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President's Letter by Vicki Nelson

Dear MEOW Sisters:

Where has the time gone? It seems just like yesterday that we were at Seminar 2009 and now here it is almost time for Seminar 2010. I guess the saying "Tempus Fugit" (time flies) is true!

The Seminar Brochure was posted on the website for all members to download for themselves. I have gone through it from cover to cover and I am going to have a very hard time narrowing down my choices of classes to take this year. Jackie Rosier did an excellent job of coordinating the final brochure.

As you know we are trying to find ways to economize in the recession we find ourselves in. One way was to put both the newsletter and the seminar brochure on the web for members to download for themselves. Once a newsletter or brochure has been posted to the web, Tami Bennett then sends out a message to the State Directors, who in turn forwards that message onto the Area Groups she is in charge of. From there each Area Rep is to forward that message on to the members in her group. Hopefully, no one is being left out of the loop. If you are, please let someone know.

It is time once again for the Sew Expo. Karen Bennett is the new Sew Expo Coordinator, with daily co-chairs. The dates of the show are Thursday, February 25th through Sunday, February 28th. Our booth is #307 in the Showplex Building. The hours of the show are from 8:30 am to 6 pm except on Sunday when it closes at 5 pm. The co-chairs are Pat Bridwell on Thursday; Vicki Nelson on Friday, Tami Bennett on Saturday and Karen Bennett on Sunday. We need at least 10 volunteers per day to help in the booth either by talking, handing out flyers or by doing a demo. Please contact one or all of these ladies if you have some free time to help us in the booth. It is a great way to tell others what M.E.O.W. is all about.

Even if you do not volunteer in the M.E.O.W. booth, please stop by and say "HI" and introduce yourself, we would love to see you.

Hope to see you in Puyallup at the end of the month!

Vicki Nelson, President

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- Board Meeting
April 24, 2010
Vancouver, WA

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Articles and Reports
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Need Schedules from:

- Area Groups for
June, July and August

SEMINAR 2010

- Olympia, WA
June 3,4,5,6, 2010

- Membership Renewals
Due August 31, 2010

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Daffy Cats

Fantasy Felines

Seattle Katz



MARCH SEW EXPO CHAIR COORDINATOR FOUND

We are no longer looking for a Sew Expo Coordinator, Karen Bennett of the Tacoma Tabbies has graciously volunteered! Thank you Karen! We still need your help though! There are four (4) Daily Managers. Thursday is Pat Bridwell of the Seattle Katz, Friday is Vicki Nelson of Fantasy Felines, Saturday is Tami Bennett of Tacoma Tabbies and Sunday is Karen Bennett is of the Tacoma Tabbies. Each of these ladies needs to fill eight (8) demonstration volunteers per day for a 2.5 hour time slot. The Sew Expo is from February 25-28, 2010. You will be contacted to see if any of these times will fit in with your schedule. Thank you to all that volunteer. Please remember, it is a good experience and counts towards your community service hours for your group and you will meet a lot of interesting people.

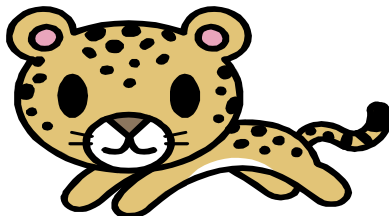
Proofreaders

I would like to send out a special thanks to all the people that have helped put the newsletter together by submitting items and by providing help with proofreading what has become the finished product.

As the Newsletter Editor, I send out a special and warm hug to all that help and request that if anyone wants to become a contributing member to the Newsletter or would like to proofread the Newsletter before it goes out, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email. I send out a pdf format of the document, so you must be able to receive this type of file, but all persons volunteering are welcome.

Thanks again to all my helpers and volunteers.

Tami Bennett



NOMINATIONS HOW CAN WE VOTE

by Tami Bennett and Alice Howell

It's Nomination's time again. This time we are voting for President, Treasurer, 3 Oregon Directors and 3 Washington Directors. The Nominating Committee did a great job of finding very qualified persons for our membership to vote on. This is to tell you how the voting process will be dealt with this year.

We will NOT be accepting email votes again this year, even though we had more votes two years ago than we had in previous years. We are following Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised and we know that most of you probably don't care about that, but what it means to our votes is—we can't vote by email. What we can do is the following:

1. After we receive the voting cards, fill out your vote and return it in an envelope to:

Ginny Fischer
60 Rio Vista Drive
White Salmon, WA 98672

2. You can fill out your voting card at your Area Group meeting, Place them into a manila envelope with your name left on the voting card, or if you would like to remove it, then the back of the manila envelope must be signed and you must print your name so that the Nominating Committee can ensure that each person has a single vote. Then return the manila envelope to the address above. All votes will be counted.

3. If a secret ballot is essential to you, you can make your own "secrecy envelope". Remove your address label from your ballot card. Put the card in a small envelope labeled "MY VOTE". Put this envelope inside an outside envelope with your return address and sent to Ginny Fischer of the Nominating Committee at the address listed above. After your name is marked as voted, the outside envelope is marked as voted, the outside envelope can be discarded and only the undersigned voting envelope can be put in the voting file to be counted. Your "roll call" vote has become a secret ballot, just like in the state elections.

