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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

We are sorry to tell you that there will not be a President's Letter this go round. Vicki Nelson is experiencing back problems and her doctor and medical group is not able to get her into her pain clinic for some time. We will try to get you a President's letter next time. We appreciate your patience.

Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor

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CALL OUT TO VOLUNTEERS AND FABRIC!!!!

On a brighter note we have been informed of a **GREAT** need, ladies. Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma has called one of the ladies in the Tacoma Tabbies to put out a call for the pillow cases and the doll gowns that we make. They get 50 kids a day that use these. So in our volunteer fashion, Kim Keller went to work. She first started to call local fabric stores and found that several were willing to donate fabric to our cause. She even found several persons and groups outside of MEOW that make the pillowcases that didn't know where to donate them, so they will be coming to the Tacoma Tabbies for donation to Mary Bridge. Now, you might not all know that these just don't stay with Mary Bridge, but they circulate them to the other Children's Hospital's in the area.

The pillow cases are for infants to 18 years and they are normally for cancer children because normal fabrics are too rough for their delicate skin. Any child staying over 3 days receives a pillow case of their own. The fabric must be soft to the touch, normally high end cotton or flannel. If you happen to have any fabric laying around or you wish to volunteer to help, we are more than willing to give you the pattern.

The doll gowns are a one piece outfit that covers a faceless doll. The doctor when a child is getting ready for surgery, the doctor shows he/she where they will make the incision. This is marked with permanent pen. When the child comes out of surgery, they are given a gown to cover the doll. We also need fabric for these.

We will have pictures of both of the these items on the website - www.sewmeow.org by the time this newsletter comes out. We are willing to come to you to pick up fabric, or if you can give it to a Director that is going to the next Board meeting in July, we will be there.

We appreciate anything that you can do for the children in this predicament, they didn't ask for this.

The Tacoma Tabbies
MEOW

Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting
July 24, 2010
Vancouver, WA

Due Dates for:

July Newsletter
Articles and Reports
July 29, 2010

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
Sept., Oct. and
November

November Craft and
Quilt Show
November 18-20,
2010

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SEMINAR 2010 RAFFLE

Hi everyone!! Seminar is right around the corner! Please support our raffle by donating new and like-new items for the raffle drawings held at Seminar '10. We are hoping to get donations from each group and other commercial vendors that support sewers and crafters. Please put together your items, beg from the vendors, and pack the goodies up and bring them to the raffle. If you have items to bring, please email, or call so I can put a thank you card together ahead of time. If you have questions please give ME an email at: Kathy Brock, McKitts kbbrock@msn.com.

FEBRUARY EXPO 2010

I want to thank everyone who worked the booth as a volunteer during our February Expo. The days were very long this year as we went from 8:00 am to 6:30 pm.

On Thursday we had 8 to cover the five shifts, Friday 7 to cover the day, Saturday 6 and on Sunday just 3 for the entire day. During each day a large number of MEOW members visited the booth between classes and only a hand full signed up to help.

Next year could be worse as they are considering opening at 8:00 am again and closing around 8:30 pm with classes in the mornings and vendor time in the afternoon. This would mean that all booths would need to be manned from opening to closing.

I would like to suggest that we pick a coordinator early and have them begin to sign up members as soon as possible and keep in contact with them to confirm the volunteer schedule.

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The Board is also considering not having a booth anymore. The cost for the booth is running \$500.00, \$45.00 for power, \$30.00 for candy to the MEOW budget and any members that comes from a distance has the cost of motel and meals. Expecting to have only certain members doing the work every year is not what this group is about. One of our obligations to MEOW is to volunteer when the call goes out.

We had an excellent turn out for sign up this year (58) and had three (3) new members sign up at the booth, how many of those became members above the three (3)? If you have a member that signed up because of the list that was sent out, please let Sandy Radtke know so that we can keep track for future reference.

Thank you to my day managers: Pat Bridwell, Vicki Nelson, Tami Bennett

Volunteers: Thursday: Nancy Howard, Rena Andrews, Jeannie Johnson, Grace Hofer, Treva Coston, Carol Schesser, Elaine Solvang, Shelly Watson; Friday: Joyce Eslinger, Mary Callahan, Texanna Cato and Letha McKinnon; Saturday: Donna Bybee, Judy Shields, Bonny Krueger and Sharon Hults; Sunday: Karen Bennett and Kathy Brock. I also want to thank everyone that helped tear down and load up the items into the vehicles.

Bob Bennett kindly took time out of his day to deliver and put up the display grids and then came back on Sunday to help load everything out.

Karen Bennett:

Coordinator for the March Expo - 2010



Survive the Surge — By Mike Federman

Homes and businesses are filled with electronic devices that make our jobs and lives easier. The technology of these electronics has advanced to the stage where many of them are sensitive to even the slightest fluctuation of electrical current.

With all the delicate microprocessors that drive modern appliances, computers, copiers and home entertainment systems, proper use of surge suppressors can save you the expense of replacing damaged equipment.

A power surge usually lasts only a fraction of a second, but the excessive voltage is enough to destroy circuitry inside sensitive electronics.

