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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Ladies,

Summer has come and gone. Now that the weather has turned chilly might be the time to finish a few of your UFO's. I have been going through a few (LOL) boxes in my sewing room trying to find all of my beads so I can finish sorting them according to size. In doing so I have found many lost treasures and an enormous amount of UFO's. I am trying to downsize not only my inventory but also the number of crafts I want to continue with and those I don't. I think I can be called a hoarder because I don't want to get rid of anything. Not that any of you can relate to this! Maybe by the end of the next millennium I will be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. As long as no one moves it.

Now let's move on to more important things. Yes, there will be a seminar in 2012. Yes, there is a date – October 26, 27 & 28, 2012. Yes, there is a location – Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek, Oregon. That is all we know for sure at this time. The cost of seminar will be determined by meals, sleeping accommodations, classes and teachers. As soon as all of that is worked out the Committee will inform the members. So start putting aside some money each week now and by the time seminar is here you will have enough money to attend. I for one am looking forward to seminar not only for the classes but also for the camaraderie.

Another topic we need to discuss is the upcoming election for President, Treasurer and 2 Directors. Betty Cooper, Oregon and Pat Bridwell, Washington will be contacting the Area groups for volunteers to run for these offices. MEOW is a "volunteer" organization. The definition of the word "volunteer" is: to offer oneself for some service or undertaking; to give, bestow or perform voluntarily; a person who performs willingly and without pay; I could go on and on. When these ladies contact you, please think it over before saying "No". A great way to learn more about an organization is by serving as a Board member. It is all too often for us to say "Let someone else to it". A favorite saying of mine is "What can I do for MEOW"? Not, "What can MEOW do for me"?

Another way to be a volunteer is by donating your time to help in the MEOW booth at the November Quilt, Sewing & Craft Show in Puyallup, WA on November 17, 18 & 19, 2011. Karen Bennett is the coordinator for the Show with Kathy Brock assisting on Thursday; Vicki Nelson assisting on Friday and Tami Bennett assisting on Saturday. The hours for the show are 10am-5pm. The cost of the ticket to get in is \$8.00 which is good for all three days (there's a \$1.00 off coupon on the MEOW website). A total of approximately 20 volunteers are needed to cover all of the shifts. People are needed to do a demo; talk about the MEOW organization and to hand out flyers and business cards. If you are planning to come to the show anyway, why not spend an hour or so in the booth? Contact Karen at pse@oz.net and let her know when you can help in the booth.

That's all for this time as my sewing room is calling me.

God bless,

Vicki

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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
January 24, 2012
Vancouver, WA
At 10:00 am Regular Board Meeting

Due Dates for:

February Newsletter
Articles and Reports
January 28, 2012

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
March 2012,
April 2012 and
May 2012

November Quilt and
Craft Show
November 17-19, 2011

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Hollywood Stars

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Aristosats

Bytes and PC's

Mt. Hood

Multi-Media

Texanna Cato 2010 to 2013

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Cyber Cats

Fabricats

Tacoma Tabbies

Apral Harrel 2010 to 2012

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Country Kitties

Kalico Kitties (on Hiatus)

Mouse Connections

McKits

Sharon Hults 2011 to 2013

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Digi-Cats

Fantasy Felines

Purrfection

Vicki Nelson

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Stray Cats

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

Thank you for your time on this!
Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders!

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

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

Tami Bennett,
Newsletter Editor

November Expo Display Items

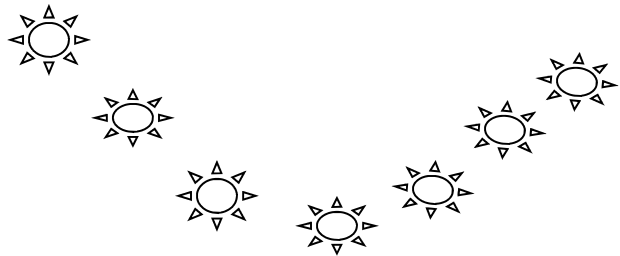
I would like to ask that you begin thinking about items that you have to put on display at the November Quilt and Craft Show. We are looking for items that show that MEOW is more than just Free Motion and Embroidery sewing.

