Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Thursday
Oct. 7th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A Tale of Two Apps:
..at the worst of times..

General Meeting
Sunday
Oct. 10th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Using a Graphics Tablet with various programs. See Page 2

Meeting Locations
The New User & General Meetings are typically held at the Lakewood Public Library

Located at the southwest corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.

http://www.nwapplpkrs.org

Word Wrap
By Bob Moffat October. 2010

September seems to be a game changing month. Seasons switch. School starts. New projects begin; old ones come to an end. We observe anniversaries--some solemn and others with amazement and celebration.

A quarter of a century ago one brash young fellow was fired from the company he helped create. He took his pride (and a healthy severance package) elsewhere and continued to think creatively. Pixar. NeXT. Eleven years later the company that fired him bought one of his companies and within a year he was CEO of Apple...again in charge of our favorite computer company.

An anniversary of another event from a decade ago passed us by in September: Mac OS X was first released to the public ten years ago. That public beta version was much like the camel's nose under the tent: most Mac users were happily clicking keys on versions of System 9 or 8 (or even 7) and viewed the new kid on the block with guarded reserve. The fancy new desktop layout looked really different and there were not a lot of applications that the new kid could handle.

Please help us with our **Survey** on Page 3

NOTES & REMINDERS

Board Meeting Oct. 10th
1:15 to 2:30
OPEN TO ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY

NWAP Secretary Vacancy
See page 4

Overflow To The NWAP Website
Occasionally we have more of the newsletter than will fit on our normal 8 printed pages. When that happens you will see "*continued on page 9*". When you view the newsletter on the NWAP website, there will be the 8 printed pages plus the unprinted pages.

Photos For The Newsletter
The newsletter always needs photos.
See page 7 for more information.

A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington

New User Report

We explored the delights of Preview, Font Book, and TextEdit at the September 2nd New User Group.

October's session will look at a couple of useful tools: Disk Utility (which has many talents) and Keychain Access (which helps you manage security.) If you wonder why we "Repair Permissions," you won't want to miss this meeting.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Thursday **Oct. 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Contact Bob Moffat
(phone 253-845-5233 or email **ramoat@me.com**)

Mortvedt Session

The Oct. 8th meeting at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center is another place to learn about Mac computers. These monthly morning sessions, held the second Fridays, are open to all Mac users whether or not they live in the complex. Our coaches work with small groups to help answer questions. If you have a MacBook, bring it to the meeting. You don't have to have a computer to attend.

Mortvedt Center is at 1705 N. Vassault St.

Please join us Friday **Oct. 8th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

Contact Bob Moffat
(phone 253-845-5233 or email **ramoat@me.com**)

General Meeting

The October 10th NWAP General Meeting will include an introduction to using a graphics tablet and a look at several applications where the tablet can make using a mouse or trackpad seem as out of date as a Model T or an Apple][. Bob Moffat will demonstrate some applications, including Adobe's new CS 5 Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator--using a Wacom tablet. The audience will have a chance to try using the tablet, too.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday **Oct. 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m**.

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Board Meeting

The NorthWest Apple Pickers Board will meet prior to the General Meeting on Sunday, **October 10th beginning at 1:15pm** at the Lakewood Library.

Contact Erick Camp(phone 253-841-0091 or email **campej@comcast.net**)

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

<www.nwapplpkrs.org>

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<brownie@nwapplpkrs.org>

Please submit photos in color and actual size. The editorial staff will edit for use in the newsletter.

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NWAP & TAPCUG members may place "Buy/Sell" item on the NWAP website. Send an e-mail to **campej@comcast.net** *and provide details concerning the item(s) that you wish to buy or. that you have for sale.*

Since your entire email will be posted as a PDF file, please keep the "for sale" items and the "wanted" items in their own appropriate email.

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>

Help & Information

General Club Matters........... Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
New User (OS 10) ....Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 (any)
Legacy (OS 8 & 9)...................Webb Olliphant, 253-584-7473 (1-9 p.m.)
Editor..................................David Putman, 253-446-1954 (8 a.m.-7 p.m.)
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See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

<www.nwapplpkrs.org>

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
October starts at $23.00

New for NWAP Members On The NWAP Website

Your NWAP Board of Directors is pleased to announce two new benefits for members of the NWAP Club. To access these benefits, you must log into your Club's Web Pages using your member account data. If you have forgotten, or lost, your login name and/or password, go to the Club's website for the "forgot password" page,

http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/password_resets/new

Enter your email address in the entry field provided on the page. When you trigger the "reset my password" button, you will be sent an email message with the link to follow where you can set a new password. Once the password has been reset and you are logged in, the account log-in screen will show your log-in name and other account information.

