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JUNE 3, 2002 MUG ONE MEETING

Tips, Tools and Demos

Join us on Monday, **June 3** from 7:30-9:00 in IRC **Lecture Hall 1** on the SUNY Oneonta campus (see map, back page).

We'll see demos of *HipFlics* and *LiveSlideShow* from Totally Hip Software, share some Mac tips and tricks, and have plenty of time for questions and answers. We'll also be making plans for the annual MUG ONE picnic, coming June 23.

As always, there will be plenty of door prizes, good company and tasty refreshments.

MUG ONE'S ANNUAL PICNIC – JUNE 23

MUG ONE members and their families are invited to the fourth annual MUG ONE picnic, scheduled for Sunday, June 23 from **1 to 4 PM** at the SUCO College Camp. Come rain or shine – we've reserved 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.

Be sure to RSVP by **June 21st**, and tell us the number of people who will be attending. Send an email to mugone@stny.rr.com or call Jo Koenig at 432-4975. See you there!

PICNIC DOOR PRIZE DRAWING – 3 PM

The door prize drawing was a highlight of last year's picnic. This year should be even better. Come for your chance to win books, software, Apple tee shirts (do we have tee shirts!), posters and more. The prize drawing will take place at 3 PM.

Visit MUG ONE's website at <http://www.mugone.com>



Apple System Engineer Dave Marra demoed the latest from Apple to a record-breaking crowd at the May 13th meeting.

MUG ONE LOGO CONTEST ANNOUNCED

MUG ONE is sponsoring a logo contest to update our "group identity." Members are invited to submit designs to replace our venerable MUG ONE logo, created 16 years ago by Harriett Johnson. We're looking for a design that incorporates our name and can be used for print and web. Members will vote to select the winning design at our September meeting. The prize? *Painter 7*, donated by Corel/Procreate, worth \$499. Email your submissions to mugone@stny.rr.com.

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MAY 13, 2002 MUG ONE MEETING

President Elsa Travisano began by introducing herself and welcoming the crowd, which included at least 11 guests (those who signed in). Eventually over 60 of us [Dave Marra, who is experienced at such things, estimated the crowd at about 80. Ed.] raised the temperature in IRC 5, the substitute lecture hall. The change in rooms was necessitated by the final exam schedule, but we will return to our familiar IRC-1 on June 3.

Elsa invited MUG ONE members to gather at the SUNY College Camp Lodge off of Upper East Street on June 23 for the annual picnic. More on that at the June meeting. The group (40% discount) book orders from www.peachpit.com were delivered by Joanne, who also took new memberships, guided people to the sign-in sheets and gave out raffle tickets. The woman does it all!

Elsa announced the MUG ONE official logo design contest. Any MUG ONE member is encouraged to submit a design for the group's logo and logo with name. The contenders will be posted on our Web site where members can view them. The plan is to vote on the winner at the September meeting. The designer of the winning entry, besides having the thanks and notoriety given by the group, will win a \$499 copy of Painter software donated by Corel's Procreate. Not bad!

Jordan Tannenbaum then thanked Elsa for her tireless work for the group and for attracting national and Apple attention to us. One fruit of her efforts was the presentation that followed. All in attendance heartily concurred! Well done, Elsa!

Program: Apple Product Overview

Without further delay, **Dave Marra, Apple Senior Systems Engineer**, began the fastest, clearest and loudest unamplified presentation we have had for quite a while. The man was a dynamo, explaining the iMac, the brand new eMac, flat panel displays, iBook, TiBook, Power Mac G4, AirPort cards and base station, key chain USB device, iPod, Super Drives, FireWire and USB ports and cables. Then there were the software demonstrations and explanations of DVD burners versus CDs, iMovie, QuickTime, iTunes, iPhoto and iDVD. During this running monologue he rebooted his frozen iBook, answered pertinent questions (and some not so pertinent), and asked the group's help with a member's problem he had never encountered. All without breaking stride or train of thought, and while downing three bottles of water. Amazing.

