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NOVEMBER 4, 2002 MEETING

Digital Video...Yes, It's That Easy - Sven Anderson

Join us on Monday, November 4 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in Lecture Hall 1 of Hodgdon IRC on the SUNY College at Oneonta campus (see map, back page).

SUNY Oneonta Computer Art Professor Sven Anderson will give us an introduction to movie making on the Mac, and show us where all this technology is going, from computer-generated effects to virtual actors.

This promises to be a fascinating meeting. Bring your friends, and be prepared to imagine the possibilities. Win new tools and toys in the raffle (members only) and share refreshments with us.



Mac 911 author Christopher Breen with Elsa Travisano

GET YOUR MAC OS X BUYERS' GUIDE

MUG ONE's shipment of the Macworld Magazine *Mac OS X Buyers' Guide* has arrived. The newsstand-only *Buyers' Guide* includes a magazine, two CDs and a booklet, "Macworld's Mac 911 Guide to Troubleshooting OS X," excerpted from Christopher Breen's Peachpit Press book *Mac 911*.

Copies will be available at the November meeting for \$7.50 each—25% off the newsstand price of \$10. First come, first served!

VOTE FOR NEW LOGO – NOV. 4 MEETING

More than twenty logo designs have been submitted to the MUG ONE Logo Contest by talented MUG ONE members. We'll vote to select the winning logo at the November 4th meeting, with all current members eligible to cast ballots.

If all goes well, entries will be posted to MUG ONE's website for our perusal sometime prior to the meeting. Check our website, <http://www.mugone.com> for the latest update.

The creator of the winning entry will receive *Painter 7*, donated by Corel/Procreate (worth \$499), a Corel keychain and a free year's membership in MUG ONE.

Former MUG ONE president Tom Travisano has volunteered to guide us through the voting process using the "ecclesiastical ballot" method. This promises to be a learning experience for all of us!

WARNING—UPDATE FIRMWARE BEFORE UPGRADING TO OS 10.2 JAGUAR

Be *sure* to update the firmware for your Mac, if needed, before you upgrade to OS 10.2. Some slot-loading iMacs with outdated firmware have lost video when OS 10.2 was installed. For more information, go to <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=86117> on the Apple website.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MUG ONE'S OFFICERS FOR 2002-2003

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OCTOBER 7, 2002 MUG ONE MEETING

Hodgdon IRC, lecture hall 1, SUNY Oneonta.

President Elsa Travisano began at 7:40 pm by introducing herself and welcoming members, guests and emeritus President Jay Manning. Welcome stranger! Jay is looking fit, well and tan. Florida seems to agree with him. Elsa announced that the Macworld Mac OS X Buyers' Guides did not arrive in time for the meeting, but would be here in time for the November meeting. The MUG ONE logo contest has been extended, with October 25 the new deadline to submit a design. The winning raffle ticket for the OS X version of Microsoft Office, a \$450 value, with Microsoft pen, a 10¢ value [probably more like \$3 at today's prices - Ed.], would be drawn at the end of the meeting. 24 tickets @ \$5 were sold, earning \$120 for MUG ONE's coffers. Folks who joined or renewed their membership at the meeting – \$24 membership (family) or \$18 for students – would receive the bonus of an Apple T-shirt. The incentive prompted 15 memberships to be paid at the meeting. Joanne J. (can we call her JJ? I always like “BJ” in MASH) announced that MUG ONE has \$1,101.13 in the bank before tonight.

Elsa then introduced us to two items that are useful with any USB-equipped Mac, and are small enough to tuck into an iBook or Powerbook carrying case:

The **Kensington PocketMouse Pro** is an optical mouse with scroll wheel that features a clever retractable USB cable (\$43.99). Kensington's MouseWorks software activates the special features of the mouse's two buttons and scroll wheel.

