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Valuable Mac troubleshooting tips for every Mac user.

by Rick Thues

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President's Message...



2009 New Year's Greetings! Have you heard this, "Had I known I would live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." If you share my sentiment may I suggest we work on a healthy fitness plan. Perhaps 30 minutes a day for three days a week at the Fitness Center followed by computer tasks at home or in the Mac Room. Working on a Mac increases brain function. Who knew? I wish all members a healthy New Year. When one has health, the rest of life's vicissitudes will sort themselves out.

Goodbye Apple at Macworld Expo. Steve Jobs will not give the keynote speech at the Macworld Expo 2009, January 5-9, in San Francisco. This will also be the last MacWorld Expo Apple will attend. End of an era. The cancellation is a result of Apple's getting more consumer exposure in their retail stores. Wim Vermolen will report on his Expo visit in January.

Sick Mac. On a home visit I witnessed a new iMac not working well: no Internet connection and some applications not opening. An inspection of the Desktop showed many individual applications had been moved out of the Application folder to the Desktop. Turned out the grandchildren were using granddad's iMac. Moving Applications out of the Applications folder is very poor practice because applications use support files. These support files expect the application to be in the Application folder. When an application is moved, it may not work.

Standard Account. One way to protect your Mac is to create a Standard Account for each guest. Go to the Accounts System Preferences and click the '+' sign in the lower left pane. If you make the guest user a Standard User, their attempts to move application will be greeted by a warning that the user does not have the privilege to do that move. The new Standard user can 'mess up' all they want and not affect your personal correspondence and emails. This is also good advice for couples who share a Mac.

cheers.....Charles



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Join us January 8th for a “Mac Troubleshooting” session with our own iMentor, Rick Thues, an expert Mac user, trainer, and troubleshooter. He will give helpful tips for common troubleshooting situations and also explain the help menus where we can go for answers to most of our questions. Rick will show and explain helpful troubleshooting web sites, including Apple’s web sites featuring great tutorials, Mac discussion areas, and many Internet help sites for Macintosh as well.

As a special feature, Rick is inviting everyone to submit questions by email ahead of time, so that he can research the issues, prepare answers and present them at the meeting as part of his presentation. Possible questions could concern Printing, email, System Preferences, iChat, iPhoto, Spaces (What are they, anyway?) Time Machine, etc.

If you have questions you would like answered during Rick’s talk, please email them to: carolpeterson1@mac.com. She will forward them to Rick.


Rick’s web site is <http://www.imentor.us/>

"Anne's Corner"



Mac OS X Feedback

Do you have an idea or suggestion about a product? Let Apple Know.

 <http://www.apple.com/feedback/>

Apple welcomes your feedback on its products. To comment on a particular product, follow these steps:

1. Log on to www.apple.com/feedback.
2. Click on a product you wish to comment on. This will bring up the Feedback page.
3. Enter your name, email address and a subject.
4. From the "Feedback Type" pop-down list select the type. For example, "Design/Ease of Use."
5. In the Comments box, type your comments, suggestions, ideas or other feedback.
6. Select your machine configuration. For example: iMac (Intel)
7. Select your operating system. For example: Mac OS 10.5.x
8. Select your primary language. For example: English
9. Select your user environment. For example: Home.
10. Click the "Send Feedback" button.

Enjoy!

Anne Clark



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New Saturday Class: “How to Write a Blog.”

A blog is an easy way to share family news and photos. Learn how to use the free Google Blogger to create your first blog.

Anne Clark will be teaching this introductory class on Saturday, January 24, 2009, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mac Learning Center.

The class will cover the basics of writing a simple blog:


1. Signing up for Google Blogger.
2. Naming your blog.
3. Choosing a template.
4. Writing your first blog of one to two sentences.
5. Adding a photo to your blog.

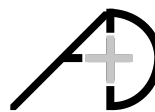


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Ken Burns and His Effects

Professionals smile when they hear a young film student or amateur talk importantly about using the “Ken Burns Effect” in their computer editing process. They mean the signature slow pans and zooms of still photos that documentarian Ken Burns popularized in his acclaimed *Civil War* and other Public Television films. Cinematographers used a rostrum camera long before computers came along.

Obviously, Burns, 55, did not invent the rostrum art form, but the still photograph occupies a special niche in creating his documentaries.

“My father was an amateur photographer,” he often tells his audiences when on a speaking tour, “and I studied still photographers, so I see the still photograph as the essential building block, the DNA of the kind of work I do.” He adds that movies, after all, “are only still photos at 24 frames per second.”

