

# Apple PEALINGS



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Laguna Woods Village Macintosh Club  
Laguna Woods, California

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➡ **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER** ➡

➡ **LOOK FOR A GREAT PROGRAM IN JANUARY** ➡



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➡ **Ask the “Gurus” Q&A in January** ➡

## *Inside...Apple PEALINGS*



## Board Roster 2009 ...

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**Volunteer to assist YOUR Club today!**

## President's Message...

**Board Matters.** We have two new Board members. Ted Miller and Lee Wight were elected Directors at our last Board meeting. They will fill two vacancies. Louise Doslu was appointed Mac Board Associate. An Associate is a non-voting Board member and acts as an advisor to the Board. I am very pleased that Ted, Lee and Louise want to help manage the Mac Club. Meanwhile, Bob Payne will resign his position on the Board at year end. Bob has been very helpful in explaining Broadband issues, high-definition television and broadband Internet, facing the community. We wish Bob and his wife, Virginia, the opportunity to do what *they* want to do.



**Just one more thing.** The Club officers were reelected for another year term beginning next year. The officers are Charles Clark, President; John Hansen, Vice President; Anne Clark, Secretary; and Wim Vermolen, Treasurer.

I thank the Directors and Officers for their contribution and service. We are always looking for volunteers; play an active role in *your* Club.

**New iMacs.** Five new 24-inch screen iMacs were installed in the Learning Center. These lovely iMacs replace the now obsolete white flat-panel iMacs with the dome bases. The flat-panel iMacs will be sent to the PCM maintenance warehouse on Via Campo Verde for sealed bids by residents and employees of the community. Watch for announcements in the Globe for the bidding announcement. The funds go to Golden Rain, not to the Mac Club.

**Year-end Wishes.** See you next year. To Good Health and Happy Mac Computing. May your printer print, your email work, and your browser be always connected to the Internet.

Happy Holidays!

*Cheers...Charles*

### Important Information...

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**Board Meetings**....Tuesday at 1:15 P.M. following the Thursday General Meeting each month.

# Product Review - Prizmo 1.1



Some may recall the review several months ago of Prizmo, a program that, in the absence of a scanner, enables you to use your digital camera instead. This can be in a text or image format, and the resulting image, or selection thereof, can be corrected for skewing as well as being processed with some basic editing tools (brightness, contrast, sharpness, saturation, etc.) Lens distortion can be further fine tuned by a camera calibration technique. It works.

The latest iteration of this program, Prizmo 1.1, adds OCR, Optical Character Recognition. As described in the company website, one simply takes a picture of one's documents, imports into Prizmo, selects the part of the photograph needed, makes a few adjustments and presses the OCR button. This feature alone would be worth the \$39.95 price of admission for many of us. If it worked. Which in my hands, after several days of intermittently trying, it does not do satisfactorily, at least compared with another stand-alone OCR program. I'll keep trying, but at the moment, it would not be my first choice for an OCR program. There is a well-organized help file, but it is rather scant on details.

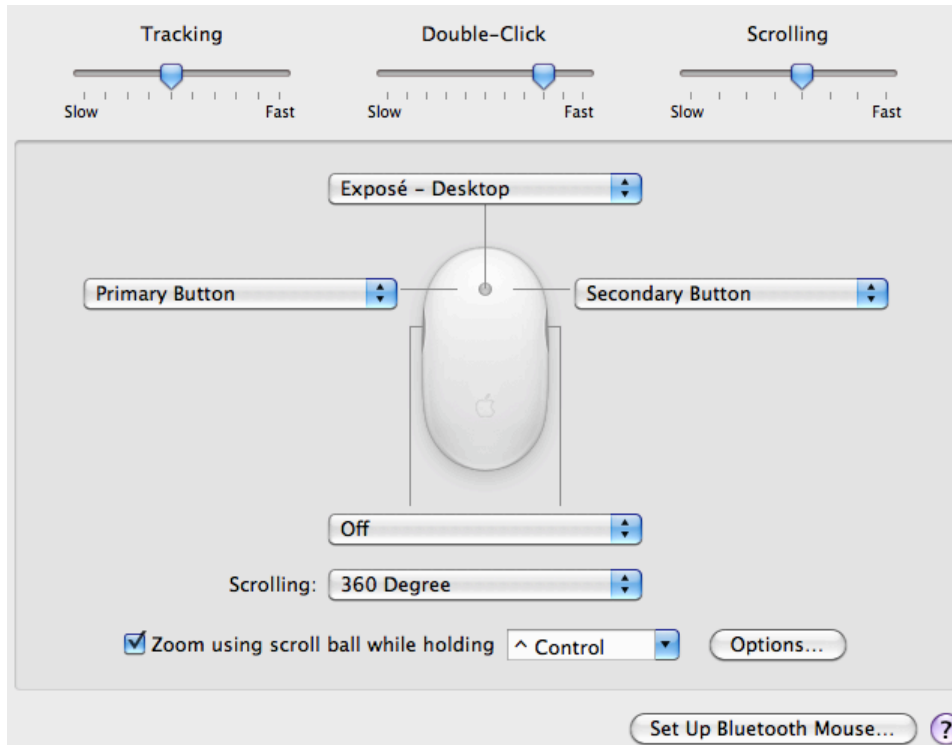
There is a free demo version which doesn't allow saving, but otherwise is full-featured. Until December 31st 2009, Mac User Group Members can get a 20% discount off the regular price (i.e. USD 31.95 instead of USD 39.95). Just copy coupon code **PRIZOCR\_2PL49SHB\_MUGENG** and paste it in the field "Coupon code (optional)" when you order.

