

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

Meets: 1st Tuesday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: 32280 Puget Way Northeast, Port Gamble  
 Contact: Debra Ueda  
 June: Peyote Beading - Claire Angelo  
 July: TBD  
 Aug: TBD

**Tacoma Tabbies** \* Tacoma, WA \*\* January, 2002

Meets: 3rd Saturday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm  
 Place: Shibori Dragon 1124 Gravelly Lake Dr  
 Contact: Karen Bennett  
 June: No Meeting due to Shop Hop starting The Next Wednesday  
 July: Foiling - Carol Maddox  
 Aug: Community Service Project

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

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

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

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**JYLL JONES**  
**FABRICATS**

Our group has not been meeting. In July the local quilt shop in Wenatchee is sponsoring a bus trip to LaConnor Quilt Museum, with a few extras thrown in. That is about it. Our farm life is really busy.

**FANTASY FELINES**

During the Month of April this group gained several new members, though they are not new members to MEOW. They transferred their home group from Seattle Katz to Fantasy Felines. They are a welcome smell of fresh spring air to our group.

The Fantasy Feline's had a very good meeting last month. Tex taught us how to do various types of resist hand stitching to use with Shibori Dyeing. I think we all learned a lot, especially me since this process was new to me. Everyone seemed to be having a good time.

**KREATIVE KITTIES**

The Kreative Kitties have been very busy. We created sweatshirt jackets in February and March. They were instructed to think out of the box so the results were awesome to say the least. One of our members did her first teaching and we all learned how to make a chapstick holder. It is a great gift idea. We have lots of interest in the group with new ladies attending each month. Peggy Bodle graciously came to our group in April and taught us her method of Sashiko. She is a marvelous teacher. Our basket is full of new ideas and techniques that the group wants to try out.



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**PAMPERED PERSIANS**

The members of this group have joined the Tacoma Tabbies until such time as their group gets up and going again. They are welcome members of the Tacoma Tabbies.

**NANCY SHEPHERD**  
**MT. HOOD**

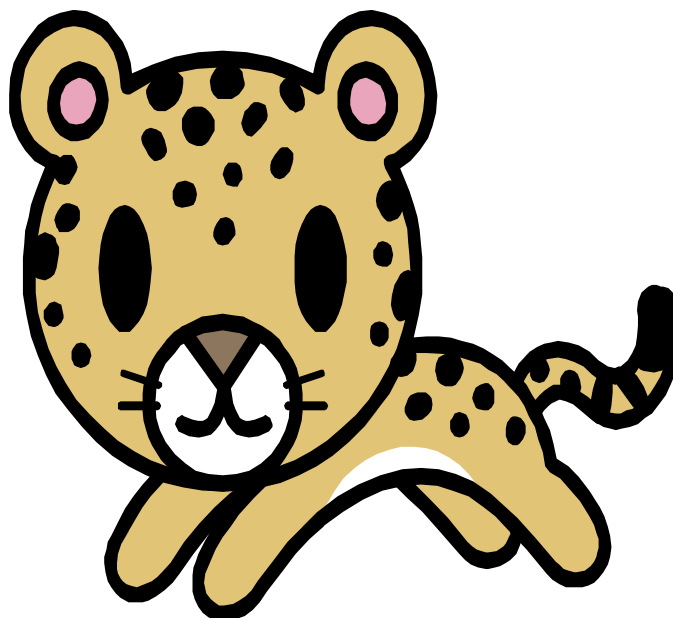
Mt. Hood has had some very nice projects presented by members. We are doing well. Five (5) to seven (7) members regularly attend meetings. Scheduling for next year will be done at the June Planning Meeting and pot-luck.

**PURRFECTION**

July will be our planning meeting for the next year.

**STRAY CATS**

Judy Betz finds herself busy on the Seminar Planning Committee. She also sent two wall quilts to the Best of the Valley show.





## Volunteer Thank You

This is a thank you that Carla LaBrousse received from one of our Community Service groups that we participate with. I am placing it in the Newsletter to show everyone that what we do is very much appreciated!

Hi Carla,

I received your name from Beverly Carpenter when she dropped off some lovely breast cancer pillows here at the hospital. She said that you are the chapter president of the MEOW group. I wanted to let you know how much the hospital appreciates you and your group making these beautiful pillows. It is so nice to have these pillows to hand out to patients as they are going through a tough time. The patients so appreciate the pillow and think they are even more special because they are homemade. I have heard so many positive comments about these pillows. Because of your donations we are able to hand them out to the patients after surgery, helping to ease their way.. We are also letting others in the community know we have these pillows available.

Your group is truly making a difference in people's life's..

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brandi Sheppard

*Brandi Sheppard*  
*Director of Volunteer Services*

## Kitty Tip

### Give your Water Soluble Scraps a New Life:

Recycle your water-soluble topping in one of two methods.

1. you can make your own liquid stabilizer for sheer fabric by saving scraps of water-soluble stabilizer and dissolving them in a water container. (Start with a few ounces of water and add a small amount of rubbing alcohol to prevent mold forming.) Apply the solution with a brush to add body to lightweight fabric such as gauze during the embroidery process. Wash it out when the embroidery has been completed.
2. Iron larger water soluble scraps together for a second use. Arrange the pieces in an overlapping fashion on top of a brown paper bag. Cover with another single layer of brown paper bag then iron using a low heat setting. The water-soluble will become one piece. You can also iron multiple layers together for a heavier-weight water soluble that is suitable for use as a backing or for lace-making.

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