



Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington

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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Dear MEOW Sisters:

I hope everyone survived our recent heat wave. It is 72 degrees in Edmonds today and it is just right!

MEOW just held its 20th seminar at the Red Lion in Olympia, Washington. If you were unable to attend this year I hope you can make it in 2010. It was an awesome seminar with great classes; comfortable beds; separate bathrooms; terrific hospitality room with lots of food and camaraderie with old friends and new friends. It was like being on a mini vacation. The hotel staff was very accommodating with any and all things we asked of them. On Saturday night there were games which most in attendance participated in. It was a very funny sight to see everyone trying to win the prizes. I hope they do something similar in 2010. Jyll did an incredible job while faced with lots of unknowns with this seminar as we have never held one in a hotel before. Yes, mistakes were made but we learned from them.

MEOW has just completed its 21st year in existence and will be starting its 22nd year on September 1, 2009 and it will be a year for changes. It is time that we bring MEOW into the 21st century. You will read more about these changes in this Newsletter but here are some things we will be doing: a CD will be available for purchase with the new MEOW logo on it to embroider out in 2 sizes, a CD may also be available in the future for purchase with patterns on it, the Newsletter and Seminar Brochure will be posted on the Website as a download and area groups may possibly do more mini-workshops.

I am blessed to have been with MEOW since the beginning. I have made so many great and wonderful friends through the years. I would not be the current President if it weren't for the support and encouragement I have received from them. They have been there for me every step of the way.

The next board meeting is on September 26 at 10 am at the Felida Fire Station in Vancouver, Washington (Hazel Dell). At this meeting teacher proposals for classes at Seminar 2010 will be on display. Everyone in attendance will have a chance to vote on the classes. So come and join the fun.

MEOW is moving forward to bigger and better things and I hope that each of you will be there with us.

From MEOW to you:

Vicki Nelson

MEOW President

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Upcoming Events

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September 26, 2009
Vancouver, WA

Due Dates for:

October Newsletter
Articles and Reports
Sept. 29, 2009

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
December, January
and February

SEMINAR 2010

June 3,4,5,6, 2010

Membership Renewals
Due August 31, 2009

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Due to the national economic down turn, rising costs in the printing of the newsletter, the postage rate increases and unreliability of the Post Office, the Board of Directors decided that we need to move into the 21st Century and utilize more of the computer capabilities that we have which are free. This article serves as notice that this will be the last printed newsletter that is sent to the printers to production. The newsletter in October will be sent out as a mass e-mailing in a PDF format along with posting it on the Website. Our newsletter will continue to be produced on a quarterly basis. Any of our members that do not have computer service can still receive their newsletter by mail.

There will be no telephone numbers found in the newsletter. They will only be found in the roster. The October roster will be printed and mailed out to every current member.

We regret that this option needs to be taken, but the minimal cost of printing versus sending out 325 newsletters is basic economics.

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Digi-Cats



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! Each year MEOW has a booth at SEW EXPO that allows new and potential members to see our magnificent work and become inspired to join and continue our organizations work. To that end, we still need someone to volunteer to be the Spring Expo chairperson. We would ask you to be at the Fairgrounds for five (5) days in Puyallup (Feb. 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2010) with set up of the booth on Feb. 24th). 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 2010 Chairperson. We need this person prior to September 1st as that is when Vicki will be receiving the contract for the Expos. If we don't find someone to handle this, we could lose this valuable outreach to the community and a great resource 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 (vickianelson@verizon.net) know that you would be interested.

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

In today's world of the internet, email, and digital everything, we need to take a moment and refresh ourselves on the use of MEOW emails/ mailing addresses and the etiquette involved. When you are a member of a group, you will most likely correspond with each other through email and occasionally through "snail mail". When we provide MEOW with e-mail and "snail mail" addresses, each one of us expects a modicum of privacy in that we don't post e-mails on our website unless we have asked and we don't sell or give away email or "snail mail" addresses to anyone outside of our MEOW group.

Treating MEOW addresses, phone numbers & email addresses as confidential is very important and necessary. When an email is sent for MEOW business, it's something your elected board considers important to notify you of what's happening in relationship to your MEOW area group. Sending personal opinions or rants to other MEOW members is not what was envisioned when we collected your email or "snail mail" addresses.

Please consider the following: when you send another MEOW member an email (whether or not it is concerning MEOW business) unless you have their permission to send them personal opinions, funny things, etc., it is not ok to use member's email or "snail mail" addresses.

Thank you.

Thank You!

A sincere thank you to JoAnne Cross for the past Seminar Brochures, all the past newsletters and old pictures of Seminars and the like. These will be put into the archives and treasured by MEOW.

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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? Whether you are an experienced teacher or a first-time teacher, I would like to invite you to submit a Class Proposal for the Machine Embroiderers of Oregon & Washington (MEOW) Seminar, June 3 – 6, 2010, to be 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 Outside 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 MEOW member or any creative person is encouraged to submit proposals. If you have submitted a proposal in the past and it was not chosen class, please submit it again. Every year is different and the attendees love new techniques and projects. Feel free to submit proposals for more than one class!

Please use the form provided in the MEOW NEWSLETTER, or you can download the form at 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, 2009. Photos often don't do justice to your project.

Send all proposals by September 1, 2009 to:
Apral Harrel
16620 S. Bradley Road
Oregon City, OR 97045

CALLING ALL TEACHERS (CONTINUED. . . .)

Email: icrea8@comcast.net Please email her if you are sending a package so she can be on the lookout.

Be sure to include the "estimated value" of your samples (for postal insurance when returning samples and/or photos.)

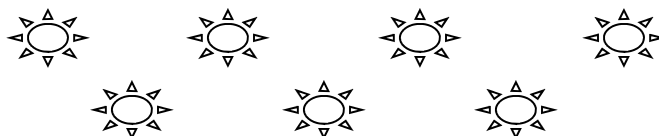
All proposals will be presented for the initial selection process at the September 2009 Board Meeting. MEOW members then choose their classes from those initially selected. All teachers are paid a fee for teaching, and any kit fees are paid by students. If you have any questions or have a suggestion for a teacher who should be contacted, email us.