Digital devices have thousands of tiny on and off switches that continuously send and receive information during normal operations. A shift in the smooth supply of electricity can disrupt this flow of information and cause the device to malfunction.

Flickering lights and blinking computers are sure signs of power fluctuations during a storm.

A direct lightning strike will send up to 200,000 amps coursing through a power line, enough to burn up standard 20 amp electronics.

But most surges are less dramatic and occur within a home or business, often without the owner's knowledge. "Most power quality problems are on the customer side of the panel," says Steve Schauer, member services manager for Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, based in Baker City, Oregon.

Schauer says surges result from sudden changes in electricity often caused by common occurrences, such as the cycling of a refrigerator or turning on a hair dryer. Transient surges can produce instantaneous results: a crashed computer, for example. But often the damage goes undetected, only to surface later in a detrimental way, such as a microwave that suddenly stops working. Homeowners can protect their electronics with surge suppressors. As the term implies, these devices suppress an erratic power supply by diverting excess voltage to a ground wire. A quality point-of-use surge protector is the best method for protecting electronics, Schauer says.

Consumers should be willing to spend \$35 to \$40 for a quality point-of-use surge protector that offers appropriate insurance coverage.

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"The main thing is to know what your insurance limit is," Schauer says of manufacturer guarantees. "If you have a home entertainment system with several components, you might want to plug them into separate suppressors so you are not over the limit. A reputable company will reimburse you the cost of damaged equipment and will give you a new suppressor. I'm always skeptical of inexpensive surge suppressors."

Surge Protector Buyer's Guide

Protecting your equipment is your responsibility. Before buying surge protectors, list each piece of electrical equipment you want to protect. Note a device's value and whether it is connected to anything other than the power line, such as cable television, phone lines or other TV antennas. That will require additional protection. Whole hose suppressors installed at the meter are an added layer of protection for large, motor driven appliances. These will divert power surges from external sources. Here are some features to look for when buying a surge suppressor:

- Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) tested, with a UL 1449 listing and the term "Transient Voltage Surge Suppressor." The UL 1449 standard changes in 1998, so check old surge suppressors to make sure they still comply.
- A clamping voltage of 330 volts per UL standards. This means the suppressor will divert power as soon as it detects more than 330 volts. Higher voltage ratings give less protection.
- An indicator light or some other feature is needed to show whether the device has experienced a power spike. If the light is out, the suppressor no longer works properly and should be replaced.
- The suppressor must discharge excess energy to ground, not to neutral.
- Check with your local utility before buying a surge suppressor. Your utility can recommend proper surge protection for various applications and often carries high-quality models at competitive prices.

DON'T OVERLOAD A SUPPRESSOR'S CIRCUIT

"A business or home should always run a dedicated circuit with a dedicated ground wired to a device," Schauer says "That means one (1) outlet with no plugs in between, so the wire goes straight to the panel."



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This is where a multiple-outlet suppressor is useful. In a room with three (3) or four (4) outlets wired to one (1) circuit, it is better to plug expensive electronics into a surge suppressor and plug that into a single wall socket rather than plugging electronics separately into different outlets.

To find out whether outlets are wired together, simply plug a small electronic device, such as a lamp, into several outlets and throw the breaker to see what electronics turn off together.

SUPPRESSOR DEFINED:

- **External surge suppressors**, also called whole-house suppressors, are installed at the meter or on an electrical panel by a licensed electrician. These devices help protect built-in appliances and other major appliances, such as refrigerators, washing machines and heat pumps from most external surges. Smaller electronic devices still need point-of-use suppressors for proper protection.
- **Point-of-use surge suppressors**, also called individual suppressors, are plugged into the wall and connected to computers, televisions and other electronic devices to protect them from surges generated inside a home or business.
- A unit's **response time** is important in dissipating heat energy from a power surge to ground. A good surge protector acts within nanoseconds. (One (1) nanosecond is a billionth of a second).
- A unit's **joule rating** measures the amount of energy it can handle. The higher the joule rating the better. Typical values range from about 100 joules up to 1000 joules or more. For higher-end equipment, especially when two (2) or more appliances are plugged into the same surge protector, a rating of 360 to 480 joules is recommended.

When buying surge protection - or any electronic device - chose products that have been tested by a nationally recognized testing organization, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), the Canadian Standards Association (CSA-US) or ETL, the mark of Intertek Testing Services.

MEOW Board Meeting Minutes Felida Fire Station 11600 NW Lakeshore Avenue Vancouver, Washington Saturday, April 24, 2010

Vicki Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. A sign-in sheet was passed around for the Board members and guests to sign to identify members that were present. See the following list:

Executive Officers: Vicki Nelson, President; Nancy Howard, Vice President; Karen Bennett, Secretary; Jackie Rosier, Treasurer;

Directors: Washington – Sali Lusk*, Jyll Jones*, Texanna Cato and Peggy Bodle and Oregon – Ruth Casciato, Nancy Shepherd, Caroline Burton and Claudia Buntyn*

Committees: Sandy Radtke, Membership; Rena Andrews* Oregon and Washington Fairs; Pat Bridwell*, Scholarship; Tami Bennett (Newsletter Editor/Web Mistress; Kitty Young, Mediation*, April Harrel*, Mediation; Kim Keller, Mediation*; Carla LaBrousse*, Sunshine; Sali Lusk, Historian; Nancy Howard, 2010 Seminar Chairperson.

