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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Well, Ladies,

Summer is behind us as the leaves are falling; rain is upon us and the weather is crisp. This would be the perfect time to start thinking about what your next community service project will be for your group. If you need some suggestions where items are needed here are just a few: faceless dolls and gowns for the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital (contact Karen Bennett, Tacoma Tabbies); tote bags for foster children and Women in need (contact Connie Hasten or Elaine Solvang, Fantasy Felines); Project Linus quilts (contact Kathy Harris, Seattle Katz); knitted or crocheted hats, mittens and scarves for the homeless (contact Vicki Nelson, Fantasy Felines) and lap blankets and adult bibs for nursing homes (contact Vicki Nelson, Fantasy Felines).

Please let the Board of Directors know if you have other suggestions.

As you may have heard by now the Board has decided not to continue with the Spring Sew Expo due to the increasing costs to maintain a booth. However, we will still participate in the fall Quilting, Sewing and Craft show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. The dates this year are November 17, 18, 19 or 20th. If you can help us in any way by volunteering to help set up the booth on Wednesday, November 17; helping in the booth either on Thursday, Friday or Saturday or helping with the tear down on Saturday, please contact Karen Bennett who is handling coordinating the volunteers. It takes the help of many volunteers to make our booth a success.

On another note many of our MEOW sisters have been suffering with illnesses; major medical issues and loss of family members. I am hoping that you will keep our sisters and their families in your thoughts and prayers. I further encourage each of you to hug and kiss those in your family as often as you can for life is very precious.

I wish each and every one of you and your families a very Happy Holiday season!

Blessings to you all,

Vicki

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Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting
January 22, 2011
Vancouver, WA

Due Dates for:

**February Newsletter
Articles and Reports
January 26, 2011**

Need Schedules from:

**Area Groups for
Mar., April. and
May 2011**

**March Sew Expo
March 3-6, 2011**

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Designer Cats

Silver City Kitties

Tacoma Tabbies

Cyber Cats

Digi-Cats

Seattle Katz



Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders!

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

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

Tami Bennett,
Newsletter Editor

MEOW Melanie Chang Workshop

The Three C's of Art Quilts

The workshop was held at the Parkdale, Oregon Fire Hall on September 20, 21, and 22, 2010; starting at 9:00 am each day and lasting until about 4:00 pm.

In attendance were 15 participants who were charged \$100.00 each, which included luches, kits and instructions.

Monday and Tuesday was spent making a notebook discussing colors and forms for making art quilts. We cut and used fabric for samples for each point of discussion; attached them to card stock and placing in our notebooks for later reference.

On Wednesday, we painted a tulip with square shaped backgrounds. Using transparent paints and other items to add texture.

It was a fun class and we learned a lot..

By: Carla LaBrousse, Country Kitties

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

On November 18, 19, and 20th, 2010, our MEOW booth at the Rusty Barn Quilt and Craft Show will need six (6) volunteers for each day, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and some volunteers to help take down and pack up the display. The hours for each day are as follows: 10 to 12:45; 12:45 to 2:45, and the last shift is 2:45 to 5:00 pm.

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

Karen Bennett, Coordinator

SCHOLARSHIP 2009 and 2010

For 2009 Scholarships, I have all but one completion form. The remaining one has had some technical difficulties this year. I am in the process of touching bases with her and following up on where she is in the process.

I have already received five (5) out of the ten (10) recipients completion forms for Scholarship 2010. There are four (4) others who have signed up over the next few months to complete their contracts and one has given up her scholarship. We continuing on a very positive track. At this rate, the final four fill be completed well before the May 2011 cutoff date.

Thank you,
Pat Bridwell, Scholarship Chair

Meow Board Meeting Minutes
 Felida Fire Station
 11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue
 Vancouver, WA
 Saturday, September 25, 2010

Vicki Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

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

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

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

* Signifies an Excused Absence

Guests: Dee Finney

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

Minutes of the last meeting: Were approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Letha McKinnon's husband will be asked to do our audit. Roberta Strebe was approved by the bank to sign checks. The Vice President can claim mileage for travel and can give it as a donation of In Kind. Any executive officer can claim an In Kind donation. This will be put into the General Standing Rules.

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It was noted that we need to separate our Income designations into Membership Fees; Late Fees (\$5.00) and the Newsletter Income (\$10.00 or \$5.00 for half year). The changes to the Budget will be emailed to the Board members. The teacher that had not paid for her class has taken care of the oversight.