Any person designated and approved by the Board of Directors to handle the elections to count the votes is honest and trustworthy. From past experience in dealing with stacks of papers to collect some information, the person doing this job is so busy concentrating on getting the job done to pay attention to a name on a paper even if it's on the same side as a vote.

I hope that I haven't confused you anymore than I was writing this to you to explain how we are voting this year. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your area rep, your local director or Board of Directors member, we will all be willing and able to help you with this process. Good luck to all Nominees!

President**Vicki Nelson**

My sewing experiences began as a teenager when it was a required subject in school. I further learned how to embroider, crochet and knit from my grandmother. Through the years I have tried just about every craft imaginable – some I liked, some I didn't. I guess I could be called a "Jack of all trades, master of none".

My interest in "free motion" began about 25 years ago when my husband bought me my first Bernina 830 machine. At the time that was considered the "top of the line" machine. I started exploring with lowering the feed dogs and just playing around. Then I heard about two groups known as Sew Art International and Creative Stitches. I took the training courses from both of them and became a certified instructor in free motion machine embroidery. At first I thought I was way over my head, but soon learned to take one step at a time. And that is when I heard about MEOW, so I joined and became a charter member. Emerald City was the first group to be formed in Washington after MEOW was formed. I became a member of that group and as they say "the rest is history".

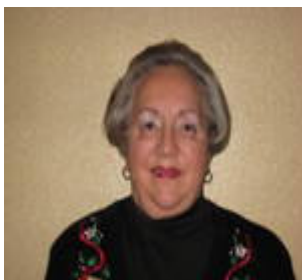
I received an Associates degree in Accounting in 1982. I have an extensive bookkeeping/accounting background which keeps me in spending money to help support my "sewing habit".

I have served and held various offices on the MEOW Board for the past 22 years. I have seen many changes – some good, some not so good. My vision for MEOW would be to look to for ways to encourage more participation from our membership to become more involved in the inner workings of the MEOW organization. MEOW was formed for the benefit of the whole organization not for just a few. MEOW is a volunteer organization and everyone needs to remember – "What can I do for MEOW?" not "What can MEOW do for me?"

Treasurer**Roberta Strebe**

I have been a M.E.O.W. member since early 2000, and for the most part really enjoyed it. I took over as Area Rep after a few months and have been doing it ever since. Sometimes it has been a challenge.

Prior to my current job of commercial sewing, I spent about 12 or 13 years in various accounting positions. First as an auditor, then as accounts payable clerk, next an accounting manager, then back to accounts payable. While I was accounting manager I did full service payroll, as well as overseeing all other phases of an office including making budgets, with 6 employees answerable to me. I have a couple of more months to work. I am looking forward to my retirement and being able to get some pleasure sewing done, after my cruise to Alaska.

Director**Betty Cooper**

I became a member in 2001 when the Aristocats group was organized by June Kendall, JoAnne Cross, Caroline Burton. I knew from the beginning that this is where I belonged. Was asked to be Area Rep. Then asked to be a Director and enjoyed that job. Then asked to be Seminar Chairman for 2006. That was a challenge. My next job was being President for 2 years. That really was a challenge. So now again I am asked to be a Director. So here is my bio.

**Director****Kathy Brock**

A lot of you know the face and as we all know in time a lot of us forget names. I am Kathy Brock and I have been a member in MEOW since 2001. I have learned a lot over the years. Some I will always do again and some things (that sure isn't my thing) I will try not to repeat again.

I have attended a lot of Board Meetings just to find out what goes on and later on I decided to run for State Director. I served two years and in that time I really loved it. I was able to meet more people by going to their groups. This organization has the most wonderful people in it, of course, I am one of those that is a little overbearing. I can come across strong sometimes and sometimes you may have to explain things twice, but I will be the first one to be up front and tell you what I think.

I am going to run again for State Director because things are changing and I do have to say, that I have seen some good improvements come out of some of the things over the past year

Director**Apral Harrel**

I joined MEOW in 1996 and promptly volunteered to be the Newsletter Editor. I held that position on the board for 6 years. Then I served on the Board as a Director for 4 years. I am active in 3 area groups I am the Co-area Rep for 2 of those groups and have been the Area Rep for one group for 12 years. I keep trying to resign but they won't accept my resignation. I have been designated as an Honorary Member for the last 3 years.

The thing I enjoy the most about my MEOW membership is the people. Some of the friends I have made at MEOW activities are ones I know I will have a relationship with for the rest of my life. I am the self-proclaimed Queen of UFO's. (and I have the doll to prove it). I am continually amazed at the unique, quality projects that are presented at the meetings. I have been creating things most of my life and really appreciate the way MEOW techniques can cross over to my varied interests like doll making, polymer clay, quilting, surface design, and wearable art (but not garment construction; I buy inspiration pieces for that).

Director**Nancy Shepherd**

Freemotion sewing was first introduced to me during the 70's. I joined MEOW in 1992 and have never looked back. During the last 17 years I have served MEOW as Seminar Chairperson twice, President twice, State Director, and Treasurer. These are just a few of the tasks I have undertaken. Each time I volunteer, I learn more about this wonderful organization and how it works.

MEOW is a volunteer organization which needs all of us to take our turn leading. As a Director I have a chance to meet the membership and encourage them to take an active roll in this organization.