Once logged into the NWAP site, select the "Reports" tab to locate the new benefits links.

DEALS

The "Deals" link will open a web page that will contain special deals available to members of the NorthWest Apple Pickers. These deals are offered by merchants who provide software or hardware that your Board of Directors think might be of benefit to our membership.

These offerings are NOT an endorsement of the product or vendor!

As in all things, Buyer Beware!

Buy&Sell

The "Buy/Sell" link will open access to an area where members can notify other members of items which you need or have for sale. To have your "Buy/Sell" item posted, send an e-mail to **campej@comcast.net** and provide details concerning the item(s) that you have for sale or item(s) that you wish to buy. Since your entire email will be posted as a PDF file, please keep the "for sale" items and the "wanted" items in their own appropriate email. It is suggested that each email contain only one item unless they are related items. Also the subject line should be descriptive so it will catch a persons attention.

Items will be allowed to run for 30 days unless the originator requests the e-mail be deleted.

Note, at this time, we are not offering non-members access to the Buy/Sell items. Your Board of Directors will re-evaluate this option once we have had some time to evaluate the effectiveness of the internal operations.

Survey

iPad: Do you have one? What is your opinion? What is the real difference between the WiFi & the G3 version?

iPhone: Do you have one? Which model? What is your opinion?

Newsletter: What is your opinion of the this year's newsletters? What would YOU like to see different in YOUR newsletter? Please send comments to the editor. **dcalvin41@me.com** Thanks

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Membership Report For September 2010
As Of September 25th, 2010

Total Memberships: 68

Membership Renewals:
Magno & Delores Tulfo, Bob Brown & Monika Roberts-Brown, Patricia Clark, Eldon Estep & Carol Rybolt, May Junkin

Due in August:
Dick & Emiko Benton, Carol Rybolt & Midge Holmes

Due in October:
Tis Huberth, Bob Moffat, Judith Sloan, William Barron, Desiree Hermann & Otto Tollefson

Meeting Attendance:
Sept. 2 nd, New User: 23 Members & 2 Visitors
Sept 10 th, Mortvedt: 7 Members & 7 Visitors
Sept 12 th, Board Meeting: 8 Board Members
Sept 12 th, General Meeting: 21 Members &
  1 Visitor

Sept.General Meeting Recap

NWAP members were treated to a very interesting presentation on video and photo editing at the September General Meting. Doug Brown, a local cinematographer and photographer with a commercial media background, showed us how to use the Apple iLife suite in shooting and editing home videos. He explained about choosing cameras and equipment and how to add music and edit the sound track. Many helpful questions were asked and answered.

Doug Brown   **Larry Weakly**

Photo By Webb Olliphant

South Sound Adobe User Group
(**www.ssaug.org**)

Date: September. 13th
Where: Cascade Print Media in Tacoma at 5:30 p.m (brown bag snack time) 3321 So. Lawrence St.
Topic: Unknown at press time. Check out details at our website!

From Loretta Chamberland

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the nice tribute to my husband in the September newsletter. Your thoughtful support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely Yours
Loretta Chamberland

NWAP SECRETARY

The NWAP Board of Directors is sad to announce the resignation of Kay Thompson from the Board of Directors as Club Secretary. If any Club Member has an interest in working to keep the Club strong and growing, and is willing to take on the responsibilities of Club Secretary until the next Board is elected in March, please contact the President, Erick Camp. (phone 253-841-0091 or email **campej@comcast.net**)

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:
  Secretary shall:
  1. keep minutes of official meetings and make them available for publication.
  2. maintain the official copy of the current By-laws and Standing Rules.
  3. perform such other duties as the Executive Board may assign.

TOM'S MAC NOTES OCT. 2010
By Tom Garcia

A new Apple software company is called "GoBlue Software".

gobluesoftware.com

I have tried the free Shade which "hides your messy desktop." There is an icon in the menu bar that hides all desktop icons leaving just your desktop wallpaper. So, now I (mostly) just have my color photo of MS Mount Washington on Lake Winipasawki.

