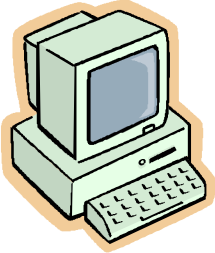
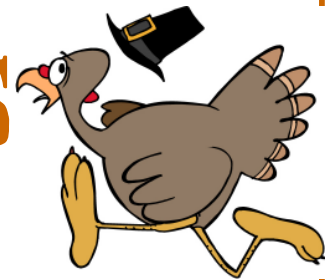


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## Corel Presents Two Programs on Nov 21

### The Prez Sez...

By Lyn Morse

What a presentation Keith Renty of IOGear gave us at our October meeting. If you weren't there you missed a great introduction to all kinds of goodies available to make our computing life a bit easier and more fun also. I liked the "Thank You" Keith sent, which was forwarded on to you. I hope you managed to use the code for your discount before the ending date.

Our November presenter will be Shawn Kardell from Corel. I saw Shawn doing a demonstration of Painter Essentials 3 at SWUG and found myself saying quite a few 'wows'. I'm pleased he is coming to share with Let's Compute.

Our membership keeps climbing for the year; at last count we were approaching the 750 mark. It would be great if we broke last year's record of 1,095 members.

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**General Meeting**  
2:00pm  
**Speakers Hall**



November's general meeting at 2:00 in Speakers' Hall will feature fun, easy software for turning photos into paintings! Shawn Kardell, a Product Specialist from Corel, will be here to show you easy techniques in Corel Painter Essentials 3 that you can use at home to turn portraits and landscape photos into paintings that will amaze you and your friends!

**Digital Photography**  
**Workshop 7:00 pm**  
**Sierra Ballroom**



Don't miss the digital photography workshop at 7:00 PM in the Sierra Ballroom featuring Paint Shop Pro Photo IX, the newest version of Corel's award-winning software.

Shawn will be there to show you the basic concepts of photo editing like color correction, retouching, using layers and more! Join us for a great day and evening of digital photo fun!



Happy Thanksgiving





Terry Kay & Kent McDonald

The ISIG meeting of Oct 10 hosted a good group of regulars and newbies interested in things about the Internet. The current news about Google buying UTube for \$1.6 billion lead us to a review of that ubiquitous web site. While not necessarily something for our age group, it none the less is a harbinger of the Internet's future. Want to display yourself ? Do it on UTube !

Central storage for programs and data, and the attendant security issues, was reviewed by Kent McDonald. The trend is towards personal computers without productivity programs, which now will be accessible from centralized locations. Software will be rented rather than owned in this Internet-based computing model. Personal work and data will also be stored centrally. This suggests a security issue that needs attention by all users. The centralized server/storage "farms" will be huge, consuming many gigawatts of power. The combined facilities of search companies Yahoo, Google, etc. already consume 2.4 GW, enough to power the whole city of Las Vegas. An example of "off-computer" storage is TurboTax, offered as an online application. Terry Kay opined he prefers the "on-computer" version which he found to be easier and faster.

Several attendees vouched for the usefulness of Kim Komando's web site <http://>

[www.komando.com/](http://www.komando.com/), especially her "Tips" section.

During the open question session, it was mentioned that Yahoo now has a mapping feature similar to that of Google's. The Group was surveyed for what ISP they used. EarthLink seemed to be the favorite of this group.

Terry summarized the current Association effort regarding our Bulk Cable contract after June 2007. Time Warner seems to be a leading contender at the moment. Attendees using Verizon FIOS for Internet access all seem to be very satisfied.

The ISIG meets second Tuesday at 7 PM in the computer lab. It is a moderated gathering where a few topics are prepared beforehand, but centers on Q & A from the attendees. Got a question about the Internet ? Come to the next meeting which is on **Nov 14**, and maybe get an answer.



By Kerry Greene

Hi to all Windows Wizards! Our first meeting of the new season was moderately attended – we hope to see more of you in the future. For those of you that missed it, we covered a lot of good stuff, which I will summarize here. It was kind of an open forum, and we had lots of great questions.

For starters, we showed how to eliminate the task panel in Microsoft Word, and how to always show full menus. A question came in about adding icons to the desktop, so we demonstrated how to do that.

Moving on, we talked about the various ways to back up your computer. Many programs are available for purchase, which can make a virtual image of your hard drive, or you can easily copy critical files etc. to CD-R discs. The choice is yours.

