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JUNE 5TH MEETING:

MYOB ACCOUNTEDGE VS QUICKBOOKS

– **BARBARA DAURIA**

MICROSOFT OUTLOOK EXPRESS SECRETS

– **JAY MANNING**

Join us on **Tuesday, June 5th** at 7:30 PM in **Physical Sciences building room 121** on the SUNY Oneonta campus for our monthly MUG ONE meeting.

Program co-chair Barbara Dauria will compare MYOB's *AccountEdge* small business accounting software with Intuit's popular but discontinued *QuickBooks* for the Mac.

Following Barbara's presentation, Jay Manning will share his favorite tips and tricks for getting the most out of Microsoft's email software *Outlook Express*.

For more information, contact Terry Helser at 432-8123 or email us at mugone@stny.rr.com.



The sleek new 4.9 pound iBook made its debut on May 1st.

MACWORLD EXPO NYC, JULY 18-20TH

Macintosh users travel from all over the world to attend the biannual MacWorld Conferences and Expo, held in San Francisco in January and in New York City in July. We're very lucky to have the summer MacWorld Expo practically in our back yard. With free exhibits passes and reduced hotel rates available for MUG ONE members, MacWorld Expo is the perfect excuse for a City day trip or mini-vacation.

In case you haven't been yet, MacWorld Expo is **THE** place to try and compare Mac products, get special show prices, have your questions answered by the experts, learn about the newest technology, have fun and maybe even win a prize. It's for power users, brand-new Mac users and everyone in between. In short, it's a blast!

This year's MacWorld NYC Expo will be held from **July 18-20** at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, 655 West 34th Street in New York City. It will be preceded by the User Group University and full day Workshop sessions on July 17. More than 400 vendors will be exhibiting at the Expo and over 120

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MUG ONE'S ANNUAL PICNIC - JUNE 24TH

New Location - SUCO College Camp

You and your family are invited to the third annual MUG ONE picnic on **Sunday, June 24th** from **1 to 5 PM** at the newly renovated **SUCO College Camp** in Oneonta. Come rain or shine - we've reserved both the lodge and the picnic area.

Directions: From the East Street turn-off for the SUCO campus (at the intersection of East Street and Bugbee Road), take East Street north for one mile. At the sign for College Camp, turn left onto Hoffman Road. Follow the road for about a mile until you come to the College Camp's lodge at the top of the hill.

We will provide meats for the grill, vegetarian alternatives, buns, beverages and table settings.

Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP with to mugone@stny.rr.com by **June 21st**.

Fabulous Door Prizes - Drawing at 3 PM

This year we plan to make the picnic a little more exciting by holding a drawing for some fabulous door prizes. The drawing will take place at **3 PM**. Prizes include:

Adobe GoLive 5, donated by Adobe, Inc.

EZ-Motion animation software donated by Jay Manning.

A brand new 56K modem donated by Jerome Redd.

Tee shirts, Apple pens, posters and more!

So mark your calendars, RSVP, and come join the fun.

MAY 1, 2001 MEETING REPORT

Elsa Travisano welcomed almost 40 of us to the technology classroom and announced the new \$1299-\$1799 iBooks from Apple. If you can't afford a TiBook (G4 PowerBook), this new 4.7 lb, 1.3" wide, FireWire-equipped 500 MHz G3 beauty is certainly the next best thing. The price difference depends on whether you want a CD, DVD, CD-RW or DVD, CD-RW drive. Look at the Apple website, www.apple.com, for details.

Librarian Johanna Koenig announced the latest book titles available for loan from the MUG ONE library.

Fran Sokol began taking Peachpit Press orders. If 11 books are ordered, we get a 40% discount, so order several and often. Contact Fran at fransokol@stny.rr.com to place your order. Catalogues are available at the meetings or from officers.

Questions and Answers

During a short Q&A session, one member asked why she was still getting email through a discontinued ISP. Consensus was "Use it while it lasts!" A request for games as gift suggestions brought forth numerous testimonials for *Myst* (in library), *Riven*, *Time Lapse*, *Myst 3: Exile* (new) and *Connections* by James Burke. Also check out www.shockwave.com for games. (SOME of your officers have TOO much time on their hands if they know so much about these!) As for sources for ink cartridges, check out www.Buy.com, www.ink4art.com (3 black + 3 color Epson for \$39.95) and www.cdr.com. One caution: Elsa said Epson printers need special ink and 3rd party sources may void your warranty if they block the jets. Jay says he has had no problems, so far. *Caveat Emptor*. Two sources for help with corrupted files, etc. are www.macresq.com and www.macfixit.com.