The palm-sized **Hexa Media Drive** from LaCie drive is the virtually universal solution for connecting compact memory cards to your computer. The drive weighs only 85 grams and reads six memory card formats, including CompactFlash, SmartMedia, Memory Stick, Microdrive, SD Card and MultiMedia Card. It's handy for transferring files from digital cameras and MP 3 players, and is compatible with Macs running OS 8.6 and higher as well as PCs. No driver software is needed for OS X. The Hexa Media Drive costs @\$50.

Reliving a prior life, Jay then presided over officer elections. Jake Richtsmeier was newly elected Vice President and Program Co-chair, and Brian Foley moved from Program Co-Chair to SIG (Special Interest Group) Coordinator. Otherwise, the incumbent officers were elected to serve another term. Thanks a lot, Jay.

As John Maas passed around a survey (fill out and return by the next meeting, please!), Jay fixed the MUG ONE digital camera's battery contacts with his knife, to the amazement of Barb Dauria who had assumed it had dead batteries. Did we say we all miss Jay? Continuing the Q & A, we learned that emailed photos can just be clicked and dragged from the attachments window to the desktop or drive folder to save, or you can click on the Save button and choose the location where you wish to save the photo. Some external drives don't

work with OS X, we learned. Elsa suggested standard troubleshooting practice, which involves removing external devices until the problem disappears, and then reattaching, one by one, until the cause is isolated. Also, OS X users should be sure to upgrade to OS X 10.1.5 to fix the bugs in early versions of X.

Program: *Jaguar, .Mac, and the Latest from Apple*

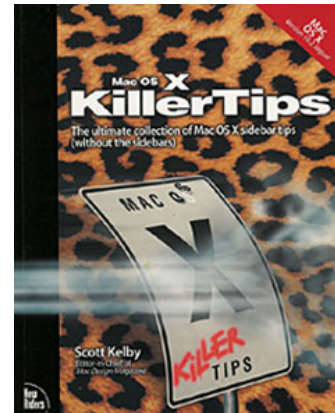
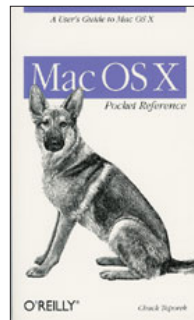
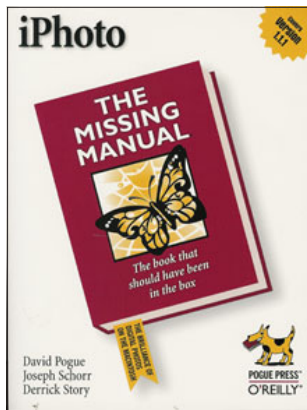
Elsa demonstrated OS 10.2 Jaguar and .Mac, the paid successor to the free iTools. Among the features of OS 10.2 are iChat, a real-time instant message and conferencing utility, an improved Mail application with multiple mailboxes which can be trained to sort and eliminate junk, and integration between Mail and iPhoto. She then showed her new iPod, which besides an MP3 player can keep her Jaguar Address Book and calendar, and serves as a FireWire hard drive. A new calendar application, iCal, integrates with Palm, iPod and Mac. iCal can also link to national, TV and other calendars, and invite people to meeting or party by drag and drop. iSync (free as part of 10.2 download) can update calendars and address books from your Mac to iPod or Palm. With a .Mac membership (\$99/year; \$10 per added email address) you can also sync your calendars and address books with multiple computers. Also available are large print phone numbers in the Address Book, spring loaded folders, a search box in every window, “Find” separate from Sherlock like in the old days, a completely redone Sherlock with channels for movie times and reviews, stocks and other common information needs on its icon bar, and Yellow pages with maps. For users with special needs, OS 10.2 can be configured to zoom in, switch to white on black and read text aloud.

OS 10.2 Jaguar is a \$129 (\$69 educational) upgrade from OS X, and needs newer Macs with 128 Meg or more memory. .Mac (pronounced “dot Mac”) is a \$99/yr subscription service which gets you 100 MB of storage on Apple's servers to store backups of your work, a backup program, called, you guessed it, Backup, Virex virus protection, Webmail, and enhanced tech support. Full compatibility requirements and ordering information are available at the Apple website: <http://www.apple.com>.

