



# Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington

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## President's Farewell Letter by Betty Cooper

Ladies: This is my final President's letter and I must say it has been an interesting two years as President. I have been challenged and stretched during my term of office and have survived and now am looking forward to just sewing with different groups. I am a big believer in MEOW and will promote the organization where ever I go. When I took office two years ago my goal was and still is "WHAT IS BEST FOR THE WHOLE ORGANIZATION." We are a great organization and I hope to see us continue moving in that direction. Do not forget we have Latimer coming up in the fall of 2009 and we have Carolyn Burton as our committee chairman for this event. MEOW as an organization will be on display, let us put our best forward for all to see. Thanks to all of you who have encouraged me these last two years.

## MARCH SEW EXPO CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Haven't I seen you at the SEW EXPO in February or March? If you love to shop and see all the different vendors, then we need your help! MEOW has a booth each year at SEW EXPO that allows new and potential members to see our magnificent work and become inspired to join and continue with our organization. To that end, we still need someone to volunteer. We ask that you would be able to be at the Fairgrounds for five (5) days to volunteer to be the Chairperson of the March Expo in Puyallup (Feb. 26, 27, 28 and June 1, 2009) with set up of the booth on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>). There would be a daily manager for each day (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and eight (8) demonstration volunteers per day for a 2.5 hour time slot. There is an entry badge available for the Chairperson. Vicki Nelson has volunteered to mentor anyone that agrees to be the Expo 2009 Chairperson. We need this person prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> as that is when Vicki will be receiving the contract for the Expo. If we don't find someone to handle this, we could lose this valuable out-reach to the community and a base for new members.

The job is not terribly difficult, just a little time consuming, but with being able to have a manager for each day, you would be free to take classes, shop and make connections with the various vendors. Each daily manager would need to make sure that her scheduled volunteers showed up 15 minutes prior to their set times and had everything that they would need to present MEOW to the best of their abilities.

It is a good experience and counts towards your community service hours for your group. Please take the time to think this over and if you have the time, let Vicki Nelson (at [vickianelson@verizon.net](mailto:vickianelson@verizon.net)) know that you would be interested.

## ***Upcoming Events***

- Board Meeting  
Oct. 4, 2008  
Kelso, WA

## ***Due Dates for:***

**October Newsletter  
Articles and Reports  
Oct. 8, 2008**

## ***Need Schedules from:***

**Area Groups for  
December, January and  
February**

## **SEMINAR 2009**

**Red Lion Inn  
Olympia, Washington  
May 28-31, 2009**

**Membership Renewals  
Due August 31, 2008**

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Valley Cats

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Hollywood Stars

**Jo Anne Cross 2006-2008**

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Multi-Media Kats

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Cascade Cats

Stray Cats

**Barbara Isom 2006-2008**

Mt. Hood

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McKits

Silver Kits

**Washington State Directors****Karen Bennett 2007- 2009**

Mountain Cats

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Daffy Cats, Pink Panther

Pampered Persians

**Marjorie Mathison 2007-2009**

Fantasy Felines

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Fabricats

Tiger Mt. Kitties

**Vicky Wyrick 2006-2008**

Silver City Kitties

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Digi-Cats, Sandy Katz

Tacoma Tabbies

**Sali Lusk 2006-2008**

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Tri-katz

**Toni Collby 2007-2008**

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Capital Cats,

Klassy Kats



**CALLING ALL AUTHORS, ARTISTS, EDUCATORS OR CREATIVE PEOPLE!**

Are you bursting to teach something you love to do? Do you love to share your knowledge with friends? If you are an experienced teacher or a first-time teacher, I would like to invite you to submit a Class Proposal for the Machine Embroiders of Oregon & Washington (MEOW) Seminar, May 28– May 31, 2009, held in Olympia, Washington.

Our yearly MEOW Seminar provides class instruction, fun activities, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and learning new creative techniques in the field of crafting, but most of all, it's a great time to make new friends. All classes, including free motion embroidery, sewing, pattern making, beading, polymer clay, hand embroidery, computerized embroidery, fiber arts, weaving, scrapbooking techniques, quilting, etc. are acceptable for submission. **Think Out of the Box!!** MEOW members include a wide variety of skill levels from beginners to professionals, and we love to see classes that offer various techniques and skill levels. Classes may be technique or project oriented. Three (3) and six (6) hour classes are offered. If a class is a project, it should be one that the average student should be able to finish in the time allowed.

**Any member of MEOW or any creative person is encouraged to submit proposals.** If you have submitted a proposal in the past but it was not chosen as a class, please submit it again, Every year is different and attendees love new techniques and projects. Feel free to submit proposals for more than one class!

You can download the form at [www.sewmeow.org](http://www.sewmeow.org). Look under Seminar 2009/Forms. **Please submit one proposal per form.** You can submit samples and/or photos, but samples are preferred, and will be returned to you by October 31, 2008. Photos often don't do justice to your project.