A question was raised about the difference between Outlook and Outlook Express and that led into a further discussion about migrating your AOL address book into Outlook or Outlook Express. We demonstrated how to do that. While on the topic of email, the ever-present question of email spam arose, and we discussed ways of controlling spam when using a desktop email client such as Outlook or Outlook Express. My personal favorite Spamfighter, is free for a 30 day trial of the full-featured version, and then free to keep after that with the limited version. Earthlink users already have excellent spam controls – hats off to Earthlink for their outstanding software.

The feature discussion for the meeting was about Windows Updates, and how important they are to secure your computer on the Internet and protect your privacy. Unfortunately, Microsoft has included their Windows Genuine Advantage (Annoyance) Notification Tool with the rest of their Critical Updates. The only reason for this tool to download is to check your computer to see if you are using a genuine (not pirated) copy of Windows. They do this every 90 days, and some feel this is a bit much. Class action lawsuits are in place. We will certainly discuss more on this later. During the meeting, we showed how to download the Critical

## Windows SIG -continued

Updates, without also installing the annoying WGA Notification tool.

For those of you concerned about spyware (and that should be everybody using Windows), we looked at how to download Windows Defender, free from Microsoft. First, you must prove to Microsoft that you are a 'Genuine Windows' user. They will check. You must have Windows XP Service Pack 2 installed to use this software. It does a nice job of blocking spyware from reaching your computer and it will let you set up scheduled quick or full scans on the day and time of your choice. I strongly recommend doing and/or scheduling a full scan rather than a quick scan, which finds nothing. You can get Windows Defender by going to [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) and then look for popular downloads on the right side, you will see Windows Defender there. Click on it and follow the prompts.

We ended the meeting with a little discussion about anti-virus alternatives, and this will also be a subject of a future meeting. There is a strong favorite out there that is totally free, called A V G Free from [www.free.grisoft.com](http://www.free.grisoft.com). Come to our next meeting to learn more.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The November Windows SIG meeting has been cancelled due to a conflict with the Corel product demonstration, which will take place in the Sierra Ballroom at 7:00 pm on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Our next meeting Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the lab.**



By Shirley Allan

The October meeting of Mac-SIG was treated to a Quicktime movie of David Pogue speaking at the conference of Technology-Entertainment-Design. David Pogue is well known for his creation of the Missing Manual series including Mac OS X, Tiger Edition, iPhoto 6, iMovie 6 & iDVD and iPod & iTunes published by Pogue Press. He also writes a New York Times personal technology column that appears every Thursday. He graduated summa cum laude from Yale in Music and went on to become a conductor of several Broadway shows. When he realized that the demand for new young composers was zero, he started teaching folks like Stephen Sondheim, Carly Simon, Mia Farrow, Vanessa Redgrave, Mike Nichols and Harry Connick, Jr. how to use their Macs which led to his first book, Mac for Dummies.

He began by singing an ode to tech support "I pressed every touch tone I was told but I still spent 18 hours on hold." He believes there is great deal of frustration due in part to software developers adding unwarranted complexity. He showed the original Mac operating system that fit into 211 K and said that the Apple Logo today would not fit in 211 K. But he stated that some of the blame for the frustration falls squarely at the feet of the users. To illustrate this, he shared his day spent at an Apple call center where a woman

called and complained that her mouse was squeaking too loud when she moved it across the screen. The tech asked why she had the mouse up against the screen. She replied that the message on the screen said click here to continue. Another complaint was from a man couldn't get his computer to respond after a crash no matter how often he typed eleven. When asked why he was typing eleven, he told the tech the screen said "Error-type 11" so he was typing eleven.

Pogue urged the audience of software developers to stop adding more and more unneeded features in order to sell new versions of software and compared the severely divergent approach of Microsoft designers who favor many steps and wizards with the software designers at Apple who favor simplicity. To illustrate, he showed a visual of Microsoft Word with all the tool bars open that filled the entire screen and commented that he hoped that Microsoft was not contemplating a "Type a Word Wizard" with pop ups to choose the first letter.

Pogue ended the program by singing two songs, one spoofing Bill Gates and his control of the world markets by singing he "has entered planet domination mode, you will have no choice, you'll be by the code." And one spoofing Steve Jobs to the tune of Evita "who started in a garage with a buddy named Woz" and finished with the line "Don't cry for me Cupertino, I still wear sandals in any weather, its just these days, they're Gucci leather."

