



Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

Steve Jobs: a Hero to Creativity

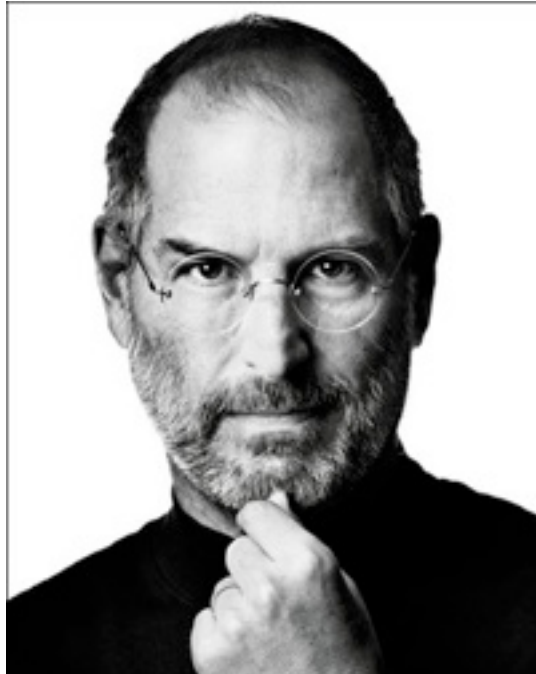
Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat

November is one of those stock-taking months. Growing season has become harvest time. New Year's resolution goals are begging for progress measurements. Any number of manufacturers are busy introducing "new" models with next year's date or really really great products designed to sell well for the Christmas shopping frenzy. Report cards have been issued. Elections have been held. Leaves have been raked.

Pilgrims chose November to celebrate a Thanksgiving for the bounty of the harvest as they prepared to survive the short, cold days of Winter. Citizens these days gather for Thanksgiving with less connection to harvest time and more of an eye to succeeding in the competitive shopping season that follows.

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Steve Jobs imagined our technical future through brilliant innovation and marketing. "You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future," the college dropout said in his 2005 Stanford commencement address. "You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life."

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New User Meeting Thursday Nov 3rd

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Preparing To
Make
Cards & Letters.

General Meeting Sunday Nov. 13th

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
iCloud & iOS5
What's New?

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.

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A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



EDITOR'S CORNER



Hello from Arizona, as most of you already know Gloria and I have moved to the sunny state of Arizona. We have a lot to learn about our new home state. At noon today it was 80° and sunny. But before you pick up and move down here, just remember that we had 30+ days of 110° days this summer. And we had a whole bunch of 100° plus days. Oh and it freezes here As my daddy said you have to take the good with the bad.

We are learning a lot about the new floral and fauna here. Palm trees are not native to Arizona apparently And we have quite a few varieties from 2 or 3 foot tall to ones that are probably 50 feet or more. I attached a photo of one of the unique species. The fruit on this palm is rather unusal. I mention this particular palm to one of the local nurseries and the lady there said she had never noticed it.

Of course you have to look very carefully to see the fruit. See page 5 for a close up.



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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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.

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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

Nov. starts at \$24.00

Word Wrap

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Most of us do not have to dig very deep to find things we are thankful for. We are surrounded by people for whom we care, doing things we love to do, seeing sights that raise our spirits, and finding delights in graces large and small. We may not stop to list them on a daily basis or even formally name them as we subconsciously register their existence. Our lives are illuminated by too many stars to count.

In this year of contentious debate, astonishing polarization, and dumbfounding dumb-headedness, I have become very aware of things I am NOT thankful for.

I do not appreciate one-issue advocates who seem to have no idea of priorities most of us assign to solving problems in the order of their importance.

I do not appreciate folks whose past actions have created current economic, political, and cultural issues who now refuse to accept responsibility or to work to resolve those problems.

I do not appreciate the way my country's future is being shortchanged by the shameful reductions in support for public education and the unwillingness to maintain our national infrastructure.

I do not appreciate the premise that if only regulations are eliminated all will be good. Poorly conceived rules and badly enforced regulations need to be corrected. Those who pursue amoral and unethical practices that affect our health and welfare need to know that there are consequences more serious than merely being embarrassed when the nightly news reveals their games for a day or two.