**CALLING ALL TEACHERS (CONTINUED. . . .)**

**Send all proposals by September 15, 2008 to: Connie Hasten**

Email: [chasten4@msn.com](mailto:chasten4@msn.com) Please email her if you are sending a package so she can be on the lookout.

Including estimated value of your samples. (for postal insurance when returning samples and/or photos.)

All proposals will be presented for the initial selection process at the October 2008 Board Meeting. MEOW members then choose their classes from those initially selected. All teachers are paid a fee for teaching, and any kit fees are paid by students. If you have any questions or have a suggestion for a teacher who should be contacted, email us.

Where else can you teach to a group of talented and eager students? **AT THE 2009 MEOW SEMINAR!!** We are looking forward to seeing your class proposals!

Jyll Jones—Seminar Chairperson 2009) ([stitchnstuff@comcast.net](mailto:stitchnstuff@comcast.net))  
 Connie Hasten –Teacher Submission Chairperson 2009) ([chasten4@msn.com](mailto:chasten4@msn.com))

**Ladies: If you still have not sent out your thank cards, please do so now. It is important that this be done to insure that we are able to contact the vendors again and sending these cards makes that possible.**

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 • Ruth Jones asks if anybody has found a sleeve for a Viking #1+. It is the tool box bobbin holder, if so e-mail me at [jnesdnr@verizon.net](mailto:jnesdnr@verizon.net). Thank you for taking the time to look.

Ruth Jones, Seattle Katz

# SEMINAR 2009

## THEME AND LOGO CONTEST

We are gearing up for the 21st MEOW Seminar in Olympia and we need to choose our theme and logo. I have seen many clever ideas and creative skills from our members, so please consider submitting an entry, dust off an old one that did not win, or come up with some great ideas for a logo and theme for 2009.

These basic rules apply:

- Any current MEOW member may enter
- Choose a theme and a design, the logo must include Meow and 2009
- Logo design may be round, square or rectangle.
- You may use up to 4 colors plus an outline and lettering color.
- Your inspiration may be machine embroidery, needle arts or geography related.
- Logo design should be 2 1/2 to 3 inches in size, drawn on white paper. If possible, please provide one in black and white and one in the colors you have chosen.
- The winner will be selected during the October board meeting by the members that attend.
- Winner is to receive appreciation, recognition and a smile.
- Mail entries to seminar chairperson by

**September 15, 2008:**

**Jyll Jones**

or

**E-mail me the pictures—  
[stitchinstuff@comcast.net](mailto:stitchinstuff@comcast.net)**

**Looking forward to seeing your creativity in  
Action.**

**Jyll Jones, 2009 Seminar Chairperson**

M.E.O.W. General Meeting Minutes  
Seminar 2008  
Friday, May 30, 2008

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Betty Cooper, President presented the current Board Members to the General Membership, thanking each one for their good works for MEOW.

Following that, she introduced the new Board Members

President Jan Story  
Treasurer Vicki Nelson  
Oregon Directors  
Caroline Burton  
Ruth Casciato  
Nancy Howard  
Washington Directors  
Peggy Bodle  
Sali Lusk  
Texana Cato

### **HONORARY MEMBERS:**

All Honorary Members were recognized.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

Cathy Beal, announced she was stepping down as Newsletter Editor.

### **SEMINAR:**

Alice Howell was presented with a beautiful bouquet for her wonderful job organizing our 2008 seminar.

Jyll Jones announced that the 2009 seminar is well underway. Committee members have been selected. The event will take place in Olympia at the Red Lion Inn, the weekend after Memorial Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Kennady  
M.E.O.W. Secretary

MEOW Board Meeting Minutes  
Cowlitz Fire Station  
701 Vine Street  
Kelso, Washington  
Saturday, July 26, 2008

Betty Cooper, President called the meeting to order at 10:07am. The roll call was taken and there were **two (2) Executive Board members** (Betty Cooper; Jessica Kennady); **Six (6) Directors** (Claudia Buntyn, Jan Story, Karen Bennett; Sali Lusk; Vicki Wyrick, Marjorie Mathison); **five (5) Committee Chairs** (Alice Howell; Peggy Bodle; Jyll Jones; Tamara Bennett; Vicki Nelson). There were **ten (10) excused absences** (Joan Webster, Tana Tyler, Kathy Brock, JoAnne Cross, Barbara Isom, Toni Colby, Roberta Strebe, Mona Hermens, Arlene Harrison, Kitty Young.) and **eight (8) guests**, (Geri Anderson, Wilma Simpson, Lyda Banick, Nancy Howard, Diane Elliott, Texanna Cato, Ruth Casciato, Caroline Burton)

#### Minutes April 26, 2008

Alice Howell's budget was not voted on and not presented to the Board as stated in the May newsletter. The minutes were approved as corrected

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty Cooper reported that an Audit Committee would review the books. Balance sheets were passed out. The incoming Treasurer requested approval from the Board to upgrade her QuickBooks software. Motion made and passed. The Bylaws state the authorized signers for the bank accounts are the Pres., Jan Story, and the Treas., Vicki Nelson. They will need to bring a copy of the minutes to Washington Mutual Bank with that verbiage in order to change signers on the accounts.