Where else can you teach to a group of talented and eager students? **AT THE 2010 MEOW SEMINAR!!** We are looking forward to seeing your class proposals!

Nancy Howard—Seminar Chairperson 2010
(nancyhoward_1999@yahoo.com)

Apral Harrel—Teacher Submission Chairperson 2010
(icrea8@comcast.net)

Ladies: If you still have not sent out your thank you 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. Thank you for your time on this matter.





SEMINAR 2010

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 the 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 2010.

These basic rules apply:

- Any current MEOW member may enter
- Choose a theme and a design, the logo must include Meow and 2010
- 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 September Board meeting by the members that attend.
- Winner is to receive appreciation, recognition and a smile.
- Mail entries to the seminar chairperson by **September 1, 2009:**

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Husum, WA 98623
 or
E-mail me the pictures—
nancyhoward_1999@yahoo.com

Looking forward to seeing your creativity in action.

**Nancy Howard, 2010 Seminar
Chairperson**

M.E.O.W. Special Meeting Minutes Seminar 2009 Thursday, May 28, 2009

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

Board of Directors: Washington Directors: Texanna Cato, Peggy Bodle, Sali Lusk, Karen Bennett; Oregon Directors: Kathy Brock, Nancy Shepherd, Caroline Burton

Chairpersons: Jyll Jones, Seminar Chair 2009 and Web Mistress, Tamara Bennett, Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress, Sandy Radtke, Membership

The MEOW Board was called to order by President Vicki Nelson at 7:45 pm to discuss the proposed new Seminar Chairperson for 2010. Vicki Nelson presented the nomination of Nancy Howard as chairman with Jyll Jones as a co-chair.

Nancy Shepherd, Oregon Director made a motion that we accept Nancy Howard as the 2010 Seminar Chairperson with Jyll Jones as co-chair. We will be at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia, WA again. They are giving us the same deal as this year \$101.00 for each hotel room for two persons, with a \$10.00 per additional person. They are also staying with the facility cost of \$1000.00 per day.

The vote was 12 Yes 0 No

We adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully presented by Karen Bennett, Secretary

M.E.O.W. General Meeting Minutes Seminar 2009 Friday, May 29, 2009

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

Board of Directors: Washington Directors: Texanna Cato, Peggy Bodle, Sali Lusk, Karen Bennett; Oregon Directors: Kathy Brock, Nancy Shepherd, Caroline Burton

Chairpersons: Jyll Jones, Seminar Chair 2009 and Web Mistress, Tamara Bennett, Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress, Sandy Radtke, Membership and Vicky Wyrick, Historian, Kitty Young, Apral Harrel, Mediation Committee and Gail Mikuchonis and Marsha Kurle, Nominating Committee.

The General Board Meeting was called to order by President Vicki Nelson at 6:34 pm. The minutes stand as printed in the April newsletter.

Vicki handed out thank you gifts to Texanna Cato, LaVerne Mazzuca and Pat Bridwell, Karen Bennett, Jyll Jones, Kity Young, Apral Harrel, Kim Keller (absent), Peggy Bodle, Sali Lusk, Kathy Brock, Nancy Shepherd, Jackie Rosier, Caroline Burton, Jyll Jones, Tamara Bennett and

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Sandy Radtke, Nancy Howard, Gail Mikuchonis, Marsha Kurle, Vicky Wyrick, Rena Andrews (absent), Claudia Buntyn (absent), Millie James (absent) and Ruth Casciato (absent)

The Board members from our last vote were presented: Nancy Howard, VP; Karen Bennett, Secretary, Jyll Jones, WA Director and Claudia Buntyn, OR Director (absent).

The Honorary Members were presented to the membership by Tamara Bennett after reading of the qualifications and handing them a letter of recognition. The Honorary members are: Nancy Shepherd, Marsha Kurle, Sandy Radtke, Peggy Bodle, Barbara Frasier, Kitty Young, Apral Harrel and Sali Lusk.

Jyll Jones, 2009 Seminar Chairperson talked about the seminar and mentioned the gift exchange would be held on Saturday with four prizes to be given out for most creative, most beautiful, most humorous and member choice.

Sali Lusk announced the winners and awarded prizes to the Sharing Tables: Hollywood Stars for Best Group Participation – Hollywood Stars for most Creative Display and to Beth Heesacker for Best Individual Project.

Vicky Wyrick – Historian was introduced to the membership and she asked for donations of pictures especially for 2001 through 2008. Vicky also asked that anyone that recognized pictures in the books on display to please write their names on a sticky note and place it on the picture. Patterns are being put together to be placed on a disk and the question was asked if they were going to be a PDF format.

Nancy Howard – Seminar Chair for 2010 was presented and the 2010 Seminar will take place on June 3, 4, 5, and 6th at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia, WA. They have set the room rate at \$101.00 per double occupancy with \$10.00 each for additional roommates. The facility cost will be the same as this year - \$1000.00 per day and the hotel waived the \$3000 fee for not fulfilling our room set aside.

Caroline Burton talked about the Latimer Quilt Show on September 8 through November 8, 2009 in Tillamook, OR. We need participation from the members for projects to be displayed. The forms are on the website and were in the last newsletter. You need to include a photo of each item you want to display or you can attach \$1.00 for each item and the committee will take a picture of the item. This is for insurance purposes. You can have a maximum of ten (10) items per person and it will be a juried show. A form must be attached to each item that you wish to include and say whether it is for sale or not and give a price for insurance purposes. You can send them with someone that will be attending the July 25, 2009 Board meeting and they will be taken by Caroline Burton, and Nancy Shepherd. The Open House will be on the 13th of September from

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12:00 to 4:00 pm. Caroline is asking for volunteers to demo on machines that will be on display. These are going to be older sewing machine models from the past years. Also if you are going to present something that needs a mannequin, please include, if possible.