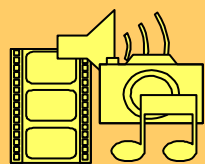
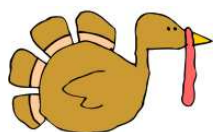
Pogue urged the software developers to design intelligently.

# NOVEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	BOOK	TEACHER
Wed	Nov. 1	8:30 - 10	Printshop 21 Calling Cards/Labels -PC	4	Larry Allen
		1:00	Spanish Workshop Demo	15	Barbara Kaye
		2:00	Mouse and Keyboard (PC)	3	Shelia Harbet
Thur	Nov. 2	8:00	Word 1 (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		9:00	Word 2 (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		1:00	Spanish Workshop 1 (disk 1)	15	Barbara Kaye
		3 - 4:30	Word Mail Merge (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Nov. 3	8:00	Word 3 (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		9:00	Word 3.5 (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		2 - 3:30	PrintShop Project: Stickers & Magnets	4	Ferrel & McCabe
		4:00	PrintShop Greeting Cards 4 (PC)	4	Doris Keniry
Sat	Nov. 4	10 - 12	<b>Open Lab</b>		
Mon	Nov. 6	1:00	Scanner	6	Pete Claar
		3:00	Apple Works: Graphics	1	Shirley Allan
		4:00	iPhoto (Mac))	1	Lyn Morse
Tues	Nov. 7	1 - 2:50	Intro. to Personal Computing (PC) 1 of 3	3	Ron Ehrens
Wed	Nov. 8	8:00	Voice Recognition 160 WPM Typing Demo (PC)	15	Larry Allen
		9:00	Computer Maintenance (PC)	12	Charlie Voelker
		1:00	Scanner	6	Pete Claar
		2 - 5	iMovie/iDVD 1 of 2 (Mac)	1	Lyn Morse
		7:00	<b>DIGITAL SIG</b>		Lab
Thur	Nov. 9	9:00	Board Meeting		Idyllwild Room
		1 - 3:30	Excel 1 & 2 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
Fri	Nov. 10	8 - 9:50	iMovie/iDVD 2 of 2 (Mac)	1	Lyn Morse
		1 - 3:00	Word 1 & 2 (PC)	2	Shirley Celli
Sat	Nov. 11	10 - 12	<b>Open Lab</b>		
Mon	Nov. 13	1 - 3:30	Excel 3 & 4 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
		3:30 -	Beg. Mac 1: Menus, Terms, Common Actions	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	Nov. 14	9:00	PhotoShop Elements -Basics (PC)	14	Barbara Kaye
		1 - 2:50	Intro. to Personal Computing (PC) 2 of 3	3	Ron Ehrens
		7:00	<b>INTERNET SIG</b>		Lab
Wed.	Nov. 15	8:30 -10	Files & Folders (Mac)	1	Lyn Morse
		1:00	Spanish Workshop 2 (disk 2)	15	Barbara Kaye
		2:00	Typing Workshop	15	Barbara Kaye
		3:00	Beginning Mac 2: Preferences/Options	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	Nov. 16	1:30 - 3	Windows Desktop & Making Shortcuts (PC)	3	Shelia Harbet
		3 - 4:30	Word: Holiday Labels (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Nov. 17	8:00	Digital Pictures: From Camera to Computer (PC & Mac)	6	Shelia Harbet & Lyn Morse
		9:00	<b>Mac SIG -- Automator</b>		Lab
		1:00	Mozilla Firefox	7	Shelia Harbet
		2:00	Search Engine Strategies	7	Shelia Harbet
		3:00	Managing Bookmarks/Favorites	7	Shelia Harbet
		4:00	PrintShop Greeting Cards 1 (PC)	4	Doris Keniry

# NOVEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	BOOK	TEACHER
Sat	Nov. 18	10 – 12	<b>Open Lab</b>		
Mon	Nov. 20	8:30 -10 3:00	Basic Quicken 2007(PC) Beginning Mac 3: Keeping Mac Healthy	8 1	Frank Gombos Shirley Allan
Tues	Nov. 21	8:30 - 10 2:00 7:00	Intermediate Quicken 2007 (PC) - Customize <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>COREL PRESENTATION</b>	8	Frank Gombos Speakers Hall Ballroom
Wed	Nov. 22	8:30 - 10	Advanced Quicken 2007 (PC) - Managing Investments	8	Frank Gombos
Thur	Nov. 23, 23 & 25		<b>LAB CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS</b>		
Mon	Nov. 27	2:00 3:00 4:00	Beginning PC - Mouse Calling/Business Cards (Mac) PrintShop Greeting Cards 2 (PC)	3 1 4	Kerry Greene Shirley Allan Doris Keniry
Tues	Nov. 28	1 – 2:50	Intro. to Personal Computing (PC) 3 of 3	3	Ron Ehrens
Wed	Nov. 29	8:30 -10 2:00 3:00	Greeting Cards With Print Explosion (Mac) Part 1 of 2 Beginning PC -Keyboard Understanding Your Mac – Questions Answered	1 3 1	June Cross Kerry Greene Shirley Allan
Thur	Nov. 30	2:00 3 – 4:30	Beginning PC - Save a file Word: Linking Text Boxes (PC)	3 2	Kerry Greene Jan Grenert