#### Vice President's Report:

Jessica Kennady reporting for Joan Webster handed out the list of new Directors and the groups assigned to them. Joan's report stated 2 groups have disbanded for numerous reasons, Tiger Mountain Kitties and Mountain Cats. There is the possibility of a new group in Idaho. Joan will report more on this at the next meeting.

Board Meeting minutes continued . . . .

**Director's Report:** All Directors submitted their reports to the newsletter, and will be reported therein.

**Membership:** Betty Cooper reported for Roberta Strebe that we currently have 326 members.

**Sunshine Report:** Jessica Kennady reported that a total of 23 cards were sent out between 4/15 and 7/15/2008. 1 positive (birthday) 4 illness/injuries; 10 surgeries and 7 losses.

**Newsletter:** Tamara Bennett will be doing the next newsletter. She has re-formatted the newsletter into Microsoft Publisher and is currently working on font and size issues. She reported research on copying and mailings and found that she can get the newsletter to Fed Ex Kinko's for a good price, short turn-around for both printing and mailing. Motion was approved to use FedEx Kinko's for our newsletter. Tamara also reported that after the newsletter was completed and to the publisher it will be posted on the website.

**Carol Cornford Scholarship:** Betty Cooper reported for Arlene Harrison that fifteen scholarships were given to the 2008 MEOW Seminar and all winners attended. Confirmation forms are to be completed and returned to the Scholarship Chairperson by 5/15/2009 after each winner has completed their teaching obligation.

Of all the 2007 Scholarship winners two members chose to repay their scholarship due to personal problems which prevented them from teaching. This money will be added to the 2009 Seminar Scholarship funds.

**Fairs:** Peggy Bodle reported she needed more MEOW ribbons and passed out a list of all the Washington Fairs. There was no report regarding the Oregon Fairs.

**Sew Expo:** Pat Bridwell has volunteered to be the Chairperson for the **November Expo**. Chairperson for the **March Expo** is still needed. If we choose not to participate in March we will no longer have a space at the Expo. It was also mentioned that passes might be available for all those who volunteer to help at Expo.

**Website:** Jyll Jones reported she is working on making the website easier to use. There are links to the Seminar pages and newsletters. Jyll asked for approval to use a secured server company (Zebra Tracks) for a cost of \$44/year to have the ability to mass-send information to the membership. There were many concerns surrounding the confidentiality of the site and how it worked, and after a lengthy discussion a motion was passed to use this system.

There was more discussion as to what should be on our website, what was member only viewing and what was public accessible. It was suggested that many announcements can be 'instantly' sent out to the membership of upcoming events, important information, etc. Jyll encouraged anyone with questions to feel free to contact her via e-mail.

**M.E.O.W. Latimer Quilt & Textile Center -- Membership Show – September 2009:** Betty Cooper announced that Caroline Burton has accepted the role of Chairperson to help coordinate this show in Tillamook, Oregon.

**Seminar 2008:** Alice Howell reported that 81 members attended Seminar 2008 at George Fox University. She submitted her balance sheet and the Seminar made a profit \$3555.37. Alice answered all questions and asked if anyone remembers where the 'instruction' manual for the Seminar Chairperson is. It has not been passed down from years ago. The Board thanked Alice for all her hard work in putting on a great Seminar in spite of the fact she had very little time to do so.

Betty Cooper brought up the subject of reimbursement for 2 members that were unable to attend seminar due to circumstances beyond their control

(family member passed away; car accident). It was moved and passed to reimburse all but the \$50 initial fee to each member. The Board also moved and passed a one-time travel expense exception for two of our honored teachers that did not quite meet the 500-mile requirement. All exceptions must be brought before the Board after the final budget report is presented.

**Seminar 2009:** Jyll Jones reported that the Logo contest entries would be presented at the next Board Meeting. The contest information will be up on the website. Jyll is still in need of a Raffle Chairperson for 2009. The format for the 2009 brochures will remain the same as 2008.

**Old Business:** No business was presented.

**New Business:** The outgoing President, Betty Cooper was presented with gifts and thanked for all she has done for M.E.O.W. The incoming Executive Officers, Jan Story, President and Vicki Nelson, Treasurer were welcomed as were the new Directors; Texanna Cato, Caroline Burton, Nancy Howard, Sali Lusk, Ruth Casciato and Peggy Bodle

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. It was closed at 1:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jessica Kennady, Secretary

### **Website News:**

You may be seeing some emails with a subject line of MEOW from a company called Zebra Tracks. This new email contact system will allow MEOW to keep you updated on news, events, and all things concerning MEOW. We have the newsletter, website and now an email contact system.

SOOOO . . If you change your email and it



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bounces back to us, you will probably get a friendly call from our wonderful membership person, Roberta, asking for updated info. We are working really, really hard to keep you informed, updated and feeling like you belong to an organization that is run by YOU!!!!

