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Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat December 2010

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New User Meeting Thursday Dec. 2nd

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Graduation Night &
Dragon Dictate Demo

General Meeting Sunday Dec. 12th

2:30 - 5:00 p.m.



Holiday Potluck
&
Party
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Meeting Locations

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

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

[http://www.
nwapplpkrs.org](http://www.nwapplpkrs.org)

Those of us in the Northern Hemisphere spend the last month of the year watching the days get shorter and spend a lot of time trying to ignore Vitamin D deprivation. Festive traditions celebrate lights against the darkness, warm fires against the cold. Family gatherings reaffirm the connections between generations and remind us of the connections to our faith that reach back even more generations.

Gifts and giving are a large part of this season. This shopping binge is the primary annual sales event for many companies. That hype may discourage those who wish to observe the religious basis of the celebrations. It may alienate those among us who have little or nothing to spend on anything beyond

basic food and shelter in these rough economic times.

When I was a youngster our family and those in our small community usually chose to produce homemade gifts. Baking, sewing, and other projects occupied our households (back in those days of stay-at-home moms.) One year we made marzipan candies for everyone (colored to match the miniature fruits and vegetables we fashioned.) Another year my Dad spent weeks at the high school shop "night school" finishing wooden hamburger presses we sent to friends and family far and wide. My grandmother furnished each of her children's families with two metal tins of cookies--one with traditional goodies to be

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New User Report

Members discussed their favorite free/shareware applications at the November 4th meeting.

December 2nd will mark the end of our annual training cycle for Snow Leopard. We will review and discuss suggestions for the 2011 cycle that starts in January. As a bonus, we will have a demonstration of Dragon Dictate.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Thursday

Dec. 2nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Bob Moffat

(phone 253-845-5233 or email ramoat@me.com)

Mortvedt Session

The December 10th 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 **Dec. 10th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

Contact Bob Moffat

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NWAP General Meeting

On December 12th we hold our annual Holiday Meeting featuring a potluck and social hour. A Christmas Card contest as well as a "Bring One to Get One" gift exchange are planned. This party is always a delicious, fun experience, so we actually extend our meeting time for this event:

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday **Dec. 12th from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

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Board Meeting

The NorthWest Apple Pickers Board generally meets prior to the General Meeting; no formal meeting is scheduled for December in order to set up the room for our Christmas Party.

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>](http://www.nwapplpkrs.org)

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Article & photo submissions may be sent via email to:

ApplePickins@me.com

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

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>](http://www.tapcug.org)

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See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

[<www.nwapplpkrs.org>](http://www.nwapplpkrs.org)

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
December starts at \$17.00

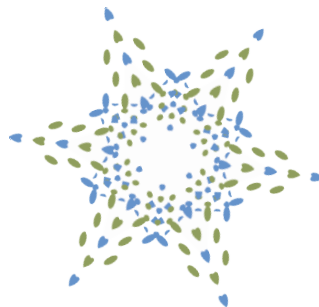
Installing iLife 11

From Tid Bits:

Our friend Liz Castro reports that when the new iPhoto '11 (which hasn't arrived here yet) attempted to upgrade her iPhoto Library, it failed in such a way as to delete 230 GB of photos. Others are seeing the problem too, so you should either avoid installing iPhoto '11 until there's a fix from Apple or make sure you have multiple backups before installing. It's also probably best not to interrupt the upgrade process, no matter what.

From our very own Stewart Beels:

Here is some advice from Stewart Beels about installing that copy of iLife 11 which can avoid some issues. First: use Disk Utility to Repair your hard drive. Second: use Disk Utility to Repair Permissions. Third: now back up your iPhoto library. Fourth: NOW install iLife 11. Fifth: Repair Permissions again. Sixth: run Software Update to install the latest iLife update. Note: iLife 11 requires an Intel Mac running 10.6.3 or above.



