



Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington

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President's Letter by Janet Story

Ladies:

I want to thank the MEOW membership for having enough trust and confidence in me to give me this opportunity to serve our great organization.

It is both an honor and responsibility to be your President. MEOW is currently facing some difficult times. I hope that all of you are as committed as I am to creating a great future for our great organization.

Our membership now stands at 227. It is always at it's lowest at this time of year and will pick up as Seminar approaches.

MEOW once had over 400 members - we CAN have that number again. Each of you can be instrumental in helping MEOW grow. How? Speak to others when visiting fabric stores, look into posting notices about MEOW at local libraries, stores, etc., offer to do demonstrations to show what we do in MEOW. We have so much to offer, we just need to get the word out.

With serious concerns over the state of our economy and the price of gas, it is more important than ever to have a warm, friendly place in which to share our creative talents and enjoy fellowship - MEOW meetings are that place. As members we need to reach out our hands in friendship to both other MEOW members and potential members. We need to keep a positive attitude and remember that criticism and negative comments often hurt much more than they help. We need to work at keeping a positive, friendly atmosphere at ALL our MEOW activities - from Board meetings and Seminar down to area meetings and demonstrations.

Remember the MEOW objectives:

- * To encourage and promote interest and knowledge in creative sewing machine embroidery as an art form.
- * To develop friendships as a means of sharing methods, techniques and fun.
- * To encourage high ethical standards among those persons engaged in machine artistry as a hobby or profession.

MARCH SEW EXPO CHAIRPERSON FOUND

This is such a glorious day for MEOW. We have found a Chairperson for the March Sew Expo 2009. Millie James, will still need help from you! Yes you! MEOW members extraordinaire. She can't do this by herself. As always, if you love to shop and see all the different vendors, then we need your help! MEOW has a booth each year at SEW EXPO that allows new and potential members to see our magnificent work and become inspired to join and continue with our organization. To that end, we still need people to volunteer to help with the booth. The dates for the March Expo in Puyallup are (Feb. 26, 27, 28 and March 1, 2009). We are asking for daily manager volunteers for each day (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and eight (8) demonstration volunteers per day for a 2.5 hour time slot.

Each daily manager volunteer 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. So please come out and help our organization and participate.

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Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting
Jan. 24, 2009
Vancouver, WA

Due Dates for:

January Newsletter
Articles and Reports
Jan. 28, 2009

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
March, April and
May

SEMINAR 2009

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

President: Janet Story

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Mediation Committee (WA) : TBA**Mediation Committee (OR): Kitty Young**

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2009 Seminar Chair: Jyll Jones

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2010 Seminar Chair: TBA**Webmistress: Jyll Jones/Tamara Bennett**

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Oregon State Directors**Kathy Brock 2007-2009**

Country Kitties

Snippy Kats

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Valley Cats—On Hiatus

Claudia Buntyn 2007-2009

Aristocats

Bytes & PC's

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Hollywood Stars

Caroline Burton 2008—2010

Creative Cats

Kalico Kitties

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Silver Kits / Stray Cats

Ruth Casciato 2008-2010

McKits

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Multi-Media

Nancy Howard 2008—2010

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Tri-Katz

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Sandy Katz/ Idaho Group

Marjorie Mathison 2007-2009

Fabricats

Fantasy Felines

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Peggy Bodle 2008-2010

Klazzzy Katz

Silver City Kitties

JEB2623@adelphia.net

Tacoma Tabbies

Sali Lusk 2006-2008

Juanita Gatos

Seattle Katz/Daffy Cats

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Designer Cats

Texanna Cato 2008-2010

Capital Cats,

Cyber Cats

vickianelson@verizon.net

Digi-Cats



Mark your calendars!

November Quilt and Craft Show in Puyallup Washington, November 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2008, that is Thursday through Saturday.

MEOW will be hosting a booth at this event. We will be displaying samples of our work and demonstrating free motion embroidery. We are looking to invite new members and promote our organization. Please consider volunteering for a short 2.5 hour shift while you are at the event. Please examine your work and others in your chapter for the most impressive pieces to showcase what we do. Samples of work will be collected at the end of September at the Board Meeting. For more information or to volunteer for a shift, please contact Pat Bridwell at 206 524-7681 or patricia2br@live.com. Thank you. Pat Bridwell

Website News

Your web mistresses continue to keep updating so that info is correct (as much as we can). We still haven't heard from all the area groups from our request last newsletter that each group appoint one person to be our website resource person. If your group could please help us out with this, please email Tami Bennett at pse@oz.net or Jyll at the email address below.

I hope all of you are receiving your emails sent via our secure email system.. If you don't feel you are, please let Jyll know at stitchstuff@comcast.net and I will make sure you are on the list!

Reminder – your newsletter is also on the web, look under newsletters. Check it out!

www.SEWMEOW.org is your information resource. Check out the publications, pictures of 2008 seminar and pictures on your area group page.

Website News (Continued ...)

Browse by the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center info on the website (under Upcoming Events). Caroline Burton is our committee chairperson for this Center. Do you know you can display items you have created at Latimer Quilt and Textile Center? MEOW members get in at no charge and MEOW is a paying member. The website has directions and information about this awesome place to visit. Check it out as MEOW is hosting a show of our creativity from September 7 to November 8, 2009. This is your chance to strut your stuff. Contact Caroline Burton for more info.