A few days after starting to use Shade (don't know yet if there is a connection) my MacBook developed this problem: Mail is white text on black background. Pictures are all displayed as negatives. Played with everything in preferences and was stuck. Anyone got any ideas? (I asked this of the mailing list.)

I was starting to think about reinstalling the OS to get rid of the inverted colors. As I once told my wife, "There is always a way to fix computer problems. It's just finding out how." Story: Years ago I bought my first add-on internal PC optical drive, "Twice as fast as other drives" said the Sony advertisement. (Blazing 2x speed). The supplied instructions were totally wrong. Trial and error finally got the driver installed and the drive working properly but only after several days of experimentation. I wrote a set of corrected instructions and sent them to Sony. They probable put them in the round file.

Back to the current problem. A smart guy on the list told me just what to do. So simple. Press Control-Option-Command-8 and problem instantly goes away. He added, "Have some fun with your friend's computer when they aren't looking." My contact gave me the key code for doing the trick to a Windows 7 machine, too. It can be done even if the computer is locked! Will try that on my own PC when I get back to New Mexico.

See NWAP website

http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/pdflists?name=newsletters

Note from the editor: I had to try the "Shade Tree" app that Tom mentioned. It works GREAT! Gloria dislikes clutter so she is really going to appreciate "Shade Tree". David ☺

From the editor's desk

The 90 year old blogger

Phyllis Greene, who is in hospice care in Ohio, talks about why she decided to start a blog at the age of 90 and how technology has brought a new dimension to her life. And it looks like she is using a Mac.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/world_news_america/8999217.stm>

Snagit Beta For The Mac
http://www.techsmith.com/snagitmac/

[Download & info link]

Snagit enables computer users to take screenshots of exactly what they see on their computer screens to communicate ideas faster, explain concepts clearly, and archive electronic information with point-and-click convenience

Snagit creates an image of all or part of what you see on your computer monitor PLUS:

• Flexible options that let you capture only what you want.

• Annotation varieties like arrows, speech bubbles, and more make it easy to customize your capture.

• Versatility in what you do with your capture. Send it to your favorite app, share it online, or save it for later.

http://www.techsmith.com/company/press/pr091215.asp

[Press Release Link]

The above is part of the press release. However your really have to download & try it to see all it's great features. Snagit allows you to do a screen capture & annotate it complete with clouds, text and arrows. Examples are shown on page 9.

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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Notes
Sunday Sept. 12th by Bob Moffat

President Camp called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

Other members present were: Fred Battié, Francette Beeler, Clive Berglund, Eldon Estep, Mary Fleck, Bob Moffat, and Peter Winderling.

Reports were accepted.

Business card design will be circulated via email by September 15th for board members review with plan to have printed copies available at October meetings.

The board approved the proposed sale of the original club projector if the buyer agrees.

Meeting venue was reviewed in light of the mix up in September 2nd Pierce County Library reservation. Board agreed to watch the confirmation notices carefully to try to avoid miscues and to keep aware of alternative locations which may be worth considering.

Board members considered publication policies regarding sponsorships, paid advertising, and the scope of non-computer related content in the newsletter.

The board agreed not to accept commercial advertising for the newsletter.

An expansion of the club website will offer members a place to post for sale/wanted items.

Inclusion of non-computer community content in the newsletter was not favored; the board would rather see an issue with fewer pages--if content is not available to the editor--rather than topics that are more appropriate in a community publication. [See Editor's note below]

The board formed a committee to prepare for Christmas Party gift purchases: Erick Camp, Eldon Estep, Francette Beeler, and Bob Moffat volunteered. The board again authorized up to $200 be spent for items.

President Camp also noted it is time to begin encouraging members to run for office. An article for the newsletter will be prepared and the job descriptions for board positions will be reprinted in preparation for establishing a search committee to produce a slate for March elections.

Vice President Winderling discussed topics for October and November General meetings.

Meeting adjourned t 2:50 p.m.

Admittedly the Sept. issue deviated from a "strictly computer orientated" newsletter. It was the editorial staff's thought that the NWAP members might appreciate some local interest. Please note that the additional cost for color was paid for by a donation rather than NWAP.