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.

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 to sign up for any of the days and times.

Karen Bennett, Coordinator

YEARLY AUDIT PERFORMED

The members of the Audit Committee were Alice Howell and Mona Hermens, and their report as follows:

The Auditing Committee reviewed the financial records for MEOW for the fiscal year of 2010—2011. All records were clear, concise and balanced.

Signed,
Alice Howell

MEOW GENERAL SEMINAR MEETING

Date: September 24, 2011

Place: Felida Fire Station

11600 N. W. Lakeshore Ave

Vancouver, WA

CALL TO ORDER at 10:00 am by Vicki Nelson, President

ROLL CALL: Executive Officers: Vicki Nelson, president; Karen Bennett, vice-president; Roberta Strebe, treasurer; Peggy Bodle, secretary;

Directors: Kathy Brock, director; Apral Harrel, director; Texanna Cato, director; Sharon Hulst, Director;

Committee Chair: Sandy Radtke, membership, and Tamara Bennett, newsletter/web mistress.

Excused: Pat Bridwell, scholarship; Judi Young, mediation; Kim Keller, mediation; Caroline Burton, mediation; Carla LaBrousse, sunshine chair; Sali Lusk, historian; and Dee Finney, meeting site coordinator.

Recognition of Guests: Nancy Shepherd.

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

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

Treasurer's Report: Roberta Strebe presented reports of profit and loss and the balance sheet for the period of Sept. 1, 2010-Aug. 31-2011.

Vicki Nelson introduced the preliminary budget for Sept. 1, 2011- Aug. 31, 2012. Some small changes were made. Apral made motion to accept the budget and Tami seconded it.

Audit committee (Alice Howell, Mona Hermens and Roberta Strebe) met in McMinnville to review the treasurer's books and found them to be satisfactory.

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Vice-President's Report –Karen Bennett wished to hear from directors about their needs, duties and reports. She also clarified the procedure of making reports, such as the area rep to the director which can be done monthly or 2 weeks before the board meeting. She also handed the list of duties of the secretary as the secretary hadn't prepared a report; there wasn't anything to report anyway. The vice-president reported the disbanding of 4 groups: Kreative Kitties, Designer Cats, Silver City Kitties, and Sandy Katz.

Sunshine report: 6 cards---3 for illness, 2 for surgery, and 1 family lost a member.

Membership Report: Membership chair reported 95 renewals and 4 new members for a total of 99 (includes lifetime members and honorary members).

Newsletter Report: Tami reported the cost of the newsletter for July at \$47 to cover the printing and postage.

November Quilt & Craft Show Report: Karen reported that the Quilt and Craft Show will be November 17, 18, 19, 2011. Assistant Coordinators: Kathy Brock (Thursday); Vicki Nelson (Friday); and Tami Bennett (Saturday). Anyone wishing to help, please contact Karen Bennett—she is the coordinator of the show.

Website Report: Tami reported changes and updates to the Board of Directors page, the Area Group pages and removed the disbanded groups.

Old Business: The storage unit was discussed and seems there is much to be discarded. The Bennett's have room to store the remaining items and the transfer will be done soon.

Historian: Sali Lusk will be resuming her job as historian when she recovers from surgery.

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Nominating Committee: Nominating committee was appointed: Betty Cooper (OR), Pat Bridwell (WA) and Dee Finney will count the ballots.

Seminar Committee: Apral Harrel gave a progress report on what the seminar committee had found. It was decided to have the seminar at the Collins Retreat Center near Sandy, OR.