I do not appreciate public figures who apparently believe I am so uneducated (because of the cutbacks in schools?) and so unsophisticated (because of my social or economic status?) that they can speak to me as if I were unable to handle facts, smell a rat, or make up my mind.

I do not appreciate that fact that more than ONE YEAR before the Presidential and Congressional elections, political parties and potential candidates are behaving as if the election were to be held THIS YEAR. Most likely, three quarters of the issues that they are "debating" this week will not be the issues at the fore of the election in September of 2012. Enough, already! Go back to attempting to govern our country (or running your business.)

The past eleven months have been filled with major changes and minor, best of times and worst. Events have amazed and amused, elated and saddened. Challenges

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have been met or failed. It sounds surprisingly like another wonderful year in the life of....

Ah! November again: it's time to rake away those Autumn leaves and symbolically (at least) all the other junk that litters the landscape (and belongs in the compost pile) to reveal the bounty and beauty of life for which we all can be thankful.

Apple Pickers Love Their Macs!

As a tribute to and in memory of Steve Jobs, a computer visionary and genius, members of Northwest Apple Pickers expressed their loyalty to the brainchild of an extraordinary man during the October general meeting.

Jobs, cofounder, chair, and CEO of Apple Inc. died Wednesday, October 5, at the age of 56. He's been called a visionary genius in the field of technology, a hero to the many who continue to benefit from his leadership.

Jim Schafer donated copies of *Time* magazine featuring Jobs' photo on the cover. Apparently the magazine held up the presses for the first time to accommodate a last-minute change.

Peter Winderling, president of NorthWest Apple Pickers, bought his first Mac Performa 6320 in 1996, after using a PC DOS at work. Friends convinced him of the Mac and he's had 10 of them, from iMac to G4 to Macbook Pros. "I've had no hardware problems and I get to use an Intel iMac at work." Sweet!

Bob Moffat, director and longtime group leader, says, "I wandered into a computer expo at the Seattle Center in the summer of 1984. There were hundreds of exhibits of software and hardware (dozens of personal computer brands, it seemed). In a far corner of the hall, the large Apple area showed off a dozen Apple II models surrounded by eager geeks and one lone Macintosh, which no one seemed to notice. About three minutes after using a mouse to click on menus and what-you-see-is-what-you-get screens convinced me that this was the computer I wanted. (My Sinclair ZX81 could not begin to compete!) Four years later I briefly worked for a company that used Macs and about five years after that I bought my first Mac and joined NorthWest Apple Pickers."

Eldon Estep, club treasurer, recalled he was researching computers back in the 1980s. But it wasn't until the '90s that he switched from his PC to a Mac, "something I've never regretted," he said.

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Schafer was in Hawaii in 1984 when he discovered a Mac store. "I went in every day and finally sold myself. I had to have one, but they were expensive," he said. He finally borrowed \$4000 to buy his Mac computer. "I've never had a problem with it; it's been nothing but fun!"

Fred Battié was sold on Macs by his son, a technician who invented a new system for finding oil. "He got us into Apples and I don't think we'll ever get out," said Fred.

Billy Meints started with the Apple 2-E, egged on by his daughter-in-law who had become a programmer in college. "She turned me over to a 21-inch Mac and I became a dyed-in-the-wool user. I love that Macintosh!"

In **Mary Fleck** admits she has become addicted. "I'm a Macaholic", she said. Mary learned about Macs in her job in education, starting with the TS99. "At that time the schools were outfitted with the 2-E and 2-C models," she said. "Since then I've had 11 different computers; I've taken classes, and I've been a long-time member of this user group."

Doug McDonald claims "Mac saved me." He had been using PCs "in the days of DOS." But understanding life would be easier with a Window and a mouse and a computer free of virus problems, he converted to Macs. "Who wants to fiddle with viruses?" he asked. "I thought everybody lost stuff and I didn't want to do that anymore."

Margo Jones also got tired of viruses on her PC. "In 2003, I got fed up and turned to the Mac computer. Now I have an iBook, iPad, and soon will get an iPhone," she said.

Dick Lynch admitted "Until 18 months ago, I had a PC with virus and update problems," as well as discovering unwanted downloads on his computer. "A friend recommended the Mac Book and now I'm learning to use it and enjoying it."