Sandy Radtke, the new membership chairman was presented to the members and stated that anyone that wants to can pay their membership dues for 2009-2010 now while at seminar.

Welcome gifts were presented to the teachers from the Digi Cats. And Cindy Losenkamp announced that she had Kaleidoscope Kreator programs on sale for \$31.96.

We adjourned at 7:11 pm

Respectfully presented by, Karen Bennett, Secretary
June 10, 2009

Meow Board Meeting Minutes
Felida Fire Station
11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue
Vancouver, WA
Saturday, July 25, 2009

Vicki Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. A sign-in sheet was passed around for the Board members and guests to sign in 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, Karen Bennett, Texanna Cato, Peggy Bodle and Oregon – Ruth Casciato, Excused, Nancy Shepherd, Kathy Brock, Caroline Burton and Claudia Buntyn

Committees: Jyll Jones, 2009 Seminar Chairperson and Web Mistress, Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress, Sandy Radtke, Membership, Rena Andrews, Oregon and Washington Fairs*, Pat Bridwell, Scholarship*, Kitty Young, Mediation*, Apral Harrel, Mediation, Kim Keller, Mediation*, Carla LaBrousse, Sunshine*, Historian (empty), Nancy Howard, 2010 Seminar Chairperson

* Signifies an Excused Absence

Sandy Radtke joined us at 12:00pm and Claudia Buntyn joined us at 11:00 am

Guests: Dee Finney, Roberta Strebe, Betty Cooper and Cheryl Brown

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum

Minutes of the last meeting: Were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki Nelson and Jackie Rosier met with Chase Bank officials to update signature cards for all accounts. Vicki handed out the Financial Report.

We paid \$100 to have the Federal Income Taxes completed and this accountant will handle all of our taxes in the future. New checks and endorsement stamps were ordered, and the storage unit was paid for a year in advance to get the best price.

The new accountant suggested that we have a permanent address for the banking information and it was suggested and approved that Vicki Nelson's address be used for continuity. Nancy Shepherd made the motion for approval and Jyll seconded. The vote was 11 Yes and 0 No

Tami made the motion that Nancy Shepherd be our permanent address in Oregon for our insurance, again for continuity. Texanna seconded this and the vote was 11 Yes and 0 No

Vice-President's Report – Nancy Howard reported that the Area Groups have been reassigned due to elections and the need for MEOW to have eight instead of 10 directors. The reassignments will be in the newsletter and on the Website in the next couple of weeks. Community Service Reports will be requested of the Area Reps on a monthly basis and the Vice-President will compile the report as the information comes in.

Secretary's Report: In July "Gail and Karen were able to snag some awesome deals for MEOW for displays from a store going out of business". The Board expressed their approval and appreciation for the time and effort that Karen and Gail put into doing this.

Karen attended a mini workshop with thirteen other members of MEOW put on by the Fantasy Felines with instructor, Meredith Arnold called Silk Fabric Beads and she may be joining the group as a member. Everyone indicated that they had a wonderful time and the teacher was very generous with materials. It was discussed that groups should consider sponsoring workshops.

Sunshine Report – nineteen (19) cards were sent and the report is found later in the newsletter. Please make sure that you notify Carla LaBrousse if there is a need for a card whatever the event may be.

Director's Reports:

Betty Cooper stated that she is going to be the Area Rep for the Aristocats until such time as Joanne Cross is up to taking over and Apral Harrel has agreed to be a co-area rep with Linda Rigby.

Sali Lusk reported that the Border Cats were having some problems, Vicki Nelson, Karen Bennett, Texanna Cato and Sali Luck will be visiting in August. Vicki will teach a class on "Thread Painting The Easy Way". They will answer any questions that the members might have pertaining to MEOW.

We have a new group in Waldport, Oregon called Coastal Kitties. We will have more information about them in the near future. Look under the group page on Website for their schedule and location.

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Membership: Sandy Radtke stated that we have 314 members at present, but that will change after the 31st of August as we have five (5) groups disbanding. She has plenty of new member packets and needs no additional funds at this time.

Membership card renewal notices will be in the mail in the next week and we have 21 renewals so far.

Newsletter Report – Tami Bennett stated that Valley Cats will be meeting during the summer months only from now on. She will be noting that there are no classes planned for the groups disbanding and their space in the newsletter will be cleared for the October newsletter. They will also be removed from the Website Area Group pages.

It was discussed as to whether the newsletter editor should continue to receive a \$50 credit towards Seminar and by Tamara Bennett's request that will be rescinded. Jyll Jones made the motion. It was approved by a vote of 13 Yes 0 No

It was also discussed and agreed that we would no longer print the telephone numbers for Director's and Area Reps in the Newsletter.

Scholarship: All but one of the 2008 scholarship recipients have completed their teaching requirement. The final one has been given an extension by the President to be completed this fall.

Fairs: Rena Andrews the OR and WA Fairs Chairman is in the process of sending out ribbons.

Sew Expo: Sali Lusk has volunteered to the Chairperson for the November Expo. The dates are November 12 through 14th, 2009 and hours will be 10:00 to 5:00 pm. We need volunteers for the daily slots also. So please check your calendars and be ready to sign up when the call comes.

A volunteer is still needed for the February Expo. The Febraury Expo will be on the 25 through the 28th, 2010.

All samples for display must be turned in by the 11th of November and February 24th, if at all possible. We will try to make arrangements for display of items brought by our daily volunteers.

Seminar 2009: The Seminar was a success in that all but a few evaluations praised the facilities, the rooms, hospitality room and the view. 73 ladies attended the seminar and there were rave reviews for the classes and having it all under one roof. New things were learned about having a seminar in a single complex, we will have more fruit and vegetables, water and less cookies and breads next year. The Sunday class will begin at least one-half hour earlier next year. Several teachers stated that they would like to return again next year. If you have any questions about this years Seminar, please feel free to contact Jyll Jones.