Director**Peggy Bodle**

I have always loved to sew (and all those things you do with needles). Being a member of MEOOW has opened up all sorts of possibilities what can be done with a needle and thread. I've learned much about the sewing machine and a lot about myself.

The most important parts of belonging to MEOOW are the people and the friendships we make. It is a joy to be a member to learn and to share.

I have enjoyed working with the Board to help keep our organization working for the good of all its members.

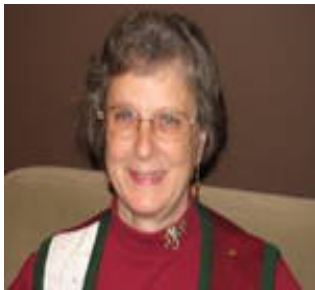
Director**Texanna Cato**

I have been an active member since 1999 in two local groups – Fantasy Felines and Seattle Katz. I was a co-area rep for the Fantasy Felines from September, 2004 through August, 2006. I was also an active participant along with many other members to re-start the Seattle Katz group.

I enjoy all kinds of craft and sewing related activities. My interest in sewing dates back to when my mother taught me how to sew and “rip” on a treadle machine.

My activities include teaching and dancing Hula; a volunteer with VIPS (Volunteers in Public Safety) with the Lynnwood Police Department; member of the activity club at Fluke Mfg; teaching crafts to my granddaughters and enjoying my many wonderful friends.

My vision for MEOOW would be to expand MEOOW's focus towards more versatility to try to incorporate a larger array of applications and techniques.

Director**Sharon Hults**

Hello. My name is Sharon Hults. I would be honored to be a State Director for MEOOW.

I have been sewing since the late 40's when in 4-H. Sewing and crafts have been in my life for many years. Learning new skills whenever I have a chance is fun and challenging.

Embroidery, quilting, jewelry making, pottery, and glass working are some of my skills.

Selling sewing machines for Quality Sewing was one of my adventures in life.

I have been a member of the Fantasy Felines MEOOW Group for three years now and I am so happy that MEOOW exists. I love the work we do and the camaraderie between all of us “crafty ladies.”

I think what we do at MEOOW is very important. Our activities during the year spark creative ideas and friendships. I believe it would be a privilege to serve as a member of your board.

Hopefully you will cast your vote for me.

November Quilt and Craft Show

I would like to thank everyone, volunteers included, that joined me at the MEOW booth for the November Quilt and Craft Show. MEOW greatly appreciates all of you who took the time to introduce our group to the general public. Your enthusiasm was great. Names of those interested in learning more about MEOW have been turned over to the Area Reps. We hope to see some new faces at our meetings in the future. Many of us first learned about our organization at a Sewing Expo. I joined in 1998 after visiting at MEOW booth.

MEOW had a new display system that we were using for the first time at this show and the wall grids added a new dimension to our booth. We also had a wonderful variety of items to show our versatility. Thank you to all that provided samples. Quality Sew and Vac of Puyallup loaned MEOW one of their new machines for our use. Thank you Quality for your generosity to MEOW.

A special thank you to Karen Bennett's husband, Bob, for coming and setting up the new display wall grids. And again a big thank you to Bob and to Pat Bridwell's supportive new husband for taking the time to help us tear down the display and loading it as those grids were pretty heavy.

Thank you to all of our members who donated projects items for our display. Pictures were taken and will be put up on the website in the near future. For those who couldn't volunteer time of samples, for one reason or another, the WSU Sew Expo is coming up at the end of the month. I'm sure volunteers will be greatly welcomed.

Sali Lusk, MEOW Show Coordinator

January 2010

MEOW would like to thank Sali Lusk for volunteering to be the coordinator for the November show and also thank you to our three (3) day managers: Sali Lusk, Vicki Nelson and Karen Bennett.



Kitty Tip Q: My machine embroidery looks good until the stabilizer is removed. Pulling away the stabilizer generally distorts the stitches. Any suggestions?

A: Try removing tear-away stabilizer while the fabric is still hooped. The hoop supports the stitching and greatly lessens stitch distortion. Also consider using several layers of lightweight stabilizer, rather than one layer of mid- to heavyweight stabilizer. When using multiple layers of stabilizer, tear it away one layer at a time. From "Total Embellishment Newsletter" Fall 1998, Vol 2, #4

Meow Board Meeting Minutes
Felida Fire Station
11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue
Vancouver, WA
Saturday, January 23, 2010

Vicki Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:10 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; Sali Lusk* (November Sew Expo); Kitty Young, Mediation*, Apral Harrel, Mediation, Kim Keller, Mediation*, Carla LaBrousse, Sunshine, Historian (open), Nancy Howard, 2010 Seminar Chairperson * Signifies an Excused Absence

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Guests: Dee Finney, Roberta Strebe, Kathy Brock,

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

Minutes of the last meeting: Were approved as written.

Putting the MEOW C.D. picture up on the Website was discussed and that will be done soon by Tami Bennett per Nancy Shepherds request. Vicki Nelson will also look into the progress of the survey results sent out by Jyll for the Board of Directors.

A card was read by Vicki Nelson from Sali Lusk concerning her husband John's health and thank you to all that have sent words of love and support to her.