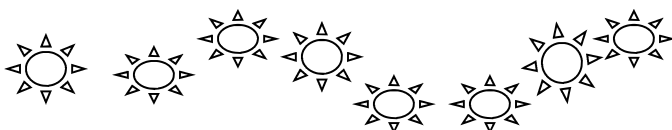
It will be held Oct. 26-28, 2012 Cost of classes has yet to be determined. It was decided that 2 teachers were needed for the estimated number of attendees and another for non-sewers. If attendance exceeds expectations, another teacher (s) will be added.

Standing Rule #8 and the discipline procedures were tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

Future meeting dates for 2012: January 28, April 28, July 28 and Sept. 22. Inform the president if you are unable to attend so she knows if there will be a quorum .

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Signed,
Peggy Bodle
Secretary, MEOW



RENEWALS

All renewals from now to October will be printed in the New Roster which will be printed in October 2011 and mailed to you. If from now until then you need information on a new member or correction mentioned in this newsletter or previous newsletter, please contact either the Board of Directors, your Membership Chair, or the Newsletter Editor/Website Mistress, they will be able to help you with whatever you might need

Thank you for your patience with this..

RENEWED MEMBERS:

Clarice Angelo	Stray Cats
Lenette Bannister	Purrfection
Ordella Bauer-Dev	Purrfection
Karen Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies
Tamara Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies
Nadra Betcher	Fabricats
Judy Betz	Stray Cats
JoAnne Biladeu	Cyber Cats
Tracy Black	McKits
Peggy Bodle	Country Kitties
Carole Bonanno	Purrfection
Angie Bracero	Fantasy Felines
Patricia Bridwell	Fantasy Felines
Kathy Brock	McKits
Claudia Buntyn	Kalico Kitties
JoAnne Burke	Fabricats
Caroline Burton	Mt. Hood/Hollywood Stars
Texanna Cato	Fantasy Felines
Ginger Christmas Beatty	Mouse Connections
Toni Colby	Cyber Cats
Jill Cole	Country Kitties
Betty Cooper	Aristocats
Linda Cope	Country Kitties
JoAnne Cross	Multi-Media/Country Kitties
Lyn Daughterty	Hollywood Stars
Mary Davis	Purrfection
Bobbie Demmer	Stray Cat
Marian Desgrange	Cyber Cats
Carolynn Doughty	Purrfection
Dee Finney	Kalico Kitties
Ginny Fischer	Country Kitties
Barbara Fraiser	Country Kitties
Kristina Friberg	Country Kitties
Anita Gallager	Country Kitties
Caroline Gernegila	Cyber Cats
Alice Goetschius	Hollywood Stars

RENEWED MEMBERS: Continued . . .

Susan Goss	Tacoma Tabbies
Carmen Groves	Kalico Kitties
Lynda Guerra	Cyber Cats
Apral Harrel	Mt. Hood/Hollywood Stars
Rhonda Harris	Country Kitties
Connie Hasten	Fantasy Felines
Miranda Hawker	Digi-Cats
Beth Heesacker	Multi-Media
Barbara Herget	Mt. Hood
Mona Hermens	McKits
Mary Ann Hippy	Mt. Hood
Pauline Hnetinka	Fantasy Felines
Nancy Howard	Country Kitties
Alice Howell	McKits
Sharon Hults	Fantasy Felines
Gayle Jacobson	Country Kitties
Ruth Jones	Fantasy Felines
Katherine Josephson	Stray Cats
Pam Kartak	Digi-Cats
Nancy Kaupp	Fantasy Felines
Diane Keilman	Country Kitties
Kim Keller	Tacoma Tabbies
June Kendell	Mt Hood/Hollywood Stars
Carla LaBrousse	Country Kitties
Jeannie Lettenmaie	Design Divas
Anne Marie Levens	Country Kitties
Carol Lewis	Mt. Hood/Hollywood Stars
Sali Lusk	Cyber Cats
Jeanne Martenson	Stray Cats
Deanna Mauerman	Stray Cats
LaVerne Mazzuca	Fantasy Felines
Letha McKinnon	Fantasy Felines
Lois A. Mock	Hollywood Stars
Jeanine Moser	Country Kitties
Virginia Munro	Fantasy Felines