Editor. David C. Putman

New User Group Recap
Sept 2nd By Bob Moffat

Three important applications built into Mac OS X are Preview, TextEdit, and Font Book. We reviewed each of them at the September 2nd New User Meeting. Preview is the default program that opens graphics files, such as JPG, GIF, PNG, TIF, and PDF. It offers the chance to add your annotations to a file as well as save in a different file format. Font Book manages the (what else?) fonts installed on your computer and includes several ways to organize them and to print out samples of selected fonts. TextEdit is a basic, easy to use text editor (a word processor without bells and whistles) which can open and save in the most common file formats. For many (if not most) word processing tasks, it may have all the features you need and the ability to produce a file that is easily shared with others.

The October session will review Disk Utility and Keychain Access, a couple of useful applications for maintaining a healthy Mac.

Fred Battié - Member At Large

I do not recall how many years ago that I joined the Applepickers, but it goes a ways back. It did not take too long before I volunteered to be on the board, and spent a few years on it then. As most members I tried to contribute to the deliberations then as I do now. The only two items that I directly presented was: The Chit fund drawings, and the Christmas, "Give one, get one" Christmas gift exchanges. (Before, we used some of the treasury money for Christmas gifts.) I hope to be of some use in my present Board Position, in spite of my long absences due to other obligations.

Fred Battié
Board Member At Large.

Revisions to NWAP Masthead
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Please note that some information has been revised to conform with current NWAP policies.

The revisions are italicized in this addition of the newsletter. Editor *David C. Putman*

Word Wrap

Even a year later, most Mac users were moving to the newly released System 9.2 and still viewing OS X with reserve: 10.1 (Puma)arrived in September 2001.

New PowerMacs at this time were able to run either system. Our lime green iMac was dual booting: we split our New User Group into an hour for OS X and an hour for System 9. OS X continued to evolve and improve. It seemed more stable and talented and as more applications were available, it became the main focus of our annual training cycles.

From the first official OS 10.0 release in March 2001, OS X has been improved and expanded. New features, increased capacity, more versatility, and improved GUI have arrived with regularity. By September 2009 Snow Leopard (10.6) was running on Intel Macs.

In a little over a dozen years since he returned to Apple, Steve Jobs's team has produced some game-changing computer software and hardware. His company has entered several other high-tech areas of the consumer market as well with results that spill over into changing the industries that support them. A raft of products with names that begin with "i" are influencing software and hardware design around the world.

Many criticize the closed nature of Apple's system. If only they licensed the system, goes the argument, they could have much wider sales. Possibly. But what sort of product would the consumer find when the wrapping came off? Apple has controlled the hardware and the software that runs on it so that what is promised is what is delivered. For years the other brands of computers available range from very good to very ...cheap. Some of these machines can handle a robust version of Brand X operating system: some do not.

The same experience is playing out in smart phones. Each manufacturer's model is keyed to a version of an operating system--not necessarily the same version as another brand of phone that claims to use the same OS. That fragmentation of experience which computer users have lived with for years has come to the smartphone market.

Will it get sorted out eventually? To some degree, yes.

Or you can take a look at the game-changer which pretty much delivers what it promises. By the time the others find the mark, the target seems to have moved. Again.

Seasons switch. Some things don't change much over a decade or a quarter of a century. Except they change everything.

Photographs Needed For Newsletter

Got Photos? Of course you do! Pick out a few and get them to David Putman, your newsletter editor so he can showcase your favorite pictures in Apple Pickin's.

How are the photos chosen?

It's editor's choice. However the editor typically follows the guidelines below for photos included in the newsletter following the preferences below:

Taken by NWAP members.

Taken in the Tacoma/Pierce County area.

Taken in western Washington.

Other photos submitted by NWAP members.

Photos selected by the Editor from any sources available.

Email your photos to editor at
dcalvin41@me.com

Kubota Garden

Hidden in South Seattle, Kubota Garden is a stunning 20 acre landscape that blends Japanese garden concepts with native Northwest plants. The city acquired the property, which is an historic landmark, in 1987 from the estate of master landscaper Fujitaro Kubota. Kubota was a horticultural pioneer when he began merging Japanese design techniques with North American materials in his display garden in 1927. The Gardens are a spectacular setting of hills and valleys, interlaced with streams, waterfalls, ponds, bridges, and rock outcroppings with a rich array of plant material.