Before beginning these minutes, I had thought I'd summarize the good stuff I jotted down so those who missed it would benefit too. But, as you can see, if you missed the program, you missed it. Sorry, there is not enough space or ink to do it justice, though Elsa did manage to pick out a few highlights for the MUG ONE website: "Dave's "thinking outside the box" solutions, like connecting an iPod to your stereo system via an RCA cable adapter, using iPhoto to manage scans and artwork as well as photos, and how to communicate wirelessly between two Airport-equipped computers without a network,

were especially exciting and new to most of us." For more details, your best alternative is to mine Dave's Web site at www.marrathon.com. It is all there.

To simply provide the perfect capper to a marvelous evening, our beloved President Emeritus and most-missed snowbird Jay Manning slipped into the back of the room after Dave started his presentation! Jay didn't escape unnoticed, however, and was invited to draw the winning tickets for the raffle, a job accomplished with precision and well practiced grace and to the delight of all. (In particular yours truly, since I got the first choice! Good work, Jay!)

In the raffle, several members picked T-shirts, Apple beach sandals and other booty from Dave Marra and the MUG ONE coffers. More next month! The diet Coke, Sprite, Ginger Ale, Oreos and nut and raisin cookies disappeared as we all communed. A very successful evening!

– TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY



Picnic graphic from The Print Shop for Mac

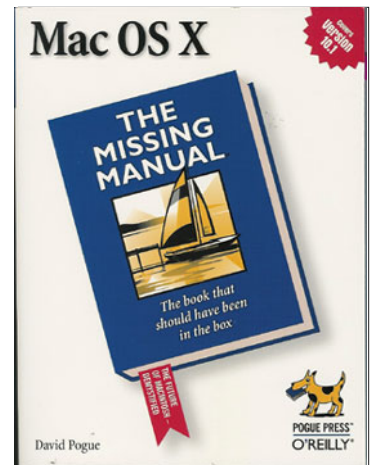
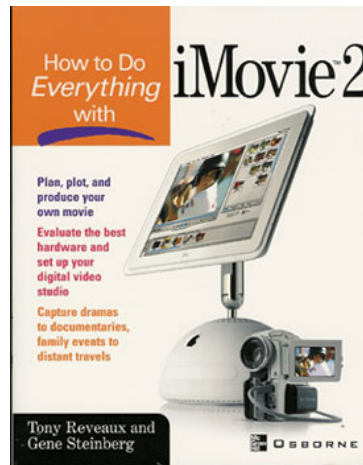
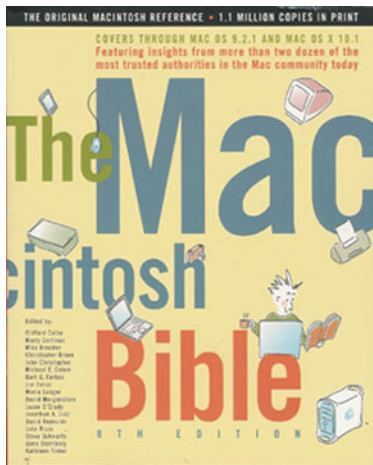
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Mac OS X, the Missing Manual offers detailed and insightful discussions of the Mac OS X desktop, the components and technologies of OS X, using applications, going online, and the basics of UNIX. Side bars marked "Up to Speed" are interspersed to help first-time Mac users understand a topic, while "Power Users' Clinic" sidebars are for climbers of OS X's more advanced learning curve.

Don't miss the "Where'd It Go?" Dictionary, which lists classic Mac features from ATM control panel to Zoom box and explains their OS X equivalents, or why they're no longer necessary. There's also a menu by menu walk-through of OS X, guides to installation and troubleshooting, and a bibliography and webography (if that's not a word yet, it should be) of OS X and UNIX resources.

This is the first book I reach for when I have an OS X question or problem. Most highly recommended.

