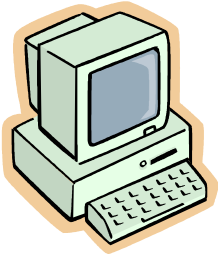
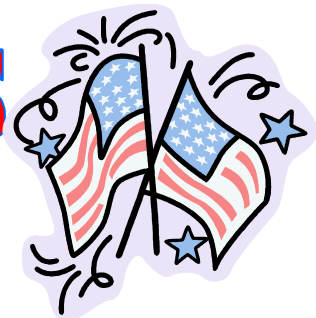


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From the President

By Sheldon Plotkin

All the ballots have been recorded by the nominating committee and the Board of Directors for the year 2004 2005 is:

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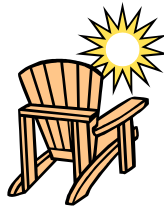
Pete Claar

Thanks to the members of Nominating Committee for a job well done: Jill Johnson, Sharon Kiel, Moe Sullivan, John Bollen and John Manion.

Our schedule of classes for July, has been reduced because many instructors are vacationing or taking a time out to rest and develop new classes for the coming season. We still have a sustaining group of teachers presenting classes.

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Closed for the Summer



The following SIGS will not meet again until fall.

- Mac SIG
- Digital SIG
- Windows SIG
- Fine Arts SIG

Notices will be sent out when these groups resume meeting in the fall.

The Lab is open daily from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 10:00 AM to noon on Saturdays.

We would also like to thank the lab monitors and Shirley Cronin who is responsible for scheduling the monitors.

Thanks also to Dale Seffer and the Slide scanner monitors who serve on an "on call" basis.



Check us out; we are there to assist you and help answer your problems.

Calvert's Corner

By Jim Calvert

Hello to all who read this. I am writing from West Linn, Oregon, where Anna Marie and I spend May through September.

The class schedule is much shorter again this month. Many of the teachers are either away as I am or are just taking a much needed rest. Some of us are using this time to revise our class lessons and even create new ones.



For our computer education program to continue to be strong we must keep adding to what we are doing.

That includes adding more teachers. Please contact me if you would be willing to share your computer knowledge and experiences with others. My Email address is, Jim2anna@aol.com.

Please contact me if you are willing to help. We have over one thousand members in our club. Only 25 of those are teachers. There must be more of you who are willing to make at least one presentation. Please contact me with your ideas.



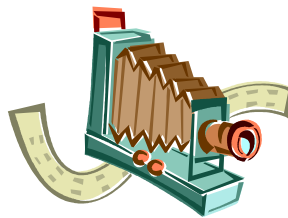
By Kent McDonald

The June Internet SIG focused on ways to send photos via E-mail without making the recipient with dial-up Internet angry at you. So often we receive picture attachments to E-mail that are too big to see on our screens, and they take a lot of room in the inbox.. This happens because the sender does not send photo files that are properly sized for mailing. A good size for E-mail would be a 4X6 inch picture with a resolution of 72 pixels per inch. This type of picture will produce a 40 KB JPEG file that looks fine on your monitor and takes but 8 seconds to download using dial-up service. If you are starting with a Kodak Picture CD of your pictures processed by Costco, the picture files are 20X larger than this, or 800 KB. They would be 16X23 inches in size when displayed, which spills off the edges of a monitor. This size should be scaled down to send by E-mail or else it will take 160 seconds per picture to download. Either use the Easy-Share tool that Kodak bundles on the CD, or use something like Picture It. Mac users can scale the pictures using iPhoto that comes with the Mac. It is worth noting that your pictures taken with film cameras have an aspect ratio of 3:2, thus you get 4X6 inch prints. However, your TV set and your computer monitor have an aspect ratio of 4:3, so you won't find that those pictures from the

Kodak CD will fit nicely on a full-screen display. Digital cameras, on the other hand, produce images in a 4:3 aspect ratio that matches your monitor. The resolution setting on your monitor also affects the displayed size of your pictures. If you have a setting of 800X600, the pictures will appear to be much larger than they would at a 1024X768 setting. If you are trying to display a picture that is just a little bit too large to fit on the screen at 800X600, you can shift the setting temporarily to 1024X768 to fix the problem. Also, most image viewer software programs have a zoom feature that will enable you to shrink any picture so it fits the screen.