Lee Perry recalled that after shopping for and buying a PC computer, it crashed. "I went to the Mac store in Seattle on Halloween a couple years ago and bought my first iBook, a real treat." Now he is on his second iMac computer and looking for an iMac Pro.

Clive Berglund was working with PCs and didn't understand why his coworkers kept telling him that Apple was better. That was 1985. Since then "I have upgraded to a 21-inch Mac and wouldn't have it any other way."

Ruth Elliott discovered Mac computers in 1984 and used her Reno winnings to invest in one. "I've kept my Classic all these years. You never know, it could be the university education ticket for one of my grandchildren," she said. [See accompanying article.]

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Apple Pickers come in all sizes, shapes, ages, and levels of computer expertise. Some are new to the Mac; some have been users for years. Some turned to the Mac at work; others wanted to experiment with the much-talked-about Apple computer. All, pleased with their choices, continue to improve their skills by meeting with the Northwest Apple Pickers at the Lakewood Library on the second Sunday afternoon of each month. All Apple Macintosh people are welcome.

Old Classics Never Die; This One Saved the Day

One of Northwest Apple Pickers' longtime members tells a familiar story about her romance with the Mac. Ruth Elliott tells about her swing to Macintosh 27 years ago:

"In 1984, while we were living in Boise, Idaho, I won several thousand dollars playing machines in Reno, Nevada, and decided to invest in a computer. At that time I had several years' experience with computers, but never a Macintosh. My husband, Gordon Elliott, a structural engineer/bridge designer with CH2M Hill, Engineers and Planners, accompanied me to a local computer store. After hearing sales pitches on all the computers in the store, it became clear that the Macintosh computer would best serve our needs.

"Several years later, when we were living in San Francisco, I decided to upgrade to the Mac Classic. Since then we have owned five Macs. Two of them are still up and running. I've kept the Classic all these years. You never know, it could be the university education ticket for one of my grandchildren!

"Recently my husband wished he had a program he had used on my Mac in the early '90s. He was checking some engineering problems for one of his former engineers. I suggested we boot up the Classic and give it a shot. Not only did it boot up with ease, it accepted a disk that was stored among many others I had saved. Voila! There was the program, working like new. Not bad for an old-timer, eh?

"During my lifetime I have been a musician, legal secretary, accountant, principal's secretary (elementary and high schools), making use of computers in all these areas. For the past 20 years I have provided my editing and proofreading skills to several authors.

"I have been a member of four Macintosh computer user groups: Boise, Idaho; San Francisco/Berkley (BMUG); Corvallis, OR (CMUG) and NW Apple Pickers."

Cellular Palm
aka
Cell Palm



rather than filling this space with more stuff about Arizona, I thought I would just leave it blank.

If anyone has a desire to write something for the news letter please do not hesitate to write myself or Bob Moffat.

Looking forward to your contributions

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New User Report

October 6, 2011

Our **October New User Group** met at the University Place Library. Each of the folks attending the meeting explained how they were first introduced to the Macintosh (and some started on Apple II's.) The primary topic of the meeting was a review of file formats and how two of the Mac OSX applications handle them.

The file name extension added to a file title is a cue to the software that was used to create the file. Image files such as JPEG, TIFF, and PNG open in Preview by default, as will PDF files. TextEdit can open .DOC and .RTF and other text files, although it may not be the first choice (default) application your Mac will use. One of the neat features that both these applications offer is the ability to change files from one format to another. For example, a text file that TextEdit (by default) creates as an RTF can be saved as Microsoft Word document as well as an open source ODT or a universally readable PDF. Preview can save an existing file in a different form, too, by using that famous "Save as..." pop up menu and selecting one of the options.

November's New User & general meetings are just around the corner from the holiday season and so on November 3rd we will look at some of the ways to use the Mac to design your own cards and letters, address envelopes, produce labels, and use photos or other graphics in your designs.

If any of the following describe you or your needs we may be able to help by reviewing some of the tips and tricks that may make the projects easier.

Do you design your own cards?

Do you prepare a family newsletter?

Do you print labels or envelopes?

Do you include photos or graphics?

We may have a chance to sneak a look at the iCloud services and iOS 5 features, too!