The program completes, Jay drew the ticket for MS Office X and the winner was... ta! da! ... ME! I guess now I HAVE to migrate to OS X (.?). Either that or maybe get a new Mac? Naw, that's too “Elsa.” [Ahem - I only get a new Mac when I really, really NEED one. - Ed.]

Next Jay began to draw the winning tickets for the members-only raffle. Newly elected Vice President Jake won Stone Studio design software, Tom Fitzpatrick won Adobe Photoshop Elements, and several members picked T-shirts, key chain lights, pens and other booty. Much more next month! The diet Coke, Sprite, Oreos and ginger cookies disappeared as we all communed. A very successful evening! The next meeting will be on Monday, November 4 at 7:30 pm in Hodgdon IRC, lecture hall 1. Join us!

– TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY



BOOK REVIEWS: IPHOTO MISSING MANUAL, OS X POCKET REFERENCE, OS X KILLER TIPS

iPhoto, The Missing Manual, by David Pogue, Joseph Schorr and Derrick Story. 288 pp. Pogue Press/O'Reilly, 2002. \$24.95.

If you're a digital photographer, iPhoto can make your life easier—much easier. The iPhoto application comes free with OS X, and may well be the most compelling reason for the average Mac user to upgrade to the new OS. *iPhoto, The Missing Manual* is a terrific resource for learning how to leverage the most from this deceptively simple program, and how to become a better photographer in the process.

The book includes sections on the elements of digital photography (beginning with a very useful discussion on choosing a digital camera), the basics of iPhoto, sharing photos with an audience, and managing your photo libraries. You'll learn how to edit shots, manage photo libraries and albums, make prints, screensavers and desktop backdrops, email photos, publish photo books, make slide shows and export them to QuickTime. There's also a troubleshooting chapter for when things don't work the way you expect.

The chapters on Composing Brilliant Photos and Beyond the Basic Snapshot by professional photographer Derrick Story are by themselves worth the price of the book, as are the tips on how to deal with a bloated Photo Library (use the free program iPhoto Library Manager to create and swap between multiple Photo Libraries) is another. If you use iPhoto, buy *iPhoto: The Missing Manual*. Most highly recommended.

Mac OS X Pocket Reference, A User's Guide to Mac OS X, by Chuck Toporek. 115 pp. O'Reilly, 2002. \$12.95.

This small volume, which really does fit into a pocket, serves as a quick reference guide to OS X for Mac, Windows and Unix users. Part I, the Mac OS X Survival Guide, covers changes from OS 9 and gives tips for converts from Windows and Unix. Part II outlines OS X basics from window controls to configuring users and logging in. Part III, System Tools, gives a brief overview of system preferences, applications and utilities, and the Developer Tools. Part IV, Mac OS X Unix Basics, is a handy starting point for getting your feet wet in the Unix command language on which OS X is based. The section covers configuring and using the Terminal, some command-

line editing and shell commands, and basic Unix commands. Part V, the Task and Setting Index, uses a system of arrows and terse descriptions to efficiently guide users through the steps of configuring and administering OS X, such as creating a Font Collection or finding the MAC (media access control) address for an Ethernet card.

The *Mac OS X Pocket Reference* is a useful, no-nonsense guide that provides the information a technically-inclined person needs to orient himself or herself to OS X.

Mac OS X v. 10.2 Jaguar Killer Tips, by Scott Kelby. 267 pp. New Riders, 2002. \$29.99.

Scott Kelby's tips and tricks books are a treasure trove of ingenious timesavers for Adobe Photoshop users. Now Kelby has turned his "nothing but tips" approach to Mac OS 10.2 Jaguar, and the results are impressive. *Mac OS X v. 10.2 Jaguar Killer Tips* offers countless cool tricks and shortcuts that will help Mac users at all levels work faster and smarter.