Learn more at **www.kubota.org**

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	8 Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	9 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
10 Board Mtg 1:15 pm **General Mtg** 3 pm Lakewood Lib	11 South Sound Adobe UG 5:30 pm Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
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November 2010

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Halloween	1	2 Election Day	3	4 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	5	6
7 End Daylight Savings	8 South Sound Adobe UG 5:30 pm	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
14 Board Mtg 1:15 pm **General Mtg** 3 pm Lakewood Lib	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30	Dec 1	2 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr

Check the NWAP Website For Updated/CurrentCalendar Info. **‹www.nwapplpkrs.org›**

The **Kubota Garden** Is a great photo opportunity for the photographers of NWAP.
For more information see page 7 & the website below.
http://www.seattle.gov/parks/park_detail.asp?ID=415

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TOM'S MAC NOTES OCT. 2010
By Tom Garcia

There is a strange Microsoft "cloud" version of MS Office linked to your FaceBook account. Find it at **www.docs.com.** You need a FaceBook account to get the program running. I was able to easily create several Word documents but could not save them with names. Upon re-entering the program they were both there but no way to tell which was which without opening them. Same with Excel docs.

From my Alma Mater: The UA began the **MacScholar** program last year in partnership with Apple, and the program has grown significantly. Last year, 500 MacBooks were awarded; this year, approximately 1,500 new UA students will receive one of three Apple products – an iPod Touch, an iPad or a MacBook Pro – as part of their scholarship package.

Want Windows 7 to look like the latest Apple OS? The Snow Transformation Pack will transform your entire user interface to Mac OS X Snow Leopard, including the Snow Leopard Welcome Screen, Visual Style, Icons, Wallpaper, Sounds, Dock and much more (so they say). The latest version is 1.0 released on August 2nd, 2010 I don't have my PC in Maine so can't try it out.

That $40 inkjet printer may cost you $80 in ink in a year or less, depending on how much use it gets from you and your family. Kid's homework, anyone? You might be able to get some useful guidance from **printer.com** online as to printer prices and how much you will spend on ink over the five year life of the printer. As most of my printing is black and white I come out very well cost wise with my laser printers. Especially when I buy my toner on line instead of at pricy local big box stores. As for paper: For the last several weeks I have been able to buy a ream of paper at Staples for one cent, after rebate. Rebate submissions don't even cost a stamp anymore via Staple's easy online rebate site.

Free stuff info found in Kiplinger's Magazine: Go to **mrfreestuff.com**. I didn't get anything for free in my brief (3 minute) visit. Found people's comments about the various offers more interesting than the actual offers.

Starbucks's Free WiFi. No more jumping thru hoops at Starbucks for WiFi. It is free and open now. Anyone for an 8 hour coffee break? Wonder if it works in the parking lot? A few days after I wrote this I discovered that I could log in via iPhone across the parking lot in my dentist's office.

Snagit Beta For The Mac

You might say "but preview does that". Maybe so but not as quick and easy IMHO

The following example shows how to create and select signatures for emails if you are using the mail program that comes with your computer.
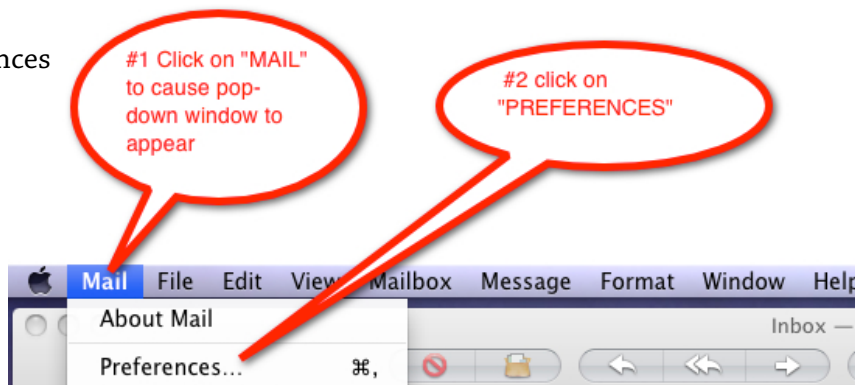
This is in response to a request from my sister.