Vice-President's Report – Community Service Reports are requested of the Area Reps on a monthly basis. Any expenses need to be sent to the Vice President and are due prior to each Board meeting. Think about putting together a clip board and ask members of your group what they did for the month in the way of Community Service, which would make it easier to keep track and you also need to ask the group you donate to what their EIN # is. Directors need to check what forms they have that might not be in the Area Rep books and send them on. We have two groups that need new area rep books. It would be convenient if the directors could have their report in two weeks prior to board meetings, if possible, but definitely by the Board meeting and the area Reps need to send in information about the group members for the newsletter.

Fairs – Need to send a letter to all fairs in Washington and Oregon to make sure that they know that we are no longer providing MEOW ribbons or certificates. This will be completed by the Secretary.

Secretary's Report – Both the secretaries minutes and the general business meeting minutes were approved from the July meeting.

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Sunshine Report –Sunshine report will be in the newsletter. Dee Finney thanked the Sunshine Chair, Carla Labrousse and the Board for remembering her in the passing of her brother and her current health issues. It was re-affirmed by several members on the board who have received sunshine cards that Carla does a very nice job and the personal notes are much appreciated by the recipients.

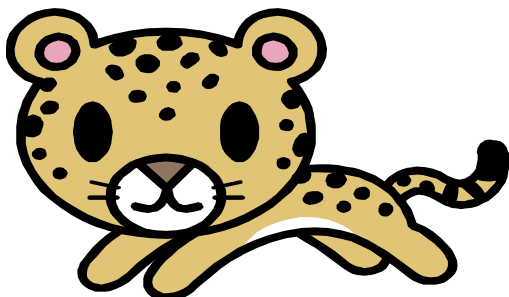
Director's Reports: Nancy Shepherd had no information from Idaho's Purrfection Group, Nancy sent out a request for information from the Stray Cats and if you are a new Stray Cat, please let Nancy know.

Texanna Cato – Cyber Cats– Toni Colby is reported to be the new Area Rep. Sali Lusk will be teaching basket weaving to Cyber Cats;

Claudia Buntyn – sent in a full schedule for Daffy Cats;

Jyll Jones - Kreative Kitties now have eight members; the **Border Cats** have disbanded, **Pampered Persians** and **Pink Panthers**; Gail Mikuchonis elected not to renew her membership and resigned as the Area Rep and the evening class was suspended earlier in the year and the **Fabric Cats** – have a new member.

Apral Harrel – will be contacting the two new groups for their timelines, the **Design Divas** – had 12 attendees at the first meeting and Apral will be teaching for the first six months.



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Peggy Bodle – Tacoma Tabbies have been working on the Community Service projects and gathering them up from other groups. They are also busy working on Quilted Sweat-shirts for each member. **Silver City Kitties** – moved to Port Gamble and are working on the Mary Ray Osmus Manual and UFO's and **Designer Kats** – sent in a report see the newsletter.

Directors please make sure that your area reps are aware of the Community Service Form on the Website (2009) format where they can fill in the blanks. When you try to make a contact with your area reps and don't hear anything back, just state (No Response) for your report.

Membership: Sandy Radtke reported that we now have 135 total members with 120 paid, 2 rejoined, 5 new members and 17 members have paid for the newsletter to be printed. If you want a printed newsletter mailed to you; please add \$10.00 to your membership fee.

Newsletter Report – **Tami** still needs the reports from directors after they receive them from the Area Reps. The cost for the August newsletter was \$70.33 and 26 were mailed out to members for last time without the member paying the \$10.00 for four quarters. Tami has begun changing the October newsletter.

Scholarship: One 2009 scholarship has not been completed and only five of the 9 Scholarships for 2010 have been completed.



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Fairs: If you presented a project to one of the fairs and won a ribbon, please contact the Newsletter Editor – Tami Bennett and she will make sure that your name is mentioned. Make sure that you attach all of the necessary information – name, fairs name, what the ribbon was for and what type of ribbon was presented (i.e. first, second, etc.).

Sew Expo – Karen Bennett will be the Coordinator for the November Quilt and Craft Show, which will be held on November 18, 19 and 20th, 2010. Please take time to contact Karen to sign up for being a volunteer for one of those days. Karen Bennett will be the Thursday (18th) manager; Vicki Nelson will be manager for Friday (19th) and Tami Bennett will be the manager for Saturday (20th). We already have seven signed up for the expo. Karen will be sending out notices to the Area Reps and Directors concerning volunteers. This is the event that charges admission for the first visit and free for any additional days. The times are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and the entrance fee is \$8.00 for Puyallup. There is a coupon for \$1.00 off on the link on the Website and Nancy Howard found out that there is \$5.00 off coupon for the three days in the Country Register (a free paper that is available at fabric stores.

