

Do you attend regularly?

Yes: 56 No: 14 Stray: 3 Work: 1 Economic: 3 Disband: 4 Personal: 4

Have You ever attended MEOW Seminar:

Yes: 49 No: 21 Work: 1.5 Economic 4.5 Personal 6 Classes: 3 Same Info in Group: 3

Thought fees were pretty high at the last one. Would really depend on the classes if I were to attend again.

Cost of the event

Always the wrong time of year

Never heard of it till I joined my local group, which is recent, never heard anyone else talk about it.

I have not been a member long, I think I will get the info in my group after the seminar. I will not be attending any seminar.

2 I am a new MEOW Member

Too far away

I did not enjoy it as I like smaller groups

Classes don't interest me.

Moved

What Month would you like seminar held? May 7.33 June 7.83 July 2.33 August 1.5 Sept 2 Oct 3.5

May, Early June is good, there doesn't seem to be too many conflicts

2 Spring-Summer or Fall

2 No Preference. To be economical, seminar used to be held at campuses, thus had to be scheduled when school was not in session.

3 April, Weather is good enough to travel, but not vacation

7 Whatever works so we're not driving in the snow and possibly canceling the whole thing.

November, January, February, March

2 When weather is good to travel\

Looking for off season/cheaper rates April or October - May earlier is still college graduation, No to September way to busy of a month school start everything is higher in the summer months

March, fewer commitments

My granddaughter's birthday is always the weekend of seminar

Is the Current Length of Seminar Appropriate?

Keep It: 42 Shorter: 7 Longer: 4 Another day

Thursday night sign in, but no matter what classes start at 9:00 am on Friday. Some people would enjoy coming for 1 day because of family, etc.

I work on weekends now and cannot attend, so it doesn't matter.

I would like a to see class on Thursday

Shorter would allow for concentrated workshop and a smaller choice workshop or lecture.

for working people it is easier to just take Friday

Not having proposals that are NEW, so why keep repeating old classes #59

As and Alternative to a 3 Hour Class on Sunday would you prefer?

No Class: 11 General Cl: 27 Depends on Topics 1

What Type of Facility Do you feel best meets the needs of MEOW Members?

College 9.33 Hotel 9.33 Retreat 20.83 Other: Doesn't Matter 12.5

Any place where we can all be together and afford the whole package, with not a lot of issues with transferring classrooms location

Retreat was first choice, Hotel is my second choice

Living in Oregon, I'd prefer it in the Portland area.

Good Classroom space and accessibility for equipment

Whichever is most economical, that fits our needs.

Would You prefer that Seminar was Held:

Oregon: 5 Wa: 11 Change: 18.5 Remain sar 5 Don't Care 23

Unfair to Oregon Members if everything is in Northern Wa. It was organized to be a joint group. It's really strange how it's much further to drive from Seattle to Portland than it is from Portland to Seattle.

3 Oregon is less expensive because no sales tax

If I went, I would want it to be local

My group is in Idaho, travel is the same to either place

I think change between states would be most fair, but I live in Washington

What type of bathroom Facility do you prefer?

Dorm Community? 9 Private Room: 32 Share w/4: 11.5 Doesn't Matter 7

Do you have problem with Stairs:

Yes: 18.5 No: 40.5 Somewhat 3

Is the walking distance a problem for you?

Yes: 16 No: 47

How much did you spend on your room at the 2010 seminar?

Daily \$50 4 Total \$123-200 \$37.00/Day

How much are you willing to Pay per day for a room?

\$ Under 30 to under \$100 per day

2 The less the better, I would much rather put the money into classes and learning.

Do you have a suggestion of a possible location for seminar?

Aldersgate

Convention Center, Bremerton, Washington

2 Shoreline community Center - Shoreline, Washington

Dumas Bay, Federal Way, Washington

Are you aware that you can attend the board meeting when the teacher proposals are being reviewed and voted for your class preferences?

Yes: 48 No 13

Are you agreeable to having the classed presented in the brochure chosen by the membership at a board meeting from all the proposals presented?

Yes: 43 No 13

Pictures don't always show a project well

Would you like to have the classes to be presented in the brochure posted on the website and have the membership vote on them?

Yes: 38 No 17 No difference 1

The people who vote should be the ones that are planning to take classes

Do you want the Seminar Chair to pick a Committee to choose the classes to be presented in the brochure?

Yes: 21 No 29

Whatever works

How else could they be picked?

See #46

How many classes would you like to see presented in the Seminar Brochure for a two and half day seminar based on a 4 classes per day?

10=15 14 16-20 20 21-30 5 Unlimited: 9

When choosing your list of preferred classes should your choices be:

12 8 6 38

I will chose the ones I'm willing to attend, may take less or not attend if they're not available.

See #20

How would you prefer to receive your seminar brochure?

free (website) 48.33 Hard copy 6.83 CD 4.83 No Preference 1

In the past when there were over 300 members it was sent out using MEOW funds, now that there is half as much, you expect the membership to pay extra, what a bunch of bolonga, also movies out of Netflix is cheaper.

As long as there are really clear pictures

Does the reputation of the teachers affect your decision to attend seminar?