RENEWED MEMBERS:

Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines
Rhoda Oakes	Stray Cats
Terrill Closs Powell	Fantasy Felines
Barbara Rader	Hollywood Stars
Sandy Radtke	County Kitties
Linda Rigby	Mt. Hood/Design Divas
Betty Riggs	Hollywood Stars
Jackie Rosier	Kalico Kitties
Mary J. Rust	Mt. Hood
Pam Season	Mouse Connection
Nancy Shepherd	Country Kitties
Liz Silberman	Mt. Hood
Linda Simkus	Country Kitties
Robin Slocum	Purrfection
Freddie Smith	Tacoma Tabbies
Elaine Solvang	Fantasy Felines
Maggie Stevens	Stray Cats
Roberta Strebe	McKits
Arlene Thomas	Purrfection
Candy Throop	Purrfection
Tammy Toda	Country Kitties
Tana Tyler	Digi-Cats
Arlette Wentz	Digi-Cats
Janis White	Aristocats
Barbara Wolfendale	Cyber Cats
Kitty Young	Hollywood Stars
Judi Young	Hollywood Stars





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.

There were no corrections necessary this time.

NEW MEMBERS:

We had 106 returning and new members combined as of October 31, 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 2011-2012 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!

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| Pat Barbour | Bytes & PC's/Design Divas |
| Barbara Belgrave | |
| Cindy Cronan | McKits |
| Penny Delancy | Mouse Connections |
| Joy GonCalves | Fantasy Felines |

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PEGGY BODLE
DESIGN DIVAS

Design Divas are meeting at the Gresham Montavilla at 971 NE Kelly Avenue, Gresham.

The group was formed for members to learn their software and how to use it. After they make their designs (in this group) they will do the stitching at Bytes & PCs.

While visiting with Mary Rust, she gave me information about another group--treadleon.net, which is devoted to treadle and hand-crank sewing machines. Visit the web site for more information about the organization and an up-coming event, Oct. 8, 9-5, at Quilting Delights in Clackamas.

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HOLLYWOOD STARS

Hollywood Stars have invited the Kalico Kitties to join them. They enjoyed a pot luck luncheon and planning meeting in July. Kitty Young modeled a beautiful collection of her hats. They constructed and donated 52 gowns for the faceless dolls (Tacoma Tabbies) as community service.

SILVER CITY KITTIES

Silver City Kitties has disbanded but some members may become Stray Cats. Donna Ballard won a beading contest at Treasured Memories (the below picture doesn't do her piece justice).



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TACOMA TABBIES

Tacoma Tabbies are still making faceless dolls with hospital gowns and pillowcases for community service.

Their group is small but seems stable.

KATHY BROCK

ARISTOCATS

We have been busy the last 2 months working on a quilt called "Quilt as You Go". Next month we are going to be doing a purse that sits inside an outside casing and you can change the outside casing and have 2 different looks. Also will be doing books made out of paper and sewed on. We kind of decide from month to month what we want to do.

BYTES & PC's

This group had to move their meeting place due to unforeseen circumstances. The Boring Fire District has combined with the Clackamas Fire District, so they have determined they need the space to train their volunteers. We have changed our meeting place to the Montavilla Sewing Center, at 971 NE Kelly Avenue, Gresham, Oregon. See you there!

Mt. HOOD

Mt. Hood was the first MEOW group and we have always met at the Boring Fire Station. Unfortunately, the Boring Fire District has combined with the Clackamas Fire District and so for some reason, they think they should be able to use their meeting room for training their volunteers. I just don't understand it, but we had to change our meeting place to the:

Montavilla Sewing Center
971 NE KELLY AV
GRESHAM, OR

PS --- Bytes and Pc's and Design Divas have also moved to that same location

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MULTI-MEDIA KATS

August: Gift bag incorporating plant materials. What a full day of fun!! We made our beautiful gift bags with fantastic floral motifs. Then we used coffee and tea to color paper. THEN we made a wonderful new paper using a mix of glue, acrylic paint and tracing paper. One idea led to another. Many thanks to Caroline for her hospitality and her creativity that she shares.