There will be **NO 2011 Spring Fair for MEOW** as the cost is too high . The cost is \$500.00 +, very few sign up to volunteer and we only picked up two new members this year (\$70.00 in memberships fees).

Seminar 2011: It is true that there will be no 2011 Seminar due to costs and lack of attendance. We are regrouping and researching what to do about seminar in regards to cost per member.

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Some members of the committee were announced by the President at the board meeting with more announcements to follow at a later date. The committee will review our policies and procedures concerning Seminar and make recommendations to the board. Apral Harrel will be the Chairman of this committee.

Website Report – Tami Bennett stated the Website was updated as of September 1 to show the new Board members and the changes to the Director's groups for 2010-2011. Tami will be changing the look of the Board Member page in the near future. The Domain name has been paid up for two (2) years, the Web Service payment is due in January in the amount of \$186.86. The following pages in Publications have been changed: scholarship page, Membership form, pictures from Carla LaBrousse of Country Kitties will be put up on the Website as soon as Tami can figure out the instructions and the 2007 pictures will be removed. If you have any pictures from the 2010 Seminar that you would like to share with the group, please send them to Tami and she will put them up on the Website.

Nomination Committee: Vicki Nelson - President is putting together the committee.

Historian: Vicki Nelson still has the books and pictures and she is waiting for Sali's health to improve.

OLD BUSINESS:

No. 8 in the Board of Directors Standing Rules will be updated and presented to the Board for review and approval.

We will be adding a rule concerning an approved absence.

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Audit – Vicki Nelson will contact Mr. McKinnon about continuing to do our audit.

Seminar Committee – members appointed by President, names and approved by Board of Directors

NEW BUSINESS:

The Secretary will put together a set of rules concerning misconduct by any Board member for review, comment and approval of the Board of Directors that will be put in the General Standing Rules.

Nancy Shepherd is working on donations from fabric companies for our community service projects. She will contact and co-ordinate this effort.

Texanna Cato made a motion that we adjourn the meeting and **Tami Bennett** seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Our next meeting will tentatively be on: January 22, 2011 at Vancouver, WA, weather permitting. **Dee Finney** will make the arrangements for the Board meeting, Thank you very much, Dee, for your help in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted

by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

Corrected: October , 2010

Approved:



Fairs Report: Hood River County Fair:

Textiles:

Best Machine Quilted Quit: Anne Marie Levens

Best Contemporary Quit: Marbe Cook

Best Challenge Fabric: Marbe Cook

Towels Machine Quilted: 3rd—Marbe Cook

Accessories:

Hand Embroidered: Professional: 3rd—Rhonda Harris

Machine Quilted: Over 70: Professional: 2nd—Barb Frasier

Lace Making: Professional: 1st—Barb Frasier

Appliqués': Professional: 2nd—Barb Frasier

Other Techniques: Professional: 1st—Barb Frasier

Decorative Stitches used in unique way—Professional—1st—Barb Frasier

Original Designs Quilted, Children: Professional: 1st—Rhonda Harris and Marbe Cook

Embellished Clothing:

Quilted: Professional: 2nd—Barb Frasier

Tie Dyed: Professional: 2nd—Barb Frasier

Holiday Theme:

Christmas Tree Skirt—Over 70: Professional: 1st Barb Frasier

Other Christmas Item: Adult: 2nd—Anne Marie Levins

Other Holidays: Professional: 2nd - Bard Frasier

Table Runners:

Quilted: Adult: 2nd—Anne Marie Levins

Professional: 3rd—Barb Frasier and Rhonda Harris

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Fairs Report: Hood River County Fair:

Sofa Pillows:

Professional: 1st: Rhonda Harris

Pillow Cases:

Other Pillow Cases: Professional: 2nd Marbe Cook

From Scratch: Professional: 2nd Barb Frasier

Wonderful work ladies and congratulations to all the winners at the Fair. Please keep up the great work!

Yamhill County Fair News:

Roberta Strebe entered 7 items into this fair and won five (5) blue ribbons, one (1) red ribbon and (1) white ribbon. Mr. Dragon which was in a previous newsletter got a blue ribbon and a Judge's Choice. Because of the timing of the fairs, Roberta wasn't able to get Mr. Dragon into the State Fair also.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS ARE DUE MONTHLY!