Jyll stated that she is now beginning to receive some of the brochures that she mailed in February back from the post office. We don't know the reason for this pathetic service. No one in the Post Office can explain satisfactorily what happened to these brochures and where they have been for the past six months!

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Jyll Jones and Jackie Rosier volunteered to work on and send out via e-mail a survey to ask questions of the membership about what they would like to see at the seminar and various other questions.

Seminar 2010: A contract has been signed with Red Lion for 2010; committee chairs have been filled; name tags will be clip on badges and each attendee will be asked to return the badge at the end of the Seminar to save money and hotel rooms will be \$101 + taxes for double (2) occupancy, extra persons are \$10.00 each + tax. The hotel will be \$900 + an 18% surcharge tax for each day, the teachers pay will stay at the 2009 figure. The gift exchange item was discussed, but no decision was made yet. The following were put up for consideration: Lunch Bag, Clothes Hanger Cover, Sewing Machine Cover, Artist Fabric Trading Cards, Seat Belt Protector and Quilt Blocks for a Donation item. We also discussed how to set the Seminar Conference fee if someone only attends a one day class. The consensus was to charge \$25.00 conference fee for a one day class. It was further discussed that if someone attends the Basics class only, they would be required to pay the four hour class fee and the \$25.00 conference fee. This will be clarified in the Seminar Brochure. If any one has any ideas for the exchange please send them to Nancy Howard, 2010 Seminar Chair.

Website Report: Tamara Bennett will be handling the following items for the Website: Board of Director's page, Newsletter items and Area Group schedules. Please notify Tamara Bennett of any changes to be made to these three sections of the website.

Jyll Jones (as head Web mistress) will handle all other items pertaining to the website. Jyll and Tami will have at least two weeks to make any changes required. We will fund the \$50 program that allows us to send mass e-mails to the members even though less than 15% open the e-mails. There will be a notice on the area group page of those groups that have decided to disband.

Latimer Quilt Festival Show for MEOW – is September 8 to November 8, 2009. MEOW's Open House is on September 13, 2009 from noon to 4 p.m. Caroline Burton is asking for volunteers to come and demo projects during the open house. Caroline Burton stated that we have enough items presented as of July 25, 2009 to have the show. If you wish to be an individual member of Latimer and receive a newsletter, the membership is \$10.00/year since MEOW is already a member. **NO PICTURES WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SHOW and a sign will be placed by Latimer stating this decision by the Board of Directors.**

Nancy Shepherd presented the digitized copy of the 1999 pin design that will be available to the membership on a C.D. They will be set up in either a 4 x 4 and a 5 x 7 format plus wording. The cost of the full C.D. is still under consideration (\$8.99 to \$15.99) with all monies going to MEOW. Karen Bennett will be doing the Copyright paperwork. Nancy passed around a sample of the design and colors for each state.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Changes to the General Standing Rules were read by Karen Bennett, Secretary and discussed by the Board. Jackie Rosier made a motion that we make the changes recommended and Tami Bennett seconded the motion. 13 Yes and 0 No

Jyll Jones found a Storage Unit in Olympia and signed up for it and paid for a year in advance to get a better deal.

We discussed as to whether Board members are paid for mileage if they are teaching. MEOW does not reimburse anyone on the Board for mileage when they are attending a meeting as a teacher only when they are going as a director. It was also discussed that if a group orders kits (say 10) the teacher should be reimbursed in full for all of the kits ordered by the group. Director's should contact their Area Reps and explain that her groups should figure out how far it is for outside teachers to travel and multiply by \$.14 per mile (example 200 mi x \$.14 = \$28.00) and it would nice if a donation was taken from the members that would equal \$.14 or possibly a bit more because of the costs for fuel at this time.

Vicki Nelson handed out a copy of the Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised books to all voting members that will stay with that office. The Board of Director's approved this purchase at the April board meeting.

E-mail Etiquette: When someone sends you an e-mail please take the time to answer with a quick replay stating: Yes I received it or received your e-mail. This would make it so much easier to know if the information we are trying to send or communicate has been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Logo C.D. should be ready for the September meeting.

We discussed saving money for MEOW by putting the newsletter on the Website and e-mailing it to members. The cost is becoming prohibitive to print and mail (Post Office is no longer dependable). A notice will be put into the coming newsletter and website to announce the final printed copy.

Vicki Nelson brought up the letters that she had received from five (5) groups tendering their notice of disbanding and they are: Juanita Gatos, Klassey Katz, Silver Kits, Tri-Katz and Capital Cats. Millie James has resigned as MEOW's Sew Expo Chairman due to personal issues.

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Sali Lusk graciously has agreed to be our November Chairman and will be the Manager for Thursday, Vicki Nelson will be the manager for Friday and Karen Bennett will be the Manager for Saturday and take care of closing.

Vicki Nelson was in touch with Mary Ray Osmus and she is doing well and busy with CAME. She is with a group that is 10-15 strong in Vallejo, CA. Mary Ray has a revised version of her book out. The cost is \$29.75.00 plus postage (for MEOW members).

It was brought up by Vicki Nelson that we need to give the Vice-President more time to organize the Community Service Report. It was agreed that we ask for these reports to be turned in by September 30th. The Directors need to inform their area groups of the change.

Vicky Wyrick – Historian tendered her resignation, but prior to that she was able to complete the following: Brought the books from past groups and Seminars up to date, put information on C.D's, printed up pictures for the books and scanned all of the patterns that she had in her possession.

Our next meeting will be on September 26, 2009 at Vancouver, WA. Future board meetings are: January 23, 2010, April 24, 2010 and July 24, 2010 at Vancouver, WA, if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted
by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

Corrected: August 6, 2009
Approved:

2009 MEOW SEMINAR

The 2009 MEOW Seminar was held at the beautiful Red Lion Hotel in Olympia WA. The meeting place, the rooms, the views rooms our rooms, and the weather were all great (a few were hot, but hopefully the air conditioning helped). The Red Lion staff was wonderful and overall, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Please see the email sent to all members on July 12, 2009 for results of the evaluations.