The November Quilt and Craft Festival is coming up and we have a link to your coupon for reduced admission on the website.

Thank you,
Jyll Jones and Tamara Bennett
Web Mistresses

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

If you are writing an email, please do not write it all in capitals, this means that you are yelling at someone. So next time, think before you jump on the computer. It would be appreciated by all :)

..... • QUILTING MACHINE FOR SALE

• A HaniQuilter I6 Mid Arm Quilting Machine with stitch regulator and accessories is for sale by Bev Robinson of the Silver City Kitties for \$4,000 or best offer. For further information, please email Bev at bnrobnsn@juno.com

Seminar 2009 Gift Exchange

Minimum - 12" x 14" x 7"
or - in between
Maximum - 12" x 17" x 7"

Embellished Grocery Tote

Use your favorite pattern or ready made bag - Discover free patterns on the Internet. Or, use these simple directions. **Please** keep within the minimum & maximum dimensions.

Use duck, canvas, heavy denim, upholstery fabric, Cordura nylon, pack cloth, oilcloth or vinyl mesh. Print fabric can be used for embellishment. Lining or piping is optional but adds to the appearance. Embellish with free motion stitching, machine embroidery, beading, stamping, appliqué, paint or any technique learned at Seminar, group classes or anywhere. The sky is the limit.

The embellishment should NOT extend into the SIDES of tote.

CUT- fabric rectangle - 20" x 39" (14" tall)
or 20" x 45" (17" tall)

NOTE: If lining - main fabric & lining can be handled as one piece of fabric.

CUT - 2 pieces for straps @ 18" x 2 1/2" to 3"

EMBELLISHMENT can be done at this stage while bag is flat. OPTIONAL bottom reinforcement can be added now. HEM the top edge - 2" allowed for a double folded edge. HANDLES can be STRAPS that encircle the bag but any handles must NOT EXTEND over 6" above bag top.

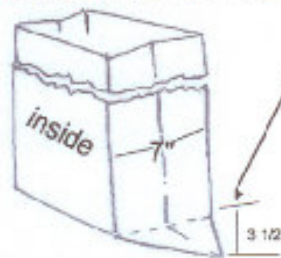
ATTACH HANDLES securely.

SEW SIDE SEAMS, matching top edges. Serge, zigzag or bind edges.

At the bottom flatten both corners to create triangular points, keep the side seams at midline and stitch a 7" line perpendicular to the seam and 3 1/2" from the point

TURN RIGHT SIDE OUT

Edge stitch three sides of back & front to add structure and shape to the tote (optional)



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Juanita Gatos

Area Rep: dbaker179@comcast.net



Seminar News

Still Sewing 4 Fun and We're Now 21 is our Logo for 2009 Seminar. Congrats to Sali Lusk for her winning submission. You will be seeing it soon on the website under the Seminar 2009 tab.

Everything is falling into place and Seminar 2009 in Olympia WA is looking to be one of the best! (in my humble opinion, but of course I may be bias!) The Basic class will be held, we are planning a pajama party, and the ever popular raffle items will be available. THANK you to each of my committee chairpersons for doing such a wonderful job.

The teacher submissions at the October board meeting were displayed and there were 78 submissions. WOW was the only word I could say! I want to be able to take each one of the classes so the general consensus is that we need to have seminar for about 20 days?? Any objections?? Just kidding, but the submissions were MAGNIFICENT and truly fabulous. The seminar brochure will feature most of these great submissions, so keep an eye out for it in January 09. Thanks to Connie Hasten for collecting all the submissions and thanks to Elaine Solvang for working so hard in helping Connie to display each and every one of the 78 submissions.

The Gift Exchange has been announced by the Juanita Gatos group. We will be exchanging an embellished grocery tote. It's a great gift; you will want one for yourself and may end up making more than one. There are no limits on the decorations, all embellishments will be accepted. There are a few rules as to size, but no limits on anything else. Get those sewing machines humming and get the totes made.

Questions, contact Diane Baker at dbaker179@comcast.net for any questions and be sure and let the Juanita Gatos group know how much you appreciate their hard work in designing this tote and volunteering to coordinate this awesome

Seminar News (Continued ...)

gift exchange. Remember.. you don't have to attend the seminar (although I hope you will), to participate in the gift exchange, send one with a friend and be surprised when you get your exchange gift back.

Working on those embellished items for the fashion show at Seminar? Send an item with a friend and we will find you a model to display your embellished item. Any item, from a jacket, pajama, purse, shoes, vests, etc. can be modeled for all the oohs and awes from your fellow members. Keep an eye out for the information on the website under Seminar 2009.

You can make reservations at the Red Lion anytime now. All the info is on the website for any portion of seminar you might want to know. Looking forward to seeing you at seminar.

Jyll Jones

Seminar Chairperson 2009

Next Board Meeting

As you saw on the front of this news letter we will be meeting in Vancouver at the Felida Fire Station . Its' address is 11600 Lakeshore Avenue, Vancouver, Washington. It has been booked for the MEOW Board meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2009, with the meeting beginning at 10:00 am.

Fire Stations always have the right to cancel if they need to use the station for their own business. We will have the information posted on the website so, please continue to look there for any updates. Thank you for your time on this and we look forward to any and all guests at the Board Meeting.