Treasurer's Report: At this time we are under budget and we have collected \$3450.00 in dues to date. Vicki Nelson, President, wanted to let everyone known that there was some confusion by some as Why a transfer was made which was reported on at the September 26, 2009 meeting. Part of the transfer was for the Seminar, and the remainder went to cover MEOW's general operating expenses. Due to last years shake up, the Income Tax report was late as per the IRS and we incurred a \$1700 penalty even though we don't pay taxes. Vicki Nelson is on the third 45day extension until the IRS makes a decision on our question as to why we would be penalized if we never pay taxes.

Vice-President's Report - Community Service Reports will be requested of the Area Reps on a monthly basis and remember that all final reports from Area Groups will be due on September 30th. Tami put up a new form under Publications and Forms on the Website that will allow you to fill in the blanks. She will notify the directors as soon as the form in completed.

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- Reports are not coming into Nancy Howard or Tami Bennett for the newsletter.
- Jyll Jones is going to be putting together a new group in Olympia in February, she has five (5) interested already
- Send your expense reports for travel to Nancy Howard, V.P.

If you have changed your address, phone # or e-mail please contact Sandy Radtke, Membership Chairperson

Secretary's Report: Karen reported first on her husband's health. He had cancer surgery on the 24th of November and on January 12, 2010 the doctor gave him a clean bill of health – no cancer cells found. He is still recovering, but doing nicely and back to work for a few hours each day.

A card was sent to Donna Stewart's family to notify them of putting a \$25.00 donation in the Scholarship Fund in Donna's name. She will be missed.

Sunshine Report: Carla LaBrousse reported that 19 cards were sent out between 9/16/09 to 1/18/2010. The full report will be in the newsletter. She also wanted everyone to know that she is keeping copies of all e-mail requests for cards.

Director's Reports: Nancy Howard would like to see the Director's contacting their groups each month by telephone to make it just a little more personal.

The Aristocats have new members – see the newsletter



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Five (5) Stray Cats have sent in an update

Membership: Tami Bennett gave Sandy Radtke's report. We have 3 renewals, 8 new members (5 - WA and 3 - OR), which gives us a total of 195 members. The directors have a copy of the latest roster updates. Tami gave out an updated copy of the entire roster to all of the board members. You can contact your director for the new members and renewals or Sandy Radtke, Membership Chairperson. The complete roster is mailed out to all members once a year, but the Directors are given a new list at each Board meeting. Due to our current membership numbers, we will be giving out only seven (7) Honorary Memberships this year at Seminar and we will be voting on them at the April meeting

Newsletter Report – Tami reported that she has 50% of the newsletter completed at this time.

She is not receiving any special reports, pictures, or articles from any of the groups. It was requested that directors notify their groups to submit articles, pictures, etc. Printing and postage for those being mailed is \$2.50 each.

Scholarship: Pat Bridwell reported that all but five (5) scholarship winners from 2009 have completed their teaching requirements. For 2010 there were thirteen scholarships given out for \$100 each with one alternate.

Fairs: Rena Andrews reported that she is hearing back from the Oregon Fairs with yes on 10 so far. Waiting for the Washington site to come up and hopes it is done by February 1, 2010.

Sew Expo: Sali Lusk was the Chairperson for the November Expo and she wants to thank all the regular volunteers and sends a special thanks to those volunteers that were new in November.

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Also a huge Thank You to Karen's husband Bob for coming in and installing our new grid system. The display was wonderful, easy to put together and we had a lot of complements. Sali is putting together photos to put up on the Website so that you can see how nice the display looked. He and Pat Bridwell's husband also deserve a huge thank you for helping to dismantle the display and load it all out in one load.

Karen Bennett will be the Sew Expo Coordinator for the February Expo. February 25–28, 2010: Pat Bridwell will manage Thursday, Vicki Nelson – Friday, Tami Bennett – Saturday and Karen Bennett – Sunday. The hours will be 8:30 to 6:00 Thursday thru Saturday and 8:30 to 5:00 on Sunday. We are in Booth 307 and it is \$10.00 for each day you attend.

Nominations Committee: Roberta Strebe read off the names of the new officer candidates – President – Vicki Nelson, Treasurer – Roberta Strebe, Directors – April Harrel, Kathy Brock, Nancy Shepherd, Betty Cooper, Texanna Cato, Sharon Hults, Peggy Bodle. The voting ballots will be coming out soon via snail mail.

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

The cost of the Seminar will be \$300.00, which does not include kits fees and lodging. Please take some time and contact retailers that you deal with or where you meet to ask for a raffle donation and if you do receive a positive response, please get a business card from them to keep with the item and send a personal thank you.

The membership will be notified when the brochure is going to be posted on the Website and hard copies will be mailed to those that don't have e-mail.

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Alice Morris will be the instructor for the Basics 101 class on Thursday. Sharing tables will be free for MEOW members. **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).** All items for the Treasure/Freebie table will be reviewed this year prior to being put on the table, so make sure that anything that you bring is very usable and sewing 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. There will be no Retail Market unless the teachers put one up during their class time. **Raffle baskets** – donations should be new or like new, should be selective (stop and think before and say to yourself would you like to receive these items yourself. You will need to register for the Basics 101 class, so don't just show up and expect to be seated.