We are slowly making a few changes to the website to keep the navigation of our site manageable for the web mistresses and YOU!. The front page is getting really crowded and we are trying different ways to make it less crowded and friendlier. Keep coming back and checking out what is new.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We are receiving pictures, and comments and helpful hints for the website and we evaluate and implement as many as possible.

Some of the new things on the website are: MEOW ByLaws, general standing rules and LOTS of publications, like the community service form, reimbursement forms, letterhead and MUCH more. Check under publications tab.

If you have some suggestions of other information to put on the website.. LET US HEAR FROM YOU!!!

**Seminar 2009**

2008 seminar is over and now it's time to start saving your pennies, nickels and dimes so you can attend Seminar 2009. Here is what we know now:

**Red Lion Hotel in Olympia, WA**

**May 28, 29, 30, 2009**

**Good food, good friends and lots of fun**

What we don't have YET, is a theme or logo?? All ideas are considered and will be voted on by the general membership. As soon as I start receiving your ideas, I will put them up on the web for voting. SO SEND YOUR IDEAS, DON'T BE

Seminar 2009 continued from below . . . )

SHY!! YOU CAN BE ANONYMOUS! Please send to Jyll. All info is under the Seminar 2009 tab on the website: sewmeow.org (plus some GREAT pics from 2008) or my address, email and phone number are listed in this newsletter.

Your Seminar Committees are busy and working hard, but we need some more help!! Are you interested in helping, contact me? I promise it won't hurt, cost you money, or inconvenience you. If you are interested, please give me a call, email or send me a snail mail.

At the board meeting in October 08, the teacher selections will be chosen, do you have someone in your group that has created an awesome project. Encourage them to be a teacher at seminar. MEOW pays their teachers to teach at seminar, and your adoring friends will enjoy your project. More info.. look on the web page!!!

Looking forward to seeing you at Seminar 2009.

**2008 Carol Cornford Scholarship Winners**

Fifteen Scholarships were given to the 2008 MEOW Seminar. All of these winners attended Seminar. Information listing these winners was included in the Seminar packet and each winner was given a button to wear to invite teaching opportunities. Confirmation forms, which must be mailed to the Scholarship Chairperson, by May 15, 2009 after their teaching is completed, have been sent to each recipient.

2007 Scholarship winners: two winners chose to repay their scholarship due to personal problems, which prevented them from teaching. That money will be added to scholarships to Seminar 2009.

Arlene Harrison  
Scholarship Chr. July 2008

	Date	Member Name	From (group)	Reason
1	4/15	Mary Ann Miller	Mountain Cats	Surgeries - self
2	4/15	Diane Marinig	Tiger Mountain Cats	Surgery – self
3	4/24	Mary Dicks	Daffy Cats	Death – Family
4	4/24	Susan Isaacson	Tacoma Tabbies	Illness – Family
5	4/29	Kay Hardman	Former McKits	90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
6	5/21	Texanna Cato	Seattle Katz	Surgery – self
7	5/21	Laverne Mazzuca	Seattle Katz	Surgery – self
8	6/2	Jo Anderson	Capital Cats	Death – Sister
9	6/2	Justina Mauer	Capital Cats	Death – Aunt
10	6/2	Joelyn Porter	Capital Cats	Death – Friend
11	6/2	Velma Fitzsimmons	Capital Cats	Surgery – Spouse
12	6/2	Georgia Watson	Capital Cats	Illness - Spouse
13	6/2	Vy Frederick	Valley Cats	Injury – Self
14	6/2	Darcy Halloran	Digi-Cats	Death – Father
15	6/5	Belinda Leach	Seattle Katz	Death – Father
16	6/5	Linda Thayer	Fantasy Felines	Surgery – Self
17	6/5	Arlene Harrison	Juanita Gatos	Surgery - self
18	6/23	June Kendell	Mt Hood Cats	Surgery – self
19	6/24	Enfield Family	Former member	Death-former member
20	6/27	Vy Fredrick	Valley Cats	Injury – self
21	7/8	Diane Marinig	Tiger Mt. Cats	Surgery – self
22	7/8	JoAnn Cross	Country Kitties	Surgery – self
23	7/15	Barbara Isom	Aristocats	Illness - self

Positives 1	Illness/Injury 4	Surgery 10	Loss 7
Birthday 1	Self 2*	Self 9	Former Member 1
	Family Member 1	Spouse 1	Friend 1
	Spouse 1		Family 5
	*1 member/2 injuries		Spouse 0

BEAUTIFUL SUNSHINE CARDS RECEIVED FROM  
 FANTASY FELINES  
 COUNTRY KITTIES

Resoectfully Submitted: Jessica Kennady, Sunshine Coordinator — July 22, 2008

## Letter from your Newsletter Editor

by Tami Bennett

I would like to thank our out going President, Betty Cooper, for thinking of me for the job of Newsletter Editor. I hope to be able to do the job justice like the previous Newsletters Editors. I would like to tell all MEOW members that my email and phone are open and I welcome all constructive criticism, since this is going to be a learning experience for me. I will welcome all articles and what I would call "Kitty Tips". These are tips in sewing, emailing, everyday life, that you think should be passed along to our membership and what a great place to do it, than the MEOW Newsletter. If for some reason your article or tip doesn't make it into the next one, be sure that it will make it to a future edition of the Newsletter. Thank you all for your support.