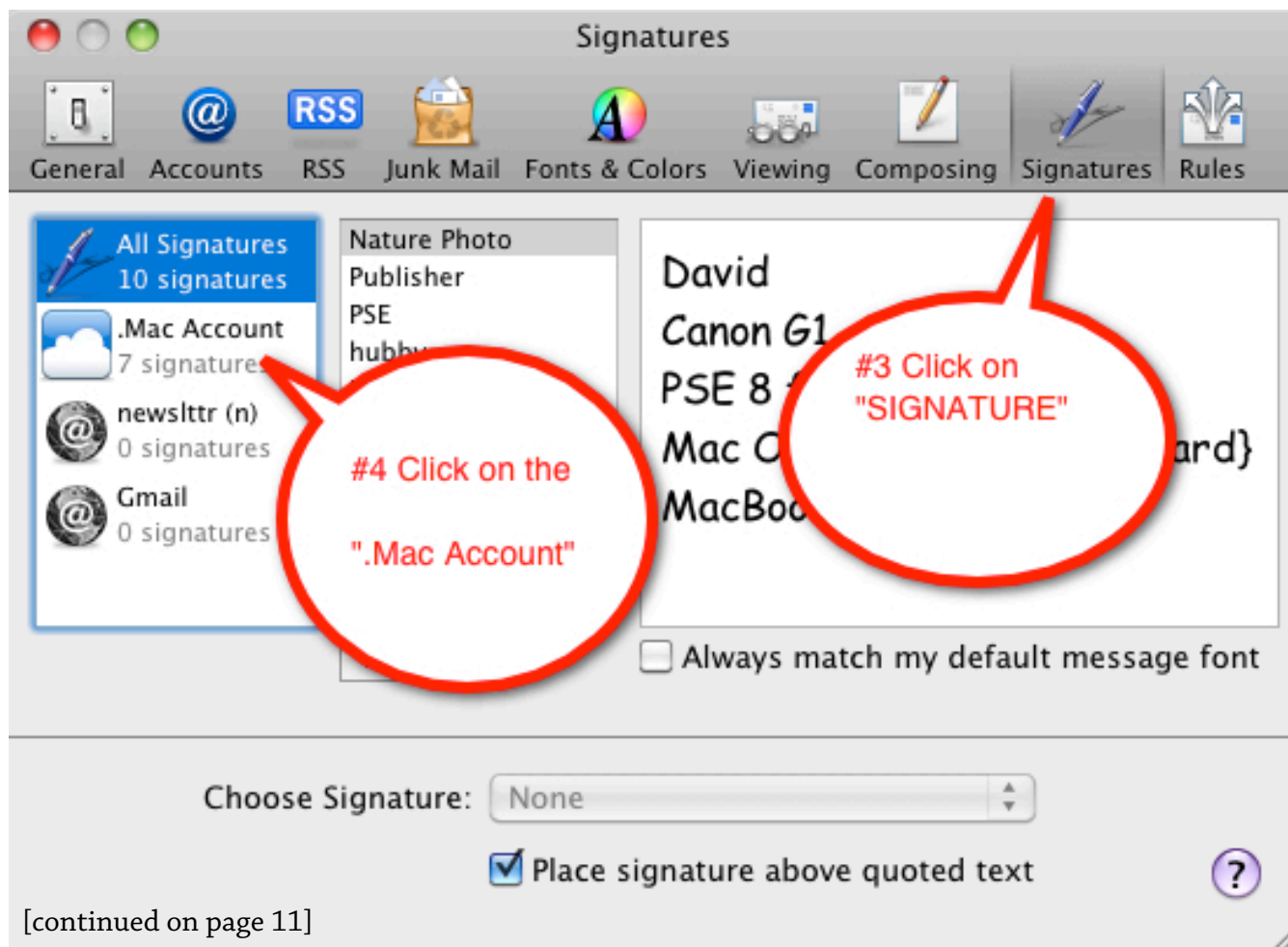Below is how you select the signatures.

To start you click on Mail & then Preferences

#1 Click on "MAIL" to cause pop-down window to appear

#2 click on "PREFERENCES"