Program: OS X, the "First Modern Operating System"

Jay Manning introduced us to OS X, pronounced "ten". The UNIX based, open architecture system requirements include a G3 or better Power Mac, 128 MB RAM with Virtual Memory ON, 1.5 GB on hard disk, and OS 9.1 (CD included) to run in classic mode. There is already an update, Mac OS X 10.0.3. Most experts including Jay and Elsa concur that the early adopters will be Mac professionals and developers that need it for their work. The rest of us can await a couple of months until more applications can run native and more printers are supported. The July MacWorld Expo promises lots of OS X product announcements. *Update: On May 21 Apple announced that it has begun to ship OS X pre-installed along with OS 9.1 on all new Mac computers, two months ahead of schedule.*

Immediately obvious when you start ("boot" according to Jay) the computer under OS X is the absence of extensions to load and control panels to configure them. All gone.

Also noticeable is the distinctly Dark Side [Windows] look. Sigh. I guess it was inevitable that Apple would try to capture some of the Windows market share by making "our OS" look

more like "theirs." There is a new "Dock" at the bottom where former Apple Menu items as well as documents appear. Click an icon in the dock and it bounces in anticipation of launching; double click and it expands up into a window. Close the window and it collapses onto the dock. You can also enlarge or shrink the dock, and it will bulge up as the cursor rolls over it. The interface has a new desktop look termed "aqua" both for the color and for the liquid, translucent look to the buttons, etc. Nifty.

It is lucky that memory (RAM) is cheap these days, as low as 50¢/MB at this writing for newer machines. You will need a lot of it. 64 MB just to run the screen savers. The screen savers are just for entertainment, since you can't really burn in a monitor now, but they can be configured with a security feature requiring a password to access the computer. Jay showed a number of features like getting *iTools* from the Apple website (this needs 20 Meg of HD space), and having *Sherlock II* index your hard drive overnight or when you schedule it.

Finally, let me see if I understand "preemptive multitasking." For the first time programs truly share the processor, as well as "dynamic" memory. That is why you don't need to set memory allocations for programs. They take only what they need at the time and give it up when other programs need it. This architecture is supposed to prevent those bombs and crashes which used to force you to restart the computer. You can still crash a program, but when one goes, the others are protected, so the machine never completely hangs. Then how did Elsa get the "blue screen of death?" [You need to install OS 9.1 and OS X on different partitions or preferably on different drives, despite the installation instructions. Ed.] Thanks, Jay, for an excellent tour through the future of our interface!

We then used a beaker to dispense raffle tickets. Winners took home Apple OS X Tshirts, black suede Apple caps and Apple iPens straight from Apple Computer headquarters in Cupertino, CA, markers and more. We still have a 56K modem donated by Jerome Redd and lots of other prizes for future raffles. The Ginger Ale, Diet Coke and Oreo and chocolate chip cookies disappeared while F2F (face to face) networking flourished.

—TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY

MYOB OFFERS MUG ONE MEMBERS \$100 DISCOUNT ON ACCOUNTEDGE

MYOB is offering MUG ONE members the opportunity to save \$100 on the purchase of *AccountEdge* small business accounting software. Forms will be available at the June meeting for purchasing *AccountEdge* for \$149, a price that's well below any other available discounts. If you cannot attend the meeting but want to purchase the software, contact Terry Helser or Elsa Travisano for a form.

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educational sessions will be offered. Sessions include MacBeginnings, which are free to all registered attendees, Users Conference sessions (topics range from “How to Digitally Archive Your Family History” to “Networking Your Home or Small Office”), and Pro Conference sessions for business and professional users.

Free Exhibits Passes, Discounts for MUG members

The User Group Advisory Board in conjunction with MacWorld Expo has arranged to offer free Exhibits Only passes (\$29 value) and 15% discounts off the various Conference Packages regularly \$295 to \$1495) for user group members if they register by **June 18th**.