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

Membership Report For November 2010

As Of November 20th, 2010

Total Memberships: 66

Membership Renewals:

Bill Barron

New Members:

Roxanne & Matthew Burns

Due in November:

Fred Battie, Harold Coleman, Larry Weakly, Bruce Wheeler

Due in December:

Glenda Alley, Tom Garcia

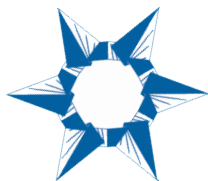
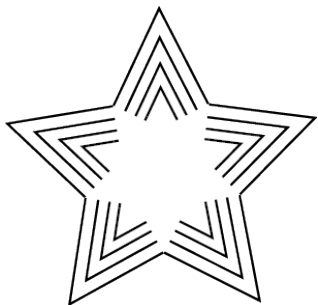
Meeting Attendance:

Nov. 4th, New User: 17 Members

Nov. 12th, Mortvedt: 9 Members, 1 Visitor:

Nov. 14th Board Meeting: 6 Members

Nov. 14th General Meeting: 18 Members, 2 Visitor



General Meeting Recap

Nov. 22nd By Peter Winderling

At the November 14th General Meeting, member and NWAP Treasurer Eldon Estep gave a presentation on some of the Google on-line web products. He showed us how to use Google e-mail and how to get a Google phone number to enable making calls on your computer or land phone to anyplace in the country for free and 2-10 cents a minute overseas.



New User Group Recap

Nov. 20th By Bob Moffat

The November 4th session offered members the chance to discuss shareware and freeware they use. The handout included a list of some online websites that offer software that fall into this category. We demonstrated the Mac OS Software connection (under the Apple Menu) and revisited the management of Widgets. We discussed Open Source applications, such as NeoOffice, as well as the merits of utilities available as shareware, donation-ware, freeware, and nag-ware.

December will be a time for review of the 2010 New User training cycle. We will to show off Dragon Dictate, which our Editor has been using successfully to write emails and articles. We will also ask our loyal New User Group attendees to help design the lesson plans for our 2011 training cycle.

Board of Directors Reminds You...

...elections are coming up in March. We have several vacancies to fill. It is less painful that filling cavities! Please consider serving your fellow members for next year's term (April 2011 through March 2012.) The NWAP Board generally meets once a month (currently on the same day before our Sunday General Meeting) and consults from time to time via email. The Board members plan activities and oversee finances. They volunteer their time to make NWAP membership a satisfying and worthwhile investment.

If you can spare an extra couple of hours a month to assure NWAP, please step forward. No technical geekiness is needed to serve--this is simple management of an organization.

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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.

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served throughout the month and another reserved to be opened on Christmas Eve.

To be sure, there were plenty of stockings and other practical items when the packages were opened. And there were those absolutely unexpected things that proved to be a perfect match for the recipient. (That bicycle that I rode for years or that genuine mechanical drawing set almost matched that sled that fell off Santa's sleigh into the snow outside our front porch when I was about four years old.)

So this year I have been thinking about gifts. The Magi offered gifts of great monetary value in their day and ones which are rare and valuable today, as well. Perhaps that began a gift giving tradition where folks were encouraged to stretch their purses--to sacrifice a bit--when selecting an item to give. Maybe it is time to consider some of the gifts we may take for granted that are just as amazing, just as practical, just as unexpected as those beribboned fancy packages exchanged after spending hours searching for just the right thing to give.

In January 1941 at the State of the Union address Franklin Roosevelt defined the gifts that all the world's citizens deserve:

Freedom of Speech and Expression
Freedom of Worship
Freedom from Want
Freedom from Fear.

Among other gifts and blessings I celebrate are these:

Hopes and Dreams
Family and Friends
Kindness and Forgiveness
Joy and Sorrow
Solitude and Fellowship
Faith and Trust
Tolerance and Curiosity
Empathy and Confidence

These are but a few of the packages I hope you shared throughout the year and have been able to pass on to others. For the most part they are all homemade and universally produced. They can be given and received at any moment, on any day, under all circumstances.

Whatever traditions you observe, however you celebrate the season, may you enjoy a blessed holiday and perhaps the most treasured gift against the dim chill of a northern exposure December that brightest, warmest light of all: love.

