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New User Meeting

Thursday
March. 5th
7:00 - 9:00 pm



Exposé, Spaces &
Dashboard

General Meeting

Sunday
March 8th
3:00 - 5:00 pm



Elections,
You Tube (What's All
the Hype)
Guest Presenter

Meeting Locations

**The New User &
General Meetings
are held at the
Lakewood
Public Library**

Located at the south-
west corner of Gravelly
Lake Drive and Wildaire
Road.

[http://www.
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Life seems to hand us surprises every time we turn around. What you expect is seldom exactly what you get; what you hope for often is delivered with undreamed of extras.

We recently observed the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth. His patient observations helped establish the modern scientific method of investigating issues and testing hypotheses. His theories created great debate and generated heated opposition. Understanding how genetic factors govern the way each generation passes characteristics on to the next has become stronger as the map of the Human Genome was defined.

While the apple may not fall far from the tree, the seeds in that apple likely carry some changes which may or may not improve the next generation. Or the generation after that one.

Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat March 2009

Five decades ago Seattle's lovely Lake Washington was murky, after years of absorbing untreated effluent from shoreline communities. Lakefront property was sometimes a ripe summertime location. Swimming was definitely a high-risk pastime. A major clean up effort began with the creation of Metro. In recent years the Lake is clearer than it has been for many generations.

An article in the Seattle Times recently pointed out that the stickleback fish in

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NWAP Executive Board Election During General Meeting



Meeting Change Notices & Special Notices

The Novice S.I.G will be meeting at a new location. The Lakewood Fire District 22 Conference Room. 8517 Washington Blvd. Lakewood, WA.

We will be having an election of the NWAP Board Mar 8th at the General Meeting see list candidates on page 3.

Effective March 3, 2009 the NWAP board meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month.

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New User Report

Our annual tour of the Macintosh system is under way. We have already looked at some of the features of the desktop menus and spent time at the February meeting exploring the Finder, that application that runs full time to provide the user interface. Whether you are a veteran Mac user or a new user, our aim is to show you to the features you can use to build your skills.

Our March 5th program will begin the first of two sessions looking at Exposé, Spaces, and Dashboard which offer users ways to view their desktop windows, organize their projects, and create a way to find information from widgets. We encourage questions and hope to give useful answers!

Join us at the Lakewood Library on March 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Bob Moffat: phone 253-845-5233 or email

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Novice SIG Report

This month we will be meeting in the Lakewood Fire District 22 Conference room Mar. 5th 3-5 pm. The address is: 8517 Washington Blvd., Lakewood, WA 98498, (about 2 miles south and west of the Lakewood Library.)

This month's topic

Being creative with graphics and pictures

We will open with a question/answer period.

There have been questions on Mail so we will go into Mail, if we have time. Questions sent before the meeting will be appreciated and answered in depth.

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Mortvedt Session

March 13 is our next monthly session at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center (1705 N. Vassault St. from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.) Open to Mac users whether they live in the complex or not, these meetings on the second Friday of the month give our NWAP coaches a chance to work with small groups for lots of up close and personal help. If you have a MacBook, bring it along so we can assist you on your own machine. You don't have to bring a computer, however, just show up! We'll try to answer your questions and demonstrate some solutions.

See our website for maps and driving directions:

www.nwapplpkrs.org

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NorthWest Apple Pickers

NWAP is an Apple Macintosh User Group which meets the second Sunday of the Month. Annual Dues are \$35 for an individual or a family. Send inquiries to P.O. Box 99388, Lakewood WA 98496-0388

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Tacoma Area PC User Group

NWAP and TAPCUG, a PC user group, are two organizations working together to support the Macintosh and PC platforms in the Greater Tacoma/Pierce County area. TAPCUG meets the second Saturday of each month. Send inquiries to: 6824 19th Street West PMB #170, University Place WA 98466.

<www.tapcug.org>

March General Meeting

General Meeting, Sunday March 8th: will meet at the Lakewood Library from 3-5 pm.

You Tube - What's all the hype about?

A guest presenter will explain the hows and whys of this Internet phenomenon and how you, too, can post videos or simply explore those others have posted.