Several members had expressed a desire to find a place somewhere where there was easy transportation to and from, no stairs, air conditioned, and we could stay in the same place as our classes.

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I feel the Red Lion allowed us to accomplish those requests. We tried something new by having a Hospitality Room at the hotel, but with all new situations, some things work out fabulous and some need to be tweaked in the next year.

We budgeted for 62 attendees, but we didn't quite meet that number as there were 58 attendees. When we were "guessing" on number of attendees, the average was approximately 80 (from the last few seminars). Of course, no one could account for the economy and especially, the turmoil within MEOW.

I decided to have a pajama party with games and appetizers. The games were cheesy, but fun and I hope all that participated in the games had fun and perhaps got to know each other a bit better. My Tacoma Tabbies MEOW sisters were the greatest! A few, but not everyone complained about the food, and of course about the ice cream scoops not working! Don't get between MEOW members and ice cream!

The Hospitality Room was highly rated and it seemed several took advantage of the room to eat, visit and refresh themselves. I feel this is a good investment in the seminar.

The good news is that next year the Red Lion is giving us a better daily rate for use of the hotel and has cut several costs so we would come back and hold our event there again.

Our teachers and classes were phenomenal. We had a variety of classes from beading, poly clay, a few new classes such as collage and Barbara Chapel's free motion quilting, and of course, the evaluations asked for Cindy Losencamp to come back. There are so many talented teachers both inside MEOW and out, that we all would have liked to take most of the classes and I feel we are fortunate to have the opportunity to have a Seminar and be able to take this caliber of classes.

If you would like specifics on any details of the seminar, please feel free to contact me and I would be happy to chat with you.

Thank you,
Jyll Jones, Seminar Chair 2009

Please Welcome New Members:

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Shirley A. Billman COASTAL KITTIES
 Carol Boysun COASTAL KITTIES
 Karen Donobedian COASTAL KITTIES
 Kris Hall MOUSE CONNECTION
 Jean Johnson COASTAL KITTIES
 Jo Johnson COASTAL KITTIES
 Christine Kramer COASTAL KITTIES
 Sheree Merritt COASTAL KITTIES
 Carol Olsen SILVER CITY KITTIES

Linnea (Lee) Palmer COASTAL KITTIES
 Shari Stewart COASTAL KITTIES

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Beverly Robinson SILVER CITY KITTIES

After September 10th
 Lydia Wilson

EMAIL CHANGES:

Donna Bybee -
 Jo Byma -
 Anna Dalke —
 Carol Olsen—
 MaryRay Osmus -

RENEWALS:

Karen Bennett - Tacoma Tabbies
 Tamara Bennett - Tacoma Tabbies
 Nadra Betcher - Fabricats
 Judith Betz - Stray Cat
 Pat Bridwell - Seattle Katz
 Claudia Buntyn - Kalico Kitties
 Joanne Burke - Fabricats
 Texanna Cato — Fantasy Feline/Seattle Katz
 Betty Cooper — Aristocats/Kalico Kitties
 Catherine Endonino - Kalico Kitties
 Dee Finney - Kalico Kitties
 Anita Gallagher - Country Kitties/Kalico Kitties
 Carmen Groves - Kalico Kitties
 Nancy Howard - Country Kitties

RENEWALS (Continued . . .)

Alice Howell - McKits
 Susan Isaacson - Tacoma Tabbies
 Jyll Jones - Tacoma Tabbies
 Diane Keilman - Country Kitties
 Carla LaBrousse - Country Kitties
 Marilyn Lee —Hollywood Stars
 LaVerne Mazzuca - Fantasy Felines/Seattle Katz
 Tess Moffatt - Stray Cat
 Penny Perry - Seattle Katz
 Beverly Robinson - Silver City Kitties
 Jackie Rosier - Kalico Kitties
 Elaine Solvang - Fantasy Felines
 Shelly Watson - Seattle Katz
 Judi Young - Hollywood Stars/Kalico Kitties

**2008 Carol Cornford Scholarship
Winners**

As of July 30, 2009, all 2008 Scholarship recipients have met their obligation to teach a lesson to a group other than their own, with the exception of one individual who has been granted an extension.

Pat Bridwell
 Scholarship Chr. July 2009

SEMINAR 2010

2009 seminar is over and now it's time to start saving your pennies, nickels and dimes so you can attend Seminar 2010. Here is what we know now:

2010 Seminar will again be at the Red Lion Inn . Reservations can be made at this time by calling 1-800-325-4000. Please tell them you are with the MEOW Seminar. The dates are as follows: June 3rd -6th, 2010. We are looking forward to another wonderful Seminar and are excited about all the volunteers that have stepped forward to keep MEOW the best it can be. Join us in this cooperative effort to have a wonderful seminar again.

**2009 Carol Cornford Scholarship
Winners**

13 Scholarships were given out to the 2009 MEOW Seminar recipients. 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. Their names are also listed on the Website under "Scholarship Winners" then you proceed to "Scholarship 2009" where you will find all them listed by name, group and state. You can click on their names and an email form will pop up to facilitate your contacting them for teaching opportunities. Please contact them and help them out with this wonderful opportunity.

Confirmation forms (which have been sent to each recipient) must be mailed to the Scholarship Chairperson, by May 15, 2010 after their teaching is completed.

Pat Bridwell

**2009 Carol Cornford Scholarship
Winners**

The winners of the 2009 Carol Cornford Scholarship are as follows:

Texanna Cato, Fantasy, Felines, Washington
 Betty Cooper, Aristocats, Oregon
 RobbaLee Hall, Silvercity Kitties, Washington
 Connie Hasten, Fantasy Felines Washington
 Alice Howell, McKits, Oregon
 Sharon Hults, Fantasy Felines, Washington
 Susan Isaacson, Tacoma Tabbies, Washington
 Marjorie Mathison, Juanito Gatos, Washington
 LaVerne Mazzuca, Fantasy Felines, Washington
 Letha McKinnon, Fantasy Felines, Washington
 Gail Mikuchonis, Pampered Persians, Washington
 Joanne Schoner, Daffy Cats, Washington
 Elaine Solvang, Fantasy Felines, Washington

If you are an Area Rep, please take some time and contact this wonderful group of ladies and ask them to teach at your Area Group. It will be well worth the time that you set aside for them and you will make new friends in doing so.