### Please welcome our 2 new members:

Kathy Thurman            Aristocats

Judith M. Link            Sandy Katz

Please make these email corrections and additions:

#### Additions:

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## Mark your calendars!

November Quilt and Craft Show in Puyallup Washington, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday through Saturday.

MEOW will be hosting a booth at this event. We will be displaying samples of our work and demonstrating free motion embroidery. We are looking to invite new members and promote our organization. Please consider volunteering for a short 2 hour shift while you are at the event. Please examine your work and others in your chapter for the most impressive pieces to showcase what we do. Samples of work will be collected at the beginning of October at the Board Meeting. For more information, or to volunteer for a shift please contact Pat Bridwell at 206 524-7681 or [patria2br@live.com](mailto:patria2br@live.com). Thank you.

## SEWING TIPS by Kathleen McKinney

With increased interest in the environment, many people are making grocery bags. Here is a trick for "Boxing" the ends. It is easy for beginners and gives a "Designer Look".

Before sewing, mark the bottom fold or seam of bag. Also mark pleat markings. To do this determine how deep you want the bottom of the bag. Place pleat marks on either side of the bottom fold mark at 1/2 the depth of the bag bottom. (If you want the bottom to be 4" deep; mark pleat markings at 2" on each side of the bottom fold marking.) When you are ready to sew the side seam, mark the pleat markings wrong sides together. Fold up along the pleat marking line to match right sides together. Sew side seam. Turn. Use your fingers to form the triangle shaped fabric on the outside of the bag. It's a lot easier than these instructions make it appear! Newsletter May 1991 Vol 1, Number 3



**Aristorcats** \*\* Portland, OR \*\* September 2001

Meets: 1st Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm  
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway  
 Contact: Jo Anne Cross  
 Sept: Quilt of Stitches Nancy Shepherd  
 Oct: Spider Web Caroline Burton  
 Nov: Fir Tree Quilt Betty Cooper

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm  
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex  
 Contact: Linda Rigby  
 Sept: Boot Gift/Candy Holder—Community Service  
 Oct: Bathroom Goodies Part 1 Stitch Design—Carol  
 Nov: Bathroom Goodies Part 2 Construction Projects—Carol

**Capital Cats** \* Olympia, WA \*\* May 1993

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am —4:00 pm  
 Place: Lacy Library 500 College Ave SE  
 Contact: Wilma Simpson  
 Velma Fitzsimmons & Betty Akin  
 Sept: Part 1—Jacket  
 Oct: Molas  
 Nov: Part 2—Jacket

**Cascade Cats** \* Bend, OR \*\* August 1992

Meets: 1st & 3rd Fridays 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Mountain Country Mercantile Fabrics  
 Contact: Nancy Tyler  
 Sept:  
 Oct:  
 Nov:

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Hood River Extension Office  
 Contact: Carla Labrousse  
 Sept: Beading Tree Barbara Frasier  
 Oct: Journal Cover Rhonda Harris  
 Nov: Tree Napkins Sue Koester

**Creative Cats** \* Salem, OR \* Dec. 1990/August 2004

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Capitol manor Retirement Center Hwy 22  
 Contact: Lyda Banick  
 Sept: Illusion Bars Lyda Banick  
 Oct: Thread Painting—Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced  
 Nov: Holiday Trapunto Quilting Pillow

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

Meets: 4th Thursday 9:30 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: King of King's Lutheran Church 18207—108th Ave SE  
 Contact: Kay Moore  
 Sept: Lotus Cutwork Joyce Eslinger  
 Oct: Luggage Tags and Spotters JoAnn Biladeau  
 Nov: Holiday Wool Cat Pillows Sandie Pugh

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

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm  
 Place: Quality sew & Vac Federal Way  
 Contact: Janice Hammock  
 Mary Dicks  
 Sept: Underwater Scene  
 Oct: Underwater Scene  
 Nov: Reverse Applique (based on Sept/Oct 2003 Quiltmaker)

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

Meets: 4th Friday (Flexible) 3:30 pm — 5:30 pm  
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics  
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier  
 Sept: Schedule Planning  
 Oct: Thread Painting  
 Nov: Mock Rug Hooking

**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  
 Sept: Embossed Designs Kathy  
 Oct: Digital Designer Jeans  
 Nov: Patchwork Bag/Teacher Appreciation

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

Meets: 1st Wednesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm  
 Place: Wenatchee Sewing & Vac 1544 N Wenatchee Ave  
 Contact: Nadra Betcher  
 Sept:  
 Oct.:  
 Nov:

**Fantasy Felines** \* Lynnwood, WA 88 May, 1994

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm  
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W  
 Contact: Elaine Solvang/Vicki Nelson  
 Sept: Beaded Green Placemat—Vicki  
 Oct: Discharge w/out Bleach—Sharon  
 Nov: Vessels—Diane Baker—