September: We did marbling and having our swap day. What wonderful weather and wonderful friends. Even though the marbling did not go so well at first, we found out what to change and it was working fairly well after lunch. Please make adjustments to the recipe on your handouts. Change the carrageen to 2 to 3 tablespoons to 1/2 gallon of water. It needs to be much thicker than I had from my notes at the workshop. Maybe the humidity had something to do with the thinning of the carrageen? It might be one of those things that wicks moisture from the air. My first print of the morning was very good and it went downhill from there until I mixed up the thicker stuff. Then we had sunshine so less humidity. Any chemists out there??? Also try a synthetic. Caroline said she has better luck with them. I did note a bit of wash-out on my fabrics and think a synthetic might prove to retain the paint better. Too bad that you need to wash before heat setting. If you could get a good washout of the carrageen and heat set before washing in the washing machine it would be better too.

TEXANNA CATO

CYBER KATS

Toni Colby reported no community service for the last couple of months. They really would like some teachers (probably demo or maybe hand sewing). Also, they would appreciate other ideas of things to do.

FABRICATS

This group is only two members but they continue to plug forward. They meet when they can as one of them owns a working farm. These are fabulously talented ladies if you get the chance to see their work.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Community Service Report	Year:	2011		Retail	Sewing	#		
Area Group	Demo Hrs.	Judge Hrs.	Other Hrs.	Number & type of Donated Items	Value of Project	Hours for Project	Contrib. Members	Donating Recipients
Country Kitties				515 Walker Bags	\$ 5,150.00	80	7	Various Hospitals, Nur
Country Kitties				3 Afghans	\$ 300.00	16	1	Project Linus
Country Kitties			40	30+ Angels			1	Angel Cover Ministry
Country Kitties			3	Repair 3 Costume			1	Children's Theater/Sch
Country Kitties				85 Comfort Cushions	\$ 1,141.00	193	5	Hood River Hospital
Country Kitties	8			Setup and Demo			1	White Salmon Library
Country Kitties				4 Prayer Shawls	\$ 80.00	80	1	Bend Memorial Hospita
Country Kitties				11 Dresses	\$ 300.00	33	1	Ginny's Kids #84-13644
Country Kitties				33 Dresses	\$ 330.00	35	1	Africa Through Nancy's
Country Kitties				Goods	\$ 330.00			Wash Gorge Action Pro
Country Kitties				11 Soccer Pillows	\$ 220.00	8	1	
Country Kitties				4 Quilts	\$ 160.00	12	2	
Country Kitties				30 Pillowcases	\$ 300.00	30	2	Mary Bridge Children's
Country Kitties			8	Trout Lake Community Benefit			1	Trout Lake Community
Country Kitties				11 Soccer Pillows	\$ 220.00	77	1	Northlake Dynamite So
Country Kitties			12	Master Gardeners			1	Master Gardners
Country Kitties				4 Quilt	\$ 400.00	20	1	China Children's Hospi
Country Kitties				1 Lap Quilt	\$ 75.00	4	1	
Country Kitties				2 Table Runners	\$ 70.00	27	1	Bend Memorial Hospita
Country Kitties				Twin Size Quilt	\$ 175.00	20	1	Quilt's of Valor for Serv
Aristocats				12 Rec Lambet, 28 Burp Clothes	\$ 104.00	4.5	1	NW Childrens Outreach
Aristocats				4 Baby Quilts	\$ 130.00	30.5	1	NW Childrens Outreach
Aristocats				8 Baby Bibs Embroidered	\$ 60.00	14	1	NW Childrens Outreach