TOM'S MAC NOTES DEC. 2010

By Tom Garcia

Are you tight with the lucre? Want to save more of it? Get out to those weekend yard sales. Where I live (in the summer) in Maine we get a list of the Saturday yard sales in the Friday newspaper. Some recent finds: Canon LiDE 30 scanner. The lady said, "I think it works." Translation - She had no idea. Asking price \$3. Offer price \$2 and it was mine. Comment to my wife - "If it doesn't work I'm only out two bucks. It's worth a try." Took it home and it worked fine. I'm very familiar with that scanner model because it is exactly like the scanner I use in New Mexico. Nicest thing about it is that it requires no external power supply getting all the power it needs vis the USB cable. Next great buy:

Actually a free item. Saw a Dell 16 inch CRT monitor with a "FREE" tag. I asked the lady if it worked and she said, "It works OK. My son gave me a flat panel monitor so I don't need it anymore." Took it home and it is a fine addition to the computer room hooked up to my laptop as is an external keyboard.

Getting a Windows laptop to work with the lid closed so an external keyboard and monitor can be used is a snap. Go to Control Panel and there is a place to select what to do when the lid is closed. "Sleep" is the usual answer but "Do Nothing" is another selection and the one wanted for external keyboard and monitor setup. Not so easy with a MacBook. But, there is a way. Maybe several ways but the one I'm using is a program called "insomniac." Find out about it at:

<http://semaja2.net/insomniacinfo>

Cool voice commands for iPhone 3GS and iPhone 4: Hold down the Command button for slightly less than 2 seconds and bring up Voice Control. Say something like "What time is it?" or "Dial" for phone use or various music play commands.

Interesting iPhone feature accidentally discovered: While talking on iPhone and the screen blanks out to screen saver mode but I need to see the keypad to enter

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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Notes

Sunday Nov. 14th by Bob Moffat

Vice President Winderling called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Reports were accepted.

Board slate status noted no volunteers for either Selection Committee or for potential member to run for open positions. It appears that there are four positions open for the March elections. Bob Moffat, the Board representative for the Section Committee, will seek a representative from general membership to help recruit candidates.

Bob Moffat noted that recipients had been chosen for both the MacMini and for InDesign CS5 which had been donated to the club.

The Board reviewed plans for the December potluck and party. Mary Fleck agreed to deliver the ice and soft drinks furnished by the club. Peter will make the other supplies available for set up. The meeting will begin half an hour earlier than usual at 2:30 p.m. to offer more time to set up and clean up. There is no formal Board meeting scheduled for December.

A card contest for the December 12th party will be open format: entries may be created using any media, any technique, and do not have to be produced by computer. Judges will be randomly selected at the meeting to choose winners. Reminder will be issued to all via Club Info.

Future meeting topics were discussed: tentative plan for a demo of iPhoto 11 at the January 9th General Meeting by Stewart Beels. Network Administration and Security specialist is potential for February 13th. Efforts will be made to include iPad and iPhone presentations. The New User Group will also expand its focus beyond basic Snow Leopard topics as we enter a second training cycle.

The Board agreed that it is again time to ask the members to help plan topics and general support for their computing software and hardware interests.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Revisions to NWAP Masthead

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

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a tone instead of having to touch somewhere on the glass just give the phone a shake and the motion detector will pop up the display.

Want to use your Mac to find good credit card deals? Go to **LowCards.com**

Download more than 30,000 free e-books at **gutenberg.org**.

Everything from Anna Karenina to The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

TotalFinder is only at Ver. 1.0.1 but it is a handy way to organize finder windows in a better way than "ordinary" finder windows. I have it set up to pop up a finder window via Control-V and now all folders are organized at the top of the list, not spread around alphabetically.

<http://totalfinder.binaryage.com/>

Another nice Mac app is Switcher. This one gives a different (better?) view of open programs when Command-Tab is hit. An even better view when you use Option-Tab.

<http://kapeli.com/switcher/>

One thing I never liked about iPhoto was its method of storing photos in one big proprietary file that is hard to work with. Forget about using it in finder. Problem solved with a program called iPhoto Library Manager.