Thanks again.

M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT
04/14/2009 to 07/19/2009

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	04/14/09	Dian Millette	Sandy Katz	Husband's injury
2	04/21/09	Geri Anderson	Creative Cats	Health related issues
3	04/21/09	Barbara Wolfendale	Cyber Cats	Recovering from Surgery
4	04/28/09	Jackie Rosier	Kalico Kitties	Health related Issues
5	04/28/09	Kim Keller	Tacoma Tabbies	Father-in-law's passing
6	04/29/09	Pearl Johnson	Creative Cats	Surgery
7	04/29/09	Anita Gallager	Kalico Kats/Country Kitties	Surgery
8	05/04/09	Judy Betz	Stray Cat	Surgery
9	05/11/09	Jeannie Giles	Sandy Katx/Klassy Katz	Surgery
10	06/09/09	JoAnne Burke	Fabricats	Husband's Surgery
11	06/15/09	Barbara Frasier	Country Kitties	Father-in-law's passing
12	06/18/09	Apral Harrel	Mt Hood/Hollywood Stars	Mother's poor health
13	06/18/09	Jackie Rosier	Kalico Kitties/Country Kitties	Surgery
14	07/11/09	Judy Betz	Stray Cat	Prolonged Illness
15	07/11/09	Vicki Nelson	Fantasy Felines	Surgery
16	07/11/09	Beverly Carpenter	Country Kitties	Illness
17	07/13/09	Karen Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Husband's Possible Surgery
18	07/13/09	Susan Isaacson	Tacoma Tabbies	Illness
19	07/15/09	Rena Andrews	Country Kitties	Husband's illness

Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
None to report	5	Self	7	Self		Self
	1	Family		Family	2	Family
	2	Spouse	2	Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
	8	TOTAL	9	TOTAL	2	TOTAL

NOTE: During last quarter I sent a Sunshine Card to Toni Colby concerning the passing away of her mother, unfortunately when I recorded it on the report I said it was her husband who had passed away. I have sent a letter of apology to Toni and Don and I apologize to our Membership for the error. If you keep the reports, please make that change on your copy. Carla Labrousse

Thank you to all the tireless volunteers for all their help with making MEOW work. You are all appreciated even if it is not said to you everyday. Each person that volunteers their time to help with scheduling, being an Area Rep, on the Board of Directors, and even performing community service is appreciated. We may not say it enough, but know that your sisters all share in your compassion and efforts to make this organization work. So the next time that you turn over a Community Service Project know that someone in need is so appreciative of the time you took to make it for them!!!

Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington

Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington
2010 Seminar – June 3-6, 2010

RED LION INN, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

To present a class submission, please complete the following information and return with your sample and/or photo by **September 1, 2009**, to:

Apral Harrel
16620 S Bradley Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045
or
icrea8@comcast.net

Name _____

Phone (day) (evening) _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

E-mail _____

Travel distance to seminar: _____ miles one way

Proposed Class Title: _____

Description: (Be brief but descriptive – ok to attach extra information when submitting)

Skill level: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Any Length of class: <input type="checkbox"/> 3 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 6 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 2-day class (12 hours) Teaching a: <input type="checkbox"/> Technique <input type="checkbox"/> Project

Kit Fee (price) _____ Kit contains: (please list materials provided by you)

Student Supply List. (Please list only essential supplies that will be used, please list as a “grocery list” rather than in paragraph form, and please print legibly. This can be revised at a later date.)

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| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Seminar students are expected to bring sewing machines and normal sewing supplies. Irons are limited to 2-3 per room and will be supplied as needed.

FEE SCHEDULE: Fees are calculated in increments of 3-hour sessions. Each 3-hour session will be paid at the rate of \$200 or as negotiated with seminar chairperson. A travel and accommodation allowance may be added (details will be in contract returned with your sample). Teachers are invited to participate in the Retail Market for vendors for a small table charge. Classes are held Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.

Please include a brief RESUME: (6 to 8 typed lines)

Please return my sample/photo: Yes, please. No, not necessary. \$_____ estimated value of sample.
Samples and/or photos will be returned to you by October 31, 2009.

For further information, see: www.sewmeow.org

Aristorcats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway
 Contact: Betty Cooper
 Sept: No Meeting—Latimer Setup
 Oct: Beaded Bracelet—Nancy Shepherd
 Nov: TBA

Border Cats ** Lynden, WA ** November 2008

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm—9:00pm
 Place: Tangled Thread Quilt Shop, 202 6th Street
 Contact: Donna Bybee
 Sept: Seminar Class—Sharon Hults
 Oct: Open
 Nov: Open

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex
 Contact: Linda Rigby Co Rep: Apral Harrel
 Sept: Field Trip
 Oct: Assortment of Scarves
 Nov: Buttons

Costal Kitties * Waldport, OR ** July 2009

Meets: Last Saturday 11:00 am —2:00 pm
 Place: Waldport Senior Center
 Contact: Jean Johnson
 Sept: Learning the Basics
 Oct: Learning the Basics
 Nov: Learning the Basics

Country Kitties * Hood River, OR ** February 1991

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla Labrousse
 Sept: Woven Fabrics—Peggy Bodle
 Oct: Calligraphy—Nancy
 Nov: Hip to be Square—Betty

Creative Cats * Salem, OR * Dec. 1990/Aug. 2004

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: Capitol Manor Retirement Center Hwy 22
 Contact: Lyda Banick
 Sept: Open
 Oct: Open
 Nov: Open

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: Caroline Gerneglia
 Sept: Thread Calligraphy
 Oct: Demo Spa Slippers—Donna
 Nov: Wildflower Wreath—Sali