Mail   File   Edit   View   Mailbox   Message   Format   Window   Help

About Mail   Inbox —
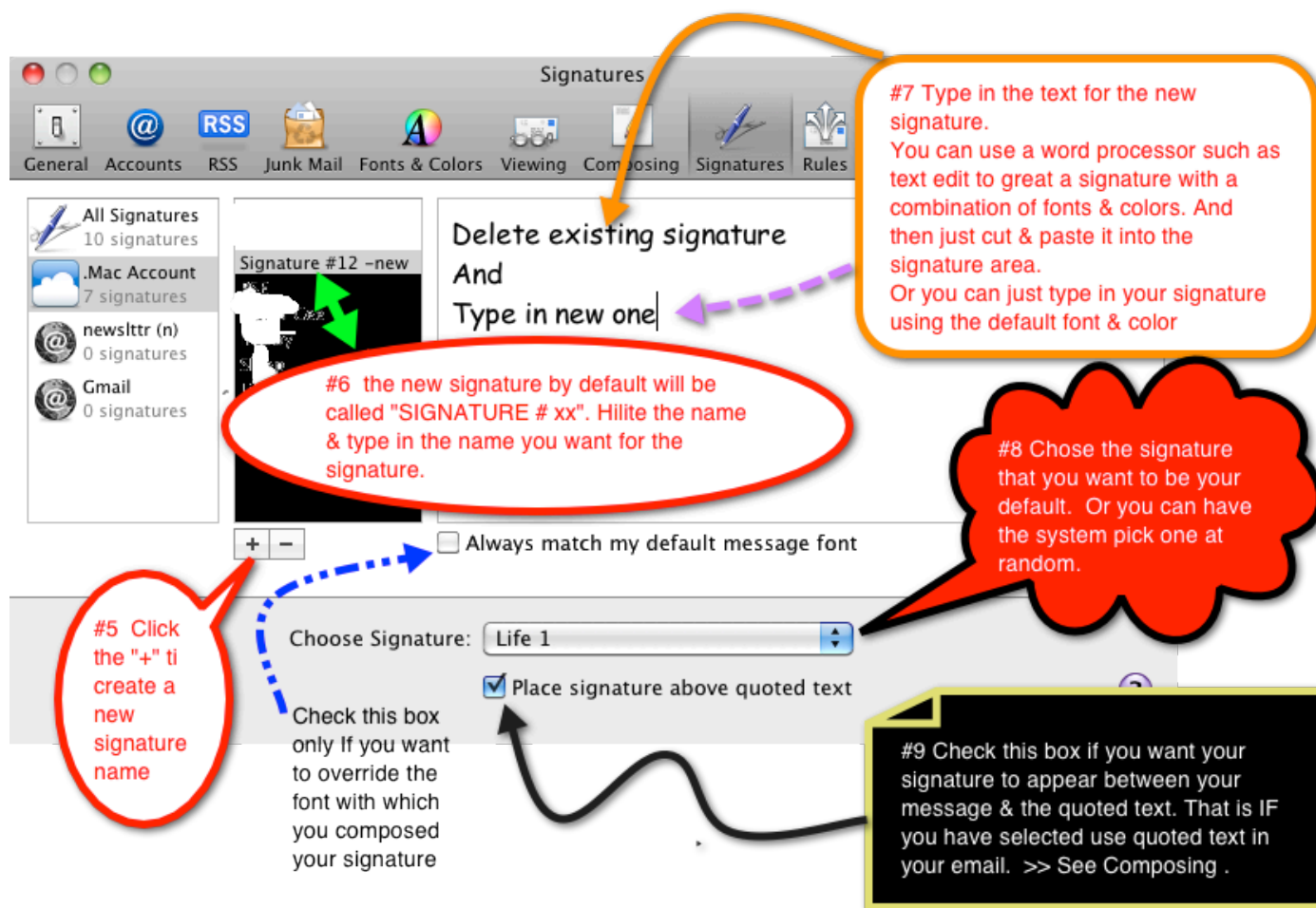
Preferences...   ⌘,

Click on the "signature" icon. You may have several accounts. Chose the account in which you wish the signature to appear. The "All Signatures" just displays all the signatures.
However, if you have multiple accounts, typically all the signatures are NOT available in all the accounts. That is unless you copy them to the other accounts.

Signatures

General   Accounts   RSS   Junk Mail   Fonts & Colors   Viewing   Composing   Signatures   Rules

All Signatures
10 signatures

.Mac Account
7 signatures

newslttr (n)
0 signatures

Gmail
0 signatures

Nature Photo
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PSE
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David
Canon G1
PSE 8
Mac O
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ard}

#3 Click on "SIGNATURE"

#4 Click on the

".Mac Account"

☐ Always match my default message font

Choose Signature: None

☑ Place signature above quoted text   ?

Now here is where the "work" gets done. Basically just follow the numbers.

I used a variety of shapes, colors, line types & arrows to show some of what is available in "SNAGIT"

That's All Folks!