* Signifies an Excused Absence

Guests: Dee Finney, Roberta Strebe, Ginny Fischer and Janette Johnson

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

Minutes of the last meeting: Were approved as written

Sali Lusk sends a personal thank you to all of the members that have been sending cards and e-mails to her and John. They both really appreciate all of the support.

Treasurer's Report: Our C.D.'s are still in place and we have \$6,355.00 in the checking account.

Vice-President's Report – Directors, please make contact with your area groups and find out if there is anything that they want from the Board. Community Service Reports are requested of the Area Reps on a monthly basis.



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A reminder that all final reports from Area Groups will be due on September 30th. There is a new form under Publications and Forms on the Website that will allow you to fill in the blanks. A reminder for all Area Reps to follow up on contacting names found on the March Expo Listing of interested persons? The director's reports need to be received by Nancy H. and Tami **two weeks prior to the Board meeting**..

Community Service – Any individual making items for donation can claim them on the Community Service form. Yes, you can claim items when you are given a receipt, if it is not claimed by anyone else. We cannot claim something that is claimed by others, but you can split the donation as long as no one else has claimed it. Yes, you can claim a monetary donation, if you don't claim it on your personal taxes. Expo demo hours, church hours, 4-H, Scouts, Latimer hours, any time taken to produce the community service items, Etc). The monetary amount is the important factor in the Community Service reporting.

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the January Board meeting were reported in the last newsletter. The items in the General Standing Rules which needed to be changed or updated were discussed. The changes were discussed and will be sent back out to the Board on Monday for approval. Some of them will need to be voted on at the July 24, 2010 meeting. We are going to table item #38 until some time later, if it comes up again. Nancy Shepherd made a motion that we table this and Tami Bennett seconded it. The vote was 10 Yes 0 No

Sunshine Report: Karen Bennett reported for Carla and stated that 15 sunshine cards were sent out between January 18th and April 16th, 2010. The report will be found in the May newsletter.

Director's Reports: The Border Cats are thinking about changing to six meetings per year. This is due in part because of no outside teachers coming into teach the group.

Debbie Ueda is the new Area Rep for the Silver City Kitties.

Anita Gallagher of the Country Kitties and Kalico Kitties had surgery on her hand.

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Designer Kitties have two new members and their Community Service is Layettes for new-borns leaving the hospital. Sunshine cards were presented to Peggy Bodle for Carla LaBrousse, Sunshine Chairman..

The Valley Cats are disbanding as per Lydia Wilson. There are only 3 or 4 that are faithful to Valley Cats and they decided that they all have lots of books to learn from rather than struggle trying to get others to attend their meetings.

Caroline Burton called a number of the Stray Cats as she didn't get any answers from her emails. Jeannie Martinson asked that she be removed from the mailing list for now as she is in the process of moving.

Ruth Casciato sent in her report to Tami Bennett, and stated that Multi-Media are working on Kumihimo weavings.

Jyll Jones has started a new group in Tumwater (Kreative Kitties) with four new members and a former member that is talking about rejoining.

Directors, please make sure that your area reps are aware of the Community Service Form on the Website (2009) format where they can fill in the blanks.

Membership: Sandy Radtke reported that we now have seven new members and are going to have an additional four new members coming from the new group in Tumwater known as the Kreative Kitties. This will give us 207 total members. Sandy still has funds, but will need additional membership kits and postcards soon. The honorary memberships were voted on and will be announced at the Seminar General Meeting. Sandy would like to ask the State Director's to notify her of any changes to their membership.

Newsletter Report – Tami has received five of the director's reports so far. Nancy Lynn has stated that she is storing the surge protectors until such time as they are needed. The October Roster and Newsletter including postage cost \$97.81 instead of the normal \$1200.00 allocated for those items.



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January's newsletter, plus postage cost \$61.90. If any MEOW member wants to receive hard copies of the newsletters there will be an additional charge of \$10.00 (for postage and printing) will be added to the dues making it a total of \$45.00 per year. This option will be offered starting with the dues renewal.

Scholarship: All but two of the 2009 scholarship winners have completed their teaching requirements except the 2 who are currently teaching. Nine scholarships are being used for 2010.

Fairs: Rena Andrews reported that she has 11 Washington and 12 Oregon fairs participating this year. This will be the final year for Rena to handle the Fair organizations. The Board decided that it has become too complicated to continue contacting these organizations and very few of our members even turn in projects. But for those that still do, please contact the Newsletter Editor – Tami Bennett and she will make sure that your name is mentioned as a winner. Make sure that you attach all of the necessary information. Nancy Shepherd made the motion that we drop this committee and Sandy Radtke seconded it. The vote was 10 Yes 0 No

We will stop the participation at the end of this fair season,

#9 in the General Standing Rules, deals with the rosettes and certificates being given to the participating fairs. Sandy Radtke made a motion that we eliminate item #9 in the General Standing Rules and Nancy Shepherd seconded it. The vote was 10 Yes 0 No

Sew Expo – Karen Bennett read a report concerning the 2010 Expo (see article in Newsletter). I, as the Chair, want to thank everyone who took time out of their schedule to participate as a volunteer during the four days at the Sew Expo in Puyallup Fair.