**Hollywood Stars** \* Portland, OR October 1991

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm  
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center 8326 SE Start  
 Contact: Kitty Young  
 Sept: Community Service—"Hugs"  
 Oct: Tesselations—Liz Silberman  
 Nov: Circles -- Judi Young

**Juanita Gatos** \* Kirkland, WA \*\* June, 1992

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm — 8:30 pm  
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac 13501 — 100th Ave NE  
 Contact: Diane Baker/Marsha Kurle  
 Sept: Silk Ribbon Embroidery Arlene Harrison  
 Oct: Discharge Dyeing Margie Mathison  
 Nov: Sweatshirt Jacket Ester Holmes

**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  
 Sept: Discharging Peggy Bodle and Ruth Casciato  
 Oct: Scribble Picture Ruth Casciato  
 Nov: Circle Sewing Judi Young

**Klassy Katz** \* Aberdeen, WA \*\* October, 2004

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Quilt Harbor Two 208 Broadway  
 Contact: Jennie Giles  
 Sept: Silk Ribbon Embroidery Wilma Simpson  
 Oct: Fantasy Flower Garden Joan Webster  
 Nov: Vestal Bowls Justina Maurer

**McKits** \* Lafayette, OR \*\* January, 2000

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Lafayette Comm. Church 365 Third Street  
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Mona Hermans  
 Sept: Dragon Fly Sally Duncan  
 Oct: Something New Jan Story  
 Nov: Mola Claudia Buntyn/Mona Hermans

**Mountain Cats** \* Port Angeles, WA \*May, 1996

Meets: 1st Friday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Viking Sew & Vac 707 E 1st Street  
 Contact: Sherrie Rogers

Not Renewing Memberships at this time. We are sorry to see them go.

**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  
 Sept: Necklines Nancy Shepherd  
 Oct: Boarders Kitty Young  
 Nov: Spirit Doll Ginger Christmas-Beattie

**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: Betty King  
 Sept: Screen Bags  
 Oct: Community Service Project  
 Nov: Basic 101

**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  
 Sept: Experiments with line  
 Oct: Using Natural Materials  
 Nov:

**Pampered Persians** \* Puyallup, WA \*\* April, 2005

Meets: 2nd Thursday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm  
 Place: South Hill Quality Sew & Vac 3715 S. Meridian  
 Contact: Gail Mikuchonis/Toni Colby  
 Sept: Wired Fall Leaves  
 Oct: Sculpted Broach or Bowl  
 Nov: Open

**Pink Panthers** \* Puyallup, WA \*\* April, 2007

Meets: 2nd Thursday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm  
 Place: South Hill Quality Sew & Vac 3715 S. Meridian  
 Contact: Gail Mikuchonis  
 Sept: Wired Fall Leaves  
 Oct.: Sculpted Broach or Bowl  
 Nov: Open

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

Meets: 1st Monday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Cranberry Bay Fabric & More 897 Minard Ave NW  
 Contact: Dian Millette Kathy Jones  
 Sept: Fabric Folding  
 Oct: Purse Made out of Fabric Folding  
 Nov: Table Runners

**Seattle Katz** \* Seattle, WA 88 September, 1999

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm  
 Place: Pat Bridwell call Shelly for information  
 Contact: Shelly Watson  
 Sept: Jacket Beginnings Gloria Young  
 Oct: Discharge Techniques Texanna Cato  
 Nov: Open

**Silver City Kitties** \* Silverdale, WA \*\* January, 1999

Meets: 1st Tuesday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: EAGLES Nest - Kitsap County Fairgrounds  
 Contact: Beverly Robinson  
 Sept: Collage and Embellished Vessels  
 Oct: Wish You Were Here Postcards  
 Nov: Finish Up Project (UFO's)

**Silver Kits** \* Silverton, OR \*\* March, 2006

Meets: 4th Thursday 4:30 pm — 7:30 pm  
 Place: Family Fabric 207 High Street  
 Contact: Jessica Kennady  
 Sept: Secret Keeper Doll, Pt 1 Jessica Kennady  
 Oct: Secret Keeper Doll, Pt 2 Jessica Kennady  
 Nov: Christmas Cards

**Snippy Kats** \* Keizer, OR \*\* August, 2004

Meets: 4th Friday 9:30 am — 1:00 pm  
 Place: John Knox Presbyterian Church 452 Cummings Lane N  
 Contact: Jan Story  
 Sept: Canterbury Bells Thread Painting Molly Petram  
 Oct: Quilting Sampler Jan Story  
 Nov 21: Pillowcases Monogram/Xmas Potluck Gloria Higdon

**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  
 Sept: Field Trip to Area Quilt shops  
 Oct: Lotus Cutwork Justina Maurer  
 Nov: Banner

**Tiger Mountain Kitties** \* Issaquah, WA \*\* September, 1993

Meets: 3rd Tuesday 12:30 pm — 3:30 pm  
 Place:  
 Contact: Linda Brandon  
 Due to loosing Meeting place, this group has disbanded.