Dive in for page after page of cool tips on windows (moving windows behind windows, getting rid of the Preview column, adding a photo as your window background), the Dock (finding docked originals), icons, navigating, how to stop annoying things (like bouncing dock icons), and tips for using Classic. Kelby also offers speed tips, tips on troubleshooting, and several chapters of tips on OS X applications from iTunes and iPhoto to Address Book and Sherlock 3. For the class clowns out there, there's even a chapter on Mac OS X pranks. Did you know that you can add a phonetic spelling field for names in Address Book? Or that double-clicking on the two vertical lines at the bottom of a Column View window automatically expands the columns to show long file names? Read and learn.

The book's appealing design and gorgeous, full color screen shots make for pleasurable browsing. But you'd better read the book near your Mac, because you'll be itching to give these tips a try. *Mac OS X v. 10.2 Jaguar Killer Tips* is your ticket on the Power User Express. And it's a heck of a fun ride. Most highly recommended.



SOFTWARE REVIEW

Hemera Photo-Objects 50,000 Volumes I & II

Hemera Technologies <http://www.hemera.com>
 \$99 each for CD-ROM; \$129 for DVD; \$29 for DVD upgrade

Hemera's *Photo-Objects* collections are a breed apart from run-of-the-mill clip art. Instead of drawn illustrations, each collection consists of more than 50,000 royalty-free photographs of people, animals and objects with their backgrounds removed. Think of the distinctive look of Dorling-Kindersley books, which use clear, detailed photographs of people and objects without distracting backgrounds, and you'll get the idea. The images are gorgeously photographed and can be used alone or in combination in a wide variety of applications. The images are pre-masked and come in a resolution of 600x600 pixel size, which means that they can be used at up to 300 dpi. Individual images can also be purchased at higher resolutions, suitable for a billboard or a magazine cover.

Each volume has images in a wide variety of themes – Volume I includes 80 categories, while Volume II includes 90 – with most images available in several views or perspectives. Image categories range from athletes to delicious-looking treats and sweets. Many of the images are cleverly designed to work in combination, such as the suite of musicians posed without their instruments accompanied by a collection of properly scaled instruments that can be placed interchangeably in their hands. Combining images reminds me of playing with Colorforms (remember them?) - and is just as much fun. But the results look stunningly professional.

Combining images into a montage works best in applications that support transparency. These include Adobe Photoshop 4.0 and higher, Microsoft Word and PowerPoint 98 and higher, Quark Express 4.0.3 and CorelDRAW 8 and higher. The user guide gives instructions for working with each application.

Each collection comes on eight CD-ROMs or a single DVD. You locate images by browsing through color thumbnails in the printed image catalog, or by typing keywords into the speedy *Photo-Objects* search engine. Images that match the keyword appear as you type, so you can quickly change your keyword choice if you don't see what you're looking for.

Hemera's Export Assistant then takes you through the steps to export the image you choose in the proper format and resolution for word processors, slide presentation software, web pages or graphics programs that support transparency.

Each collection also includes PhotoFont Maker, an application that lets you apply a photograph or photo texture to any installed font. If you have a hankering to print the word "Jaguar" with jaguar spots, PhotoFont Maker will do the job.

Photo-Objects 50,000 Volumes I & II are terrific collections for anyone creating websites, PowerPoint presentations and printed publications of all sorts. Very highly recommended.

– ELSA TRAVISANO

System Requirements: PowerPC, 64 MB RAM, Mac OS 9 or X, 115 MB hard drive space, CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive.

TERRY HELSER WINS OFFICE X RAFFLE

The drawing for the *Microsoft Office: Mac for OS X* raffle was held at the October 7 MUG ONE meeting. With tickets going for \$5 each, the raffle raised \$120 to replenish MUG ONE's coffers.

Former MUG ONE president Jay Manning pulled the winning ticket out of the hat, and the lucky ticket-holder was Terry Helser. Congratulations, Terry!

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets, and a special thank you to the Microsoft Macintosh Business Unit, who graciously donated the software, valued at \$450.

DISCOUNTS FOR USER GROUP MEMBERS

VersionTracker/MacFixit Bundle

You won't miss a software update or troubleshooting report with the VersionTracker/MacFixit Bundle. As a MUG member you have access to a price of \$45.95 (regular price \$59.95).