On Thursday we had 11 that volunteered, on Friday we had 7 volunteers, on Saturday we had 7 volunteers and on Sunday we had 3 for a 10 hour time span. We needed 10 for each day to cover it completely. There were a large number of MEOW members that stopped by the booth that had not made any attempt to volunteer their time. Because there is such a small amount of people volunteering to cover this booth and the .

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Spring event may require longer hours, we are contemplating doing away with this event on our calendar for next year. The cost for the booth is \$500.00+ and the cost of the event is NOT being covered by the amount of signups that we are getting from the booth. It was mentioned by Sandy Radtke that maybe advertising in the Quilting Newsletters would be more advantageous. The motion was made by Jackie Rosier and seconded by Tami Bennett that we table this matter until the July 24, 2010 meeting. The vote was 8 Yes 2 No (opposed)

Karen Bennett will be the Coordinator for the November Quilt and Craft Show.

Nominations Committee: Ginny Fischer stated that we had 76 ballots returned and the results were read off with the new officers being: President – Vicki Nelson, Treasurer – Roberta Strebe, Directors – April Harrel, Kathy Brock, Nancy Shepherd, Betty Cooper, Texanna Cato, Peggy Bodle. These wonderful volunteers will be installed at the Seminar General Meeting and their terms will begin on September 1, 2010 AND THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO RUN.

Seminar 2010: Is June 3 – 6, 2010 at the Red Lion Inn, Olympia, WA.

All attendees will need to bring their own surge protectors (make sure that it is the kind that has a light on one end and that it lights up). Due to only two (2) members signing up for the Basics 101 class, it was cancelled. A motion was made by Peggy Bodle that we not offer the Basics 101 in 2010 because of the lack of signups and seconded by Nancy Shepherd. It was approved by a vote of 10 Yes and 0 No. All items for the Treasure/Freebie table will be reviewed this year prior to being put on the table, so be sure that anything that you bring is very usable and sewing/embellishment related. There will be a donation box on the table for cash donations for those that choose items from the Treasure table. This money goes into the seminar general fund. Aprons are the gift exchange challenge and you will take home your own (see more in the brochure). A C.D. of the brochure will be kept for the Historian.

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Raffle baskets – donations should be new or like new, should be selective (stop and think if you would like to receive these items yourself. Kathy Brock asks that you notify her of the raffle items you intend to bring to the Seminar. Please let her know how many baskets, who donated them and what is in them as they are putting together thank you cards with all of the items listed to put into the baskets. **Hospitality Room** – Tami Bennett will be in charge again this year and would like volunteers to sign up to give her time to have a sit down meal at lunch and dinner this year. This was not possible last year and it was very exhausting. We need to expend \$1000.00 in meals per our contract with the hotel, so **there will be a sit down dinner either Friday or Saturday night.** More information will be sent out later.

Comments were made that the only classes being offered were beading classes. If you look at the brochure, you will see that in fact 65% of the classes presented were other than beading classes. Blame those who sent in their registrations as they select the final classes that are taught. MEOW cannot offer a class that only receives 3 of 4 sign up. **What is new in free motion?**

Website Report – Tami has made all of the area group changes reported. She is waiting for the planning sessions that take place in June to update several of the group schedules. The Kreative Kitties (the new group in Tumwater) page is up on the Website. If you will send pictures by e-mail or C.D., Tami will put them up on the Website under your group page.

Historian: Sali Lusk

It was agreed by the members of the Board that MEOW would not rejoin Latimer; now that they are requiring that everyone have an individual membership. A letter received from Donna Kendall of Wonderfil of Canada was read by Vicki Nelson. She was very pleased with the way she was treated

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by the MOEW members when they stopped by her booth especially Kathy Brock when she talked to her about donations of their threads for our Seminar Raffle.

OLD BUSINESS:

#19 was changed to say that the Seminar Chairperson and the Co-ordinator for the Expos need to verify that all of the equipment is present prior to putting back in storage.

#33 was accepted with the word Scholarship replaced with Carol Cornford Memorial Fund.

#35 was accepted with the word establish changed to established.

#36 a new rule was written for those members who leave office with no prior notice.

#37 Volunteer Hours were clarified

NEW BUSINESS:

Will we continue to have seminars? If so, we will need to find someone that will take on the job of Seminar Chair or will we possibly begin to have mini workshops in place of the Seminar.

We discussed the length of office for Directors – put a set number of terms that a Director can be elected for.