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

Meets: 1st Saturday 1:00pm—4:00 pm  
 Place: Janean's Bernina 6303 Burden Blvd. #C  
 Contact: Kathy Petty  
 Sept: Open  
 Oct: Open  
 Nov: Open

**Valley Cats** \* Albany, OR \*\* October, 1994

Meets: 1st Saturday 10:00am — 2:00 pm  
 Place: Oregon Sew & Vac 401—1st Ave NW  
 Contact: Vy Fredericks/Chris Hulsof (8/31/08)

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

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

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

**Kitty Tip**

Please when you receive an email from a fellow MEOW member, reply with at least a simple "I got it" or "Thank you", it would be greatly appreciated and that way, we know that you received our mail.

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.

**OREGON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS****KATHY BROCK****SNIPPY KATZ**

A big thank you to Chrys Hulsof for a great bobbin work lesson. Her presentation of Nancy Shepherd's Tree really simplified the mystery and frustration of bobbin work for many of us.

June was their annual picnic at Corale's where they did their planning for the following year. July found them working on getting ready for the fair and preparing their entries.

**COUNTRY KITTIES**

Nancy Shepherd presented the beaded Sunflower and it was beautiful when completed. In June, Ginny Fisher presented the Enchanted View and they did a Take it With You Quilt by Beverly Carpenter.

Two members—Nancy Howard and Peggy Bodle were elected as Directors—congratulations to them both.

This group always has such good participation in the show and tells every month as they have so many things to share with the group.

In July they made quilt squares by machine. Their meeting in September will be at the Skamania County Fair.

**VALLEY CATS**

They worked on a Something Found Journal Cover with Jill Rue and she showed how it could be made into a wall hanging, cards or quilt. They had a visitor that day—Laurette Blinn (Benton Co. Fair textile Superintendent). She really enjoyed helping with the projects.

Carol Fisher arranged the community project and she had a picnic at her house in July where quilters and beaders gathered prior to moving on to the county fair grounds..

**JOANNE CROSS****CREATIVE CATS**

Creative Cats are starting in September on new project of fun and exciting techniques (see the Schedule). They had a picnic and planned their schedule. Looking towards new members in the future. Check your supplies and make sure that you have the Sulky Books you need. The books can be ordered on the internet through Sulky or [loosethreads@speedstitch.com](mailto:loosethreads@speedstitch.com).

**KALICO KITTIES**

Our schedule is full of exciting meetings and a tour next July. We went to Latimer Quilt & Textile Center this July.

Wonderful place to visit. Some of our MEOW members have displays there.

**MULTI-MEDIA:**

They have a full schedule planned for the rest of the year! Watch the website and newsletter for our schedule and come have fun with us.

**CLAUDIA BUNTYN****ARISTOCATS**

Will be going to Jack of All Beads on Aug 5, 2008

In McMinnville; a new quilt store in Yamhill and a Yarn Store in Carlton. Call JoAnne if you are Interested in car-pooling.

**BYTES AND PC'S**

We want to wish Linda a "speedier recovery" so she can get back home.

It was a unanimous decision that we adapt our schedule for more time on the same project. That way we have less UFO's and don't have to find an appropriate design for a project each month. We divided the projects we chose into manageable steps that would allow someone to miss a month and still be able to easily catch up.

Whenever possible, the presenter of a new project will have a sample of the project they will be presenting available at the previous month's meeting plus a picture or website where it can be found. That information can then be included with the supply list. This will help with choosing designs. We will also provide a resource for free designs, but remember the same project can be done with different designs. It just means we will have to be prepared with our own design when we arrive. This is part of the creativity of machine embroidery,.

**HOLLYWOOD STARS**

Had a huge brainstorm and planned their schedule through October, 2009. Devote first 10-15 minutes to Basic 101. Bring something every week for our raffle basket and collect \$1 each week for our raffle gifts.

July8-Sept 6—Caroline Burton will be showing at the Latimer Quilt Gallery in Tillamook. Try to catch her show, you'll be glad you did.

**BARBARA ISOM****McKITS**

Did their community service project, which were lap robes for the care center in McMinnville. Had Christmas in July at Roberta Strebe's home and made lighted beaded snowmen by Janette Lauwer's instructions.

**Mt. HOOD** had no report.

**SILVERKITS**

In April they set their schedule for the remainder of 2008. Jan Story gave a lesson in portrait work. In June, Caroline Burton introduced the group to a wonderful way to make trees.

**JAN STORY**

**CASCADE CATS AND MOUSE CONNECTIONS** had no reports.

**STRAY CATS**

**Bev Mallett** has been staying indoors due to the extreme heat (triple digits) down in **French Camp, CA** and working on squares for a baby quilt while housebreaking a new poodle.

**Anna Dudden** back in Bridgeport, NE has been a busy lady. While teaching classes at her local quilt shop, she also taught some classes at the Wyoming Quilt Seminar in Casper, WY. One class was a free motion embroidered rose. In July, she helped at the annual quilt show in Gering, NE. Where does she find all her energy?