To take advantage of these offers, which are only for MUG members and their families, use the registration code **D-GU01** and register at the MacWorld Expo website, <http://www.macworldexpo.com/> Late registration and on-site registration at the Javits Center will be available at regular prices.

Children are allowed at MacWorld Expo this year but each child must be registered individually, and kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult pass-holder.

Special Room Rates for Macworld NY

The New Yorker Hotel is offering special room rates for user groups until June 13th. CZ Productions has negotiated a discounted price at the New Yorker Hotel for user group attendees of Macworld NYC. If you would like to stay at the New Yorker Hotel – a 10-minute walk to the Jacob Javits center – call for your room reservation now. Room rates are:

\$129.00 - single occupancy

\$129.00 - double occupancy

\$149.00 - triple occupancy

\$159.00 - Tower Rooms - single occupancy

\$179.00 - Tower Rooms - double occupancy

\$199.00 - Plaza or Tower Room Suites - single & double occupancy

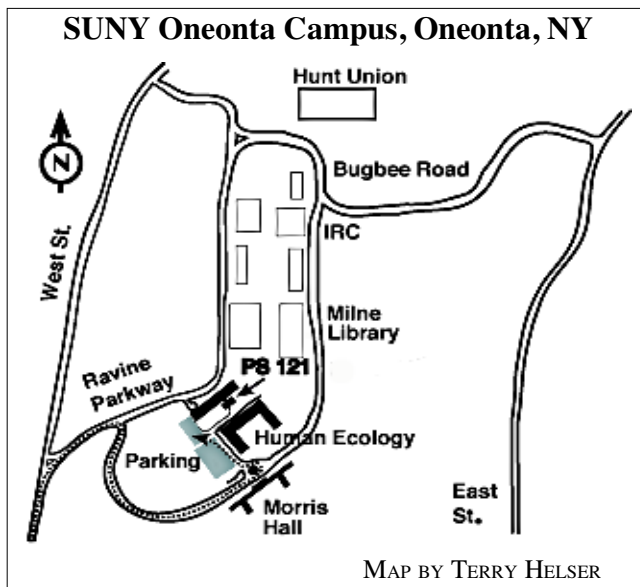
You **MUST** call the hotel reservation desk, specify "IN-HOUSE reservations" and ask for the CZ Productions/Macworld room block to get these rates. Reservations must be made by June 13th for the special room rates.

The New Yorker Hotel reservation telephone number is 212-971-0101. The website is <http://www.newyorkerhotel.com>.

For more MacWorld Expo information including schedules, session descriptions, an interactive floor plan of the exhibits hall travel information and discounts at additional hotels, go to <http://www.macworldexpo.com>.

There's also a convenient link from the MUG ONE website, <http://www.mugone.com>. See you at the Expo!

–ELSA TRAVISANO

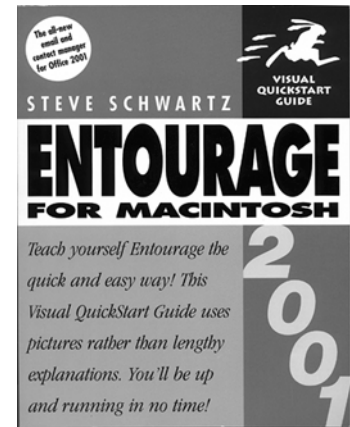
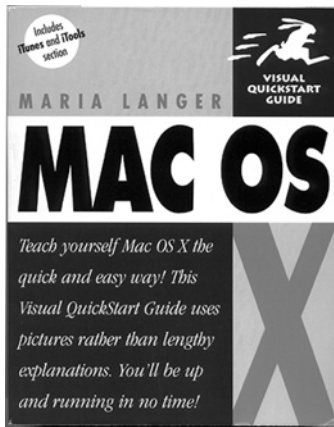


Directions to Physical Sciences Building room 121

- From Main Street in Oneonta, take Chestnut Street to West Street.
- Take West Street to Ravine Parkway, then take the second right by the big OSC sign.
- Follow this road around and up the hill to the flagpole roundabout next to Morris Hall.
- Go 3/4 around the roundabout and through the main parking lot behind the Human Ecology building to the small parking lots at the far end. Park anywhere in these lots.
- Take the main sidewalk between Human Ecology and the Physical Sciences building.
- Enter the low, glass main entrance to your left. The front room on your right is room 121.