Discussed the need to change how the directors are elected now that we are down to four in each State

Need to change the Nomination Committee in the Standing Rules

Geographic, Members Running, 2 Mini Committees

It was discussed at some length about the manner in which we treat each other. It was stressed again that politeness and common sense rule. Don't take your anger out on people who volunteer to do the work of this organization. After this discussion, the Board discussed a letter we received concerning one members unhappiness with the Seminar classes and demanded her money back. Jackie Rosier composed a letter with Board approval to refund an extra \$20.00 and that MEOW members have



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to realize that we have rules for a reason Complaints need to go to the chairperson of an event first; 2nd take it to the Board; 3rd take it to the President and finally the last avenue is to contact the Grievance Committee.

If you are terribly unhappy with the manner in which things are handled at the Board level, please feel free to get involved with the Board by attending meetings or volunteer to take a position, so you can see how and why things are done.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Our next meetings will tentatively be on: July 24, 2010; September 25, 2010 and January 22, 2011 at Vancouver, WA, if possible.

Respectfully Submitted

by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

NEW MEMBERS:

We would like to introduce our new members from January 24 to April 24th, 2010. Welcome! You will find that we are no longer listing any information for them other than their name and area group. You will need to refer to your 2010-2011 Roster for their information. If it is past the October printing of the Roster, please contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chair; Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor; or one of the Board of Directors for their information.

Mary Davis, Purrfection

Shawn Marie Austin, Kreative Kitties

Kathy Jones, Kreative Kitties

Mary Beth Thouvenel, Country Kitties

Barbara Mann, Seattle Katz

Jan King, Silver City Kitties

LaQuinta Schum, Stray Cats

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.

EMAIL:

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| Tracy Black | McKits |
| Beverly Carpenter | Country Kitties |
| Becky Rae Franks | Kalico Kitties |
| Grace Hofer | Stray Cats |
| Janette Johnson | McKits |
| Bonnie Krueger | Country Kitties |
| Patti Larson | Designer Cats |
| Sali Lusk | Cyber Cats |
| Letha McKinnon | Fantasy Felines |
| Deena Mauerman | Designer Cats |
| Bev Robinson | Silver City Kitties |
| Roberta Strebe | McKits |
| Janine Scott | Country Kitties |
| Judy Shields | Country Kitties |

MAILING ADDRESS:

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| Dee Finney | Kalico Kitties |
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PHONE NUMBERS:

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| Cheryl Lenz | Kalico Kitties |
| Grace Hofer | Stray Cats |

M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

2/7/2009 to 3/29/2009

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	01/26/2010	Caroline Burton	Mt Hood/Hollywood Stars	Illness
2	01/26/2010	Janine Scott	Country Kitties	Death of Family Member
3	01/26/2010	Bonny Krueger	Country Kitties	Birth of First Granddaughter
4	01/26/2010	Donna Brooke	Stray Cat	Knee Replacement
5	01/29/2010	Corale Goesch	Stray Cat	Cancer Surgery
6	02/10/2010	Caroline Gerneaglia	Cyber Cats	Surgery on Rotator Cup
7	02/13/2010	Joanne Schoner	Daffy Cats	Husband's Stroke
8	02/16/2010	Kay Moore	Fantasy Felines	Knee Surgery
9	02/16/2010	LaVerne Mazucca	Seattle Kats	Cataract Surgery
10	02/16/2010	Sali Lusk	Cyber Cats	Husband's illness / encouragement
11	02/17/2010	Jyll Jones	Tacoma Tabbies	Sinus infection / hospitalization
12	04/10/2010	JoAnne Burke	Fabricats	Husband on Dialysis
13	04/14/2010	Anita Gallagher	Country Kitties/Kalico Kitties	Hand Surgery
14	04/10/2010	Joanne Schoner	Daffy Cats	Husband's Illness and Rehab
15	04/10/2010	Robbalee Hall	Silver City Kitties	Father's passing/friends son's death

Other		Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss
Granddaughter	1	Self	6	Self		Self
		Family		Family	2	Family
	4	Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
1	6	TOTAL	6	TOTAL	2	TOTAL





Invite them to Teach

Nine (9) scholarships were given to MEOW members to attend Seminar 2010.

These winners must teach a lesson or technique at a group other than their home group. This is a perfect time to get in touch with them—they are all here—and invite them to be part of your group’s schedule. They must complete this obligation by May 15, 2011.

When you invite them, consider those who live close to your group. With the price of gas these days, be sure to collect enough money at your group so that their fuel expense is reimbursed. Thank you . . .

The following are Scholarship Winners:

Oregon:

- Kathy Brock, McKits
- Ginny Fischer, Country Kitties
- June Kendell, Mt Hood/Hollywood Stars
- Nancy Shepherd, Country Kitties
- Judi Young, Hollywood Stars
- Kitty Young, Hollywood Stars

Washington

- Karen Bennett, Tacoma Tabbies
- Carla La Brouse, Country Kitties
- Vicki Nelson, Fantasy Felines

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

At the January 24th board meeting it was announced that 14 members had applied for Carol Cornford scholarships. The \$100.00 scholarship is to assist in defraying costs for the 2010 seminar. Money raised by the Scholarship raffle in 2009 supports these 13 scholarships.

