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GENERAL MEETING · THURSDAY · SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
CLUBHOUSE 1 · 7:00 P.M.



Presented by Nat Craig, Business Partner, Apple Store
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👉 6:00 P.M. Ask the “Gurus” Q&A 👈

Inside...Apple PEALINGS



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Volunteer to assist YOUR Club today!

President's Message...

Murray Massin. Board Member, Instructor, and past Program Chair, passed away this July. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. I have written a long essay about Murray elsewhere in this newsletter.



Gladys Greene. Our beloved Newsletter Editor and Supervisor, Gladys Greene, has resigned her positions with the club due to recent infirmity. With great sadness on her part, she reluctantly gave up her Pealings newsletter that she created so diligently for many years. She mastered PageMaker and InDesign publishing software. Gladys was an early member of the club. In the days when we had no permanent meeting place, she would open her house and be a gracious host for members to learn more about 'Macintosh.' I now hope, with her responsibilities lifted, she will be able to recover.

Kevin O'Connor, recently retired from the performing arts field, has accepted the job as Newsletter Editor. He was recently elected Board Member, and he continues as an Assistant Supervisor. I still have his written note stating his interest in helping the club. I expect him to do well. Welcome aboard, Kevin.

Ted Miller. Ted Miller answered my call for volunteers. He is the Monday afternoon Supervisor, skilled in Photoshop, and was recently appointed Mac Board Associate. Welcome aboard, Ted.

Printer Problems. Recently two members had the same printer problem: printer won't print. Step one to try in cases like this is to open the "Print & Fax" System Preference and click on the 'Open Print Queue...' button. If printing was stopped, click the "Resume Printer" button. If that does not work, turn off the printer and disconnect the USB cable from the printer and the Mac. Wait a moment and reconnect the USB cable. Turn on the power. Check that the printer appears in the "Print & Fax" System Preferences Printers list.

Cheers...Charles

Important Information...

Mac Learning Center Phone.....268-2263
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Board Meetings....Tuesday at 1:15 P.M. following the Thursday General Meeting each month.

Program - Thursday, September 10, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.



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Snow Leopard

Better. Faster. Easier. Snow Leopard enhances your entire Mac experience. In ways big and small, it gets faster, more reliable, and easier to use. It's the Mac you know and love, made even better.

Next-generation technologies. New core technologies in Snow Leopard unleash the power of today's advanced hardware technology and prepare Mac OS X for future innovation.

More accessible than ever. Every Mac comes with assistive technologies that help people with disabilities experience what the Mac has to offer. The innovations in Snow Leopard advance accessibility even further.

Exchange support. Mac OS X Snow Leopard includes built-in support for the latest version of Microsoft Exchange Server, so you can use Mail, iCal and Address Book at home and at work.

Door Prizes

Three door prizes will be given to lucky winners in the audience (must be a Mac Club member and present to win).

📞 If you don't drive at night: 📞

➡️ The Night Bus (597-4659) is available for your convenience. ➡️

“Anne’s Corner”

Troubleshooting Tool: **Applejack**

Mac OS X needs very little maintenance, but if your Mac runs sluggish or your applications are not functioning properly, it may be time to run the (free) troubleshooting application called "**Applejack**." To start, download **Applejack** from www.applejack.sourceforge.net and install it.

After installation, restart your Mac, and when you hear the startup gong, hold down the Command and S keys. This will start your Mac with a black screen and white text. At the bottom of the text, type "**Applejack**" and press Enter. You will see more white text, ending with the list of tasks **Applejack** will perform and a command line:

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Enter the associated number or letter to choose your maintenance task.
It is strongly recommended you do them in the order listed!

[a] auto pilot. Script will do all tasks sequentially.

[1] repair disks
[2] repair permissions
[3] cleanup cache files
[4] validate preference files
[5] remove swap files

[q] : Just quit, thank you very much.