Find Prizmo 1.1 at <http://www.creaceed.com/prizmo/>

Product Liaison and Review by — Lee Wight, MD

# “Anne’s Corner”

## Tame the Mighty Mouse



If you have a “Mighty Mouse,” one with a scroll ball and a right-click as well as a left-click button, you may want to know your choices for setting the different button:

**System Preferences:** Click **Mouse** - this will display the mouse controls.

The right-click and left-click buttons can be set to be either the Primary (regular click) or Secondary (right-click) buttons. If you don’t like the right-click, you may set it to be a Primary button, making yours a one-click mouse.

The other controls help understand other mouse settings. Customize your mouse to suit your needs. Changes are permanent only until you change them again.

Enjoy!

Anne Clark

*Recent additions  
to our  
MacApple Library*



**386** *Mac OS X LEOPARD, Killer Tips*  
by S. Kelby and D. Gales 2009

**387** *iPhoto '09 Visual Quickstart Guide*  
by Adam C. Engst 2009

**388** *The Macintosh iLife '09*  
by Jim Heid 2009

**389** *maran illustrated Mac OS X Tiger*  
by maran Graphics 2005

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Give this completed form and either cash or a check made out to **The Mac Club** to a Supervisor in the Learning Center, or send it to the Mac Club's treasurer **W.A. Vermolen, 3346-A Bahia Blanca East, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**




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## **CLASSES...** *each Class is offered once every month at the Macintosh Computer Learning Center* **All CLASSES are drop-in • 1:00 to 3:00 • \$2.00 donation to support the Learning Center**

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### **CLASS for Novices** • *Instructors: Faye Pearl, Metche Franke & Louise Doslu*

The CLASS for Novices addresses the needs of new and near-new computer users, focussing on learning both basic and essential skills required to master computer use. Through demonstrations and hands-on exercises we go from mouse skills to file management for documents, photos, addresses and email.

*Meets on **first Wednesday (10:00 a.m.)** of every month unless preempted by a holiday or summer break.*

### **Mac 101, Hands-on & Lecture CLASS** • *Instructor: Shell Weinberg*

Designed for *Beginners, New Users, users with some knowledge*, who want to know more about the **Fundamentals & Basics** of Mac computer operation. Basic information is offered about such things as: *the Finder, the Menu Bar, the Dock, setting Preferences, features of a window, organizing files and folders*, and may also include a glimpse at *Pages Word Processing* and other programs. Some hands-on exercises to help you experience the actual task as it is demonstrated.

*Meets on the **second Wednesday** of every month unless preempted by a holiday or summer break.*

### **Mac 201, Hands-on & Lecture CLASS** • *Instructor: Wim Vermolen*

This CLASS is the next step **after Mac 101**. Information and exercises learned there will be presented in greater detail. This CLASS features the Mac Operating System and accompanying applications. Each session will highlight one or more apps such as *iLife, iPhoto, iWork, Mail, Preview, Safari and TextEdit*. Tips and tricks on how to use your computer will be discussed and unique keyboard commands (shortcuts) will be emphasized.

*Meets on the **last Tuesday** of every month unless preempted by a holiday or summer break.*

### **Email & Internet CLASS** • *Instructor: Anne Clark*

For email and Internet users on all levels. Topics may include *OS X Mail, Gmail, Yahoo! Mail, Safari, and Firefox*. This CLASS allows for a combination of instruction, demonstration, hands-on experiences, questions and answers, and discussion. Sending and receiving attachments will be covered in every session. All attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and contribute information based on their own experience. Every participant will receive a handout for future reference and review.