Website Report: Jyll Jones has resigned as Web mistress and we want to make sure that a big thanks goes to her from all of us for all she did to make this a very workable site for information. We understand her obligations to other areas and hope the best for her. She is still a Director and is going to be setting up a new group in Olympia soon. Tami Bennett will be taking over Jyll's portion of the Website until someone can be found that will help with it or the newsletter.

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A motion was made by Jackie Rosier that Tami become the current Web Mistress and was seconded by Claudia Buntyn. The vote was: 9 Yes 0 No

Tami has made all of the changes to our information and passwords. This took a week and the treasurer, president and Tami all have the same information. Tami will be using Expressions III, which just came out and up-dating all of the forms, Community Service into Excel format and pictures when available.

Historian: Sali Lusk will be taking over the job when her directorship is completed in August.

Tami Bennett made a motion that we accept Sali's offer and Nancy Shepherd seconded the motion. The vote was 9 Yes 0 No

Latimer Quilt Festival Show for MEOW –

A report will be found in the newsletter to update you on our MEOW showing. Five members of MEOW hung 200 pieces of art. The fees for Latimer are going up for individual members and we will discuss this later at the next meeting as to whether or not MEOW should continue to pay an annual fee to this museum as our benefits are not as they were in the past.

OLD BUSINESS:

Abandoning office – consequences: (1) not able to hold office ever.

(1) We need to come up with the best wording for this from the Robert's Rules of Order and put this in the General Standing Rules and

(2) no honorary membership

Discuss the lengthening of the office of the executive board member (President and Treasurer).

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The consensus was that we look into changes Article V, Section 3 to state that the Executive offices shall be able to serve consecutively in the same position for two consecutive two year terms with the approval of the entire membership, because it take more that two years to learn the workings of the office of the president and treasurer.

Rejoining Latimer – individual dues

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteer hours – what constitutes non-member hours. We need to have written guidelines for reporting our hours for community service.

Area Group's need to have three (3) members to start a group and they need to have three (3) members to continue the group. This will be discussed further in April.

Texanna Cato made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Tami Bennett. 9 Yes 0 No

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted

by Karen Bennett, MEOW Secretary

Corrected: February 1, 2010

2009 Carol Cornford Scholarship Winners

I have all but 5 of the Confirmation Letters that can be found on the Website and were mailed out to "Scholarship winners". As previously mentioned "Scholarship winners are 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.

As a reminder Confirmation forms must be mailed to the Scholarship Chairperson by May 15, 2010 after their teaching is completed.

Pat Bridwell
Scholarship Chr. January 2010

Carol Cornford Scholarships for Seminar 2010

There were 14 MEOW Members who submitted their names for 13 available scholarships this year. All 14 persons met the criteria set forth by MEOW. All names were drawn and placed in order for 13 available scholarships. The names will be available at Seminar 2010 for all Area Groups to approach for teaching and sharing opportunities. These scholarships are used to assist members with fees at Seminar 2010 to be held June 3,4, 5 and 6, 2010; at Olympia, WA. Scholarships are funded by the raffle held at MEOW Seminars.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to call me per my phone number in the MEOW Roster.

Pat Bridwell
Scholarship Chr. January 2010



M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

9/16/2009 to 01/18/2010

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	10/03/2009	Karen Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Husband's illness
2	10/03/2009	Tami Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Father's Illness
3	10/03/2009	Marbe Cook	Country Kitties	Injury to self
4	10/03/2009	Rena Andrews	Country Kitties	Husband's illness
5	11/01/2009	Donna Stewart	Daffy, Cyber and Digi Cats	Card to family on her passing
6	11/19/2009	Kay Moore	Cyber Cats	Brother's surgery
7	11/20/2009	Janice Hammock	Daffy Cats	Father's Passing
8	11/29/2009	Karen Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Husband's surgery
9	11/29/2009	Tami Bennett	Tacoma Tabbies	Father's surgery
10	11/29/2009	Sali Lusk	Cyber Cats	Husband's illness
11	12/10/2009	Sheryll Pfaff	Pampered Persians	Illness and hospital visit
12	12/10/2009	Susan Issacson	Tacoma Tabbies	Surgery
13	12/22/2009	Jeanne Martenson	Charter Member/Stray Cat	Broken Hip
14	12/26/2009	Apral Harrel	Mt Hood/Hollywood Stars	Mother's Passing
15	12/29/2009	Mona Hermans	McKits	Mother's Passing
16	01/02/2010	Judi Young	Hollywood Stars/Calico Kitties	She & Husband Injured in accident
17	01/02/2010	Sali Lusk	Cyber Cats	Husband in hospital, ICU
18	01/04/2010	JoAnne Cross	Multi Media/Country Kitties	Death of Granddaughter
19	01/15/2010	Kim Keller	Tacoma Tabbies	Daughter's Surgery

Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
None to report	4	Self	1	Self	1	Self
	2	Family	3	Family	4	Family
	3	Spouse	1	Spouse	0	Spouse
	9	Other	5	Other	5	Other
		TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL

NEW MEMBERS:

We would like to introduce our new members from October 29, 2009 to January 19, 2010. Welcome! You will find that we are no longer listing any information for them 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.