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

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac, 31653 Pacific Hwy South, Federal Way
 Contact: No Area Rep at this time Mary Dicks
 Sept: Travel Slippers—Donna Stewart
 Oct: Woven Color Wheel—Gail Mikuchonis
 Nov: Notebook Cover—Sali Lusk

Designer Cats * Chehalis, WA ** Sept. 1998

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier
 Sept: Schedule Planning Meeting
 Oct: Holiday Purse Part 1
 Nov: Holiday Purse Part 2

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: Stitch Out Gift Ideas
 Oct: Floral Neckline Wreath Variations
 Nov: Holiday Cards

Fabricats * Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 Sept: Open
 Oct: Open
 Nov: 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
 Sept: Beaded Tree
 Oct: Gift Exchange Project
 Nov: Beaded Bracelet



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
 Sept: Stitch Dancing — June Kendall
 Oct: Artist Trading Cards—Judi Young
 Nov: Patchwork Bag—Kitty Young

Kalico Kitties * Vancouver, WA

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Felida Fire Station 11600 Lake Shore Ave
 Contact: Carmen Groves
 Sept: OPEN
 Oct: Tesellations—Liz Silberman
 Nov: Paper Piecing—Peggy Bodle

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
 Sept: Journal Cover—Kathy Brock
 Oct: Crazy Quilt Hoop Holder—Roberta Strebe
 Nov: Yo Yo Beads (Tentative) - Lyda Banick

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: No Meeting
 Oct: Fiber Etching—Betty Cooper
 Nov: Wing Needle—Nancy Shepherd

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
 Sept: Silk Ribbon Flowers Pt. 2—Barbara Hegert
 Oct: Community Service & UFO's
 Nov: Stained Glass Christmas Ornament—June Kendall

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: Paper Making—Beth and JoAnne @ Beth's
 Oct: Felting using Potato Paper & ? - Ruth
 Nov: TBA

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: Moose—Gail M.
 Oct: Necklace—Gail M.
 Nov: Coloring Note Cards

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: Moose—Gail M.
 Oct: Necklace—Gail M.
 Nov: Coloring Note Cards

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
 Sept: Small Patchwork Bag
 Oct: Cut & Fold Quilting
 Nov: Bobbin Work

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: Beads & Buttons
 Oct: Working with Lutrador
 Nov: Gifts; Coffee Hot Cup Holders

Seattle Katz * Seattle, WA 88 September, 1999

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
Place: 7301 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, WA
Contact: Penny Perry
Sept: Beaded Bracelet
Oct: Felting Project
Nov: Angelina Sheets project

Silver City Kitties * Silverdale, WA ** July 1999

Meets: 1st Tuesday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
Place: Sound Sew & Vac, 10600 Silverdale Way
Contact: Katherine Josephson
Sept: Open House—Potluck & Presentation
Oct: Creating Halloween Hats w/spiders & webs
Nov: Using Tsukineko Inks

Snippy Kats * Keizer, OR ** August, 2004

Meets: 4th Friday 9:30 am — 1:00 pm
Place: John Knox Presbyterian Church 452 Cummings Ln N
Contact: Jan Story
Sept: Open
Oct: Open
Nov: Open

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: Lifted Star—LaVerne Mazzuca
Oct: Raw Edge Appliqué—Karen Bennett
Nov: Molas—Jyll Jones

Valley Cats * Albany, OR ** October, 1994

Meets: 1st Saturday 10:00am — 2:00 pm
Place: Oregon Sew & Vac
Contact: Lydia Wilson

We are now a summer group and will be meeting from May through September. Please contact Lydia Wilson for our Schedule

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.

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.

STATE DIRECTOR'S THANK YOU:

This will be my last report as state director I feel I have lazed over the past few months with everything that life seems to deal us. However I have enjoyed so much being a part of these groups I have gotten to know the Country Kitties, which I had never taken the time to go up to their meeting place and I went up twice and I am sure I will go again.

Valley Cats decided to meet only during the summer and I thought that was a wonderful idea. I had gone over there for the past few years way before I became State director I fulfilled my first scholarship there and have tried to return when ever I could.

Snippy Cats -I regret the time never came up for me to make it over there. They had offered to make any arrangements necessary for me to come but the time just seem to run out. But my thought is this: I met some wonderful people being a state director and there is so much talent out there I just can't believe it. I will still continue to attend board meetings because I like to hear what is going on and to visit with some that have to come from so far away. I just want to thank all of you who have been so nice and who has taught me so much in this last 2 years as Director.

Kathy Brock

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.

I would like to thank all Area Reps that have gotten back to me with their schedules. This is a tremendous help with updating the Website and the Newsletter. If you change your schedule, please do not hesitate to get a hold of me, your Newsletter Editor and one of your Website mistresses at pse@oz.net or stitchnstuff@comcast.net to tell me about it at your earliest convenience. I'm here to help you communicate with the outside world. Thanks again. Tami Bennett

OREGON STATE DIRECTORS REPORTS**KATHY BROCK****COUNTRY KITTIES**

Country Kitties continue to complete projects as they work through the hot summer. Some of the MEOW sisters have gone to the Sisters Quilt Show and we are continuing to support MEOW in any way we can.

SNIPPY KATZ

This group does not meet during the summer.

VALLEY CATS

This group has started up again and they will meet only during the summer months. This month, Chrys Hulshof taught them the straight stitch rose pattern to make into cards or there are several things to use it for. The next two months, Jan Story will be teaching them the Armadillo. This will be a two (2) part session. I (Kathy Brock) plans on teaching something to this group next year when they start back up in May, 2010.

CLAUDIA BUNTYN**ARISTOCATS**

Betty Cooper will be Co-Area Rep while JoAnne Cross is recuperating. Get Well fast JoAnne, the Aristocats and MEOW miss you very much.

BYTES & PC'S

We are currently involved in a Community Service project that involves us making angels on our embroidery machines. Some of our members are part of a Yahoo group list that distributes these angels with words of encouragement to people who are gravely ill. We are also planning a group field trip to some unusual local stores to collect supplies for our projects.