Burns credits Filmmaker Jerome Liebling for teaching him how slow pans and zooms of photos could be utilized in documentaries. Burns also cites the Canadian *City of Gold* doc. on the Klondike gold rush—co-directed by Colin Low and Wolf Koenig—for inspiring his own film efforts.

Speaking to the Oxonian Society of New York last year, he said the greatest compliment he ever received was from a woman who had just seen the premier of his documentary on the Brooklyn Bridge. She came up to him afterward and asked him where he got the newsreels for the picture.

“Madame,” he replied, “the bridge was built between 1869 and 1883. There were no newsreels then.”

She was still insistent. But what about getting the stones off the barges and lifting them up to the towers? She wanted to know.

“They were still photographs,” he told her.

“Oh, no they weren’t.”

In 1992, Burns received a phone call from Steve Jobs, head of Apple, who invited him to the company’s California headquarters. Jobs took him into a darkened room where, he says, two “geeky looking” guys had been working for years to perfect a computer program that would permit Mac users to pan, zoom and make slow fades and dissolves between shots.

“We have been calling this program the Ken Burns Effect,” they told him, and they wanted to begin installing it in Apple software the next year. The team members were obviously Burns’ fans.

He said their faces fell when he told them he didn’t give commercial endorsements. Burns later relented, however: If Jobs would donate some badly needed computers to his wife’s non-profit organization he would permit Apple to use his name.

That’s how the Ken Burns Effect came into effect. You’ll find it in Apple’s iMovie and iPhoto software. (PCs have their own pan-zoom software.)

Burns is a self-described “computer illiterate” who still writes his own speeches in long hand. He laughs when he tells of walking by an Apple store and someone comes dashing out to exclaim: “Guess what I was able to do with your effect?”

“I try to look inscrutable, like Yoda,” he says.

Macintosh Learning Center

--- Shell Weinberg

Laguna Woods Town Centre

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Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday

Beginners, New Users, PC to Mac Switchers

In the November issue of *Apple PEALINGS* you may have looked at “Anne’s Corner”. Just in case you might have missed it I am going to suggest you take another peek.

Anne Clark did some research for you and found six web sites and online tutorials that could be worth your time to look at and use.

MyFirstMac.com

Here you will find such topics as:

Before You Buy

Getting Started

Switching from Windows

SwitchtoMac.com

Offers you Guides and Features such as:

What is a Mac?

What is Mac OS X?

The iMac Guide

The misconception that Macs are too expensive

Apple.com/findouthow/mac

Tutorials that show short movies about subjects such as:

Anatomy of a Mac

Move to Mac

Windows on a Mac

PC to Mac, Basics

Finder Basics

Wireless Basics

Setting up Network



Apple.com/support

Features supporting topics and discussions:

Mac OS X v10.5 Leopard

Connecting to the Internet

Sending and receiving email

Macinstruct.com

“... learn about your Mac.”

Guides

How-Tos

Learning Center

Columns

OSXHelp.com

“... for the first time Macintosh user.”

Automatic word completions

The basics of Quick Look

Activate the floating dictionary

And, if all this information is not enough help we will also mention one more source that may suit you... **Mac 101.**

Follow this path to locate the information... first be sure you are online, **highlight** the line shown in the address area at the top of the window, then type www.themacclub.org The Mac Club home page will open, see the sidebar, click **TUTORIALS**, click **Mac 101.**

Also, Anne’s suggestion for business users:

Apple.com/business/theater

Excellent Quick Tips videos, such subjects as:

Help Pointers

Shortcuts Explained

Dragging Files

Keyboard Viewer

Address Book Groups

Annotating PDFs

Manipulating PDFs





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NEW YEAR HOLIDAY (L.C. CLOSED)

Thursday & Friday, January 1 & 2

GENERAL MEETING in Club House 1

Thursday, January 8 6:00 - 8:15 pm

* **Beginners Session on Computers** (Faye Pearl)

Friday, January 9 1:00 - 3:00 pm

BOARD Meeting in Spruce Room (Adm.Bdg.)

Tuesday, January 13 1:15 - 3:45 pm

* **Mac for Dummies & Pages CLASS** (Shell Weinberg)

Wednesday, January 14 1:00 - 3:00 pm

* **Digital Photo CLASS** (Anne Clark)

Thursday, January 15 1:00 - 3:00 pm

NEW * **How to write a BLOG** (Anne Clark)

Saturday, January 24 1:00 - 3:00 pm

* **Intermediate OS X CLASS** (WimVermolen)

Tuesday, January 27 1:00 - 3:00 pm

iMovie Q & A (Michael Moore)

Friday, January 30 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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 **January 1 & 2 (Holidays)**

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

Mac Learning Center telephone number **268-2263**