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## **New User** Meeting

**Thursday** 

Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Addresses & Mail Merge** 

## General **Meeting**

Sunday

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Phishing** 

&

**Other Good Things** 

## 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

## **Use Snagit to Blur Out Sections of a Screenshot**

by Austin Krause on October 10, 2013 in How-To / Groovy Post

http://www.groovypost.com/howto/blur-scre enshot-text-snagit/?awt l=A0 C &awt m=3Z **QKxKwnJhPlpMV** 

I recently received an email from a gP reader asking how we blur out some of the text from certain screenshots in our articles. One example was the recent Gmail multiple inbox tutorial. For most of the screenshots we take here on groovyPost we use an application called Snagit. Unfortunately the program isn't free (although there is a free version available: Jing), but it is great at what it does. To use it to add transparency to images is rather simple. If you have this application, it makes blurring out sections of an image easy and doesn't require processing them through Photoshop or anywhere else.

#### Why use blur?

A blur looks better than the alternative. That's a pretty plain and simple reason. To go a bit deeper, a blur doesn't draw attention away from the important part of a screenshot. Take a look at the two examples below. One uses a black box to cover up sensitive data, the other uses a blur. Since we're probably not running an intelligence agency, blacking out sections of a screenshot with a big

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### Word Wrap for Nov 2013

#### by Bob Moffat

Once upon a time September and October were the months when new car models for the following year were introduced. The practice started a long time ago and was a marketing success. Soon many other industries discovered that introducing "new" products just in time for holiday shopping worked well for them, too.

Some of those annual auto changes back in my ladhood were very minor. Only a 10-year old kid could determine the dif-

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## EDITOR'S CORNER



Things have been really hectic this month, we had one house that we were living in that we had put on the market, we had a lot of people come through and look at it. Several were very interested, we entered into a contract with one lady in the key of her inspection she backed out claiming that her mother lived in Seattle was suddenly very sick.

On 21 September we entered into negotiations and on September 23 we have a contract that was good to go with both parties. Of course this was subject to inspections and appraisal.

Of course this meant we had to find a house right away. To keep it short we found the house that we liked and put down earnest money on it on a Saturday. I really wasn't all that excited about the home even though it was nice. That Sunday about 3 AM I was looking online at homes for sale. All of a sudden here is one with 3 bedrooms (a rarity in Sun City West), a large utility room, a south southwest orientation which is great for solar, and a bunch of things that were on our list. Oh yes, and it was in the middle of our price range.

I resisted the urge to wake up Gloria. But at 6 in the morning we were looking at the house online. At 7:15 AM we call the realtor and ask if we could go take a look at the house. He said if you don't mind how I look I can meet you there at 8:30. We told him we don't care just get here. :-)

Gloria and I both liked the house and asked the realtor if it was too late to pull the offer on the other house. Come to find out because it was the weekend he had not depositing the check and the other realtor and not even gotten back to him on the offer. Great news! We even got to use the same escrow check.

Loan officer/company that we were dealing with has a reputation for being able to close escrow in 21 days. We actually closed escrow in 22 days. However because the title company for the people purchasing our house screwed up And in record our title until a day late. We have been in our new home two weeks

**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 98203, Lakewood WA 98496

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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.

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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.

<www.tapcug.org>

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#### **Red Chip**

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot. November starts at \$0.00

## Word Wrap for Nov 2013

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ference between a 1947 Kaiser or Frasier because of the design of a piece of trim or a subtle change in the grille. In recent decades new models appear at any time of the year, apparently when the manufacturer is anxious to get it to market with the next year's model number affixed.

These days in the electronic universe, the game of new model introduction is reflecting an annual cycle, too. In the Apple World we've seen the release of new iMacs, iPhones, iPads, and iOS7, as well as the release of OS 10.9 Mavericks as new MacBook Pros and the Mac Pro debuted in recent weeks. Most of the hardware Apple produces does get revised annually, but the software sometimes goes for longer periods between updates.

We spent an interesting session in October exploring the newly-minted iOS7 for iPhones and iPads. In November we'll have the opportunity to discuss the newly released OS 10.9 which will run on most of the Macs built in the past five years. The big news for this version of the Mac system is that it is a free download, much the way incremental updates have been to previous versions of major OSX releases.