Your choice: █
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At the "Your choice:|" command line, type the letter "a" to instruct **Applejack** to automatically perform all 5 tasks in sequence. This may take 20 to 30 minutes.

When all tasks are completed, the same command line appears again. This time, type the letter "r" and press Enter to restart your Mac.

If you have any questions, ask Charles, Wim or myself. We will be glad to answer your questions or demonstrate **Applejack** at the Learning Center.

Enjoy your fast and snappy Mac!

Anne

The Mac Club Salutes Gladys Greene Upon Her Retirement as Newsletter Editor

Gladys Greene the longtime Editor of the "Peelings" retired from the position in August. The Mac Club would like to thank Gladys for her outstanding work for well over a decade as Editor and for her dedication to the Club as a Learning Center Supervisor and Board Member.



Instant Backup 1.6







Instant Backup 1.6 is a simple solution to securely back up selected data on-line and locally. Instant Backup is designed to back up your most valuable and sensitive projects just when you need it, ensuring that they're always safe. And FTP backup assures that the data won't be lost in the case of theft, fire or flood. Instant Backup is not a replacement for complete computer backup systems, such as Time Machine or a clone such as SuperDuper.

Instant Backup allows one to create and save groups of settings for FTP and local backup and can also automatically create a compressed disk image (.dmg) for each file or folder you drop on its icon. For complete backup security, the disk image can be encrypted and password protected. The number of previous backups to keep can also be specified.

I found this a handy little program for quickly backing up important files or folders either locally on an external hard disk or an iDisk. It's quick, simple, and relatively cheap at \$14.95. Demo is also available for download. Instant Backup is a Universal Binary and runs on Mac OS X 10.4 and higher; Leopard compatible.

Find it at: www.zevrix.com

Product Liaison and Review by — Lee Wight, MD

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Remembering Murray Massin

Murray Massin passed away July 18, 2009, in the Country Villa Healthcare Center, near Gate 2, after a six months stay. He had fallen at home in late December 2008 and never regained the strength to walk unassisted. He was 90, which he celebrated in June 2009 with his family at Country Villa.

Murray and I both moved into Leisure World in 1996. I attended a Mac club meeting later that year and Murray 'spotted' me. He invited me to the Board and that was the beginning of a friendly relationship. Murray was assisting Jerry Green as Program Chair at the time. The next year Murray became the Program Chair, responsible for booking the speakers at our general meetings. At about the same time, I was elected Club President. Murray worked as our Program Chair for about ten years.

During Murray's quest for speakers, he visited Apple's Cupertino offices. He was unable to book Steve Jobs. Murray went to a seminar at Apple's marketing office in Santa Monica. There he met Bill Labate, an Apple Marketing executive. Shortly thereafter, Bill moved on to a computer operation position at UCLA and Murray worked out a visit for the Club. All who attended the UCLA trip enjoyed the show. This was one of Murray's typical "out of the box" ideas.

Murray became a member of our neighboring Mac club, SMOG (Southern California Macintosh Owners Group). Many times I rode along with Murray to the SMOG meeting. Murray's primary reason for visiting SMOG was to borrow speaker ideas for our Mac club. After every meeting we would stop for lunch at Coco's.

Murray was very conscious of being a gracious host to our speakers. He would invite the speakers to a meal after the meeting, usually at Coco's Restaurant. These relationships helped Murray with his succeeding bookings.

During Murray's convalescence at Country Villa, Murray asked me for a Mac for his hospital room. As luck would appear, a resident had a flat-panel iMac with a defective hard drive and approached me for advice for selling his old iMac. I purchased the iMac and installed a newer hard drive for Murray. Murray arranged to have his own DSL connection. Hospital staff took note. Having an iMac would pay dividends to Murray and his wife during Murray's stay at Country Villa. Murray died with his iPod playing his favorite music. This was a magnificent gesture by Murray's daughter. Good bye, Murray. We had fun.

By Charles Clark

Macintosh Learning Center

--- Shell Weinberg

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

Put your photo or graphic on your email...