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BOOKS: MAC OS X, MICROSOFT ENTOURAGE , OFFICE 2001 COMPLETE REFERENCE

Mac OS X Virtual QuickStart Guide, by Maria Langer. 247 pp. Peachpit Press, 2001. \$18.99.

It's simple – if you're using Mac OS X, buy this book. OS X is a whole new ballgame, and *Mac OS X Virtual QuickStart Guide* is the essential printed orientation to Apple's revolutionary (and I don't use that term lightly) new operating system.

Now that Apple is shipping OS X installed alongside OS 9.1 on all new Macintoshes, the new operating system is moving from the hands of early adopters to general Mac users. This means that everyone from beginners to old hands are getting up to speed at the same time, and most of us need help. Thank goodness for Maria Langer, who has guided readers through operating systems since OS 8.

From docks to drawers to dialog boxes, the look and feel of OS X is very different, and sometimes utterly baffling. Langer starts with a chapter on installation and setup instructions (don't skip this part!) and a brief summary of the new features in OS X. She then details Finder basics including the dock, file management, and advanced Finder techniques.

Langer covers the differences between OS X applications and Classic applications and explains changes to menus and dialog boxes. She also takes us through *TextEdit*, the powerful new application that replaces *SimpleText*. Chapters on printing, connecting to the internet, setting System preferences and getting help round out the book. Don't miss the appendix covering *iTools*, which is extensively integrated into the new OS, and *iTunes*. As with all VQS guides, the book is well illustrated and easy to use. So what are you waiting for?

Office 2001 for Mac, the Complete Reference, by Gene Steinberg. 715 pp. Osborne/McGraw Hill, 2001. \$39.99.

There's no room to squeeze a manual into the stylish clamshell case that holds Microsoft's *Office 2001 for Mac*. Award-winning technology journalist and Mac author Gene Steinberg tackles this omission with an extensive, well-illustrated guide to the premier Mac suite of productivity programs, which

consists of *Word*, *Excel*, *PowerPoint* and the newly introduced *Entourage*.

Beginning with an overview of the new features of *Office 2001 for Mac*, Steinberg explains the options for installing the software, including selecting components from the Value Pack. He then details the Project Gallery, the floating document palette that is consistent across all *Office* applications. He gives tips for customizing the Project Gallery and for using the wizards and templates to simplify document creation.

In-depth coverage of *Word*, *Excel* and *PowerPoint* make up the bulk of the book. Steinberg leavens his discussions with shortcuts and hidden features to help the reader get the most out of these powerful applications. He covers such topics as scripting and automating email procedures, creating multimedia presentations in *PowerPoint*, strategies for easy file compatibility with Windows users, and how to avoid getting cross-platform viruses. Tips, notes, summaries and clear, step by step instructions make the text easy to dip into to learn particular tasks. With this book in hand, you're on your way to becoming an *Office 2001 for Mac* power user.

Entourage for Macintosh Virtual QuickStart Guide, by Steve Schwartz. 277 pp. Peachpit Press, 2001. \$16.99.

According to author Steve Schwartz, *Entourage* is "command central" for Microsoft's *Office 2001 for Mac*. Available only as part of the *Office 2001 for Mac* suite, *Entourage* is much more than a souped up version of *Outlook Express 5*. Like *Outlook Express*, *Entourage* handles email and newsgroups, but the program is also designed to serve as a full-fledged personal information manager with a sophisticated address book, task and to do list management, notes and a calendar with pop-up reminders. *Entourage* also has a spell checker, which *Outlook Express* lacks.

Schwartz gives step by step instructions to *Entourage's* features, augmented by tips and clear illustrations. Don't miss the keystroke shortcut references in the appendices. You'll be

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 amazed at how much keystrokes can speed up and streamline your use of *Entourage*.

Whether you find *Entourage* replacing *Palm Desktop* as your personal information manager or not, you'll find this book to be an excellent guide to an innovative new application.

–ELSA TRAVISANO

MUG ONE LIBRARY TO RELOCATE

MUG ONE's lending library, which is currently housed at Jay Manning's place of business at 224 Main Street in Oneonta, is about to move to a new location a few blocks down the road. The move should be completed by the June 5th MUG ONE meeting.