THIS WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER ON YOU AND ON THE BOOKKEEPING AT THE END OF THE YEAR!

PLEASE HELP US AND MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR REPORTABLE HOURS TO YOUR DIRECTOR ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

NEW MEMBERS:

You will find our New Members and Renewals in the Roster which will be coming out by the end of the month. We had 142 returning and new members combined. 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!

CORRECTIONS:

Since you will be receiving a brand new Roster, we will not be printing any corrections in this newsletter as it would be redundant. As before, if it is past the October printing of the Roster, please contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chair, Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor; or on of the Board of Directors for their information.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Per the submittals given to me before September 30, 2010, the numbers shake out like this:

\$9,704.22 for 2,942.5 hours and 112 members contributing. 257 hrs to sew expo, demos, etc. and there were \$367.29 in kind donations.

Thank you, Nancy Howard, Vice President



DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

KATHY BROCK

COUNTRY KITTIES

We had an outside teacher, please see the write up on page of in this newsletter. Also we will be having our Director as a teacher very soon.

MULTI MEDIA KATS

These kitties are working hard and continuing to complete new and interesting things. They just updated their schedule so look at what they have coming up and maybe contact them for a visit.

SANDY CATS

This is a summer group and they should be winding down for the summer. I did not get a chance to talk to them right after taking office.

PEGGY BODLE **DESIGNER CATS**

They are starting their community service project: onesies and blankets for newborns at the local hospitals.

SILVER CITY KITTIES

They are working to have "a clear understanding of the purpose and direction for our group". Some members have too many unfinished projects but like learning new techniques that can be used at a later date. So they have decided to use the machine embroidery lesson book (by Mary Ray Osmus). They will try to spread the teaching responsibility to lift the burden from the few that are often the teachers. Many groups have wrestled with this problem and this makes a good solution.

TACOMA TABBIES

I just received their Community Service Report: 110 pillow cases, 62 doll hospital gowns and 30 dolls for Mary Bridge Hospital. Well Done, ladies! The pattern for the doll downs can be downloaded from the MEOW website: www.sewmeow.org

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CLAUDIA BUNTYN

ARISTOCATS

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

BYTES & PC'S

No report at this time.

DAFFY CATS

The Daffy Cats is a new group for me. I hope to visit them in the near future.

They are picking topics that each of their group is interested in doing this time. No one person has been designated as a "Teacher". They are going to be working together to finish these projects.

During the past year, the Daffy Cats have made quilts for St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma, chemo hats for Capital oncology in Auburn and are making receiving blankets for Tacoma General Hospital. If you wish to join us, our beginning time has changed to 9:30 am because the store opens one half hour later.

TEXANNA CATO

CYBER CATS

We had a great potluck at Sali Lusk's. It was a perfect day to visit and eat our lunch outdoors.

We discussed many MEOW related things, including our upcoming schedule which is including in this newsletter and on the website.

DIGI-CATS

Please see the updated schedule in this newsletter and on the website. There is no additional report on the members at this time.

SEATTLE KATZ

No report at this time.

M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

7/24/2010 to 9/20/2010

Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
08/17/2010	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Other
08.31.2010	Claudia Buntyn	Kalico Kitties	Illness
08.31.2010	Dee Finney	Kalico Kitties	Illness
08.31.2010	Karen Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Death of Father
08.31.2010	Tami Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Death of Grandfather
09.01.2010	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Brother's heart attack
09.14.2010	Dee Finney	Kalico Kitties	Death of Brother
09.16.2010	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Death of Brother

Other		Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss
None to report	2	Self		Self		Self
	1	Family		Family	4	Family
		Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
	1	Other		Other		Other
	4	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	4	TOTAL





Aristocats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway
 Contact: Betty Cooper
 Dec: Christmas Lunch
 Jan: No Meeting
 Feb: No Meeting

Border Cats ** Lynden, WA ** November 2008

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm—9:00pm
 Place: Tangled Thread Quilt Shop, 202 6th Street
 Contact: Donna Bybee
 Dec: Christmas Party
 Jan: Disbanding
 Feb: Disbanding

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex
 Contact: Apral Harrel
 Dec: Ornament Exchange and Potluck
 Jan: Using Stitch Outs—All
 Feb: Mug Snug - Renay

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla Labrousse
 Dec: Beading - Nancy Howard
 Jan: TBA - Marbe Cook
 Feb: TBA - Rena Andrews