Jane Collins	Silver City Kitties
Linda Cope	Country Kitties
Lynn Craig	Fantasy Feline
Bonnie Ellinger	Mt. Hood
E. Ann King	Designer Cats
Diane Long	McKits
Mary Phillips	McKits
Sharon Simpson	Designer Cats

RENEWALS

All renewals following this are from October 28, 2009 to January 19, 2010. They list the name and Area Group only. You can find all pertinent information in the MEOW Roster. If you don't see your name listed, you might have been in the August 2009 or October 2009 Newsletter, if for some reason you still don't find your name then please contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chairperson or Tami Bennett Newsletter Editor.

Thank you for your patience with this..

Tami Bennett

Heide La Tondrese	Mouse Connection
Dopnna Lehfelt	Border Cats
Sheryl Paff	Pampered Persians

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Tracy Black	McKits
Donna Bybee	Border Cats
Mary Calahan	Country Kitties
Beverly Carpenter	Country Kitties
Marbe Cook	Country Kitties
Sally Dunkin	Stray Cats
Becky Rae Franks	Kalico Kitties
Anita Gallagher	Country Kitties
Sharon Hawkins	Kalico Kitties
Barbara Herget	Mt. Hood
Grace Hofer	Stray Cat
Janette Johnson	McKits
Bonny Krueger	Country Kitties
Pattie Larson	Designer Cats
Anna Marie Levens	Country Kitties
Carol Lewis	Mt. Hood
Letha McKinnon	Fantasy Felines
Deena Mauerman	Designer Cats
Janine Scott	Country Kitties
Judy Shields	Country Kitties
Linda Simkus	Country Kitties

MAILING ADDRESS:

Dee Finney	Kalico Kitties
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AREA GROUP INFORMATION AND SCHEDULES

Aristocats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway
 Contact: Betty Cooper
 Mar: No Meeting
 Apr: No Meeting
 May: 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
 Mar: Calligraphy by Machine—Cynthia
 Apr: Calligraphy by Machine—Cynthia
 May: 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
 Mar: Aprons - Apral Harrel
 Apr: ATC Backgrounds - Apral Harrel
 May: ATC Designs for ATC's - Apral Harrel

Country Kitties * Hood River, OR ** February 1991

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla LaBrousse
 Mar: TBA—Bonnie Krueger
 Apr: TBA—Anne Marie Levens
 May: TBA—Texanna Cato

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
 Mar: Open
 Apr: Open
 May: Open

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: Janice Hammock
 Mar: Baby Quilts—Mary Dicks
 Apr: Shiva Paint Sticks (Small Picture) - Joanne Schoner
 May: Oriental Collage— Gail Mikuchonis

Designer Cats * Chehalis, WA ** Sept. 1998

Meets: 1st Monday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier
 Mar: Sunshine Cards on March 8th
 Apr: Thread Painting, Practice Flowers by Alice Howell in Project Book
 May: Part 2 of Thread Painting, above

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
 Mar: Community Service (Assemble Sections) In the Hoop Designs—Sali
 Apr: Gift Exchange Project
 May: Seminar Raffle Basket Preparations

Fabricats * Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
 Place: 404 North Western, Wenatchee
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 Mar: Open
 Apr: Open
 May: 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
 Mar: Fiber Bowls
 Apr: Wild Flowers Wreath
 May: Shaving Cream Technique/Ink Blots

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
 Mar: Crazy Quilt—Communty
 Apr: Sheers & Netting—Caroline Burton
 May: It's a Wrap, Fun with Wrapping Cording - Liz Silberman

Kalico Kitties * Vancouver, WA

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Felida Fire Station 11600 Lake Shore Ave
 Contact: Carmen Groves
 Mar: Trading Cards - Judi Young
 Apr: Pin Cushing—Barbar Pollard
 May: Tessellations - Liz Silberman



McKits * Lafayette, OR ** July, 2000

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: The Quilted Hill, 7601 NE Blackburn Rd, Yamhill
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Mona Hermans
 Mar: Snippet Trees—Caroline Burton
 Apr: Water Bottle Tote— Alice Morris
 May: Thread Catcher - Kathy Brock

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
 Mar: Sheers in Appliqué on Embroidery Machine— G. Christmas Beattie
 Apr: Surprise Class— Judi Young
 May: Round Table Software, Embird, Palette & 3 D Embroidery & Expression

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
 Mar: Pansies
 Apr: Gift Exchange
 May: Photo to Landscape

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
 Mar: Japanese Braiding—Caroline
 Apr: Carving Stamps - Ivy
 May: Modeling Pastee and Acrylic Paint for Texture— Caroline

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
 Mar: Color Wheel - Gail
 Apr: Woven Hoop Bag - Gail
 May: Make Your Own Fabric (Part One) - Gail

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
 Mar: Color Wheel - Gail
 Apr: Woven Hoop Bag - Gail
 May: Make Your Own Fabric (Part One) - Gail

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
 Mar: Discharge Dyeing
 Apr: Misty Fuse
 May: Extravorganza

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
 Mar: TBA
 Apr: TBA
 May: TBA

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
 Mar: MEOW Seminar Teacher's Gifts
 Apr: Sculptured Fabric Bowls
 May: Silk What?