The following 9 members have accepted their scholarships: Kathy Brock, Ginny Fischer, June Kendell, Nancy Shepherd, Judi Young, Kitty Young, Karen Bennett, Carla La Brouse, and Vicki Nelson

Five people whose names were drawn declined their scholarship due to family related and other issues. The scholarship money earmarked for 2010 but not used will be returned to the general fund for the next seminar.

You can help these recipients fulfill their obligation of teaching at a group that is not their own by inviting them to teach at your group. Please consider the driving distance for these people when you invite them.

Of the 17 winners of the 2009 scholarship, one had not completed their contractual agreement to teach and was granted an extension. If a recipient needs the form to be submitted to MEOW they can find that form on the web. Or if they need one mailed to them they can contact Pat Bridwell, as she was appointed scholarship chair at the April 25, 2010 board meeting.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience as I have muddled my way through this in trying to get this job done this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Bridwell
Scholarship Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS ARE DUE MONTHLY!

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

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Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders! You have a very hardy task each Newsletter. I would like to thank last Newsletter proofreaders:

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

Aristorcats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

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

Boarder Cats ** Lynden, WA ** November 2008

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm—9:00pm
 Place: Tangled Thread Quilt Shop, 202 6th Street
 Contact: Donna Bybee
 June: OPEN
 July: OPEN
 August: OPEN

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex
 Contact: Apral Harrel
 June: Planning Meeting/Potluck
 July: OPEN
 August: OPEN

Country Kitties * Hood River, OR ** February 1991

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla Labrousse
 June: Sunshine Leaves—Sandy Radtke
 July: Planning Session for 2010—2011
 August: OPEN

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: Caroline Gerneglia
 June: Potluck & Planning Session
 July: 2 or 3 Demo's on Techniques
 August: OPEN

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

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm
 Place: Quality Sew and Vac, 31653 Pacific Highway South, Federal Way
 Contact: Joanne Schoner
 June: Cat Pockets on Sweatshirt or Jacket
 July: OPEN
 August: OPEN

Designer Cats * Chehalis, WA ** Sept. 1998

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier
 June: Embellishing a Tote Bag
 July: UFO's
 August: TBA

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

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

Fabricats * Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 June: No Meeting
 July: Free Motion Quilting
 August: OPEN

Fantasy Felines * Lynnwood, WA 88 May, 1994

Meets: 2nd Monday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W
 Contact: Elaine Solvang/Vicki Nelson
 June: Planning Session with Potluck
 July: Thread Calligraphy—Connie/Shelly
 August: OPEN

Hollywood Stars * Portland, OR October 1991

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center 8326 SE Stark
 Contact: Kitty Young
 June: Planning
 July: OPEN
 August: OPEN

Kalico Kitties * Vancouver, WA ** October, 1994

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Felida Fire Station 11600 Lake Shore Ave
 Contact: Carmen Groves
 June: Party and Planning Meeting Potluck
 July: OPEN
 August: Fabric Stenciling—Cheryl Lenz



Kreative Kitties * Tumwater, WA ** March 2010

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:30 am — Noon
 Place: Ruby Street Quiltworks 100 Ruby Street
 Contact: Louann Davis
 June: Beading with Tami Bennett
 July: Scarves - Louann Davis
 August: Lifted Star - Karen Bennett

McKits * Lafayette, OR ** July, 2000

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: The Quilted Hill, 7601 NE Blackburn Ro, Yamhill
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Mona Hermans
 June: Purses - Tracy Black
 July: OPEN
 August: OPEN

Mouse Connections * Beaverton, OR ** August 2005

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 5:00 pm — 8:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station Murray Blvd & Butner
 Contact: Ginger Christmas-Beattie
 June: Scheduling Programs for 2010—2011
 July: OPEN
 August: OPEN

Mt. Hood * Boring, OR ** July, 1988 10:00 am — 2:00 pm

Meets: 1st Mon.—Community Service & UFO's 4th Monday —Program
 Place: Boring Fire Hall
 Contact: Apral Harrel
 June: Planning Meeting
 July: Watercolor
 August: OPEN

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

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm
 Place: Gladstone Nazareen Church
 Contact: Beth Heesacker/Apral Harrel
 June: Fabric, Paper and Wire Beads—Jackie
 July: Deconstructed Engraving—Beth
 August: TBD

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
 June: Purse with fabric from May Class
 July: Necklace from Pat I or scissor holder
 August: Silk dying at Gail's house

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
 June: Purse with fabric from May Class
 July: Necklace from Pat I or scissor holder
 August: Silk dying at Gail's house

Purrfection * Kooskia, ID ** February, 2009

Meets: 3rd Friday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm
 Place: Valley Bible Church, 319 North Main Street
 Contact: Robin Slocum
 June: OPEN
 July: OPEN
 August: 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: Mary Lou Rooth - This is a summer group now.
 June: OPEN
 July: OPEN
 August: OPEN

Seattle Katz * Seattle, WA 88 September, 1999

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: 7301 NE 175th Street, Kenmore
 Contact: Penny Perry
 June: Planning/Potluck
 July: OPEN
 August: OPEN

Silver City Kitties * Silverdale, WA ** July 1999

Meets: 1st Tuesday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Material Girls Quilt Shop, 10404 Silverdale Way NW, E109
 Contact: Debra Ueda
 June: Calligraphy - Donna
 July: "Curses foiled again" - Carol Olsen
 August: Work on Community Service Project

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 (253) 405-5838
 June: Mary Ray Osmus Manual
 July: No Meeting
 August: Quilted Sweatshirt

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

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

**Kitty Tip**

Angela McIntyre and Bev Woodard have a free download for a E-zine featuring new products and techniques on their website—to sign up to receive it search internet explorer:
 "Designersplacenw.com"

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**CLAUDIA BUNTYN****ARISTOCATS**

No Report at this time.