I recently had an interesting experience with the emails that I was sending along to friends and other folks.

Sometime in the past I had set it up so a picture of a shell would be included at the very top of all my outgoing emails, along with the usual **Subject, From, Date, To** lines. It seemed unique and sort of like a letterhead.



Subject: possible Super trade...
From: shell weinberg
Date: July 11, 2009 7:11:22 AM PDT
To: faye pearl



Then, one day while taking a look at my **Sent Mailbox messages** there appeared a crazy distorted photograph instead of my nice shell photo. It suddenly dawned on me that I'd been using *Photoshop Elements* about a week earlier, experimenting and learning how to use different **Artistic Effects** and other photo altering tools.

Have no idea how it happened, but somehow this distorted photo must have been exported and now shows up on my email letterhead. I'm sure if anybody looked at it they would not figure out what it was supposed to be.

So, now I should correct this... however, for the life of me, I could not remember how I put the shell photo on my email letterhead in the first place.

Researching **Mail** in a few Mac OS X books didn't help. **Mail Help** didn't help. A few feeble attempts for info online didn't help. I knew I could contact Charles, or some other knowledgeable Club member, and ask.

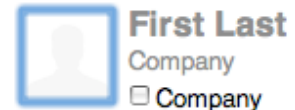
But I decided to use my *AppleCare Protection Plan*. Dialed the phone number, asked for help with **Mail**, was then connected to **India**, I think. The Tech had a strange name and a semi-heavy accent, very difficult for this old guy to understand.

He did give me good instructions though... and then **insisted on waiting** on the phone while I completed the task. Whether I understood what he was saying or not, his attitude was terrific. This ended my frustration and belief that I was a dummy... but I do suspect we are all dummies until enlightened by some instruction.

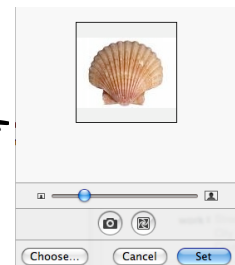
And so... this column was born. If you are using the **Mail app**, and just in case you are interested in **putting your photo or graphic on your outgoing email**, I am going to provide the instructions on how to do it. You will find it to be so easy I'm almost embarrassed.



Start by launching the application **Address Book**, located in the *Applications folder*. A window will open, click **File menu**, then select **New Card**. Click on the photo square to highlight it.



Now, you can open any number of different **sources** to get the image you want to appear on your email letterhead. If you want a **photo**, launch *iPhoto*. Or, if you want to have some real fun... search *Google Images* for images of **anything**. When you have the source window open, simply drag the image you want over the photo square, release mouse button. **A dialog appears**. Click on the **Set** button to place the image.



Would you like to create a special **graphic** that you can custom design? You could launch *Pages* and create the image, **copy** it and then **paste** into the photo square.



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Calendar ■ **September 2009**

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| CLASS for Novices* (<i>Faye Pearl & Metche Franke</i>) | Wednesday, September 2 | 10:00 - 11:30 am |
| eMail / Internet CLASS* (<i>Anne Clark</i>) | no class until October 3 | |
| LABOR DAY (L.C. CLOSED) | Monday, September 7 | |
| Mac for Dummies CLASS* (<i>Shell Weinberg</i>) | Wednesday, September 9 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| GENERAL MEETING in Club House 1 | Thursday, September 10 | 6:00 - 8:15 pm |
| BOARD MEETING in Spruce Room (Adm.Bldg.) | Tuesday, September 15 | 1:15 - 3:45 pm |
| iPhoto 09 CLASS* (<i>Anne Clark</i>) | Thursday, September 17 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| Slideshows 101 CLASS* (<i>Michael Moore</i>) | Friday, September 25 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| Intermediate OS X CLASS* (<i>Wim Vermolen</i>) | Tuesday, September 29 | 1:00 - 2:30 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 **September 7 (Holiday)**

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

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