*Meets on the **first Thursday** of every month unless preempted by a holiday or summer break.*

### **Digital Photo CLASS** • *Instructor: Anne Clark*

This CLASS offers information, demonstration, and hands-on exercises for anything related to digital photos. This might include how to import your digital photos from your camera into your Mac, how to organize them, how to edit them, and how to share them via email, Internet albums, and printing. In each class session, some aspects of different photo related applications will be covered. Examples of these applications are: *iPhoto, Photoshop Elements, Picasa, Preview*, and more. This CLASS allows for a combination of discussion, questions and answers, and teaching, with hands-on activities. Every participant will receive a handout for future reference and review.

*Meets on the **third Thursday** of every month unless preempted by a holiday or summer break.*

### **Slideshows 101 CLASS** • *Instructor: Michael Moore*

This CLASS is presented using the **Keynote** program. The Instructor will demonstrate 3 different styles available including: *iPhoto Slideshow, iDVD Slideshow, and iMovie Slideshow*. Each has its special way to create and produce a slideshow. A demonstration disc is available for those students asking for it.

*Meets on the **last Friday** of every month unless preempted by a holiday or summer break.*

- Date & Time Schedules available:**
- *the Macintosh Computer Learning Center*
  - *monthly Club Newsletter, "Apple PEALINGS"*
  - *Club Website, [www.themacclub.org](http://www.themacclub.org)*
  - *Laguna Woods Globe, published on Thursdays*
  - *Channel 6, on TV*



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## Macintosh Learning Center

--- Shell Weinberg  
*Laguna Woods Town Centre*  
*Laguna Woods Village Community Center, 3rd floor*  
*Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday*



### *Happy Holidays... The Gift*



A few weeks ago I was surfing the TV and came across a woman doing a "Feel good" type of presentation. It was probably on one of the local Public TV stations, since that is where we typically see these kinds of improve yourself lectures.

Anyway, something about what she was saying caused me to linger and watch for a while. The result is that I have learned a new self-help, pat-on-the-back, to guide me through the day.

Wake up in the morning and ask yourself, "What will be today's gift?" ... and then go about your daily activities, aware that along the way you will be given at least one worthwhile gift today.

The gift might be a quiet moment watching a beautiful sunrise or sunset. The gift might be an unexpected phone call from a friend giving you good news. The gift might be the check you received in the mail, or maybe flowers delivered to your door. The gift might be a delicious meal. The gift might be closing a deal. The gift might be a TV entertainer, or show, that made you laugh or smile. The gift might be a good joke.

In other words, anything unexpected that happens during the day that gives you pleasure, happiness, joy, or satisfaction. Recognize this as a gift.

Be thankful for the gift, or maybe gifts, and review the day's gift before going to sleep at night. It will put a smile on your face... and you can look forward to a new day tomorrow when the process will start all over again.





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## Calendar ■ **December 2009**

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|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| * <b>CLASS for Novices</b><br><i>(Faye Pearl, Metche Franke &amp; Louise Doslu)</i> | Wednesday, December 2 | 10:00 - 11:30 am        |
| * <b>e-Mail / Internet CLASS</b> <i>(Anne Clark)</i>                                | Thursday, December 3  | 1:00 - 3:00 pm          |
| * <b>Mac 101 hands-on CLASS</b> <i>(Shell Weinberg)</i>                             | <b>No Class</b>       |                         |
| <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>  | <b>No Meeting</b>     |                         |
| <b>BOARD Meeting</b> <i>in Spruce Room (Adm. Bdg.)</i>                              | Tuesday, December 15  | 1:15 - 3:00 pm          |
| * <b>Digital Photo CLASS</b> <i>(Anne Clark)</i>                                    | <b>No Class</b>       |                         |
| * <b>Slideshow 101 &amp; Mac 201 CLASSES</b>  | <b>No Classes</b>     |                         |
| <b>HOLIDAYS (L.C. CLOSED)</b>   | Thursday - Friday     | December 24 - January 1 |

**ALL CLASSES (\*) ARE DROP-IN ..... with a request for a \$2 donation**

Macintosh Computer Learning Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

EXCEPT when Classes are given it will be closed, and on **Holidays** and on **indicated days**.

Schedule subject to change, see <http://www.themacclub.org> for the latest information

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