Yes: 24 No 36 Sometimes 1

Will not choose classes if I've heard negative things about teacher

2 I go for the subject not the teacher

We are experienced sewers. We attend seminars to learn. Can this person teach me something new?

I go to the seminar for time with friends, & learn. Maybe no a new thing, but to me, I always pick up tips from teacher & students.

Just because someone is artistic, doesn't necessarily make them a good teacher.

2 If they are good at what they teach and have a great project to share, who cares?

2 I would probably pick a teacher I know of.

We should not be paying teachers as much as we do, we are after all a VOLUNTEER GROUP, I would like to see more members Volunteer to teach
It would affect classes chosen, but not attendance.
More Interested in class content & Techniques
I really don't know many of them and rely on your knowledge
Quality makes it happen - some people just aren't teachers

Do you want MEOW members to teach at seminar?

Yes: 53.5 No 1.5 Doesn't Matter 1

2 If they have something worthwhile, otherwise bring in outside teachers. This is a good way ato get something different.

MEOW members are a qualified as any other people. Teachers should be chosen for the class offering, not their name or profession.
There are some teachers I've had in the past that I don't want to take any more classes from and vice versa, too
MEOW Members are terrific, without them, we would not have much of a pool to choose from.

3 If they are qualified

5 We have a wealth of talent

If they are qualified, yes, however, I don't believe they should be paid the same as teachers that come from out of town. Nor should they be eligible for scholarships in addition.
It would be necessary to have MEOW members teach some classes
I don't mind having our own teachers, but we need to have a variety from the outside.
Only if they have successfully taught before

Do you think it would increase interest in the seminar if the individual area groups were unable to teach information from the current year's seminar until the follow year unless it was presented by the teach from seminar?

Yes: 21 No 30 Maybe 2

See #20

it's unfair to be paying for seminar and others don't or won't go because they'll learn it in their group anyway, they just have to wait
This is not enforceable. And if the teacher teaches early those students that took the class will not take her class so cutting her own throat.

See #46

Has not made any difference to our small groups

Would you support the idea of a "Featured Teacher" based on the premise that this person would be a well-known professional national teacher

Yes: 40.5 No 13.5

2 Am more interested in something I can't get elsewhere.

That is the way the Guild is, one featured teacher, it ups the interest in a big way
A Professional well known teacher would ba an incentive to come to seminar. We would be able to confirm this teacher well in advance.
What's the difference? Good talent is good talent, "Pro" or not.
I may not take the class, but the option would be nice.
Only if those attending that class pay more to cover the teachers cost. It would also depend on who the teacher was.

Are you willing to pay extra for a "Featured Teacher"?

Yes: 32.5 No 20.5 How Much 20-100 Maybe 4

What Length of classes do you prefer?

1 3-6 Hr	<u>34</u>	1 2 day	<u>8</u>	1 2 1/2 days	<u>6</u>
2 3-6 Hr	<u>5</u>	2 2 day	<u>19</u>	2 2 1/2 days	<u>4</u>
3 3-6 Hr	<u>6</u>	3 2 day	<u>2</u>	3 2 1/2 days	<u>21</u>

How much are you willing to Pay for a 6 hour class

\$ 50 12 \$60 2 \$40 2 \$100 5 \$70 1

What we paid in the past is fine

Should teachers be paid a flat rate OR paid based on the number of students?

Flat 32.5 students 17.5

How about a mininum?

See #10

See #12

Pay based on the number of students but there must be a minimum number to make the class go . . .

A teacher with full classes paid by the student would make more money, but would a teacher with only 8 or 9 be willing to teach?

See #46

Whatever they are willing to agree to.

Is it more important to you that the final class selection for seminar is based on:

Majority 16.5 Variety 36 Strictly Fre 1.5

Look at #6

Look at #9

A variety of different techniques and projects, we can pick something we haven't done or like to try. And more interesting.

Offer more sessions of the most popular choices. Is this a learning environment or an attempt to put a new face on an old technique?

In order for MEOOW to stay healthy, we need to sometimes step outside of our comfort zone, it should be mostly free motion classes but we also need some variety.

This way everyone has a choice in their interest group.

There are other organizations that do garment construction, quilting, assorted crafts, etc. It is free-motion embroidery that makes MEOOW unique

Please rank the following class types in order of preference:

Number of Votes

- 1 Embell
- 2 Thread Paint
- 3 Free Motion
- 4 Quilting
- 4 Multi-Media
- 6 Comp Em
- 7 Serger
- 7 Pattern
- 9 Computer
- 10 Garment

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Would you prefer that the final class selection be based on:

Majority 32 Pre-Set 16

Pre-set: This would make it possible to notify the teachers earlier. Members would know what classes are going to be presented when they register.

3 Only those attending chose

Would you be open to the idea of having sewing machine dealers provide support and machines:

Yes: 37.5 No: 20.5

Only if no charge to MEOOW

If we do have the dealers provide machines and support, would you like time allocated on Thursday for you to familiarize yourself with the machine?

Yes: 34.5 No 16.5

Would you be interested in a loaner machine for your classes?