MEOW Board Meeting Minutes
Cowlitz Fire Station
701 Vine Street
Kelso, Washington
Saturday, September 27, 2008

Jan Story, President called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The roll call was taken and present were four (4) Executive Board members (Jan Story; Joan Webster, Vicki Nelson, Jessica Kennady); eight (8) Directors (Kathy Brock, Caroline Burton, Ruth Casciato, Nancy Howard, Karen Bennett, Peggy Bodle, Texana Cato, and Sali Lusk); five (5) Committee Chairs (Pat Bridwell, Mona Hermens, Tami Bennett, Jyll Jones, and Roberta Strebe). There were four (4) excused absences (Diane Baker, Claudia Buntyn, Diane Elliott and Millie James); one (1) unexcused absence (Marjorie Mathison), and fifteen (15) guests, (Geri Anderson, Wilma Simpson, Vicki Wyrick, Barbara Herget, June Kendell, Liz Silberman, Cheryl Brown, Betty Cooper, JoAnne Cross, Ginny Fischer, Barbara Frasier, Pearl Johnson, Lyda Banick, Connie Hasten, Elaine Solvang).

Confirmation of New Committee Chairs: Jan Story put forth her new committee chairmen:

Article VI; Section I, subsection a. Duties of the Executive Officers

The President shall appoint any special committees authorized by the Board of Directors and to serve without a vote on said committees.

Discussion followed regarding what a Parliamentarian does and how does this position benefit MEOW.

Under Robert's Rules of Order our organization follows parliamentary laws. The Parliamentarian assists the Board during meetings to adhere to these laws.

Motion made and seconded to table the confirmation of new committee chairs for further discussion until the January 24, 2009 Board Meeting. Motion carried 12 yea to 3 no.

Minutes from the July 26, 2008 meeting Peggy Bodle, the Washington State Fair Chairman, was concerned that authorization for the purchase of more MEOW ribbons was not in the last minutes. Approval was given to purchase required amount of ribbons, but was not noted in the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Sunshine Committee: Jessica Kennady reported there were 17 cards sent out between 7/16 and 9/22/2008. There were a total of 4 illnesses, 8 surgeries, 1 multiple issues, 3 injuries and 1 accident. No losses.

Pearl Johnson shared her Sunshine Card with the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki Nelson submitted the Balance Sheet as of 8/31/2008 as well as the Budget sheet. Vicki did not have all the information needed at this meeting to present a final budget and requested that the budget be presented at the January 24, 2009 meeting. The Board agreed, no vote taken.

Discussion regarding mileage reimbursements. MEOW reimburses mileage to Directors while doing their duties as a Director to their outlying groups. MEOW reimburses at .14 (cents) per mile. A higher mileage reimbursement amount must be reported to the IRS along with various Federal documents..

The Director's budget is to be used for mileage, long distance telephone calls, postage and office supply reimbursement. It has been proposed to increase the Director's budget to \$100 per year.

Vicki also reported that one of our CDs had come due for renewal prior to the meeting, and she renewed it at 4.25%. This CD is with Washington Mutual and will expire in 8 months (May 2009) at which time we may want to move it.

Discussion followed regarding diversifying our accounts and move some monies to Washington Federal.

Motion made and seconded to move our \$13,000.00 CD to Washington Federal now, and to discuss further the rest of our accounts at the January 24, 2008 meeting. Motion Carried 14 yea, 0 no.

Vice President's Report: Joan Webster reported as follows:

1. 3 groups have disbanded over the past year, Mountain Cats, Tiger Mt Kitties, and Cascade Cats. All Area Rep books were returned.
2. 3 new groups have formed. Idaho Group (no formal name at time of this report); State Director Karen Bennett, Northern Washington Group (no formal name at time of

this report):

State Director Marjorie Mathison, and CD, a group using primarily computerized machines in Oregon City. Area Rep: Betty Riggs; Co-Rep Deb Thompson and State Director, Nancy Howard.

3. Handouts

a. MEOW Flyer & Area Group List. Corrections and possible updates noted.

b. Community Service Report Form. This is the most current report form, and it was requested all other forms be destroyed. Report due to the Vice President by October 31, 2008.

i. It was recommended that the EIN# not be on the report that is handed out to the membership.

c. Area Group Guidelines. Correction needs to be noted under item 11, to state:

i. *If the Area Group meeting is held in a store, the store name may not be used in the group name and no store OWNER (remove Employee) may serve as the Area Rep.*

d. Prospective new MEOW Area information packet was shared with Board.

4. Joan and Jan visited a prospective new group in Washington to show what MEOW does. They presented a trunk show of items created using free-motion machine embroidery.

Members Recognition:

Jan recognized 3 members for outstanding performance:

a. Sali Lusk for consistently being the first person to respond to e-mails.

b. Liz Silberman & Cheryl Brown— for organizing demonstration at Fabric Depot, Craft Warehouse (multiple locations) and various quilt/fabric shops). The following members were demonstrating at Fabric Depot:

- i. June Kendall
- ii. Jan Story
- iii. Barbara Herget

c. Liz Silberman for her contribution to MEOW during a human interest segment on Channel 8 in Oregon.

d. 3 members of MEOW have volunteered to create a MEOW-TI-KIT (MEOW etiquette) book to be shared with the membership.

State Director's Report: All Director's submitted their reports to the newsletter, and will be reported therein. The following highlights of specific groups are as follows: Cascade Cats has disbanded. A letter from group regarding performance by Jan Story was read. A copy of letter will be attached to these minutes (see page 18 for full letter).