Also Annual Election Of NWAP Officers

Help & Information

General Club Matters..... Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9am-4pm)
New User (OS 10) Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 (any)
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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Minutes, Feb 17th, 2009 (Digest Version)

by Bob Moffat, Secretary

The February 17, 2009 Board Meeting was called to order at President Camp's home at 7:04 p.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Two Board members were absent and there were no guests.

Reports showed the Red Chip value at \$62.50 and the Treasurer noted a balance in all accounts of \$908.26. Current active memberships stand at 68 with 9 renewals received. Meeting attendance at the New User Group was 22 (with 2 visitors) and at the General Meeting, 18.

The slate for election of officers at the March 8th General Meeting is complete and will be published in the March newsletter. The Board noted that to be eligible to vote, membership dues must be current.

A new projector has been purchased which can display the wide screen of our MacBookPro. The Board will assign the old projector to the Novice S.I.G.

The Board voted to continue the plan to reschedule Board Meetings on the first Tuesday beginning on March 3rd.

A new Meeting topics plan has been posted on the web site. March meeting info includes:

March 5:

- Novice S.I.G.: 3-5 p.m. at Lakewood Firehouse
- New User Group: 7-9 p.m. at Lakewood Library - Exposé, Spaces, & Dashboard

March 8:

General Meeting: 3 5 p.m. at Lakewood Library
Annual Elections of Officers, Guest
Presentation: You Tube (What's All the Hype?)

March 13:

Mortvedt Session: 10 a.m. - Noon at Lutheran Retirement complex

Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities job descriptions have been collected by President Camp, ready to be prepared for the Standing Rules called for in the new Bylaws. Brynestad and Moffat will consult to develop a format for the Board's approval.

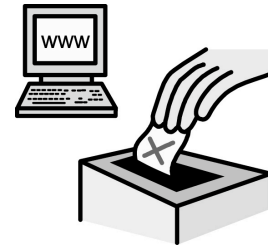
Editor Putman will contact APCUG to explore services and benefits if we agree to renew our annual membership in the organization.

The annual financial audit of the club is scheduled for February 27th.

The Novice Group S.I.G. will meet at the Lakewood Firehouse on March 5th.

The Membership chair was asked to develop a printable Roster for our members.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Moffat, Secretary



Proposed Candidate Slate For NWP Executive Board

During the March General meeting we will be voting for a new board.

The current NWP Board has proposed the following slate of candidates for the March 2009 Elections.

Nomination will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

President -	Erick Camp
V. President -	Stewart Beels
Secretary	Alice Brynestad
Treasurer -	Marilynn Russell
Membership -	David Putman
Director -	Bob Moffat
Director -	Ivan Richardson
Director-	Fred Battié

Please remember your dues must be current to vote.

A Thought For The Day

Computers have enabled man to make more mistakes in less time than any invention since automatic weapons.

Word Wrap

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Lake Washington have had to adapt and adjust as the murky waters slowly cleared since the mid 1950s in order to survive. They have begun to exhibit additional armored areas on their bodies to help avoid the hungry trout who prey upon them. In the murky decades, their ancestors were able to avoid being seen and had no need to equip themselves with such armor. As the water cleared, the sticklebacks adapted, apparently reaching back into their genetic history to tap some survival assistance.

For the stickleback--at least those unlucky ones who served as trout buffet--the successful treatment of the lake to improve the quality of its waters offered an unexpected challenge. While humans proudly viewed the clearing Lake and no longer avoided the beaches on hot afternoons, some denizens of the deep faced a new set of "extras." The predators all up and down the food chain probably wrote home about the improved view of their entrées.

Just as the minor and major genetic adjustments from one generation to the next keep producing surprises, the world we biological beings create seems to generate changes, too. Technology offers a dozen different ways to move from step 20 to step 21: which route selected is often difficult to guess. In our recent experience humans have been introduced to automobiles, airplanes, radio and television, global economies and dependencies, portable computers, portable phones, portable music players, instant digital imagery, nanotubes, space walks, bundled subprime mortgage securities, year-round supermarket fresh produce, silkscreened T-shirts, pointless (but sharp!) piercings, digital television signals, battery powered lives, and handheld remote controls.