Barbara Dauria has graciously consented to provide space for the library collection at her business, Main Street Print Shop. The Print Shop is located at 353 Main Street, directly across from the Oneonta Post Office, near the corner of Main and Maple Streets. The entrance to the Print Shop is located on the side of the building, and there is ample free parking.

Materials may be borrowed, returned and perused by current MUG ONE members between 9 AM and 5 PM from Monday through Friday. Librarian Johanna Koenig will be keeping hours at the library on Mondays from 2 to 4 PM. If you wish to borrow hardware (camera, Zip drives, etc.), please call Barbara Dauria at 607/432-7800 to make prior arrangements.

We're fortunate that Barbara is able to provide such a comfortable, convenient new home for the library. Be sure to thank Barbara and to thank Jay as well, for hosting the library up until now.

–ELSA TRAVISANO

WACOM OFFERS DISCOUNTS ON TABLETS

Kim Elko, who gave the first-rate presentation on Macromedia products for our November 2000 meeting, is now working for Wacom Technology Corp. She is extending terrific offers on Wacom drawing tablets to MUG ONE members:

Intuous Graphic Tablet Systems

	MUG price	Retail price
Intuos 6x8 (usb)	\$199.67	\$383.99
Intuos 9x12 (usb or serial)	\$299.62	\$509.99
Intuos 12x12 (usb or serial)	\$299.62	\$509.99
Intuos 12x18 (usb or serial)	\$399.37	\$819.99

There is no shipping charge, however a \$10 non-refundable handling fee will be added to your order. Limit one tablet per member.

Contact Wacom customer service to order at 800/922-6613, use reference code JUNEMEMBER 1. The offer is good through June 30, while supplies last.

APPLE OPENS FIRST RETAIL STORES - ALBANY CROSSGATES STORE COMING

On May 19th Apple opened its first two retail stores, in McLean, Virginia and Glendale, California. Apple plans to open a total of 25 stores during 2001, including a store in the Crossgates Mall in Albany. See <http://www.apple.com/retail/> for photographs, a QuickTime tour with Steve Jobs and a QuickTime VR virtual walkthrough.

The strikingly designed stores will stock the full selection of Apple computers, monitors and AirPort wireless networking in "Home" and "Pro" product sections. The stores will sell "digital lifestyle" products such as digital cameras, digital camcorders, MP 3 players and handheld organizers; printers, scanners, tablets, cables, paper, ink and other accessories, and over 300 third-party software titles including some of the best educational titles for children. A theater with a giant 10 foot screen will show demos of the latest products and software. There will even be a children's area where kids can explore educational software and games while their parents shop.

At each Apple store, knowledgeable salespeople will be able to demonstrate Macs running applications like *iTunes* and *iMovie*, as well as Mac OS X. All of the Macs will be connected to the Internet, and several will be connected to digital cameras, digital camcorders, MP3 players, and handheld organizers. According to Steve Jobs, "Customers can now learn and experience the things they can actually do with a computer, like make movies, burn custom music CDs, and publish their digital photos on a personal website."

In the back of each store will be the Genius Bar, where everyone is invited to ask the Mac "genius" questions, connect to the local Mac community or receive service. The Genius Bar will staffed at all times by the most knowledgeable Mac people in the local community. If they don't know the answer to a tough question, they can pick up the Apple "hot line" (said to be inspired by Batman's BatPhone) for immediate help from Apple headquarters.

The Albany store doesn't have an official opening date yet, but Apple is hiring for all positions at the Crossgates location, including Mac Geniuses. Interested in applying? Go to <http://www.apple.com/retail/> and click on Job Opportunities.

LATEST APPLE MUG STORE PASSWORDS

The Apple MUG Store offers great deals for MUG members on refurbished and used Macs as well as speakers, surge protectors, FireWire drives and even digital projectors. Go to www.apple.com/mugstore or call 800/689-8191 for the latest. Remember to mention that you're a MUG ONE member so the user group can earn points towards purchasing door prizes.