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
 Dec: Holiday Luncheon
 Jan: Open
 Feb: Open

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

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm
 Place: JoAnn's Fabrics 31523 Pacific Hwy South, Federal Way
 Contact: Janice Hammock
 Dec: Christmas Luncheon
 Jan: Table Topper
 Feb: Bindweed (folded flower wall hanging/quilt block)

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
 Dec: Christmas Party
 Jan: Anatomy of a Design #2
 Feb: Anatomy of a Design #3

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

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier
 Dec: Christmas Party and Sharing
 Jan: OPEN
 Feb: OPEN

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
 Dec: Holiday Potluck Party
 Jan: Sashiko
 Feb: Quilt Design in Embroidery

Fabricats * Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 Dec: OPEN
 Jan: OPEN
 Feb: OPEN

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W
 Contact: Letha McKinnon/Vicki Nelson
 Dec: Christmas Party (White Elephant)
 Jan: Stitch Sampler Pt. 1
 Feb: Stitch Sampler Pt 2

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
 Dec: Christmas Party
 Jan: Stitch sampler by Kitty Young
 Feb: Stitch sampler by Kitty Young

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

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Felida Fire Station | 1600 Lake Shore Ave
 Contact: Carmen Groves
 Dec: No Meeting
 Jan: Fabric Stenciling - Cheryl Lenz
 Feb: Texture Magic - Carmen Groves

Kreative Kitties ** Tumwater, WA ** March 2010

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:30 am — Noon
 Place: Ruby Street Quiltworks 100 Ruby Street
 Contact: Luann Davis
 Dec: TBA
 Jan: TBA
 Feb: TBA

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
 Dec: 7th Annual Tea Party
 Jan: Cat Face - Alice Howell
 Feb: Placemats -

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
 Dec: Christmas Dinner at Newport Bay at 5:00 pm
 Jan: In the Hoop Crazy Patch Quilt Block
 Feb: Greeting Cards with Nancy

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
 Dec: No Meeting
 Jan: Stitch Building - Barbara Herget
 Feb: Photo to Landscape - June Kendell

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
 Dec: No Meeting
 Jan: Open
 Feb: Open

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:
 Dec: Christmas Party - Group
 Jan: TBA
 Feb: TBA

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:
 Dec: Not Meeting
 Jan: Not Meeting
 Feb: Not Meeting

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
 Dec: Gift Exchange - Sewing Machine Covers
 Jan: Embellished Flower Panels
 Feb: Assigned but not determined

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.
 Dec: Christmas Luncheon
 Jan: Not Meeting
 Feb: Not Meeting



Seattle Katz * Seattle, WA 88 September, 1999
 Meets: 4th Tuesday 12:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: 7301 NE 175th Street, Kenmore
 Contact: Penny Perry
 Dec: Christmas Potluck and Planning
 Jan: Milk Carton Box
 Feb: Strip Piece

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
 Dec: Peek Back Fabric Techniques
 Jan: Landscape Background with Pastels
 Feb: Needle Lace Techniques

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
 Dec: Christmas Luncheon
 Jan: Tape Measure Purse - Karen Bennett
 Feb: Hospital Dolls—Cut out and Sew—Community Service

 | All area group schedules are subject to change. |
 | Please call ahead if you intend to visit another group. |
All area groups must be organized according to
MEOW By-laws and Area Groups Guidelines,
under the direction of the MEOW Vice-
President. Please contact her for assistance.

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

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BETTY COOPER
DESIGN DIVAS

The Design Divas will be meeting at the Quilting Delights Quilt Shop from 10 am to 2 pm every third (3rd) Tuesday of the month. The shop is located behind the Albertson's. You can find their information on the website at :www.sewmeow.org

The focus of this group is to learn how to use our embroidery machine software that we've purchased for our computers. We are not software specific; rather we are learning just what embroidery software can do for us. We have had our first official meeting and had 11 people in attendance. Six of which are already MEOW members. That is very exciting!

We are very excited about this new learning opportunity and hope more will join us. All you need to bring is your computer. Please contact the area rep if you would like to attend.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

This group has given their updated schedule through May of 2011. Please go online at www.sewmeow.org to see the wonderful things that they are proposing for classes.

McKITS

This group has given their updated schedule though April of 2011. Please go online at www..sewmeow.org to see the wonderful things that they are proposing for classes.

APRAL HARREL

KALICO KITTIES

These ladies are scheduled for the next year and looking forward to another year of fun sewing with each other. At their September planning session, they also had a baby shower for Becky Rae who is expecting in October.