The next meeting of the Internet SIG will be on July 6, at

Don't Have a Digital Camera?



By Lyn Morse

So you don't have a digital camera yet, but you really would like to get started in the digital world. Here's what you can do.

Take your film to the Costco counter and fill out those envelopes for one-hour service, then get one of those good people behind the counter over to talk to you. Tell them you don't want prints, but you do want your pictures to go on CDs. They will

tell you that you have to have negatives; that's okay, you have shot film after all.

Now comes the good part. Let's say you've just taken a photo inventory of your house and shot five rolls of film doing so. You don't want that on five separate CDs; you want it on one. Tell them that you will pay for the other four CDs, but you want all of the .jpg images on one CD. They will do this.

So you come back from a family reunion and you've shot 15 plus rolls of film. Have it all put on one CD.

Now, take one of the Photo-Shop classes, or if you're Mac, the iPhoto class, and edit those pictures. When you've thrown out, cropped, worked with brightness and contrast on your photos – all that good stuff that is done with digital photos on a computer – burn those onto a new CD. You now have the original CD with the photos unchanged, and you also have a new CD with all those wonderful changes and the fuzzy shots gone.

Next thing is probably a digital camera once you see how wonderful the world of Digital Photography is. Remember, no more film to buy, no more processing of film, no more throwing away photos you've paid to have processed, no more waiting to get the film back. It's wonderful!

And don't forget we have a great Digital SIG that meets once a month. It's dark during the summer months, but is a great place to learn in a friendly surrounding of friends and neighbors. See you in the fall.

July Classes Listed By Date

Day	Date	Time	Class	Book	Teacher
Sat	July 3		10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab		
Wed	July 7	3:00	Word 4 –More Word Basics (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	July 10		10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab		
Mon	July 12	8:00	Word 1 – Creating a Basic Letter (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		9:00	Word 2 – Revising a Basic Letter (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		1:00	Excel 1 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
		2:00	Excel 2 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
		3:00	Understanding Your Operating System (Mac 10.2x)	1	Shirley Allan
Tue	July 13	3:00	Memory Pages – 2 hours (Mac)	1	Lyn Morse
		7:00	Internet SIG		
Wed	July 14	9:00	Windows Maintenance and Organization (PC)	12	Charley Voelker
		3:00	Word 5 – Creating a Newsletter Pt 1 (1½ hour) (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	July 17		10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab		
Mon	July 19	8:00	Word 3 - More Letter Basics (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		9:00	Word 3.5 Envelopes and Labels (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		1:00	Excel 3 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
		2:00	Excel 4 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
		3:00	Integrating Text and Graphics (Mac)	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	July 20	2:00	Board Meeting		
Wed	July 21	3:00	Word 5 – Completing Newsletter- Part 2 (1½ hour) (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Thurs	July 22	3:00	iPhoto Basics – 2 hrs (Mac)	1	Lyn Morse
Sat	July 24		10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab		
Wed	July 28	3:00	Word 6 – Word Tables & Mail Merge (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	July 31		10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab		