Membership Report: Roberta Strebe reported membership down to 227 with 108 membership renewals not received. It was requested that each Director go over the list of non-renewing members to be sure that those members truly no longer wished to be part of MEOW. Send all corrections to Roberta.

In Roberta's written report she stated that Kathy Brock donated a HP940c printer to MEOW as our last one no longer works. Thank you on behalf of the organization to Kathy for your generosity and support.

Seminar Pin and Class Proposals All attending membership examined and voted for all the proposed class projects and seminar pins. There were 78 prospective class projects submitted. The results of the judging will be announced at a later date.

Newsletter Editor Report: Tami Bennett, the interim Newsletter Editor reported that the current newsletter will cost more to produce due to the inclusion of the Membership Roster. Estimated cost of the next newsletter will be \$700. Tami will research getting a 20% discount for non-profit off printing costs. 300 copies of the newsletter need to be printed.

Motion made and seconded to confirm Tami Bennett as the new Newsletter Editor. Motion carried 12 yea 0 no.

Tami passed out a form for State Directors to use when reporting for the newsletter. This will make information easier to put into the newsletter. This form will also be available on the website. Deadline for Newsletter submission is October 1st.

Seminar 2009: Jyll Jones reported:

- I. Seminar cost will be \$240 per person, not including room or meals.
 - a. Room rate is \$109.00 per night for 3 nights. Each room holds up to 4 guests.
 - b. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, as well as one in the hotel.
 - c. Gift Exchange this year will be an embellished grocery tote. There are two sizes and instruction will be in the newsletter and on the website.
 - d. Budget – this will be further researched by the Treasurer to determine if profits from 2008 seminar were added to current budget sheet. Will report at next meeting
 - e. Profit amount from 2008 seminar was \$3,800.00.
 - f. Treasurer will get a copy of our insurance form to Jyll for the hotel.
- Basics Class – discussion regarding what fund this should be paid from. Currently it is paid out of the General Fund.

Motion made and seconded to move funds to pay for the Basics Class from the General Fund to the Seminar Fund. Motion carried 13 yeas 0 nays.

Seminar 2010: Jan Story reported for Diane Elliott that she is researching the best deals between Willamette University and George Fox University

Website Report: Jyll Jones and Tami Bennett reported:

1. Front Page class that Jyll took on-line cost \$40. This will be reimbursed and come out of the Website Budget.
 - a. The Website budget is \$300 per year.
2. Letters from long time members have been received. This will be passed on to the Historian when appropriate.
3. Will be working on a basic website deadline guidelines which will include, but not be limited to, how to submit items for the website and the objectives.
4. Will be working on a way to make forms 'printer' friendly.

Fair Reports: Peggy Bodle and Wilma Simpson both reported on Washington State Fairs and Mona Hermens report the Oregon State Fairs winners of the MEOW awards. These will be published in the newsletter.

Scholarship Report: Jan Story reported for Arlene Harrison that all 2007 scholarships have been met or paid back. \$2,544.55 was raised in scholarship monies from 2008. There are 17 scholarships available for 2009 Seminar.

Latimer Quilt & Textile Center Report: Caroline Burton reported:

1. Dates of the MEOW exhibit will be from September 7, 2009 through November 8, 2009.
2. Committee members have been chosen. They are Betty Cooper, Nancy Shepherd, Cheryl Brown and Caroline Burton.
3. Working towards a name/theme for the exhibit.
4. Show will be juried.

Sew Expo:

1. November Show: Pat Bridwell reported she needs volunteers and passed out a sign-up sheet to all members present.
2. March Show: Millie James will be in charge of this show. She will meet and assist at the November show for hands-on experience. Some members have volunteered to help, but more would be appreciated.

Old Business: Jan Story brought before the Board whether Cathy Beal should be paid for her work (\$50). Item tabled until next meeting.

New Business:**I. Nomination Committee:**

JoAnne Cross (Oregon); Marsha Kurlle (Oregon); Gail Miku-chonis (Washington)



I. Code of Ethics

Motion made by Peggy Bodle that ‘We (MEOW) establish a code of ethics to deal with the way we do business and to have consequences for not following those rules’. Motion seconded and passed 13 yea, 0 no.

3. Jessica Kennady read a set of COMMUNICATION PRINCIPLES and asked that they be included in the newsletter.

4. Barbara Fraiser read a letter from Country Kitties expressing concerns over communication issues from the Vice President, Joan Webster (see page 19 for full letter).

a. Formal request: “We, Country Kitties, after communication by the Vice President, Joan Webster, it was the consensus of the group to ask for the resignation of the Vice President, Joan Webster”

b. There was intense discussion following regarding respectful communication and treatment of members to each other.

c. Jyll Jones moved that “We take a secret vote for a yes or no on asking for consideration for Joan Webster to resign.” Motion second and passed 10 yes and 4 no.

d. **Job Descriptions:** Jan Story passed out to each Board member a ‘template’ of their job descriptions and asked that they fill it out as best they can and return to her by October 31, 2008. Specifically asking for:

e. Qualifications for position Duties and timelines if appropriate.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted - Jessica Kennady, Board Secretary

2008 Carol Cornford Scholarship Update

Please remember confirmation forms must be mailed to the Scholarship Chair by May 15, 2009 after Scholarship Winners have taught for a group other than their area group. The forms were sent to each recipient at the time of scholarship notification. Thank you to all Scholarship Winners.