– ELSA TRAVISANO



BOOKS: MACINTOSH BIBLE 8TH ED., HOW TO DO EVERYTHING WITH IMOVIE 2, MAC OS X: THE MISSING MANUAL

The Macintosh Bible, 8th edition, edited by Clifford Colby and Marty Cortinas. 944 pp. Peachpit Press, 2002. \$34.99.

The *Macintosh Bible* had been missing in action for the last few years, so it's gratifying to see it back in fighting trim - or heft, at 944 pages. This eighth edition of the "original Macintosh reference" is an indispensable compendium of information, advice and recommendations from a panel of more than two dozen top Macintosh experts.

Need advice on what desktop publishing program to choose? Turn to the section on Page Layout. Thinking about keyboards? The *Mac Bible* describes the pros and cons of the various models on the market, and supplies prices and company website addresses. Problems with your printer? Look at "Troubleshooting: When Bad Things Happen to Good Pages" for advice. Not sure when a database, a spreadsheet or a word processing document is best for the job at hand? The Getting Productive section will help you make the right choice.

The Macintosh Bible gives answers to most any question a general Mac user will come up with, and provides trusted advice, tips and troubleshooting help. It's fascinating reading for Mac users at all levels of experience. Most highly recommended.

How to Do Everything with iMovie 2, by Tony Reveaux and Gene Steinberg. 402 pp. Osborne/McGraw Hill, 2002. \$24.99.

If you're ready to go beyond the basics with *iMovie 2*, *How to Do Everything with iMovie 2* is an excellent choice. Veteran Mac author Gene Steinberg teams with writer, teacher and film consultant Tony Reveaux to provide the detailed and practical information you'll need to plan, shoot and edit like a pro. You'll also learn how to prepare your finished *iMovie* for email or posting on the Web, how to export to DV tape, VHS, CD-ROM or QuickTime, and how to transfer videos to DVD with *iDVD 2*.

The book begins by laying out the world of movie possibilities from home movies to documentaries, training films and experimental videos, then guides you through setting up your personal

DV studio. The authors explain how to configure and optimize your FireWire Mac for the OS 9 and OS X versions of *iMovie*, and what camera and equipment features are most important. The book is extensively illustrated with black and white photos, drawings and screen shots; gadget freaks will drool over the accessories, from LaCie pocket drives to portable lighting kits, reflectors and microphones of all description.

The Creating *iMovies* section takes you from concept (how to make a video sketch and write a treatment) to techniques for using your camera, capturing the shot, working with exposure and lighting, and recording sound. The sections on editing and advanced editing techniques include ways to expand your sources with photos, scanned images, vintage film footage and even webcams. An appendix cites a number of web sites as internet references and sources of further inspiration.

The book is sufficiently hot off the press to include photos of flat panel iMacs and screen shots from the *Spiderman* movie trailer, and to recommend the DVD of *Star Wars: Episode 1* for its "revelation of many basic and advanced production techniques." Highly recommended for the intermediate *iMovie* filmmaker, and for the beginner with Aspirations.

Mac OS X, the Missing Manual by David Pogue. 583 pp. Pogue Press/O'Reilly, 2002. \$24.95.

With two clever graphs, David Pogue puts his finger on why learning OS X is so different from learning previous versions of the Macintosh operating system. The learning curve for OS 9 follows a fairly steady ascent from beginner to intermediate to advanced. OS X's learning curve, on the other hand, has two distinct peaks. It's very easy to learn the basics, but there's practically no middle ground before the very steep second learning curve for OS X's advanced features. Many OS X books never attempt to tackle the second curve. *Mac OS X, the Missing Manual* aims to help the reader along both curves.

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SOFTWARE : THE PRINT SHOP FOR MAC

The Print Shop for Mac

Broderbund. www.broderbund.com

\$69.99. User group member price \$39.99 plus \$5.99 shipping.