July Classes Listed Alphabetically

BOARD MEETING	7-20	2:00	Windows Maintenance and And Organization	7-14	9:00
Excel 1 (PC)	7-12	1:00	Word Series - PC Walter Goldsmith		
Excel 2 (PC)	7-12	2:00			
Excel 3 (PC)	7-19	1:00			
Excel 4 (PC)	7-19	2:00			
Integrating Text and And Graphics (Mac)	7-19	3:00	1 Creating a Basic Letter	7-12	8:00
			2 Revising a Basic Letter	7-12	9:00
			3 More business letter basic	7-19	8:00
			3.5 Envelopes and Labels	7-19	9:00
INTERNET SIG	7-13	7:00			
iPhoto Basics	7-22	3:00+	Jan Grenert		
			4 More Word Basics	7-7	3:00
Memory Pages (Mac)	7-13	3:00+	5 Creating a Newsletter, pt. 1	7-14	3:00+
			5 Complete a Newsletter, pt. 2	7-21	3:00+
Understanding Your Operating System (Mac)	7-12	3:00	6 Word Tables and Mail Merge	7-28	3:00

Mac Notes

Understanding Your Operating System (OS 10.2)

By Shirley Allan

This class will be on July 12 at 3:00 and is a follow up on the earlier classes on OS 10.2 (Jaguar). It is meant to answer some questions that may not have been covered in the earlier classes. The class will be open for questions and attempt to answer some common question:

"I lost AppleWorks, it used to be in my dock, how do I get it back?"

"What is the first thing I do when I'm having a problem?"

"How do I save a document so I can find it again?"

"I can't find a document with File>Find, is there another way to find it?"

"How do I send a document as an attachment to a PC person?"

"How do I change a document without losing the original?"

Do you have a generic question that has been bothering you?

Bring it to class.

How About These Apples??

Apple is doing it again. First it was Jaguar, then Panther, now Tiger, the next release of the critically acclaimed Mac Operating System. Apple CEO, Steve Jobs, will preview the OS 10.4 Macintosh Operating System, Tiger, at WWDC (Worldwide Developer Conference) in San Francisco, June 28 to July 2. The Apple Worldwide Developers Conference is the most important week of the year for developers, IT professionals and digital media authors, the people who create software that runs on the Mac. Most Mac users are struggling to get their computers upgraded to the current version, Panther, but they will face yet another upgrade to be released in six months. News coming soon from the WWDC should reveal what the new features of Tiger will be.

Submitted by Kent McDonald from an article on the Internet

Introducing CNET

By Lyn Morse

There is one site that I'd like everyone to be familiar with – CNET.com – because of one specific thing offered near the bottom as you scroll. Look for the SIGN UP selection and do yourself the favor of checking to receive CNET Membership Newsletter. It comes weekly and has good tips and info for computer users, primarily for PCs. You'll also receive good digital information in the newsletter. You can always unsubscribe later, but I'm thinking most of you won't. Give it a try and happy scrolling!

There are two more things I recommend you explore while on the homepage for CNET. At the top is a tab that reads Downloads. Click on it and it will take you to a treasure of downloads for your particular platform. Yes, PC users will go directly to downloads for your platform, and Mac users will go directly to downloads for theirs. No more guessing here. Das Leben ist gut (Life is good!) Also, if you click on one to download, on the next window you'll see a rating scale from those who have already downloaded the program. I always look at that before beginning a download. It's interesting to peruse whatever you decide to do.

CNET also offers e-classes free. When you sign up for them, you'll receive reminders when lessons are available for downloading. I'm currently doing one on digital photography, which has been interesting. There's always something new to learn out there.

Integrating Text and Graphics

By Shirley Allan

This class will be on July 19 at 3:00 and will be an extension of AppleWorks 4, Graphics.

It will cover aligning graphics, wrapping text around graphics, placing a graphic behind text and how to import a photo (which is a graphic) into your document. These are techniques that members might want to learn to make club flyers or holiday letters more interesting and unique. Take advantage of the smaller class size in the summer for more individual attention.

July General Club Information

BOARD MEETING
July 20, 3:00 PM

INTERNET SIG
July 6, 7:00 PM

DIGITAL SIG
No Meeting in July

WINDOWS SIG
No Meeting in July

Meeting Schedule

GENERAL MEETING
No Meeting in July

FINE ARTS DIGITAL SIG
No Meeting in July

MAC SIG
No Meeting in July

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