Arlene Harrison
Scholarship Chr. Sept 2008

Carol Cornford Scholarships for Seminar 2009

All MEOW members are eligible to submit their name for a blind drawing to be held at the January 2009 MEOW board meeting. Exceptions will be those members who have received a scholarship to one (1) of the last three (3) seminars. The scholarships are used to assist members with fees at Seminar 2009 to be held May 28, 29 and 30, 2009 at Olympia, WA. Scholarships are funded by the raffle held at MEOW Seminars.

There is money in the fund for 17 Scholarships to the 2009 Seminar.

Scholarship recipients are required to present a program to a group, other than their home group, by May 15, 2010.

Please send your name, address, phone number, email address and Area Group by January 15, 2009 to Scholarship Chair, Arlene Harrison, 7002 Meadowdale Beach Road, Edmonds, WA 98026 OR email this information to me at afharris@juno.com. If submission is emailed, you will get an acknowledgement. If no response, please send again. No submissions will be accepted after January 15, 2009.

Winners will be notified by letter after the drawing at the January 2009 Board Meeting.

The Carol Cornford Scholarship Guidelines are detailed in the MEOW Standing Rule #37. If you do not have a copy of the Standing Rules, please ask your Area Rep, State Director or see on website under publications. Any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (425) 743-0118.

Proofreaders

I would like to send out a special thanks to the two proofreaders that volunteered to read and critique the last newsletter and I am sending out that same special thanks to the new proofreaders for this newsletter. Please send a warm thank you to the following ladies:

Peggy Bodle and Vicki Nelson for July 2008

Nancy Howard, Barbara Frasier and Vicki Nelson for September 2008

If anyone would like to volunteer for proofreading future newsletters, please send me an email at pse@oz.net and I will put you on the list and utilize you in the future.

SUNSHINE REPORT
July 16, 2008 to September 22, 2008

	Date	Member Name	From (group)	Reason
1	7/22	Pearl Johnson	Creative Cats	Surgery – self
2	7/23	June Kendell	Mt Hood	Surgery - self
3	7/25	Norma Herr	Creative Cats	Surgery – self
4	8/4	Shirley Hunt	Mountain Cats	Surgery – self
5	8/7	Ann Tosland	Klassey Katz	Injury – self
6	8/11	Chrys Hulshof	Valley Cats	Surgery - spouse
7	8/26	Diane Marinig	Tiger Mountain	Illness – self
8	9/2	Joanne Burke	FabriCats	Surgery – self
9	9/9	Barbara Frasier	Country Kitties	Illness – family
10	9/11	Margaret Duguay	Seattle Katz	Illness – spouse
11	9/18	Jyll Jones	Tacoma Tabbies	Illness – family
12	9/18	Ruth Jones	Seattle Katz	Injury – self
13	9/18	Kim Keller	Tacoma Tabbies	Surgery – spouse
14	9/18	Kay Moore	Cyber Cats	Surgery – self
15	9/22	Janice Hammock	Daffy Cats	Other – multiple issues
16	9/22	Toni Colby	Cyber Cats/PP	Injury - self
17	9/11	Pat Bridwell	Seattle Katz	Accident Family

OTHER		ILLNESS		SURGERY		LOSS	
Many issues	1	Self	1	Self	6	Self	
Injuries	3	Family	2	Family	0	Family	
		Spouse	1	Spouse	2	Spouse	
	4		4		8		0

Aristocats ** Portland, OR ** September 2001

Meets: 1st Tuesday 1:30 pm—4:30pm
 Place: A Common Thread 15320 Sequoia Parkway
 Contact: Jo Anne Cross
 Dec: Christmas Luncheon Gift Exchange
 Jan: Beading—Jan Story
 Feb: Silk Ribbon—Betty King

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

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Boring Fire Hall Annex
 Contact: Linda Rigby
 Dec: No Meeting - Happy Holidays
 Jan: Embellish Totes Betty Riggs
 Feb: 3-D Designs Renay

Capital Cats ** Olympia, WA ** May 1993

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am —4:00 pm
 Place: Lacy Library 500 College Ave SE
 Contact: Wilma Simpson
 Velma Fitzsimmons & Betty Akin
 Dec: Annual Christmas Party
 Jan: Community Service Project
 Feb: Fabric Beads—Barbara William

Cascade Cats ** Bend, OR ** August 1992

Meets: 1st & 3rd Fridays 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: Mountain Country Mercantile Fabrics
 Contact: Nancy Tyler
 Dec: n/a
 Jan: n/a
 Feb: n/a

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Hood River Extension Office
 Contact: Carla Labrousse
 Dec: Thread Lace Gayle Jacobson
 Jan: Cutwork Diane Keilman
 Feb: TBA Marbe Cook

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

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: Capitol Manor Retirement Center Hwy 22
 Contact: Lyda Banick
 Dec: Christmas Potluck/Finish 1 of 3 projects
 Jan: Shadow Applique Alice Morris
 Feb: Needlelace Flowers Morris/Banick

Cyber Cats ** Renton, WA * April 2004

Meets: 4th Thursday 9:30 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: King of King's Lutheran Church 18207—108th Ave SE
 Contact: Caroline Gerneglia
 Dec: Holiday Party
 Jan: Collage Fabric Fish Toni Colby
 Feb: Fabric Beads Barbara Wolfendale