## Digital SIG

By Jan Grenert

The Digital SIG's new season began on October 11. Moderator Jan Grenert asked members what topics and features they would like to include in this year's meetings. The reply was - almost anything digital including cameras, music, movies etc. Sounds like an interesting year. The topic for the evening was

about putting your photos online for friends and family to view. Sharon Kiel demonstrated how she uses Web Shots at *Community.webshots.com* to place photos in on-line albums. Then she invites her friends or family to view your albums. It is really a great idea, especially for the recipients, who can view the photos, copy them to their computer or order prints. Pat Palladino uses Kodak Photo Sharing at *Kodakgallery.com*. She said there are a lot of sites that offer the same services. Best of all – they are free.

At the November meeting, Kevin Gibbons will give a demonstration on how to create a VCD. In fact, Kevin will be giving a class, so watch for it on an upcoming class schedule. **VCD** stands for 'Video Compact Disc' and basically it is a CD that contains moving pictures and sound. If you're familiar with regular audio/music CDs, then you will know what a VCD looks like. A VCD can be played on all computers with a CD-ROMs/DVD-ROMs with a software VCD/MPG Player

**The next meeting will be on Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

# NOVEMBER CLASSES LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Apple Works series (Mac)		
Graphics	11-6	3:00
<b>Beginning Mac</b>		
1: Menus, Terms, Actions	11-13	3:30
2: Preferences/Options	11-15	3:00
3: Keeping Mac Healthy	11-20	3:00
<b>Beginning PC</b>		
Mouse	11-27	2:00
Keyboard	11-29	2:00
Save a file	11-30	2:00
<b>Board Meeting</b>	11-9	9:00
Custom Calling Cards/Labels	11-1	8:30
Calling/Business Cards (Mac)	11-27	3:00
Computer Maintenance (PC)	11-8	9:00
<b>Corel Presentation</b>	11-21	7:00 pm
Digital Pictures: (PC & Mac)		
From Camera to Computer	11-17	8:00
<b>DIGITAL SIG</b>	11-8	7:00
Excel 1 & 2 (PC)	11-9	1:00
Excel 3 & 4 (PC)	11-13	1:00
Files & Folders (Mac)	11-15	8:30
<b>General Meeting</b>	11-21	2:00
Greeting Cards (PC) Print Shop		
Session 4	11-3	4:00
Session 1	11-17	4:00
Session 2	11-27	4:00
Greeting Cards (Mac) Print Explosion		
Part 1 of 2	11-29	8:30
iPhoto (Mac)	11-6	4:00
iMovie/iDVD 1 of 2 (Mac)	11-8	2 :00
iMovie/iDVD 2 of 2 (Mac)	11-10	8:00
<b>INTERNET SIG</b>	11-14	7:00
Introduction to Personal Computing (PC)		
Session 1 of 3	11-7	1:00
Session 2 of 3	11-14	1:00
Session 3 of 3	11-28	1:00