We have been warned about global warming and unrenowable resource consumption. We are encouraged to spend our way out of recession and save for a rainy day (if there will be any after global warming.) Familiar old institutions have failed or merged because they may have been too anxious to succeed and expand. As the murky economic waters begin to clear who knows what will be visible and what will need to evolve camouflage in order to survive?

It seems those mechanisms, organizations, and organisms best equipped to survive trying times are able to adjust to changes just fast enough to avoid disaster...sometimes a day at a time.

The funny thing is, the same adjustments are required in good times, too. Can you think of any part of your life that did not keep throwing a little surprise at you just as you thought you had everything figured out? Have you ever had more than a few hours or days without some new development being lobbed into your life, tick-tick-ticking away while you have to Think Fast! It's what keeps the little gray cells throbbing.

Change arrives in small or great increments. For example, we are about to elect a new Executive Board for NorthWest Apple Pickers. Every candidate has served on this or past editions of the Board. This new Board will be a new mix of responsibilities. The year ahead will offer challenges and opportunities similar to and different from those we've dealt with in recent years. The "genome" of the new Board will not be greatly changed and will bring a refreshed point of view. Our hope is that the club will be able to continue to clear out the murky waters and make our members' Mac experience crystal clear.

That is our hope. It's those undreamed of extras that we'll have to be watching.

UPDATE on Such A Deal

Thinking of upgrading to Leopard? Also interested in iLife 09 & iWorks 09? For \$169 you can get a boxed set from Apple which includes all three software packages. ***On the other hand at Amazon has it a cost of \$148.99***

http://www.amazon.com/Apple-MB997Z-A-Mac-Box/dp/B001AMLPYM/ref=pd_bbs_4?ie=UTF8&s=software&qid=1235194034&sr=8-4

Tom's Tips

When no new iPhones were announced at Macworld I got on line with AT&T to get a refurbished model for \$149. The first web site refurb page had both versions (8 & 16 Gig) marked as "Not Available." They had been available the day before Macworld. I drilled down a few more pages and there they were. Sign up was very easy. I had a sneaky feeling "refurb" was actually new but a cover to move some phones. When it arrived in a "Refurb" box I changed my mind about that.

Having some trouble seeing/finding your cursor? Go to System Preferences and click on Universal Access. Under Mouse (and Track pad on a laptop) you will find a cursor size change slider.

More on the iPhone which is the major subject this month but probably not in future issues. My oldest son, the airline pilot, is the last hold out among the three boys as to being an iPhone owner. When he visited us a few weeks ago his tune had changed from when the subject was first raised. He now says, "The pilots I fly with all have them and have showed me the amazing aviation and weather apps that work with the phone. So, I'll be getting one."

My favorite news app is the Mobile News Network from AP. Tried the USA TODAY app and didn't like it.

The new iPhone never connected to AT&T on its own. When I ordered the phone I requested the same number as I had with my Sprint account. Called Sprint a week after I got the phone and they said, "We gave the number to AT&T but they haven't taken it yet. Call them." I did and got connected. Then I ordered a free Nokia "refurb" for my wife. This one actually did seem to be new. It arrived five days after I ordered it. The AT&T site said, "Two day delivery." I suspect the last leg of things coming this way, i.e., El Paso to Las Cruces, is via mule train. Same activation deal, 9 days after delivery and still no service. I have been too busy to call AT&T and get it hooked up.

Got a nice leather iPhone case from Hong Kong (EBay) for \$5.40 with free shipping. As is usual with things coming from Hong Kong the shipping was faster than some things ordered from a U.S. address. Nice magnetic flap to keep the case closed. Was sure glad I had it the first time I dropped the phone. Good

protection from the leather case edges protecting the phone when it hit the floor on its edge. More shock protection than a hard case would provide. When I put the phone down into the case I didn't know there was some kind of stickum where the phone fits in and it is now very firmly attached. No need for doing whatever it takes to get it unstuck at this time so I'll forget about it for now.