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

Meets: 3rd Thursday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac Federal Way
 Contact: Janice Hammock (Mary Dicks
 Dec: Holiday Party
 Jan: Folded Pineapple
 Feb: Fractured Bargello Sweatshirt

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

Meets: 4th Friday (Flexible) 3:30 pm — 5:30 pm
 Place: Billie's Designer Fabrics
 Contact: Erika Suhbrier
 Dec: Christmas Party
 Jan: OPEN
 Feb: OPEN

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
 Dec: Christmas Party Potluck
 Jan: In the Hoop Projects Sali Lusk
 Feb: Grocery Bag Project Diane

Fabricats ** Wenatchee, WA ** June 1993

Meets: 1st Wednesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
 Place: Wenatchee Sewing & Vac 1544 N Wenatchee Ave
 Contact: Nadra Betcher
 Dec: Open
 Jan.: Open
 Feb: Open

Fantasy Felines * Lynnwood, WA ** May, 1994

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station #14 18800 68th Ave W
 Contact: Elaine Solvang/Vicki Nelson (Vicki Nelson
 Dec: Potluck—Christmas Party
 Jan: Brazilian Embroidery Part 1 Vicki Nelson
 Feb: Brazilian Embroidery Part 2 Vicki Nelson



Hollywood Stars * Portland, OR October 1991

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center 8326 SE Start
 Contact: Kitty Young
 Dec: Christmas Party/Gift Exchange, something we have made
 Jan: Fringe—Kitty Young
 Feb: Charted Needle Heart—Joann Livingston

Juanita Gatos * Kirkland, WA ** June, 1992

Meets: 4th Monday 6:00 pm — 8:30 pm
 Place: Quality Sew & Vac 13501 — 100th Ave NE
 Contact: Diane Baker/Marsha Kurle
 Dec: Holiday Party with Digi-Cats
 Jan: Embellished Vessel—Diane Baker & Arlette Wentz
 Feb: Embellished Vessel Part 2—Diane Baker & Arlette Wentz

Kalico Kitties * Vancouver, WA ** October, 1994

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Felida Fire Station 11600 Lake Shore Ave
 Contact: Carmen Groves
 Dec: No Meeting
 Jan: Shadow Applique Cheryl Brown
 Feb: Ribbon Accents Carmen Groves

Klassy Katz * Aberdeen, WA ** October, 2004

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Quilt Harbor Two 208 Broadway
 Contact: Jennie Giles
 Dec: Fantasy Flower Garden
 Jan: Banner
 Feb: Metallic Chrysanthemum

McKits * Lafayette, OR ** January, 2000

Meets: 3rd Saturday 10:00 am — 2:00 pm
 Place: The Quilted Hill, 7601 NE Blackburn Rd, Yamhill
 Contact: Roberta Strebe/Mona Hermans
 Dec: Annual Tea Party
 Jan: Sweatsirt Conversion Part 1— Chrys Hulshof
 Feb: Sweatsirt Conversion Part 2— Chrys Hulshof

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
 Dec: Dinner Exchange—Hot Pot Pad Betty Cooper
 Jan: Velvet Embroidery Pam Hockman
 Feb: TBD

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 Harrell
 Dec: No Meeting
 Jan: Three different Leafs
 Feb: Seminar Gift Exchange Project

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
 Dec: No Meeting Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas
 Jan: Wet Felting Ruth
 Feb: Product Day (Old & New Products) Everyone

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
 Dec: Christmas Party Group
 Jan: Name Tags Gail M.
 Feb: Raw Edge Appliqué Gail M.

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
 Dec: Christmas Party Group
 Jan: Name Tags Gail M.
 Feb: Raw Edge Appliqué Gail M.

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
 Dec: Banner with many Embellishment Techniques
 Jan: Banner with many Embellishment Techniques
 Feb: Banner with many Embellishment Techniques

Seattle Katz * Seattle, WA ** September, 1999

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: Pat Bridwell call Shelly for information
 Contact: Shelly Watson
 Dec: Happy Holidays—No Meeting
 Jan: Fabric Manipulation Techniques—Penny & Beth
 Feb: Fabric Manipulation Techniques—Penny & Beth

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

Meets: 1st Tuesday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: EAGLES Nest - Kitsap County Fairgrounds
 Contact: Beverly Robinson
 Dec: Potluck
 Jan: Call for Program
 Feb: Call for Program

Silver Kits * Silverton, OR ** March, 2006

Meets: 4th Thursday 4:30 pm — 7:30 pm
 Place: Family Fabric 207 High Street
 Contact: Jessica Kennady
 Dec: No Meeting
 Jan: Fabric Beads & Seminar—Jill Rue
 Feb: Box Project Exploring Techniques—All

Snippy Kats * Keizer, OR ** August, 2004

Meets: 4th Friday 9:30 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: John Knox Presbyterian Church 452 Cummings Lane N
 Contact: Jan Story
 Dec: No Meeting Merry Christmas
 Jan: Community Service
 Feb: TBA—State Director's Choice - Kathy Brock

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
 Dec: Christmas Luncheon
 Jan: Discharge Dying Karen Bennett
 Feb: Machine Made Molasses Jyll Jones

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

Meets: 2nd Saturday 1:00pm—3:30 pm
 Place: Janean's Bernina 6303 Burden Blvd. #C
 Contact: Gail Ristow
 Dec: Triple and Double Needlework
 Jan: Needle books—All subject to change
 Feb: Embroidery Project—All subject to change

Valley Cats * Albany, OR ** October, 1994

Meets: 1st Saturday 10:00am — 2:00 pm
 Place: Oregon Sew & Vac 401—1st Ave NW
 Contact: Vice President

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

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

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

**Kitty Tip**

So that you can tell quickly the different sizes of your new needles at a glance, put a dot of nail color on the outside of the end and then make a color chart and keep it by your machine. - Linda Simkus '94

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.