<http://www.fatcatsoftware.com/>

Well, not quite solved. As of right now (early November) the software is not able to work with the new file format used by the recent release of iPhoto 11, version 9.

The program looked like it had a lot of promise. I got the impression that I could look at/edit photos independently of the iPhoto program. The way iPhoto consolidates photos into one mysterious large file with no manipulation possible outside of the Apple program has often irked me.* So, I downloaded and installed the Library Manager to check it out. Not having previously used it I didn't know what to expect. Expectations didn't pan out because I was trying to use it with iPhoto '11. Online comments told me that the program has not been upgraded to iPhoto '11 capability. The author sent me an e-mail (after an inquiry) saying:

"The current version of iPhoto Library Manager (3.5.8) will work OK with iPhoto '11 for basic things like creating libraries and switching between your existing

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libraries, but the more advanced features such as copying albums and merging libraries will require an update to iPLM to provide full compatibility. I've already started working on the update (which will be free), and I hope to have it ready to go in the next week or two. I'll be sending out an e-mail announcement when the update is available - if you'd like to be added to the e-mail list, just let me know."

Two weeks later and still no upgrade. The program won't do anything worthwhile if you have iPhoto '11.

Related item: Be sure and have a backup (to external media) of your iPhoto library before installing iPhoto '11 as it is possible that the install will wipe out your library and most of your photos. A common thumb drive won't work unless it has more than 4 gigs of free capacity. And, older photo libraries will need to be converted to the latest iPhoto format.

Windows tip: Thunderbird 3.1 was installed as an update and that was the end of my ability to send email. I got a copy of an older version, 3.0, and was back in business but I wasted a lot of time trying to fix version 3.1. Keep this type repair in mind for Mac programs that misbehave.

** Editor's Note: iPhoto can edit photos in an external editor such as "Adobe PhotoShop Elements"*

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 NWAAP members.

Taken in the Tacoma/Pierce County area.

Taken in western Washington.

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Photos selected by the Editor from any sources available.

Email your photos to editor at

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2010 Holiday Party

NorthWest Apple Pickers Annual Holiday Party will start on December 12th at 2:30 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library's large meeting room (our normal General Meeting Location.) Bring a dish (salad, entrée, OR dessert with serving utensil) to share. The Club will provide cups, plates and cutlery along with an assortment of beverages.

We will have a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Bring a gift (please limit the value to ~ \$15.00) to participate. Watching people defend their prize is always fun.

This year we will re-introduce our "Holiday Card" event. Bring a card that you have created and display it with pride. Your Board will honor the best card with a prize and feature your card in the January NewsLetter.

Don't miss the event: 2:30 – 5:00 p.m., December 12th, 2010, Lakewood Public Library!

***This event will be in place of the
General Meeting.***

South Sound Adobe User Group

(www.ssaug.org)

Date: December 13th

Where: Cascade Print Media in Tacoma at 5:30 p.m.
(Pot Luck) 3321 So. Lawrence St.

Topic: Check out details at our website!

South Sound Adobe User Group will meet on December 13th for the semi-annual drawing for Adobe software (folks who have attended at least three meeting between July and December are eligible). This is our Holiday Potluck which features lots of deliciousness our members bring to share. We'll hold a holiday photo contest with submitted prints no larger than 5 x 7 with the theme "capture the season." { See Website For Rules }

We meet from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Cascade Print Media, 3321 So. Lawrence St., Tacoma. More info at

www.ssaug.org

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12 Board Mtg 1:15 pm General Mtg 3 pm Lakewood Lib	13 South Sound Adobe UG 5:30 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <i>Winter Begins</i>	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Check the NWAP Website For Updated/Current Calendar Info. <www.nwapplpkr.org>

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Season Greetings



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Merry Christmas



*Happy Bonenkai
Season*

*Happy
Kwanzaa*

Ashura



*Happy
Hanukkah*

*First Of
Muharram*

*Happy Winter
Dec 21st*