Got a ZAGG full body invisibleSHIELD with my Macworld discount. Have not had the nerve to try and install the front part of the shield. The kit comes with a tube of liquid spray, a squeegee, the shield, and plenty of instructions. There is also a video demo on the ZAGG web site. I hate the thought of being without my phone for 24 hours, recommended "cure" time after installation. The box says, "Over 1,000,000 sold."

Sharing LARGE Files

Apple has announced, through their MobileMe News blog, a new iDisk feature that had been demonstrated for sharing large files. You can now easily share any file on your iDisk with others, via email or the Web, with just a few clicks.

<http://www.apple.com/mobileme/news/2009/02/sharing-large-files-with-idisk.html>

With the new sharing feature, here's what you do. First, put the file you want to share anywhere on your iDisk - it need not be in your Public folder. Next, log in to your account at **www.me.com** and click the iDisk icon to display all the files on your iDisk in your Web browser. Select the file you want to share and click the new Share File button. MobileMe generates a unique, private URL pointing to that file and displays it in a dialog. In this same dialog you can optionally fill in one or more email addresses and a message to send the URL to others; you can also choose whether the URL expires after a period of time (the default is 30 days) and add a password if you want. Click Share, and the file becomes available at the new URL. (You can also, after the fact, modify the file's expiration and password settings.) A Web-based tutorial walks you through the whole process, but it's pretty self-explanatory.

South Sound Adobe User Group

March 9th will be our next Adobe user group meeting. This is the last meeting in our series of three Photoshop focused sessions. We will be exploring multiple images input with single image output: stitched panoramics; erasing layers; masking for depth of field in multiple shots; and more. Bring a question. Supply a tip or trick for an extra point in our software grand drawing in June. Yes, June. March's meeting marks the halfway point in our semester.

Be sure to grab a "brown bag". We are back to bringing in whatever we want to eat... 5:30 for dinner and networking.

Meeting will be at Cascade Print.

Location: 3321 S. Lawrence Street, Tacoma

Visit: <http://www.ssaug.org/contacts.htm>

Membership Update

Report compiled on February 19th by David Putman, Editor & Membership Chairman

New Memberships:

Renewed Memberships: Alice Brynestad, Glenda Alley, Tom Garcia, Huguette Bennett, Clive Berglund, Loretta Chamberland, Georgianna Miller, Dorothy Wilhelm, Joyce Wenk, Joy & William Cross and James Derck.

Memberships Expired In January: Maxine Alexander, Nancy Polich, Russell Rosenbloom, Charles Wheeler.

Memberships Expiring In February: Evonne Agnello, Janet Baccus, Jack Conlon & Lee Peden,

Red Chip

The Red Chip is worth \$62.50

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Photos of Kubota Gardens Seattle WA.

By Gloria Austin-Putman



South Tacoma Station's Landmark

Two 18-foot tall arches made of steel and stone serve as an artistic gateway to the recently opened South Tacoma Station. The sculptures, titled "Landmark," were created by artist Ilan Averbuch and tell riders that they've arrived at the station.

The new South Tacoma facility (in Lakewood) includes a bus platform and parking for about 220 vehicles. The station will eventually also be served by Sounder when trains are running from South Tacoma and Lakewood to Tacoma and Seattle by 2012. When the commuter station is built, it will include a long platform alongside the tracks, with five shelters to provide cover for commuters as well as kiosks to purchase tickets.

See Back Page For Photo

Photo & description courtesy of Sound Transit.

Club Info emails

keep you informed of NWAP announcements of interest. Thanks to Loretta Chamberland's efforts, members are kept up to date on the latest developments. Members: please keep us informed of your current email and mailing address changes so you won't miss an issue of the newsletter or a worthwhile announcement.

(contact: mcintosh@nwapplpkrs.org)

Book Reviews Give

our members a chance to keep up on the latest releases. Review a book and it is yours to keep, courtesy of the publishers that cooperate with NWAP on these programs. See Marilyn M. Russell for details.

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A series of 4 photos by Bob Moffat

Taken at Wright Park Conservatory during the Chihuly glass display. Thanks Bob



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