BYTES & PC'S

Bytes and PC's is busy getting ready for Seminar. We spent 2 meetings working on ATC's. One session was on using various techniques to create flat backgrounds that our embroidery designs could be added to. The second was spent adding the embroidery designs and putting the pieces together using an "in the hoop technique" on our embroidery machines.

We also devoted one meeting to our aprons for the Seminar Challenge.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

No Report at this time.

CAROLINE BURTON**KALICO KITTIES**

June will be the Planning meeting for the up-coming year. Liz will be teaching Tessellations's in May. She does a very good job. You won't want to miss it.

STRAY CATS

Sally Dunkin has retired. Congratulations Sally! She is doing some quilting but mostly focusing on being retired.

Judy Betzs is recovering from foot surgery. She is still in there sewing. Judy attended CAME where her daughter Barbara was teaching needle-felted belts. Judy was very proud of her.

RUTH CASCIATO**McKITS**

McKits meets at the Quilted Hill in Yamhill, Oregon. March found them working with Alice Morris an making a revised water bottle carrier. Some of them have been donated to the raffle for this year's Seminar. Should you group plan a field trip, this would be a fun store to visit.

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

Nancy will be teaching in April. Our May meeting will be on understanding your Machine Embroidery Software and June is our planning meeting. We have nothing planned past June at this time.

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MULTI-MEDIA

Multi-Media Katz has been really stretching our abilities. We have recently tried some fancy stitched book binding techniques, calligraphy, and made first class attempts at Kimihimo (Japanese braiding). In the next few months we will be making a variety of beads, more texture, further investigating of stamping and some new de-construction techniques. Come join us in our crazy creative pursuits.

NANCY SHEPHERD

COUNTRY KITTIES

Seminar finds Country Kitties collecting raffle items and getting ready to share the Seminar experience. As you receive the newsletter, it will be time to load your supplies and head to the MEOW Seminar, meeting new friends and catching up with old friends.

MT. HOOD

Mt. Hood is working hard on getting ready for Seminar. We are collecting items for our raffle basket. We dedicated one meeting to ATC's and will be submitting some aprons for the Challenge. Several Members of the group will be attending Seminar and we look forward to seeing our MEOW friends.

Mt. Hood also spent one (1) meeting stitching together crazy quilt blocks they had been collecting and making them into lap quilts for our Community service project. Fairlawn Nursing Home.

VALLEY CATS

Just a note to let all of you know that after talking with others involved with the Valley Cats, we have decided to disband this MEOW group and will not be meeting this summer. Best of luck to all the rest of you. If it wasn't for MEOW, I wouldn't be where I am today with my sewing. Lydia Wilson

WA STATE DIRECTORS REPORT

PEGGY BODLE

DESIGNER CATS

These ladies have been busy - I have a fistful of beautiful sunshine cards for Carla to dispense to some of our unfortunate ladies and their families.

Then they brought out the large shopping bag full of onesies and other pieces for the layettes (community service) - WOW!!! So Cute!!!

They have two (2) new members that were promptly put to work on the layettes.

This visit was encouraging to see their projects and meet their new members.

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SILVER CITY KITTIES

Their group is growing and have been meeting at Material Girls in Silverdale and they are afraid they may outgrow that space as well. They spent a couple of months on fractured circles (Clarice Angelo) . . . Hope they bring some of those to seminar.

As a special thank you, a quilt was made for Sam Josephson, who was diagnosed with cancer. Katherine and Sam have been a big help to the group.

TACOMA TABBIES

The group has been working on the Mary Ray Osmus Manual as well as raffle baskets and their very own banner.

Mary Bridge Hospital expressed a need for more hospital doll gowns and the ladies are willing to make more of them. The Pampered Persians have also been donating to this effort. Anyone else willing, please contact Karen Bennett for a pattern. Thank you.

TEXANNA CATO

BORDER CATS

The group is still looking for outside teachers from other groups to hopefully come to Lynden to teach classes for them.

CYBER CATS

No report on the members at this time.

DIGI-CATS

No report on the members at this time.

JYLL JONES

FABRICATS

Our little Fabricats are still just the three (3) of us. We met today and worked on making some fabric beads. Joanne and I had different ways so we were experimenting. Also we are making the thank you notes for Seminar 2010. We got started on those. For our May meeting, we will be doing silk screening.