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

They just completed an enjoyable three (3) month project learning prospective.

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JYLL JONES **BORDER CATS**

The Border Cats have disbanded. Donna Bybee cannot do the job alone and there is no other members that want to be the Area Rep. Donna hopefully will remain as a Stray Cat and we can enjoy her company at Seminars. Donna . . . Thank You for a great job you have done to get a MEOW group started and kept it going as long as you did.

FABRICATS

Summer is winding up and this group only meets occasionally in the summer and the winter is too snowy and icy for meetings.

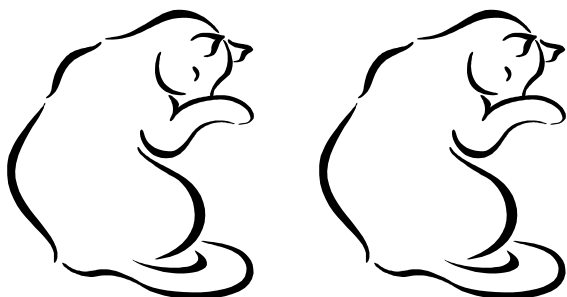
FANTASY FELINES

The new Area Rep for the Fantasy Felines is Letha McKinnon with Vicki Nelson as her advisor. Since there are several new members in class again, at the beginning of each meeting Vicki will teach different stitches from a "free motion sampler".

Angie Bracero (one of our Beginning Members) entered three (3) quilts at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe, WA . She received one (1) Blue ribbon for 1st Place, and two (2) red ribbons for 2nd Place. Way to Go Angie! The members will be making faceless dolls and gowns to donate to the Mary Bridge Hospital as their Community Service project

KREATIVE KITTIES

Our group is growing, we now have six (6) members, with many from other groups attending. We are having fun, thank you to the teachers that have taught us Fabulous Projects.



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PAMPERED PERSIANS

The Pampered Persians are without an Area Group leader. Gail M. did a fabulous job but she can not do the job alone, so she has resigned. There are three (3) members that have offered to help, but don't feel they can take on the job of Area Group leader. Any member out there that can help with this situation would be greatly appreciated! Please give Jyll a call or an email and let me know if you can help and to what extent. For the other members, you are definitely invited to any other group, Tacoma Tabbies, Kreative Kitties, Daffy Cats, etc, just let the Area Group leader know and they can give you all the information for the next meeting. Gail . . . Thank you for your hard work and dedication to MEOW, you will be missed! Thanks!

PINK PANTHERS

This group has been disbanded. There were several factors. First, there are no members, the Area Group leader has resigned and the store and group had chosen to not stay open the later hours that this group met. We would like to thank Quality Sew for your time to support our organization and hope that if in the future we have a group that would like to have after hour meetings, you would be open to this again. Thank you again for your support..

NANCY SHEPHERD **ILWACO**

I will be visiting Jelly Bean Fabrics to get a group going there. We hope to have a name as soon as we have decided on a meeting time and date.

MT. HOOD

Mt. Hood has a schedule set through September 2011 with 8 to 12 attending regularly. The lessons are geared to smaller projects in order to learn the technique and GET THE PROJECT DONE. Since Mt. Hood was the first area group in Oregon to be started, many have a lot of UFO's. We are still making quilt squares each month for our Community Service Project. These blocks will be assembled and then presented to a Nursing Home in December.

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PURFECTION

Their Community Service has involved five (5) members making 15 small quilts for police cars. Robin Slocum (Area Rep) guesses on the hours spent at around 60. One of our Directors travelled through the area and taught class on September 27. We sure hope she had a great time.

STRAY CATS

Judy Betz has a 14 year old sewing student who is making a wool outfit that she will model with her lamb at the County Fair next week (End of September 2010). Judy also finished a wall hanging called Fields of Blue. Another of Judy's projects is cutting kits and making prayer quilts and Squares.

Alice Morris found time to take an Alaskan cruise this summer. She spent time doing demo's at her county fair to promote MEOW. All this while re-doing her yard.

Bobbie Demmer is busy sewing baby quilts for Mission Baptist Church.



Kitty Tip

Donate and Feel Great

Instead of sending your test stitch-outs to the rag bag, consider donating them to a local quilting group or retirement center for use in crafting projects. Of course they aren't interested in corporate logos, but when you do a test stitch-out to get just the right colors for a rooster or butterfly, put the test swatch away in a box to be donated for use in quilt or crafting projects.



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