You can bet that our meetings this month will be filled with questions, comments, answers, and stories about the new system. We will plan on upgrading the club's MacBookPro (which is the oldest model still able to install OS 10.9) later in the month as we begin to plan our annual tour of the operating system for 2014. Our older hardware will not be able to use some of the latest features that require later components. In the meantime, the old machine will be going through preparation to install a new system.

If you are thinking about updating your Mac, there are plenty of how to articles and other advice available to guide you through the planning, preparation, and installation steps. One of the first stops on the Internet would be Apple.com, where you can see videos of the features and review tech specs and system requirements.

Thanks to Tom Garcia (you may remember the great columns he used to write for this newsletter) for reminding me to suggest you test all your favorite applications **before** you upgrade...just in case you need to rely on one that is not yet ready for the new

system. The App Store will screen the software you purchased through the store, but other apps you purchased directly can be checked via... "the Roaring Apps web site is \*hugely\* helpful

#### http://roaringapps.com.

Obviously, backups are always a good plan and especially before you start installing a new system. You can choose to plunk the new system down in place of your current one and leave everything in place--and go on with everything running perfectly (you hope!) or you could totally reformat your drive and install a fresh system and re-install all the other software you need. In either case, a backup from which to restore is an important element. Just in case.

If you are interested in creating an external startup drive (on a thumb drive, for example) here is one way

## http://www.macworld.com/article/2055589/how-to-format-a-startup-drive-for-a-mac.html

and, in fact, there are several articles on Macworld and other sites describing the installation process and previewing features in Mavericks and the other newest applications from iLife (iPhoto, iMovie, and Garage Band) as well as iWork (Pages, Keynote, and Numbers.)

Some of the products Apple announced in this Fall's new lineup include lots of under-the-hood changes. Some of the latest models have obvious appearance changes and the software will ask us users to adjust to new bells and whistles...just as we have been doing since OX 10.0 arrived in 2001, or Mac OS 7.0 did in 1991.

While a 10-year-old geek may still be required to tell one model of computer from the next or identify which generation iPhone is which, the rest of us several-decades-beyond geeks will simply take a deep breath and continue to learn.

Get those dilithium crystals ready, Scotty, we're going for Warp Factor 2014.

## Peter's Great Adventure At The Apple Store

was experienced & written by Peter Winderling. Your editor neglected to put a byline with the article.

## Links to Interesting articles on the Internet. Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Further Reading: Here are some interesting links to commentary and topics that may be useful reference that showed up over the past few weeks.

Tips on iOS 7:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2048921/10-tips-tricks-and-timesavers-to-get-more-out-of-ios-7.html

Tips on iOS keyboard shortcuts:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2050506/secret s-of-the-ios-7-keyboard.html

Some differences between iOS 7 and iOS 6 (where do I find  $\dots$ ):

http://www.macworld.com/article/2049360/when-ios-7-isnt-really-the-worst-thing-in-the-world.html

Aps to check out for iPhone 5s and 5c:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2049247/ten-apps-every-iphone-5s-and-5c-user-should-own.html

Tips on iCloud:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2046147/five-ic loud-email-tricks-you-probably-missed.html?%2 3tk.out mod?=obinsite

Prepare your Mac for OSX 10.9 "Mavericks:" http://www.macworld.com/article/2052602/get-your-mac-ready-for-mavericks-os-x-10-9.html

Mandlebrot & Julia images:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2048742/frax-for-ios-review-reveling-in-mandelbrots-and-julias-anywhere.html

Managing your "identity" on Google Ads:

http://www.pcworld.com/article/2053357/how-tokeep-your-real-name-and-face-out-of-googles-a ds.html

Managing your "identity" on Facebook:

http://www.techhive.com/article/2053354/how-to-stay-private-now-that-anyone-can-find-you-on-facebook.html

## Use Snagit to Blur Out Sections of a Screenshot

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black box just doesn't look very good. The same can be said for YouTube videos, but <u>adding blur to vid-</u> <u>eos requires an entirely different program</u>.





Let's add blur!

To start out you need to have a screenshot that has text you want to blur out. Maybe it's personal information you don't want to share with the world. As an example I've pulled an Amazon order confirmation we're going to block out the address from.click it!