Hooray! *The Print Shop* is back! After a hiatus of several years, while Mac users watched the Windows version march from version to version, *The Print Shop for Mac* has burst onto the scene with a new interface and expanded capabilities. There's also a new school version for the Mac, *The Print Shop 7*, which includes an expanded set of school-related graphics.

The new *Print Shop* includes more than 11,500 images and 4,500 professionally designed layouts, as well as an address book, text tools, a nicely designed assortment of 3D effects for headlines, and integrated spell checker and photo editing tools. Layouts are organized by projects, which include greeting cards, pamphlets, banners, photo pages, letterheads, business cards, envelopes, calendars, signs, post cards, Post-it® Notes, online greetings, certificates and labels.

A Select a New Project screen opens automatically when the program is launched. To choose a project, you can click one of the fourteen project buttons or click the Blank Pages button to create your own project.

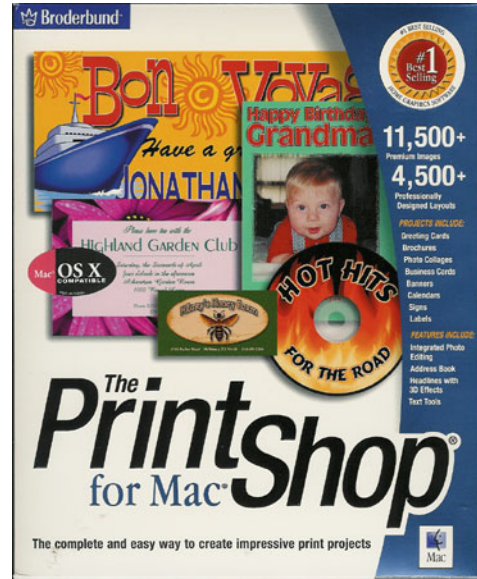
When you click a project button you're presented with three choices: Personalize a Quickstart Layout, Help Me Design, and Start From Scratch. The Quickstart Layouts allow you to substitute text and, if you wish, graphics in a pre-designed layout. Many Quickstart Layouts are ready to use without any modifications. If you wish to make changes, double-clicking on the type or graphic element takes you to a dialog box where the element can be easily modified or replaced.

The Help Me Design offers a selection of layouts with placeholders for text and graphics. Dialog boxes allow you to choose backdrops, layouts, borders and other elements to customize your project. Start From Scratch gives you a choice of layouts (calendar templates, for example) and lets you choose your own design elements. Projects are keyed to standard Avery paper and label sizes.

Whichever of the three layout options you choose, the Design Desk interface allows you to customize to your heart's content. The Design Desk consists of the text palette at the top of the window and a palette of seven Object buttons on the left. The Object buttons allow you to insert a graphic, headline, text block, border, or panel effect such as a backdrop or watermark, to create a custom graphic such as a logo, seal or signature, or to import and edit a photo.

The current version of *The Print Shop for Mac* makes it much easier to import and export graphics. Graphics can now be exported in JPEG, bitmap, TIFF, PICT and PNG formats, and projects can be exported as HTML files for web publishing.

Online Greetings are one of the most fun additions to *The Print*



Shop. Once you've designed and saved your Online Greeting in the usual manner, selecting Send from the File menu automatically opens a new message in your email application. Add the recipient(s) and a subject, and the greeting is ready to be sent as a JPEG attachment. Just make sure that the recipient is able to read JPEG files.

The interface is clean and easy to use, though I have a few quibbles. It would be helpful if pointing to a button on the Objects palette displayed its name – the button graphics can take a little deciphering. And a Back button screen for the Design Desk would be much appreciated. When you first make choices for your project (layout, background, etc.), each dialog box includes a Back button so you can try different combinations. Once you hit the OK button in the last dialog box, however, you have to start over again if you wish to try other layouts. Closing the window leaves the work area blank; you have to choose New under the File menu to open the Start a New Project screen. It would be much more intuitive to include a screen with buttons that could take you to the beginning screen for your project type, or to the Start a New Project screen, when a project window is closed.