Aristocats				10 Receiving Blankets	\$ 40.00			NW Childrens Outreach
Cyber Cats				55 Dolls	\$ 275.00	55	5	Tacoma Childrens Hosp
Digi-Cats				110 X-Mas Stockings	\$ 550.00	40	2	Project Linus
Digi-Cats				25 Triangle Flags	\$ 250.00	40	1	Seattle SeaFair Scholars
Digi-Cats				20 Baby Quilts	\$ 1,500.00	100	1	Project Linus
Digi-Cats				40 Dog Bandannas	\$ 480.00	80	1	Humane Society
Fantasy Felines				14 Dolls	\$ 70.00	13	12	Mary Bridge Children's
Fantasy Felines				73 Doll Gowns	\$ 365.00	146	7	Mary Bridge Children's
Fantasy Felines	70		100	?				?
Hollywood Stars				52 Doll Gowns	\$ 260.00	59.75	4	Mary Bridge Children's
Hollywood Stars			20	Church Volunteer				Church Volunteer
Kreative Kitties			40	Quilts				American Hero
Kreative Kitties			100	Quilts			3	Mason Co. Hospital
Kreative Kitties			30					Relay for Life
McKits	92			Yamhill County Fair				Yam Hill County Fair
McKits				50 Cat Beds	\$ 500.00	50	1	Homeward Bound 93-0
McKits				10 Lap Robes	\$ 400.00	40	1	Life Care Center 62-164
Mouse Connections			97	Angels for Cheer			2	
Mt. Hood				1 Lg Quilts + 2 Lap	\$ 700.00	74.75	3	Needy persons Quilts
Mt. Hood				2 Lap Quilts	\$ 55.00	13	2	1 to Mt. Hood Group, P
Mt. Hood				2 Fleece Blankets (Tied)	\$ 40.00	4	1	LDS Church in Sandy
Pampered Persians				97 Toiletry Kits	\$ 300.00	48.5	1	Tacoma Rescue Missior
Purrfection				20 Childrens Fleece Hat & Mitten Se	\$ 160.00	65	9	Clearwater Valley Hope
Purrfection				4 Childrens Quilts	\$ 80.00	16	4	
Silver City Kitties			90	Blood Bank Volunteer				
Silver City Kitties			8	Fair Volunteer				
Silver City Kitties			120	Church Aprons, Raffle Quilt, Book Bags				
Silver City Kitties				89 Pillow Cases	\$ 979.00	178	12	Kitsap County Resourc
Silver City Kitties				36 Doll Quilts w/Stuffed Animal	\$ 1,620.00	216	10	Kitsap County Resourc
Tacoma Tabbies				4 Fleece Blankets	\$ 32.00	4	2	Mary Bridge Hospital 9
Tacoma Tabbies				22 Dolls	\$ 110.00	26	4	Mary Bridge Hospital 9
Tacoma Tabbies				20 Doll Gowns	\$ 100.00	30	3	Mary Bridge Hospital 9
Tacoma Tabbies			60	94 Pillowcases	\$ 940.00	40	6	Mary Bridge Hospital 9
Tacoma Tabbies	40						5	November Quilt Show 2
Tacoma Tabbies			69	69 Aprons			2	Church Camp
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M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

July 21, 2011 to September 22, 2011

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	08.01.2011	LaVerne Maccuza	Fantasy Felines	In hospital w/illness
2	08.03.2011	Marian Desgranges	Cyber Cats	Surgery
3	08.03.2011	Toni Colby	Cyber Cats	Death of Brother-in-law
4	08.11.2011	Sali Lusk	Cyber Cats	Surgery
5	08.11.2011	Letha McKennon	Fantasy Felines	Infection in Knee
6	08.12.2011	Beverly Carpenter	Country Kitties	Son's affliction

Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
None to report	2	Self	2	Self		Self
	1	Family		Family	1	Family
		Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
	3	TOTAL	2	TOTAL	1	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
 Dec: Christmas Party
 Jan: TBA
 Feb: TBA

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
 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: Bobbin Necklace
 Jan: TBA — Carla LaBrousse
 Feb: TBA - Diane Keillman

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 Potluck
 Jan: TBD
 Feb: TBD