I thought the article on blurring sections in a screenshot was worthwhile even though it does require you to purchase Snagit. There's a lot of other uses too. I did a review of the product last year I believe it was. So check out their website <a href="https://www.techsmith.com">www.techsmith.com</a> for both Jing & Snagit.

Your editor

#### **NWAP Board Meeting**

Oct 13th, 2013

**Notes by Glenda Alley** 

Present: Bob Moffat, Eldon Estep, Francette Bealer, Fred Battie, Glenda Alley, Judy Sloan

President Moffat called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm

Reports:

Treasurer

Minutes of the September meeting

Motion made, seconded & carried to approve these reports

Membership report: There are currently 54 active members

Suggested General Meeting topics were reviewed. Board members were asked to contribute to the November meeting, where we will be discussing internet security.

November 7 NUG meeting - Bob may need assistance with this meeting

December Christmas Party was discussed. It was decided that this year, we will just do the "bring one, get one" gift exchange and not do the purchase of small gifts. This would leave the funds normally spent on this available for the purchase of a new computer. Motion made, 2nd & carried to do this.

It was suggested that a note be placed in the newsletter that donations are welcome for the new computer. We need to replace our current computer so that we can take advantage of all the new things in the upcoming OS

Discussion about topics for January meeting. It was decided that the topic will be Mavericks 10.8. This OS should be released before Christmas.

There was some discussion about connectors and having them available for use at the meetings, especially for iPads and iPhones. Projector takes HDMI & VGA, and the preferred connector would be HDMI because it gives a better quality video.

#### **Old Business:**

Board vacancy to replace Lee Peden. Mary Fleck has agreed to fill the position until elections in the spring.

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Fair Booth review. Attendance for the day was light. However, it was noted that there is good interest in continuing.

Room reservations for our meetings are done through January. Val Dumond is doing this for our group.

#### **New Business**:

President Moffat asked for suggestions of people outside our group who would be good as presenters for our group.

Fundraising: there was some discussions of ideas. Motion & second to adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Glenda Alley

## Happy Birthday, MacBookPro!

Our NWAP computer has just had its 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. It reported for work in the Fall of 2007 outfitted with OS 10.4 (Tiger) and a free upgrade to 10.5 (Leopard) in the package. It replaced the faithful Mac Mini we had been using since 2005.

Our new laptop soon was the star of our meetings and has carried the group through the whole range of felines released from Cupertino in the years since: 10.6 Snow Leopard, 10.7 Lion, and 10.8 Mountain Lion. We have be unable to demonstrate some features in Mountain Lion that need newer electronics that are installed in our machine.

This Fall 10.9 Mavericks will be released (they've run out of cats in California, I guess.) It would appear that our MacBookPro will handle the new system, but will not be able to use several of the latest features which require newer hardware. Time marches on.

So your Board has decided to start a New Computer Fund. We hope to raise funds over the next several months to replace our club's Mac with one which can serve us for the next several years while using all the latest bells and whistles in the new operating systems.

How will we raise money? Donations are welcome. If you care to, add a little something to the fund when you renew your annual membership. We look forward to your suggestions about other ways build our fund.

In the meantime, remember to wish our faithful, reliable MacBookPro a "Happy Birthday" as we celebrate its anniversary in November!

#### **New User Report**

By Bob Moffat

A bunch of interested members gathered at our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to share their experiences with iOS 7, which was released in mid-September. With iPhones and iPads at the ready we explored some of the changes in the way features are accessed and looked at several of the new system settings that allow customization to fit each user's needs. By the end of the session everyone had discovered something they didn't know at the beginning of the evening (including how to adjust font to be more easily read by folks with "mature" eyesight.)

November  $7^{\rm th}$  we will review mail merge, as well as other preparations for holiday season cards and letters. We'll also take a look at install/uninstall issues and discuss some troubleshooting strategies.

Please join us on **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m**. at the Lakewood Library.