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
 Mar: Fractured Circles - Clarice Angelo
 Apr: Fractured Circles - Clarice Angelo
 May: Fabric Bowls - Donna Ballard

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
 Mar: Tacoma Tabbies Banner Construction
 Apr: Mary Ray Osmus Manual
 May: Seminar Preparations—Raffle Baskets

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.

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 your Website mistress at pse@oz.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

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.

LATIMER REPORT

35 MEOW members provided items for the Latimer show. Five (5) members spent a Sunday hanging the show which consisted of over 200 items. We had four (4) members who sold their items during the show. Congratulations! A huge thank you to the following talented members who shared their works of art with the public: Rena Andrews, Karen Bennett, Nadra Betcher, Peggy Bodle, Pat Bridwell, Cheryl Brown, Claudia Buntyn, Joanne Burke, Caroline Burton, Ruth Casiato, Ginger Christmas, Betty Cooper, JoAnne Cross, Ginny Fischer, Barbara Frasier, Anita Gallagher, Alice Goetschius, Carmen Groves, Sharon Hawkins, Beth Heesacker, Alice Howell, Nancy Howard, June Kendall, Marsha Kurle, Gayle Jaobson, Sali Lusk, Gail Mikuchonis, Multi-Media Group Project, Sandy Radtke, Jackie Rosier, Roberta Strebe, Nancy Shepherd, Dona Stewart, Judi Young and Kitty Young.

During the show, Roberta Strebe, received a call asking her about including her dragon vest in a book titled "Dragons Among Us" by Patricia F. McGuire. The book is currently with the publisher. Mr. Dragon Vest is Roberta's account written for the book.

MR. DRAGON VEST

I bought the Batik dragon panel at Quilter's Cove Quilt Shop in Newport, Oregon. When I first saw it, I thought, how cool it would look outlined all in beads.

I went to Newberg Jewelry (formerly Manny's Beads) and bought about four (4) packages of 11/0 silver lined clear glass beads.

They looked really good against Mr. Dragon. They kept the color, but added the glitz. I didn't know anything about hand beading, but thought I could teach myself. I started several times and took out several times before I got it down. I did the two (2) suns and started to spirals and put it away in a UFO (un-finished objects) box. I have never been a big fan of "hand work". I decided I needed a better way to embellish, but didn't know yet what it would be.

Meanwhile, I went on to other things. I purchased a floor length vest pattern by "Purrfection" and was going to just make it hip length. After I had the pattern for a couple of years, I remembered Mr. Dragon and thought what a perfect match. I would use, Mr. Dragon for the back of the vest. Then I had to find the "right" fabric for the rest of the vest. I bought two (2) cuts of batiks, and they weren't right. So, I bought two (2) more cuts at Verna's sewing center and they were right for it. Then, I pulled Mr. Dragon out of the UFO box and decided to finish him with crystals. I thought about using all clear crystals, like the beads.

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Then I decided to use crystals the color of the fabric, so it would just make the colors sparkle. The outlining crystals 4mm and are all heat set, while the center ones that cover his scales are 5mm glued on. I used "Angelina" fibers on his under-side (belly). I took white Angelina and mixed in a little pink, then fused it onto his belly. This I outlined with the color of crystal that matched his scale in that area.

I used a large 12mm, crystal for his eye. I found tear-drop shaped crystals and used those for his teeth. I used a Fabrico pen to "paint" his toenails.



OREGON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

CLAUDIA BUNTYN

ARISTOCATS

Our January meeting fulfilled Alice Howell's Scholarship and she did Sheer Bouquet and it was fun.

BYTES & PC'S

For our December meeting we had a potluck and exchanged Christmas ornaments. It was a hit and we are planning to add this activity to next year's calendar. We are looking forward to using our computerized sewing machines to create AT's and aprons in anticipation of this year's seminar.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

In January we made the bag that was the teacher's appreciation gift for Seminar 2009. It's a great project, a Japanese bag goes together in a very unusual way and it's handy!

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CAROLINE BURTON

KALICO KITTIES

Nothing to report at this time.

STRAY CATS

Judy Betz - I am excited and nervous about being the featured artist at the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild's quilt show on January 30 and 31st.

Donna Brook — I am stuck in Iowa for awhile before I can get to Washington. I spend 6 months in Iowa & 6 months in Washington usually. I had knee surgery in September which failed. So had to have a whole knee replacement in December on the same knee. Recuperating is taking more time than I'd like. But the surgeon told me not to make plane reservations until he told me I could. He calls me his most impatient patient. I'm looking forward to being with family & friends, probably the middle of February & just in time for Puyallup. Hope to attend a meeting with a group near Olympia while I'm there. I'm not getting any sewing done here in Iowa, since stairs have been a problem for months. In Olympia my toys are on the main living floor, so watch me warm up my toys when I get there!!! I can't wait!

Marsha Kurle — I haven't been doing very much lately. I did have five (5) pieces in the Latimer show this fall. I also won the MEOW award for my Garden Clock entry in the Evergreen State fair this year.

Pat McDonald — It seems like I am always working my way through my family's "Mom Do" list. One of the Christmas projects was to put a wolf on the back of a jacket for my granddaughter at WOU. I finally settled on a combination appliqué and free motion motif. She was very happy with it. We have been doing a bit of travelling this winter.