Design Divas ** Clackamas, OR ** July 2010

Meets: 3rd Tuesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Place: Quilting Delights, 14863 SE Oregon Train Drive,
 Contact: Mary Rust
 Dec: Christmas Party
 Jan: TBD
 Feb: 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
 Dec: Holiday Potluck Party
 Jan: Fabric Origami - Tana
 Feb:

Fabricats * Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 Dec: No Scheduled Activities
 Jan: No Scheduled Activities
 Feb: 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
 Dec: 2011 Potluck/Planning Meeting
 Jan: Shisha Mirrors— Pat
 Feb: 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
 Dec: Christmas Party (Winter Swap)
 Jan: TBD
 Feb: 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
 Dec: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes
 Jan: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes
 Feb: On Hiatus - Joining Hollywood Stars Classes

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: Possible 8th Annual Tea Party
 Jan: Sewing Machine Cover— Roberta/Mona
 Feb: Off

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
 Jan: Show and Tell
 Feb: Decorative Boxes

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: TBD

Feb: 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

Dec: No Meeting

Jan: TBD

Feb: 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

Dec: Christmas Party

Jan: TBD

Feb: TBD

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 Party

Jan: TBD

Feb: TBD

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

APRAL HARREL **COUNTRY KITTIES**

In July this was the time for us to be making out our schedule for the following year. Yeah new and exciting things to do!

August was Barbara Frasier's turn to share the Sewing Edgings with the decorative stitches on your sewing machine. We had a lot of fun with this.

And in September what a great time to get together it was a sit and sew at Ginny's house. Thanks for the hospitality!

McKITS

This group is small but has gotten a couple new members lately. They are still meeting every other month. So please take a look at their schedule and if you are in their area, stop on by.

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.

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

The Mouse Connection is working on a challenge by Graceful Embroidery for the next meeting. We will be working with our embroidery machines for the next couple of months . . .

SHARON HULTZ **DIGI-CATS**

Digi-Cats meets every third Monday of the month at Quality Sewing in Kirkland. On September 19th they had 12 members attend for a field trip to do lace dyeing and have a demonstration of the 12 needle Happy machine. Their schedule is as follows: October 17th – Free standing Christmas ornaments, November 21st – Fabric Bowls, December 19th Pot luck and planning meeting, January 16, 2012 – Fabric Origami, February 20th – In the Hoop quilting, March 19th – Radiant circles.

PURRFECTION

This group has been working on their Community Service and is strong. They have worked out a schedule for next year and if you have any time to visit them, even if it is not on their meeting day, give them a call, these ladies are very hospitable

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FANTASY FELINES

Fantasy Felines meets the second Monday of the month at the fire station on 188th and 68th in Lynnwood. In September we learned how to make journal covers taught by Terrill. In October we will be making Holiday Cards. November will be a Swarovski crystal beaded ball and December will be a potluck and planning meeting at the Sequoyah Clubhouse. January is Shisha mirrors and February is paper piecing.

Guatemala Trip

Hello Meow Members! WE are leading a group to Guatemala in Feb of 2012. This is a one only chance. The tour we designed is specifically slanted towards textile/cultural interests. We have 5 optional workshops scheduled, some in the hotel and some in specific textile schools or villages. The tour company is the same one that a group of us from our Quilt Guild went with in 2009. It is safe, very well organized, and fairly economical. We stay in very nice family owned hotels. The company has hired two specialized guides to travel with us the entire trip, as well as the owners of the tour company. We had requested Jane, as we were so impressed with her last time, plus John (owner) hired another woman who is a specialist of the Mayan peoples' traditional garb. The main places will be Guatemala City, Lake Atitlan and surrounding villages, Chichicastenango, and Antigua. We hope that you take time to visit the website and view the itemized itinerary. We also have brochures that we can mail you on request. www.exploreguatemala.com

Thank you,
Barb Frasier (phone number in the Roster)
Gayle Jacobson (phone number in the Roster)
Country Kitties



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