Contact: Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 or

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#### **Mortvedt Session**

By Bob Moffat

We meet the **second Friday each month** at the Tacoma Lutheran Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. Meetings are open to everyone, whether or not they live at TLC. Coaches from NorthWest Apple Pickers are available to answer questions about Macs, iPads, and iPhones for novices and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their computer or devices so we can work with the issues they want to discuss on their own machines. The session topics are set by those who attend (and ask questions.)

Join us on Friday, November  $8^{th}$  from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Mortvedt Recreation Center 1707 N. Vassault St Tacoma 98406

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## **General Meeting Report**

By Bob Moffat

The topic for our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was health, fitness, nutrition, and exercise resources apps and websites. Several of our members demonstrated sites they have used to manage diet and track progress on their own fitness plans, as well as devices that help monitor activity. One of the Internet sites was unavailable to view because of the Government shut down, but audience viewed other sites that made individualized tracking and planning "easy."

The November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature several topics, including some information about how to detect and avoid Phishing expeditions by nefarious web denizens.

Please join us on **Sunday, November 10**<sup>th</sup> **from 3 to 5 p.m**. at the Lakewood Library.

Bob Moffat NWAP President ramoat@me.com

## **South Sound Adobe Users Group**

The South Sound Adobe Users Group meets the **second Monday of the month**. We meet in the Tacoma Lutheran Community's Training Room, located at 1301 N. Highland Parkway.

Info and driving instructions at

#### $\underline{http://ssaug.org/TacomaLutheranDirections.pdf}$

We (usually) meet at 5:30 p.m. for an informal bring-your-own brown bag meal followed by the evening's presentation from 6:30 to 8:30. Our members include novices and experts in a variety of Adobe Creative suite products, such as Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, and Dreamweaver. Members are eligible to win valuable Adobe software in June and December if they have attended three of the six meetings since the last award.

On Monday, **November 11**<sup>th</sup> we plan to demonstrate some more Photoshop tips--including the use of "actions" to script repetitive operations, review our poster project goals and design criteria, and demonstrate how to add name and copyright information to the metadata of your digital photographs to protect your images before you post them.

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**Mail** or deliver your check to the Treasurer, Eldon Estep, Northwest Apple Pickers, P.O. Box 98203, Lakewood WA 98496

## **Membership Report For Sept 2013**

**By Francette Beeler** As Of 10/13/2013

55 **Active Memberships:** 

#### Membership Renewals:

Johan F. (Fred) Battiè, Dawne & Jim Aho, Ruth Elliott, Delores & Magno B Tulfo, Monika Roberts-Brown & Bob Brown, Louis Torre, Bob Moffat, Carol Rybolt, Emiko Benton, Jeanne Hansen, Eldon

Estep, Judith Sloan, Cal Lantz, Bob Webster, Liz Webster, Elaine Winter

**New Members:** None

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in Sept: Patricia Clark

**Due in Oct:** Judy Bickenbach

**Due in Nov:** Larry Weakly, Roxanne Burns, Ann

Bushnell

**Meeting Attendance:** 

**New User Group** on 10/03/13 07:00PM had 21 members attend.

Mortvedt Center on 10/11/13 10:00AM had 9

members attend.

Visitor(s): Doris Keyes: Barbara Wohlers: Eunice

Robeck

**Board Meeting** ..on 10/13/13 01:30PM had 6

members attend.

Visitor(s): Gladys E Davilla

**General Meeting** on 10/13/13 03:00PM had 19 members attend.

Visitor(s): Gladys E Davilla: Elaine Winter: Rudy Horst

### **Print a PDF to Share Your Document**

#### Mac Tip of the Week #452

Excerpted from The Little Mac Book, Lion Edition by Robin Williams

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## **Use Grab to Capture Screen Images**

Mac Tip of the Week #451

Excerpted from OS X Mountain Lion: Visual QuickStart Guide by Maria Langer

http://www.peachpit.com/store/os-x-mountain-lion-visua l-quickstart-guide-9780321857880?WT.mc\_id=PP\_NL\_M acTips 2013 10 28

Grab is an application that can capture screen shots of OS X and its applications. You tell Grab to capture what appears on your screen, and it creates a TIFF file. You can then view the TIFF file with Preview or any application capable of opening TIFFs. You might find screen shots useful for documenting software—or when writing technical material like this. To run Grab, look for the Grab application icon in the Utilities folder





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