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Mac SIG -- Automator</b>	11-17	9:00
Managing Bookmarks/Favorites	11-17	3:00
Mouse and Keyboard (PC)	11-1	2:00
Mozilla Firefox	11-17	1:00
PhotoShop Elements		
Basics (PC)	11-14	9:00
Quicken 2007 (PC)		
Basic	11-20	8:30
Intermediate - Customize	11-21	8:30
Adv Managing Investments	11-22	8:30
Scanner	11-6	1:00
Scanner	11-8	1:00
Search Engine Strategies	11-17	2:00
Spanish Workshop Demo	11-1	1:00
Spanish Workshop 1 (disk 1)	11-2	1:00
Spanish Workshop 2 (disk 2)	11-15	1:00
Stickers & Magnets w/PrintShop	11-3	2:00
Typing Workshop	11-15	2:00
Understanding Your Mac –		
Questions Answered	11-29	3:00
Voice Recognition Typing (PC)	11-8	8:00
Windows Desktop Shortcuts (PC)	11-16	1:30
<b><u>Word Series PC Beginning Classes</u></b>		
<b><u>Walter Goldsmith</u></b>		
Word 1 & 2	11-2	8:00
Word 3 & 3.5	11-3	8:00
<b><u>Shirley Celli</u></b>		
Word 1 & 2	11-10	1:00
<b>Word Advanced Classes – Jan Grenert</b>		
Mail Merge (PC)	11-2	3 :00
Holiday Labels (PC)	11-16	3 :00
Linking Text Boxes (PC)	11-30	3 :00

# The Prez Sez...

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New classes have been developed and offered. Others are being developed now, and you'll be seeing them in the next month or so. Several of you had asked for lessons on flatbed scanners, and Pete Claar took that on almost immediately. He told me that the Epson scanners on the PC and Mac sides are about the same, so everyone can benefit from Pete's classes.

We regret that Jim Calvert will not be returning this fall. Many of you have taken classes from Jim and were looking forward to his return. Several people have stepped forward offering to keep Jim's PS Elements classes going until he returns to us, so watch for those back on the calendar. In the meantime, I know everyone wishes Jim well and back with us.

If any of you reading this are even thinking about a class you could offer, please talk to Shelia. The Club is ever in search of new things to offer the membership. Which brings up a class called Dragon Naturally Speaking. Larry Allen, who has taught the class, is moving and leaving a gap behind. We need someone to step forward who knows the program, or would be willing to learn it. If interested, contact Shelia (phone number on the last page of B and B) and let her know.

I've had a couple of conversations lately with different individuals about their old records and how they wish they could put them on CD's. Recently there was a good article in c/net's online newsletter about this. If you are not familiar with cnet, you might want to go online to cnet.com and take a look at what it has to offer. You'll find something of interest for everyone, and yes, there is a Mac section.

To my PC friends who keep asking when Comic Life will be available for them; Mark tells me again that they are working on it and hope to have it ready by Christmas. There have been several people who haven't wanted to wait and are learning it on the Mac; they're taking home very nice pages. It's a thought.

I hope you have a very good Thanksgiving with family and friends about and around. Sun City and the people who make up Let's Compute are definitely on the list of things for which I give thanks.

# November Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

DATE	Time	10:00 -12	12:00 -2
Nov 1	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Nov 2	Thu	B. Osborn	P. Corwin
Nov 3	Fri	The Kaczorowskis	J. Manion
Nov 4	Sat	L. Rowe	
Nov 6	Mon	F. Diaz	B. Crowley
Nov 7	Tue	S. Cronin	H. Reese
Nov 8	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Nov 9	Thu	B. Osborn	P. Corwin
Nov 10	Fri	The Kaczorowskis	J. Manion
Nov 11	Sat	L. Rowe	
Nov 13	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Nov 14	Tue	S. Cronin	H. Reese
Nov 15	Wed	H. Chase	D. Feign
Nov 16	Thu	B. Osborn	P. Corwin
Nov 17	Fri	The Kaczorowskis	J. Manion
Nov 18	Sat	L. Rowe	
Nov 20	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Nov 21	Tue	H. Chase	H. Reese
Nov 22	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Nov 23	Thu	Closed	
Nov 24	Fri	Closed	
Nov 25	Sat	Closed	
Nov 27	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Nov 28	Tue	H. Chase	H. Reese
Nov 29	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Nov 30	Thu	H. Chase	P. Palladino

# November General Club Information

## Meeting Schedule



### DIGITAL SIG

Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m.

### BOARD MEETING

Nov. 9, 9:00 a.m.

### INTERNET SIG

Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m.

### MAC SIG

Nov 17, 9:00 a.m.

### WINDOWS SIG

No Meeting in November

### GENERAL MEETING

Nov 21, 2:00 p.m.

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Charlie Voelker.....	345-0123

### Volunteer Coordinator: Sharon Kiel

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### November Lab Monitors

Howard Chase	Bill Crowley	Pat Palladino
Cecilia Chu	Frank Diaz	Howard Reese
P. Corwin	David Feign	Leonette Rowe
Shirley Cronin	Bea Kaczorowski	Bob Osborn
	Charlie Kaczorowski	Charlie Voelker

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