We had a real mild winter. The snow plow only had to come twice. I am ahead on yard work because it was so warm. We want rain now. Our Douglas County Historical Society is handling an estate sale of a woman that died at 100. We go in and clean, sort and price. We have been working on it for five (5) days. The sale is this weekend. These people were world travelers and it has been very interesting. I am counting these hours, and the hours I work at the Thrift and in August I will add the hours I work in our Wheat Wives cinnamon roll booth and I am also chairing the open class sewing for my volunteering hours. We need to retire as our farm work gets in my way.



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KREATIVE KITTIES

Kreative Kitties had their first meeting and shared projects and got to know each other, our second month had a slight interruption due to our scheduled teacher being ill, so we worked on our Community service project. We are a great group of creative ladies and Louann, our New Area Rep is fabulous and will be a great asset to MEOW. These ladies are eager to learn anything and many MEOW members have volunteered (due to pleading from Jyll) to teach in the upcoming months. We are looking forward to our teachers and want MEOW to be a great place to share and learn. SEW . . . If you have some time to teach, (we want techniques you want to teach) please don't hesitate to call Louann Davis, Kreative Kitties, and volunteer. I know she would appreciate it.

PAMPERED PERSIANS AND PINK PANTHERS

Kudo's to this group. Here is the story I shared with Gail. Apparently a customer from our store has a sister and niece in Puyallup the Puyallup area or somewhere close by and had some bad things happen and I think they were in a shelter or somewhere and she and her daughter received a bag with soap, lotion, etc. and was told that a group in Puyallup created, filled and distributed them, and they were called the cats or meowers? Or something, and my customer asked me, aren't you a meower? And I said yes, I was and it was most likely the group in Puyallup that did that and she asked me to pass on to you what a nice, helpful thing that was and it was a small gesture that came at a much needed time for her sister. Please pass on my KUDO's and appreciation to your group for this awesome job and let them know that the time they take to do this really pays off in good ways. Our Puyallup Groups are about to start a three (3) month three (3) part project making their own fabric and then using it to create a purse and matching scissor holder. We continue to have "Sew In's" where we gather on a Saturday evening, have a potluck and work on UFO's until very very late. If you are in the Puyallup area, please feel free to contact me (Gail M.) at stitcher9@comcast.net and join us.

PURRFECTION

This group is busy. They completed their Community Service project. Blankets for police to carry in their cars when they encounter situations with children. Being so far away from the I-5 corridor is hard when there are very few teachers, but their group continues to grow. A great example is one of the new members volunteered to teach their group and DID A GREAT job. This is outstanding because we all know how hard it is to teach the first time. So KUDO's to this group. If you feel the need for a little vacation and want to teach something to this group, call Robin and let her know. She has a room available and an eager group to learn. No members of this group can make seminar in 2010, but are working on attending next year.



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SANDY KATZ

This group is a Summer group now and should start meeting during the months of June through September to maybe October.

SALI LUSK

DAFFY CATS

No Report at this time due to Director and Area Rep family issues.

FANTASY FELINES

No Report at this time due to Director family issues.

SEATTLE KATZ

No Report at this time due to Director family issues.

JUST A FEW WORDS . . .

There have been a lot of harsh words spoken about class selections at this years' Seminar.

Now, I've been wracking my little brain and asking others with more experience - how do we get more people to pick the classes?

And the answer I get most often is that they know the vote is at the September Board Meeting - they should come to that.

Now I know it's not possible for everyone to attend any/or all Board meetings. So, I will be working with next year's Seminar Chair to find some way for more input for the members.

My suggestion to ALL of you is this: In your travels this summer to the beach, to quilt shows, to bead stores, anywhere there are artists located, - if YOU SEE something you would like to learn, ask that person if they teach, and if they do teach, ask them for a card and some information about them.

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Then during teacher selection next year that Chair person will be able to ask that person for a submission on that technique or item.

Yes, there were several beading classes offered this year and you know what I'm going to say, don't you? That's because the people at the September Board meeting voted them "IN" and they were picked by people who registered for classes!!

Do you have something to offer? Do you have something to teach? Something new? Something different? There are MEOW members who come up with something new and exciting each year, and their classes make the brochure. However, if enough people don't sign up for them they are not selected to be taught.

Because of the low numbers this year, we are only ABLE to offer eight (8) classes. And those eight (8) classes were selected by the MAJORITY of the attendees.

So please realize MEOW needs your help. If you want diversity - please help provide it. If you want a new technique - find the teacher. We are not all-knowing. We are volunteers doing the very best that we can in a difficult year for everyone, economically and health wise.

I do not appreciate the fact that if you are unhappy with something, that has happened that you attack the person who you think has wronged you. Case in point, Gayle Jacobson, very graciously accepted the unthinkable task of class selection. It is not her fault that she follows the guidelines that I, as Seminar Chair and the Board in guiding the set up. If you have a disagreement, go to your State Director and your State Director will take it up with the Seminar Chair and the Board.

Thanks for reading this and understanding that we are doing the very best that we can. And I'll ask you now - which position on the Seminar Committees will you volunteer for next year?

Nancy Howard, Seminar Chair 2010



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