Tess Moffatt - I am doing the Tatters Across Time program., Artisan level & have been busy working on my assignments. I have also sent in my registration for Shuttlebirds Tat Days in April. I signed up for one day to do the Mignonette Bag. I am also a quilter. My son has requested 3 baby quilts for his friends so I'm also working on those. Our quilt group supports the Rotary Club's "Wrap a Smile" quilt campaign & have several of those cut out and ready to do.

I am doing free motion machine quilting for all of the quilts & enjoying doing them this way very much. I have been playing around with free standing little angel earrings. I have lots of ideas for projects for embroidery but at the present time they are only in the planning stage.



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RUTH CASCIATO

McKITS

Please read the Latimer item as one of our own was highlighted in a book. Good job!

MOUSE CONNECTIONS

No report at this time.

MULTI-MEDIA

We are exploring many new avenues for our art. Recently we have played with Artist Trading Cards (including a ATC Jam which is letting each other person at the meeting add something to our card base that we made) and fancy book stitching/binding techniques. Many more new processes are scheduled through the coming year. Come and visit us if you can. Just let me know so we can be sure to have a kit for you if you want to participate.

NANCY SHEPHERD

COUNTRY KITTIES

Scholarship winner Betty Cooper repaid her scholarship teaching a class. Two (2) members of this group attended Superiors School of Threadology and then educated the group on needles and threads. As seminar approaches, this group will be busy supporting seminar chair, Nancy Howard.

MT. HOOD

When we learned that a member of our group would no longer be able to attend our meetings, we dedicated the day to her. When we completed our project we had a potluck and gave her a dozen roses and celebrated with a cake in her honor. We spent time remembering the projects and workshops we had spent together; and thanked her for her dedication to MEOW and it's principles. A great time was had by all.

VALLEY CATS

Valley Cats has finished their summer schedule for this year. Look for their return in May of 2010. They have a full schedule for 2010; please look on the website for it.

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WA STATE DIRECTORS REPORT

PEGGY BODLE

DESIGNER CATS

They are working on Community Projects and some thread painting.

Our Community Service project is layettes for the local hospitals. Unfortunately, there are newborns that are born at the hospital and have nothing to wear home. We provide a onesie, nightgown, and blanket to these needy babies. We give the hospitals the layette sets and the nurses give them out to the neediest ones. This year, we received fabrics from a woman who used to be in MEOW and made a lot of layettes for our group. She passed away this last year, so this work is now being done in her memory. So far, we have made 20 blankets, 30 nightgowns, and 2 onesies (February is onesie month), and we have used a lot of her fabric in the process.

The thread painting class will most likely be taught by Deena.

SILVER CITY KITTIES

Their calendar is full of exciting projects. They are putting together seminar gifts in January. They enjoyed a great potluck/meeting in December.

TACOMA TABBIES

They have filled their calendar through September of this year. Connie Hasten was a guest teacher in January making the corded bowl. She fulfilled her teaching requirement for scholarship.

The best news from the Tacoma Tabbies is that Karen's husband, Robert, and Tami's Dad is doing very well and receiving good medical reports after surgery just before Thanksgiving.

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. Their Community Service project for 2010 is to make a quilt which will be auctioned off by a medical clinic, which gives free or low cost care to people in need.

CYBER CATS

No report on the members at this time.

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DIGI-CATS

No report on the members at this time.

JYLL JONES

FABRICATS

This group doesn't meet in the winter months, too much snow & driving conditions, so nothing going on. They were attending a lunch with some other sewers in January.

PAMPERED PERSIANS AND PINK PANTHERS

The Puyallup Groups have been doing an ongoing Community Service project of collecting, organizing and distributing hygiene items, (soap, shampoo, tooth paste and brush, razors, etc.) some with a sewn bag. Over the last year, we have collected roughly \$900 in donated supplies, distributed 150 "Kits". 100 were sewn bags and spent 75 combined hours.

PURRFECTION

No Report at this time.

SANDY KATZ

This group is a Summer group now.

SALI LUSK

DAFFY CATS

No Report at this time.

FANTASY FELINES -

We have some very talented people in Fantasy Felines that shared their expertise in various areas and taught us many new techniques. We had six new people join MEOW this past year.

The group will be working on tote bags for foster children and women in need this coming year,

SEATTLE KATZ

In November, Seattle Katz made pillow cases for our Community Service project. We made over 30 and they were sent to Virginia Mason Hospital for cancer patients who were there over Christmas.

In December we had a potluck and worked with some Angelina, we also celebrated Pat Bridwell's marriage.

In January, we had a play day using Lutradour, we will be working with paint sticks in February 2010.

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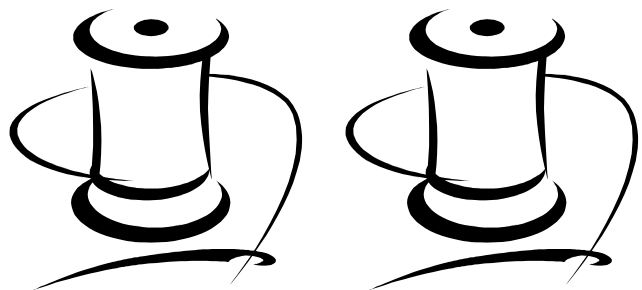
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