Yes: 25.5 No 24.5

Depends on the cost

I would like to try different machines, test drive one to see if I would like to buy that model of machine or not.

If there wasn't a cost

Have you participated in the following seminar activities:

sharing Table:	Yes	<u>42</u>	No	<u>9</u>
Gift Exchange:	Yes	<u>35</u>	No	<u>15</u>
Retail Market:	Yes	<u>38</u>	No	<u>13</u>
Fashion Show	Yes	<u>32</u>	No	<u>18</u>
Freebie Table	Yes	<u>42</u>	No	<u>11</u>
Hospitality Room:	Yes	<u>37.5</u>	No	<u>12.5</u>

I enjoy fashion show. I would participate if/when I had something to show.

I love the hospitality room. It's a necessity!

Not impressed.

Should these activities continue to be part of seminar?

sharing Table:	Yes	<u>44.5</u>	No	<u>3.5</u>
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Retail Market:	Yes	<u>43</u>	No	<u>2</u>
Fashion Show	Yes	<u>45</u>	No	<u>1</u>
Freebie Table	Yes	<u>43.5</u>	No	<u>3.5</u>
Hospitality Room:	Yes	<u>39</u>	No	<u>6</u>

Seminar needs a new look and much less expensive. Perhaps a new focus. Focus on friends getting together to sew instead of all the extras.

These are the best part of Seminar

What should the purpose of the Hospitality Room Be?

Check in, information, meet with the presenters, etc. not a time for free food and drinks

Social hub for mingling

Visit and Relax, meeting new members

Same as it has been last 2 years, food, hang out, a place to be informally with friends

Place of peace and quiet with light refreshments.

Gathering area. Simplify the work and the expense. Should not expect breakfast or lunch to be served.

Isn't there a "free" gathering spot available to serve this purpose?

For snacks, lunch munchies, drinks, and gathering to see everyone

Promote friendship and comradery. A place for relaxation and snacks.

Brainstorming and talking about the days classes just finished . . . Not a bunch of drinking and knit picking people.

3 Socializing and information

2 Continental breakfast, light lunch, evening snack, common meeting room for seminar attendees

2 Help

Not necessary, there are common areas to use that are free!

Are you willing to financially support the Hospitality Room?

Yes: 32 No: 14 \$ 10 8 \$4 3 \$20 1

Do you want a free Night?

Yes: 20.5 No+ 22.5 No Opinior 1 Depends 1

Do you prefer a planned activity?

Yes: 32.5 No 11.5 Depends 1

Do you want a variety of vendors at seminar?

Yes: 50 No 2 One Night 11 Entire Time 31 Either: 2

If cost is too high then don't do it. It is not practical to expect anyone to sit for an entire weekend for a small group.

Are you aware that you can participate in the following activities even if you don't attend seminar?

sharing Table:	Yes	<u>42</u>	No	<u>13</u>
Gift Exchange:	Yes	<u>42</u>	No	<u>13</u>
Fashion Show	Yes	<u>36</u>	No	<u>16</u>
Raffle	Yes	<u>43</u>	No	<u>12</u>

Would you like the ability to Pay on a monthly basin for seminar classes ahead of seminar?

Yes: 17 No 33

2 Sounds like a bookkeeping headache

I think that this could help out more people join the seminar.

Seminar should be econical enough that members can save on their own and Payment Received in one or two Payments. Otherwise overwork and frustrate your seminar treasurer.

2 I can do that myself, I think it'll be a headache for the bookkeeper

3 Sounds like a good idea for people on tighter budgets.

I think monthly would be too much for bookkeeping, maybe two payments

Monthly payments could make it easier on some budget planning.

I like \$100 down, rest Payable at a date

I think this would put a lot more responsibility on the Seminar Chair arranging and collecting this type of Payment

If you could change one thing about seminar, what would it be?

Cost, New techniques, different (not recycled) projects

Have classrooms and sleeping rooms in same facility so we can sew and work on our projects in the evenings.

Having to submit a dozen choices. Instead, Have a set classes for the day, and sign up for specific class . Cost is becoming prohibitive.

Hotel rates of over \$100 per night is too expensive.

Move it away from high priced hotels and back to economical schools. It's sad when "party girls" want to change the seminar from a fun learning experience to a party.

See #14

New individuals sharing in the work of putting on a seminar. You cannot expect the same people to do all the work so that you can have a seminar.

That more people attend and support meow

Have it in a retreat center so we can all be together and not have a long distance between classes.

See: #25

I would like to see something like a sewing retreat without all the fluff. Just get together to sew in a class and not have all the extras

Have multiple different types of classes - I love attending and seeing people every year.

Eating meals together as a group.

Raffle proceeds should benefit all members!

Seeing what other classes are doing and having more time to visit with friends

I realize some things could change and still have a great or better seminar. However, I am at a loss as to what they could be.

Requiring 3 class enrollment - there aren't always 3 choices you want to attend

Buying a lot of supplies - especially when we don't know where to buy all of them. Kits are better.

See #46

Offer more variety of classes than in the last one held

That I'd be able to go!

Would like to see mini seminars held with just one teacher several times a year, it wouldn't be as costly.

Getting selections that you want.

See #67

See #68