Plan to join us at the

Lakewood Library on Thursday,

November 3rd, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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NOTES & REMINDERS

Thursday Nov. 3rd

New User Meeting

7:00 pm <> 9:00 pm

Friday Nov 11th

Mortvedt Meeting

10 am <> Noon

Sunday Nov 13th

Board Meeting

1:30 pm <> 2:30 pm

General Meeting

3:00 pm <> 5:00 pm

Monday Nov 14th

South Sound AdobeUser

Group Meeting

5:30 pm <> 9:00 pm

[phttp://ssaug.org/TacomaLutheranDirections.pdf](http://ssaug.org/TacomaLutheranDirections.pdf)

Mortvedt Session

The Nov. 11th 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 **Nov. 11th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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General Meeting Highlights

By Peter Winderling

October 18, 2011

Oct 9th General Meeting review

Members remembered Steve Jobs by sharing how they first got into Mac computers. Many shared how their kids got them interested although several are still trying to get their kids into Macs. With all the talk about the App Stores, we sorted out the differences between the handheld device App store and the computer based store. Peter covered the apps for the iPhone and iPad and showed how to download and install them. He also showed many of the different types of apps and that some are specifically for the iPhone and others are just for the iPad but many are for both along with the iPod Touch. Bob covered the apps for the Mac computers and showed how these apps are acquired through the App icon on the Snow Leopard dock. This is the new link to applications previously found through apple.com and is much easier.

November 13th General meeting

Take a trip with us to IOS 5 and the iCloud where we will discover the new features of IOS 5 for the handheld devices in your pocket or bag. We will check out iCloud which is the new internet storage place where Apple provides free data storage with OSX Lion. Learn how you can store your music, files and more in the "cloud" Sunday Nov.6 at Lakewood Library 3-5PM.

NWAP Board Meeting Notes

by Bob Moffat

October 9, 2011

President Peter Winderling convened the meeting at the Lakewood Library at 1:50 p.m. Six board members were present.

Reports were accepted.

Treasurer Eldon Estep reported on his research into the club's tax status and recommended we investigate registration processes with the Secretary of State. The Board authorized him to proceed as necessary to incorporate the club so we would acquire a valid ID. Val Dumond agreed to help in editing our application(s).

November General Meeting topics will include iOS5 and iCloud: both expected to be released in mid-October.

Board reviewed the annual Christmas party plans and authorized a budget of \$150 for supplies and giveaways. Eldon and Francette Beeler agreed to be the shopping committee (and plan to seek assistance of Erick Camp.) Francette volunteered to create a mailed reminder of the December meeting to some of our members who have not been at a meeting recently.

The board also discussed newsletter content and layout. Some suggestions will be forwarded to the Editor for his consideration.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Membership Report For Oct. 2011

By Francette Beeler

As Of Oct 15th, 2011

Total Memberships: 63

New Membership: Mary Henry

Membership Termination: Millie James

Membership Renewals:

Sept: Carol & Jim Eva, Delores & Magno B Tulfo, Carol Rybolt, Dawne & Jim Aho, JoAnn & Webb Olliphant, Patricia Clark, Bob Brown, Monika Roberts- Brown,

Oct: Bob Moffat, Emiko & Dick Benton, Judith Sloan

HELP NEEDED Judy Bickenbach is a new member who has paid her dues. However NWAP has NOT received her application so we are unable to contact her. If you know her please have her call Peter at 253-536-1165
5-9 pm weekdays

Due in Sept: May Junkin

Due in Oct: Tis Huberth

Due in Nov: Larry Weakly, Johan F. (Fred) Battiè, Roxanne Burns, William Barron



Meeting Attendance:

Oct 6st, New User: Members - 15, Visitors - Mary Henry

Oct 14th, Mortvedt: Members - 6,

Visitors - Enuice Robeck, Tom McClung

Oct 9th, Board Meeting: Members - 6

Oct 9th, General Meeting: Members - 20

Visitor - Mary Henry

November 2011

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29	30	Dec 1 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	2	3	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
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The tiny thing in front of the truck bumper is my new power chair. your editor



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Don't know how many times I drove past this intersection and did not realize it was antenna tower. I am guessing it is for cellular phone.





I didn't try, however, I think if I folded down the seat on my power chair I could slide it under the side of this "Lil Truck".