Apple MUG Store password through 7/31/01:

User ID: think Password: different

MAY 17, 2001 OFFICERS' MEETING

President Jay Manning and wife Christine, secretary Terry L. Helsler, librarian Johanna Koenig, program chairs Art and Barbara Dauria and vice president and *Newsbreak* editor Elsa Travisano attended the May officer's meeting, beginning at 6:30 PM at Ruffino's pizzeria.

Elsa reported on the upcoming MacWorld Conference and Expo and User Group University in New York City this July. MUG officers can register for the UGU for \$25 and it's well worth it, she attests. The group has been invited to help staff the user group booth at the expo (a big honor!), and we will accept if we can assemble enough staffers. Consensus was that we would need six people to take 2 hour shifts on Thursday, if possible. Art and Barb volunteered to do consecutive shifts and we all volunteered Elsa's daughter Emily as well. If Jay can attend, the group will pay his expenses, or Elsa's, if not. In any case we agreed to pay Elsa's for the UGU at least. We also discussed offering a modest stipend to MUG ONE members who help staff the booth. Contact Elsa if you're interested

The annual picnic will be held on Sunday, June 24, at the Oneonta State College College Camp off East Street. There is a horse shoe pitch, volley ball court, a pond, and nice lodge with kitchen and fire place for inclement weather. It is free (thanks Terry, for making the arrangements). We decided to stay from 1-5 PM with the raffle and other business to be conducted at about 3 PM. Elsa and Tom Travisano will be in charge of the marinated beef, subs and veggie burgers to grill. Fran and the Daurias are getting the cups, plastic utensils and paper plates. I will get the 2-3 Liter sodas and ice. That leaves lemonade, iced tea, salads and deserts to contribute. Elsa will field the RSVPs. Based on attendance in past years, we expect about 40-50 people.

We will save the *GoLive 5.0* software donated by Adobe, *eZ-Motion* web animation software donated by Jay and the 56K modem donated by Jerome Redd for the picnic raffle.

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In anticipation of Jay and Christine Manning's not-yet-scheduled move to Florida, the library will relocate soon to Barbara Dauria's business, the Main Street Print Shop, at 353 Main Street, across from the Oneonta Post Office. Enter at the SIDE door. Jo Koenig and the Daurias are planning the logistics. We will also need to transfer the key to the post office box, the group's email mailing list and a few vendor liaison responsibilities to other officers when Jay leaves.

After an interlude trying to recall Bill Pullman's movies, we decided to extend the recently paid members through October 2002. We plan to prorate new members ONLY, starting April 1, 2002 at \$12 for 1/2 year. Everyone still renews in October for \$24, and you must be a current, paid member to be eligible for door prizes. Students will continue to join for the year at their reduced rate of \$18. *Newsbreak* still gets sent to prospective members for a few months.

Finally we discussed possible programs for the fall. Full of eggplant pizza and soda, we adjourned at 8:00 PM.

– TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY

LIBRARY ADDS BOOKS, MYST III: EXILE

Librarian Johanna Koenig has added the following titles to the MUG ONE library:

Myst III: Exile software – game

Sad Macs, Bombs and Other Disasters, 3rd. ed. book

Quicken 2001 for Macintosh: Virtual QuickStart book

AppleWorks 6 for Macintosh book

Adobe GoLive 5.0 Classroom in a Book book + CD-ROM

Adobe Illustrator 9 Classroom in a Book book + CD-ROM

Sad Macs was donated by Elsa Travisano, and the books on *Quicken*, *AppleWorks*, *GoLive* and *Illustrator* were donated by Peachpit Press.

PEACHPIT BOOK ORDER – SAVE 40%!

Fran Sokol is taking orders for our latest group book purchase from Peachpit Press. MUG ONE members who order through Fran can purchase all Peachpit, Adobe and Macromedia Press titles for an amazing 40% off, plus 7% tax and a 50¢ per book shipping charge. For lists and descriptions of available titles, go to www.peachpit.com or contact Elsa Travisano for a catalog.

Peachpit Press offers a huge range of excellent Macintosh books, including the just-published *Little Mac Book*, 7th edition and the *OS X Virtual QuickStart Guide*. Peachpit also supports MUG ONE by donating one book a month to the MUG ONE library.

Contact Fran at fransokol@stny.rr.com or 607/369-7645 to place your order. We need to order at least eleven books to qualify for the 40% discount, so add yours today!