Quibbles aside, this is a simply wonderful program and a real steal at the user group price. The only real disappointment is that the current version is not OS X-native. Yes, it runs on a Mac using OS X, but only in Classic mode. I'm sure that the well-deserved popularity of *The Print Shop for Mac* will lead to an OS X-compatible version in the near future.

– ELSA TRAVISANO

The PrintShop for Mac

System Requirements: OS 8.1 or higher, 120 MHz processor or faster, 32 MB RAM (24 free), minimum 550 MB hard-disk space, CD-ROM drive, monitor supporting thousands of colors. An email application is required to send online greetings. A web browser is required for registration to view help in OS 8.1.

JUNE DISCOUNTS FOR MUG MEMBERS

The following offers are valid for current members of MUG ONE or other Macintosh user groups only. If you're not currently a member, user group deals are a great reason to join!

Codes have been removed for the web version of the newsletter.

Casady & Greene User Group Store

The C&G User Group Store offers user group members discounts of up to 50% off on Casady & Greene's products. Glider Pro for Mac OS X regularly costs \$29.95 but is available at the C&G Store for \$14.95. An update to the classic non-violent Mac game for all ages, Glider Pro for OS X features the ability to save and load games. Fly your paper airplane through houses and scenarios from the Titanic to an Art Museum, accompanied by amazing graphics, eerie sound effects and a complete musical score. Registered users of Glider Pro for Mac OS X may download the free update to version 3.0.1 from the C&G web site. Check the C&G User Group Store often for special user group promotions.

<http://ug.casadyg.com/>

Futurocity Offers 40% Off Handpicked Software for Mac OS X

Handpicked Software for Mac OS X: The Best Freeware, Shareware, and Commercial Software for Mac OS X is your hands-on guide to the best new software. The book is packed with more than 100 reviews of the latest releases from major developers, as well as some outstanding applications you've probably never heard of. The bonus CD-ROM contains over 100 programs, including tryouts of popular commercial programs (like Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, and LiveMotion), plus must-have applications, indispensable tools, and utilities to help you unleash your creativity, track your finances, personalize your Mac, work faster, optimize your system, keep your files safe, and get the most out of OS X. The book retails for \$17.95, but Mac User Group members get 40% off. We're currently offering free shipping in the U.S. That's only \$10.77, delivered.

To order, go to: <http://www.futurocity.com/pages/handpicked.html> Enter Voucher *****.

Offer expires July 31, 2002.

Macintosh Batteries \$7 from AppleWorks Users Group

Every Macintosh contains a small battery that your system uses to run its internal clock and to "remember" your printer and other system settings. You'll know when this battery runs down - your clock will not work correctly, your files will be dated incorrectly, and your Mac will repeatedly "forget" which printer you use and will default to its built-in settings.

Apple user group members can now buy replacement backup batteries for their desktop Macintosh systems directly from the AppleWorks Users Group for only \$7. (Batteries for

Performa 630-series computers cost \$10.95.) Each battery includes installation instructions and the promise of "satisfaction guaranteed or your money back." AWUG's lithium batteries have a 10-year shelf life - if your computer is more than two years old, you should consider ordering a spare battery for the day your original battery fails.

These batteries are for desktop Mac systems only. AWUG does not supply backup batteries for PowerBook or iBook computers because those batteries are not user replaceable.

To qualify for this special discount price you must identify the name of your user group, the model of your desktop Macintosh and provide your shipping address and credit card information when you order. Please add \$2 s/h per order.

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Koingo Software MUG Offer

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eMedia Guitar Method Vol. 1, Version 2

A new version of the world's best-selling beginner's guitar CD-ROM, eMedia Guitar Method Vol. 1, version 2 contains 155 comprehensive lessons that cover everything from the basics through chord strumming, playing melodies and fingerpicking. It includes more than 30 videos and over three hours of audio with guitar instructor Kevin Garry, Ph.D.

