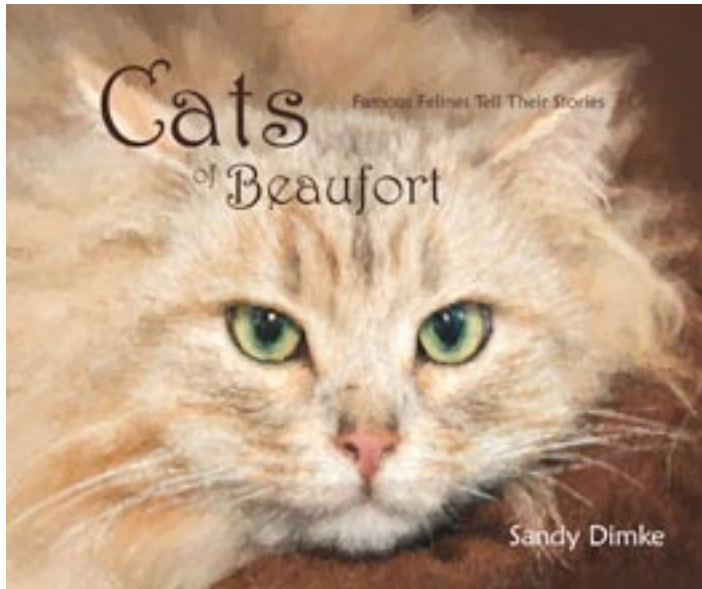


'Cats of Beaufort' Benefits Tabby House

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Local photographer Sandy Dimke has just published *Cats of Beaufort*, a book she wrote and illustrated as a fundraiser for Tabby House.

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Sandy has been volunteering her time and talents to create portraits of the cats at Tabby House, a feline shelter/adoption agency, for several years. These photos are posted online or in the newspaper with the goal of encouraging people to visit Tabby House, see these adorable cats in person, and perhaps adopt one . . . or more.

This year, Sandy decided to go a step further and work on a project that would actually raise money for Tabby House. She chose to photograph a sampling of "the cats of Beaufort" and compile the photos in a book that could be published and sold. Five years ago she published *Hands of Beaufort*, a book containing her photographs of over 100 people's hands; each hand told a story. Similarly, she wanted each cat in her new book to tell its story as well. Included are stories and photos of thirty local cats, from downtown "independent" cats to family pets: city cats, suburban cats, rural cats – long-time Beaufortonian cats and transplants alike.

The project wasn't all the cat's meow either – there were challenges, too. Coal and Blanche

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