CAROLINE BURTON**CREATIVE CATS**

Continuing to work on their Angel Project. They had a potluck picnic July 11.

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KALICO KITTIES

Back to basics for Kalico Kitties. They are doing beginning free motion and have a fun schedule planned.

SILVER KITS

Sorry to report Silver Kits are disbanding. Lack of attendance and difficulty in meeting place.

STRAY CATS

Robin Slocum is no longer a Stray Cat. Their group is having a planning meeting this month in Robin's new house. Judy Betz has had health issues and is not doing much sewing. Hope you are feeling better, Judy.

RUTH CASCIATO**McKITS -**

Our group is in charge of Seminar Raffle this year, so we are checking out shops in our area for donations. Roberta worked with us so our group meeting schedule is finished. Fair season is here and we are getting our projects ready. A few of us will be demo'ing at Yamhill County Fair Grounds. We had show and tell. Roberta shared a beaded Dragon vest which was gorgeous! Alice Howell shared a beautiful shawl with her lace making. Good Job Alice!

NANCY SHEPHERD**MT. HOOD**

Mt. Hood is going to do something different this year. Since many of us have too many unfinished projects we decided that when we are learning a new technique we are going to try to limit our projects to 4" x 6" whenever possible. That way we will be able to finish the small pieces and still learn the technique. These small pieces can easily be fitted into a page protector or possibly used to create a book of samplers.



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TRI-KATZ

In June members of this group attended a 3 day workshop featuring Gloria Loughman a quilter from Victoria Australia. Drawing Nature in Thread was the subject. This group has been meeting at Janean's Bernina store in Pasco, Washington. If your travels take you this way, please go through the Tri-Cities and stop at this wonderful shop.

Janean carries many items that we use.

It is with regret that I let the MEOW Board know this group is disbanding.

WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTORS

REPORT

KAREN BENNETT

PAMPERED PERSIANS AND PINK PANTHERS

In May members worked on making cosmetic bags for women's shelters. They have completed over 100 and will have a get together to fill the bags for distribution. There was a MEOW Sew-In on the 20th of June and there were several members present working on projects. Gail M. and Karen Bennett purchased a number of wall grid pieces and extra parts for use by the MEOW Expo's.

PURRFECTION

Their Community Service project is crib sheets for the church nursery where they meet. They also have five (5) members.

SANDY KATZ

They will be involved in the Ocean Shores Whale of a Quilt Show, October 2-4, 2009 with a quilt walk the week before. They will be meeting twice a month with flexible dates. They had a visitor from Shelton at the July meeting when they were learning a paint transfer method using Steam A Seam2.

Their Community Service is Circular Cat Beds for the City Lost and Found Cats.

PEGGY BODLE

SILVER CITY KITTIES

Katherine Josephson will be serving as Silver City area rep this summer. Bev Robison is moving to Ft. Collins to be near her family...she will be looking for "stray cats".

Several members attended seminar.

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This group has been working on some exciting projects using ribbon, oilsticks and thread sketching. Cynthia Keim has taught many techniques to achieve texture on fabric. Their calendar for the year is filling up nicely.

TACOMA TABBIES

No meeting in July. Tami Bennett, Kim Keller and Karen Bennett attended a class in Edmonds to learn about making silk beads (they had a "blast"). 14 MEOW members were in attendance (Sali asked the instructor to present a class for seminar). This group is involved in projects for the upcoming seminar.

KLASSEY CATS

This group has disbanded.

TEXANNA CATO

DIGI-CATS

No report. They have given their schedule for the next year. Please see it on the website and remember, everything is adjustable so please call before coming.

CAPITAL CATS

This group has disbanded.

CYBER CATS

This group got together and had their planning meeting. They have a full schedule of fun things to do. They will be doing various techniques and projects to keep them interested. If you would like to make some spa slippers, this will be in October, or the Wildflower Wreath, this will be in November, please do not hesitate to contact our Area Rep.

We will be sewing little stuffed dolls which doctors use for showing their littlest patients where it hurts and what the doctor will do about it for our Community Service. There will be sewing already, so please bring scissors to cut them out with, stuffing and skewers will be available. No machines will be necessary, we are doing this the old fashioned way.



VICKI NELSON

DAFFY CATS – The group does not have a formal Area Rep at this time so all the members are stepping up and taking turns moderating a meeting. They are open for suggestions from other groups as to how to handle this situation. The members have been busy making blankets, knitted hats, lace caps and afghans for their Community Service program.

FABRICATS — Nadra Betcher reports that their group is small but they keep plugging along. Nadra is the chairman of their open class sewing at the NCW Fair in Waterville. It is considered a district fair and we are getting entries from several counties. Our sewing has gone strongly to quilts. We do a People's Choice Award, which we just started last year. That was fun. This year we are getting a whole new way to display quilts. We also do a best of recycle with a little cash prize coming from our Historical Society Thrift Shop. Nadra is also the chairperson there. Joanne will have entries in the annual Quilt show in Wenatchee this fall. Seminar was so nice. I loved that place. Looking forward to next year,

FANTASY FELINES - The members held a workshop featuring Meredith Arnold on July 11 at Art Works in Edmonds, Washington. Meredith taught a class on making beads with silk fabric. They are hoping to have more mini-workshops in the future. There were several new, prospective members at their last meeting.

SALI LUSK

BORDER CATS— Area Rep, Donna Bybee could use some MEOW members to teach a class. This is an evening meeting so Donna will be happy to invite the teacher to stay overnight. Donna is a great hostess.

DESIGNER CATS—No report.

JUANITA GATOS—This group has disbanded.

SEATTLE KATZ— At the June planning meeting the Seattle Katz discussed the Seminar, shared a potluck and formulated a schedule for the upcoming year. July 15, members took a field trip to Olympia, Shipwreck Beads and Shibori Dragon. August 12, members had an extra meeting to learn fiber etch on velvet.

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