**Sally Dunkin of Dallas, OR** keeps busy sewing for weddings in addition to working full time. Says she can't wait to retire! She has also been doing some portrait work with Alice Morris, also of Dallas. Alice has been teaching a Curved Pieced Jacket for the Creative Cats of Salem, OR. Both ladies will spend three days demonstrating free-motion stitching at the Polk County fair.

**Donna Brooker of Livingston, TX** attended the American Sewing Guild conference in Chicago-was excited that her local chapter won National Honors. She and her sister left Iowa in late July on a 2,000 mile trip to bring her car to Olympia, WA where she will spend the winter months.

Cathy Beal of Gig Harbor, WA and her husband have been enjoying staying cool camping on the coast. When home she made doll clothes for her local ASG chapter's auction. She taught foundation piecing to the Capital Cats and was asked to return and do another free-motion class for them in August.

**Judy Betz of Bakersfield, CA** is not letting the HOT weather and humidity slow her down. She been teaching pattern fitting to some private students in addition to a Learn to Sew class at her local quilt shop. In her spare time she makes prayer quilts and is working on a land-scape quilt. That "boot" doesn't slow this lady down.

**WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

KAREN BENNETT

**DAFFY CATS**

They are working on their community service project for the year, which will be Quilts for St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma, WA and they have several completed. They took a trip to Martingale Press with the Pampered Persians and Pink Panthers in July.

**WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

KAREN BENNETT (Continued . . .)

**PAMPERED PERSIANS AND PINK PANTHERS**

They are beginning to work on their community service projects of Funeral gowns for Madigan Hospital and Doll Hospital Gowns for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. Took a trip to Martingale Press with the Daffy Cats. Planning a Fabric

Exchange and working on another Sew Weekend.

**MOUNTAIN CATS** They appear to not want to continue at this time and will reevaluate their situation at a later date.

**TONI COLBY****CYBER CATS**

Had a planning party in June. They are a very talented group of ladies, and have some exciting meetings planned. They are an organization that helps out families in need. They will also be making decorated bags and wrapping paper for Baby boutiques to use at Christmas.

**DESIGNER CATS**

The Designer Cats are still meeting on the 4th Friday of the Month at 3:30 pm at Billie's Designer Fabrics in Chehalis. They have been continuing their Community Service Project of layettes for the local hospital to give to needy newborns. Unfortunately, the need is greater than what they have been able to produce. These ladies are not going to give up however! The group is hoping that the superintendent of the open class home ec building will allow them to put up a display to promote MEOW in our community.

**SALI LUSK****JUANITA GATOS**

They had a very successful planning potluck hosted by Ester in June. Many projects from seminar were passed around. They will be making walker bags again as their Community Service project.

**SEATTLE KATZ.**

They met for a planning potluck in June hosted by Penny and discussed their community service project and ideas for future classes. Several members attended a workshop on basics of making a Temeri. In August they will be making a field trip to Dana Marie Designs. Margaret Dugay will be doing their newsletter.

**TRI KATZ** had no report.

**For all of those that have asked for the knitted ruffled scarf pattern that Vicki Nelson was making at Seminar 2008, you may contact Vicki for the pattern.**

**VICKY WYRICK****DIGI-CATS**

They had a nice planning potluck at Kathy's home in Snohomish in June and have a full schedule planned for the coming months. The Digi-Cats will be making the Teacher Appreciation Gifts for Seminar 2009. Three members from another MEOW group are now attending the meetings. Actually all of the Digi-Cats are members of other groups.

**TACOMA TABBIES**

We are continuing to make pillowcases and Doll Hospital gowns for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. They are also discussing making Adult Bibs for nursing homes. The group presented the teacher's gifts at the 2008 Seminar. Jyll and Karen will be taking a cruise to Alaska with their husbands in September.

Planning on taking a field trip to area Quilt Shops.

**SANDY KATZ**

They are very excited as Mary Lou Rooth has moved to Ocean Shores and she will be teaching. They will be working on their banner on an additional day to complete the project prior to the 2009 Seminar.

**SILVER CITY KITTIES**

They plan to enter in the Kitsap County Fair in August.. They hope to demo during the fair also. Depending on space available.

**MARJORIE MATHISON****FANASTY FELINES**

They continue to meet at the Lynnwood Fire Station which has a very nice room. A different member of the group brings cookies for the firemen each month. At the June meeting there were 8 to 10 sewers, two visitors from the Bellingham area, and several members who watched the demonstration on Mola's.

**TIGER MOUNTAIN KITTIES**

Linda Bandon has contacted all the members of her group and they have decided to disband. There were only two members at the May meeting. I enjoyed visiting with this group, and am sorry they will not be continuing as a group.

**FABRICATS**

This is a small group. In the summer they work the Waterville Fari and the Wenatchee Fair,. Two of their members attended the seminar in Newberg, Oregon.

**WELCOME NEW MEOW MEMBERS**

Kathy Thurman      Aristocats

Judith Link      Sandy Katz

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