Learning guitar is made fun with over 70 familiar hit songs from artists including Bob Dylan, the Grateful Dead and Steve Miller. The CD-ROM features an animated fretboard, multi-speed MIDI and multi-track recorded audio, plus tablature or standard music notation. A built-in automatic tuner, metronome, recorder and 250-chord dictionary round out the score. Winner of the MacAddict "Freakin' Awesome" Award.

Normal price - \$59.95 User Group special price - \$49.95

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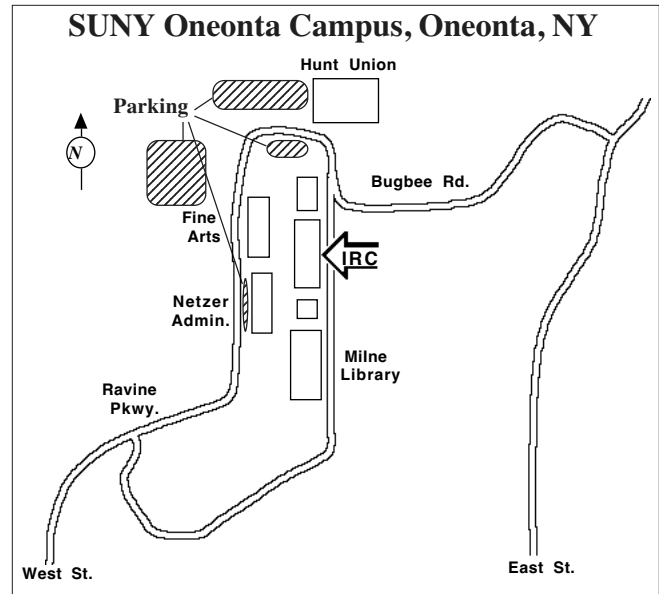
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The Apple MUG Store

The Apple MUG Store is giving away lots of free RAM for MUG members with every new G4 iMac, as well as with their new and refurbished iBooks. Buy a new G4 iMac, get 256 MB RAM free. Buy a new or refurbished iBook and also get 256 MB RAM free! (Includes free installation.)

<http://www.applemugstore.com>

Password: *****

Or call one of the PowerMax consultants at 800-689-8191. Don't forget to tell them the name of your user group. When you purchase and are a confirmed Apple User Group member, your particular group will receive special awards points which can be redeemed for merchandise and Apple logo materials.

dvGarage - 50% Off The 3D Toolkit

dvGarage is a digital media production company founded by a former member of Industrial Light and Magic's "Rebel Mac Unit," Alex Lindsay. Alex worked on Star Wars: Episode 1 (on Macs) and is now working hard to teach others how to do their own 3D visual effects.

In an effort to support the Mac community, dvGarage is offering MUG members a 50% discount on their flagship product, The 3D Toolkit, which includes a full working version of Electric Image Universe (3D Toolkit Version), the software Alex used at ILM on Star Wars: Episode 1. The disk comes with over 20 tutorials that give beginning 3D users everything they need to know to get started creating their own work. The software is OS 9 compatible and ships with the OS X version at no additional cost.

A free 30 day demo version that includes 11 of the tutorials is available on the dvGarage website.

MUG members can purchase the DVD for only \$99 and the CD Set for only \$129. To get the discount, MUG members need to go to the dvGarage website:

<http://www.dvgarage.com>

Use the code ***** when ordering.

Offer good through July 15, 2002.

Discount on Macworld Expo Registration

User group members have until June 17 to take advantage of discounts on conference packages and Exhibit Hall passes for Macworld Expo New York 2002. Through June 17, user group members can register for any Macworld conference package at a discount of 15% off (up to a \$224 value). Group members can also register for Exhibit Hall passes for the discounted price of \$15 (a \$35 value). Discounts are for user group members only and require the User Group Priority Code.

Macworld Conference & Expo
Jacob K. Javits Center
New York, NY

Conferences: July 15 - 19, 2002

Expo: July 17 - 19, 2002

<http://www.macworldexpo.com>

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