GOLDEN RULE:

*DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD
 HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU!
 THINK ABOUT IT!*

OREGON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

KATHY BROCK COUNTRY KITTIES

August was Bobbin work. A photograph of Sally's (Nancy's sister), Juniper tree was the object of the project. They learned how to use heavy and glitzy threads in the bobbin. It produces a beautiful effect and life like picture. September was the Beaded Tree taught by Barb and they met at the Quilt Show in Skamania Fair Grounds in Stevenson, Washington.

SNIPPY KATZ

In June they had a potluck at Corale Goesche's house and even though they do not meet in July or August these ladies are always working on something.

Snippy Katz meets the fourth Friday of each month (except November when they will meet the third Friday) at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 452 Cummings Lane, Keizer, Oregon.

VALLEY CATS

In August, Carol Fisher demonstrated how to make an Embroidery Hoop Carrier with a zipper closure. She used a crazy quilt technique that is very attractive and fun to make. Several of the members also finished their hoop carriers.

I am sorry to say due to circumstances both the area reps are unable to continue with the store in Albany in which this group meets. It will remain open for the group members that want to come on the first of each month and do whatever they like to finish up all those UFO's. Then come May 2, 2009, this group will be able to become their area rep. Thank you all for your support of this group because it has been with MEOW for a long time and as we get on in our years, we find it is so nice to have a group that is so close and convenient for us not to travel so far to get together.

CLAUDIA BUNTYN ARISTOCATS

Please call if you are interested in joining our group. We have so much fun.

BYTES AND PC'S

Our group decided at our June meeting we will take two months to complete projects. Some months we will not need two months, but if we need more time, we will finish projects. This schedule is just a guide.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

Several of our MEOW members from a couple of our local groups have been making a concerted effort to increase memberships. They have been holding demonstrations at a local library, demo'ing at Fabric Depot and talking up MEOW at Craft Warehouse. We have added 7 new members that we know of. There may be more yet to come., This is what it takes to grow MEOW! Our thanks to Liz Silberman, Cheryl Brown, June Kendell, Joann Livingston, Barb Herget, and Jan Story!

CLAUDIA BUNTON (continued) HOLLYWOOD STARS

We had a community service day at our last meeting. We organized a little "sweat shop" and made 75 "hugs" for our soldiers. Some of us took home homework, so there will be more. As always, it was a lot of fun working together.

Caroline Burton is participating in another art show with 2 other artists. This is held at Mt. Hood College, running September 15 through mid October. Check it out!

We have recently had the opportunity to attend workshops held in our area. Barbara Schapel taught the most recent, Helene Knott taught one a few weeks before that. These gals are quilters, but oh my, what wonderful free motion embroidery they do on their work! All that attended had a wonderful growing experience.

CAROLINE BURTON STRAY CATS

Donna Brooke will be moving to Olympia in November for 6 months to be by her daughter. She hopes to join a local MEOW group while she is there.

CREATIVE CATS

Creative Cats had 13 turn out for Illusion Bars Project. It was fun to watch the progression of the use of many different fabrics. Some will be tote bags and other table runners. Anna Dalke will be in charge of community service program, which will be baby blankets for the Healthy Start Program. Pearl Johnson, Anna Dalke and Kathy Goetz who received Scholarships last year will do faux cross-stitch on large bath towels for their Seminar Raffle gifts for 2009. They enjoyed a visitor, Ruth Ellsworth, and they hope she will join. Creative Cats will be trying out a different style of meeting with three projects going on at once to accommodate beginners, intermediate and advance.

SILVER KITS

Jan Story presented Fiber Etch in August. Secret Keeper Doll is scheduled for September and sounds like a fun project with part two next month. They will be discussing a community service project for next year and looking for a new meeting location.

KALICO KITTIES

October is scheduled for scribble pictures with Ruth Casciato and November circle sewing with Judi Young.

RUTH CASCIATO McKITS

McKits needs to change the service project this year and all suggestions are welcome as we will work on it till next month. Also Roberta gave each of us a printed copy of this years monthly meetings. Kathy Goetz has entered a quilt in the Hoffman Challenge and it was chosen to travel with the trunk show, Congratulations to Kathy.



OREGON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS (CONTINUED)

RUTH CASCIATO (Continued . . .)

MOUSE CONNECTION

September we did Over the Edge Machine Embroidery. Nancy Sheppard put together a great program including 5 magazine articles on the subject.

We all brought our machines and stitched out the different designs we had and learned what not to do as well as the best way to sew a design Over the Edge of the fabric.

MULTI-MEDIA

No report given.

NANCY HOWARD

MT. HOOD

They have been working hard and have changed their Area Rep to Chris Freeman. I will be visiting them in October at their meeting to see what new and exciting things they are doing.

TRI-KATZ

They have a new Area Rep for their group, her name is Gail Ristow. We welcome her leadership. I will be visiting them in October at their meeting to see what new and exciting things they are doing and if there is any help I can provide them.

WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

KAREN BENNETT

PAMPERED PERSIANS/PINK PANTHERS

Our community service projects are funeral gowns for Madigan Hospital and Doll Hospital Gowns for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. They are also planning a sew weekend on March 13, 14, 15 for 12 people. The cost is \$150.00 for room and board. They will be having a Fabric Exchange with 18 participants 108—6"x7" piece at their Christmas Party Fabric Exchange and on October 11 at 6:00 to ??? They will be having a sew in at Quality Sew to complete some of those UFO's. Lyn Ennis won a Honorable Mention Ribbon for her submittal at the Puyallup Fair.

SANDY KATZ

Sandy Katz are getting organized and look to getting their banner completed prior to Seminar 2009.

PEGGY BODLE

KLASSEY KATZ

Some members demonstrated at the Grays Harbor Fair. They have an interesting schedule planned for the upcoming months.

SILVER CITY KITTIES

Many members entered and won several awards at the Kitsap County Fair.

In September, they presented 58 quilt wrapped stuffed animals, 61 flannel pillow cases, and some knit hats to Kitsap Community Services for the Children they serve. The kids will like those!

WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TACOMA TABBIES

In September, they delivered 115 pillowcases and 50 doll hospital gowns to the Children's Cancer wing at Mary Bridge Hospital in Tacoma for their Community Service project.

TEXANNA CATO

CYBER CATS

Caroline Gerneglia is the new Area Rep for the Cyber Cat's. The members are working on increasing attendance and participation. In September they worked on wool felting where they had a great turn out. Everyone had a great time.

CAPITAL CATS

The Capital Cats will not make any major changes this year. They believe that "if it isn't broke, don't fix it". They have a wonderful cohesive group who enjoy working together to support their own Area Group, other Area Groups and MEOW activities when possible. The Capital Cat members are proud to have three members who are prolific teachers who travel and share have projects with other groups. They look forward to the coming year and are excited and are excited that Seminar 2009 will be in our home town.

DIGI-CATS

The Digi-Cats have been participating in Project Linus as part of their Community Service projects. The members have been donating fabric and children's you have designs which are then sewn into quilts by Kathy Harris. If you have an embroidery machine, the Digi-Cats are encouraging you to attend their meetings as well as your home group. You will have fun learning how to do more with your embroidery machine. The Digi-Cats are in charge of the Teacher's Appreciation Gifts for Seminar 2009.

SALI LUSK

DAFFY CATS

They have made 32 crib quilts for donation to the St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma, Washington.

DESIGNER CATS

They are currently meeting on the 4th Friday of the month from 3:30-5:30pm. At the September meeting, they discussed moving the meeting date and time to accommodate their different schedules.

JUANITA GATOS

Juanita Gatos is handling the Gift Exchange project for Seminar 2009 and a sample was presented at the Board Meeting in September.

SEATTLE KATZ

They will be working on a jacket project for several months and the upcoming classes will be incorporated into the jacket.



WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT MARJORIE MATHISON FABRICATS

Fabricats report that the store where they met has closed, so they are meeting at a private classroom. Still first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm. The address is 5th and Western. They made kitty shaped name tags to go on to their sewing machines.

JoAn Baumgart and Nadra were co-chairmen at the Open Class Sewing at the NCW Fair in Waterville. JoAn Baumgart received many blue ribbons on her quilts and wall hangings. I won a Best of Show on a wall hanging, many blues and MEOW award on my Dexter from the class that Wilma Simpson taught at our class at our last MEOW seminar.

We have to pay \$20.00 rent on our new meeting space, divided among those who come. We are hearing gripes.

FANTASY FELINES

This past quarter we have been learning techniques from those who attended Seminar and some techniques and classes from many days gone by. In July Elaine Solvang showed the group how to make "machine" Molas that Helene Knott taught at Seminar. In August Bev Robinson from the Silver City Kitties made the trek to our meeting to teach the Crazy Birds. Everyone had so much fun with these and we really appreciated having Bev come.

We had Angelina Fibers and plumage everywhere! In September Vicki Nelson taught us how to do free-motion leaves and beading on a velvet placemat. We also had three potential new members attend.

Our community project has been tote bags for children who have been displaced from their homes to foster care. We are also considering adding other community projects such as breast pillows for breast cancer patients and hats for chemo patients.

NOMINATIONS

What are you getting out of MEOW? Have you ever stopped to think what it takes to keep our groups going each and every month? Well, now is the time to get involved. There is a Nominating Committee of 3 of your M.E.O.W. members. They consist of JoAnne Cross (Oregon) cbjocross@aol.com, Gail Miku-chonis (Washington) stitcher9@comcast.net, and Marsha Kurle (Washington) mdKurle@earthlink.net who will be contacting you to get involved.

This year we will be electing a new Vice President, Secretary, 2 Washington Directors and 2 Oregon Directors. If you have never served on the Board before, this would be a great time by running for one of the Director positions.

Nominations (continued)

The Directors are the life line between the groups and the Board of Directors. They let us know what the different groups are doing when they meet, who to contact, etc. Each Director is assigned specific groups she is responsible for and she reports to the Vice President. A Director serves for 2 years and we have 4 Board of Director meetings a year usually in January, April, July, and September. These Board of Director's meetings are scheduled during these months in order to accommodate each Seminar's progress.

Please consider becoming a part of the team that runs this great organization!

By Betty Cooper 2007 with changes by Tami Bennett 2008

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