MacFixIt Pro (MFI):

- * In-depth Troubleshooting and Special Reports
- * Access all the MacFixit site archives from 1996 to present
- * Advanced Search

VersionTracker Pro (VT Pro):

- * Track the software you care about--over 10,000 Mac titles.
- * Improve your Mac's performance and stability.
- * Includes all the site features of VersionTracker.com (VersionTracker Plus).

For more information and to receive the MUG offers, go to:

<http://www.versiontracker.com/mppropageapp.m?page=bundle>

1. Click on the "Buy Now" button.
2. In Step 3 enter the following promotion code: "*****". Click continue and you will see the special pricing.

Existing VT / MFI subscribers: purchasing the bundle will add one year to your current subscription.

Offer expires February 28, 2003.

IOGEAR Discounts

IOGEAR offers a special discount to MUG members on the industry's first USB 2.0 / FireWire PCI Combo Card, bundled with Arcsoft Showbiz digital photo and video editing software. Add the cutting edge convenience and high speed of USB 2.0 and FireWire to your desktop computer. Then use the software to start turning your home videos and photos into blockbuster movies, complete with special effects, sound effects, scene transitions and more, all in four easy steps.

The USB 2.0 / FireWire PCI Combo Card (model GUF220) has an MSRP of \$129.95, but Mac User Group members pay only \$69.95, a discount of 46%.

Also discounted: USB 2.0 CompactFlash Card Reader (GFR201), USB 2.0 2.5" Hi-Speed Hard Drive Enclosure (GHE125U), and 5 port USB 2.0 PCI card (GIC250U).

To take advantage of these special offers, please visit:

Offer expires January 31, 2003.

Spamfire

You don't have to put up with unwanted junk email. Spamfire from Matterform Media removes unwanted commercial and pornographic email from your in-box. It works with any POP3 email account and any email program (support for IMAP, Hotmail and AOL is still in development). Spamfire uses intelligent, fuzzy-logic filtering to identify spam and protect messages you want to keep. Automatic internet updates ensure you always have the most advanced spam protection. Spamfire works in OS 9 and OS X and is a Mac-only product.

Mac User Group members can purchase Spamfire for just \$23, more than 20% off the regular price.

Box & CD, MUG price \$31 (regular price: \$39)

Download, MUG price \$23 (regular price: \$29)

To get your special price, or to download a free 15-day demo, visit the MUG page on the Matterform Web site:

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

Offer valid until February 28, 2003.

20% Off Web Crossing for MUG Members

Web Crossing is a robust online community server for collaboration, used for online discussions on sites such as Apple, Salon, and NYTimes. It's also perfect for smaller online communities, or even intranets. Web Crossing provides discussion boards, a news server, email list mirroring, fast indexed full-text searching, integrated member directory service, real-time chat and more.

Web Crossing is available to MUG members for 20% off (limit 1 per customer). To take advantage of this offer, email sales@webcrossing.com and include the name of your MUG.

For more information, including features and pricing from \$295 before discount, see: <http://www.webcrossing.com>

Offer expires 2/28/03.

macHOME Subscription Offer for MUG Members

With over 11 years experience, macHOME magazine is dedicated to providing smart, practical and easy-to-read Mac advice and information. macHOME offers insightful reviews, creative how-tos and straightforward buying guides.

MacHOME is offering new subscribers who are MUG members a 50% discount off the regular subscription prices. For only \$14.99, new subscribers can receive 12 issues of macHOME--that's only \$1.25 an issue.

Call 1-800-800-6542 (mention code "****" when calling) or subscribe online at:

* Offer good on new subscriptions only

Offer expires February 28, 2003.

The Apple MUG Store

The Apple MUG Store is giving away printers, MP3 players, extra RAM and more to MUG members with the purchase of select new Apple computers.

<http://www.applebugstore.com>

User ID: **** Password: ****

You can also order by calling 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.

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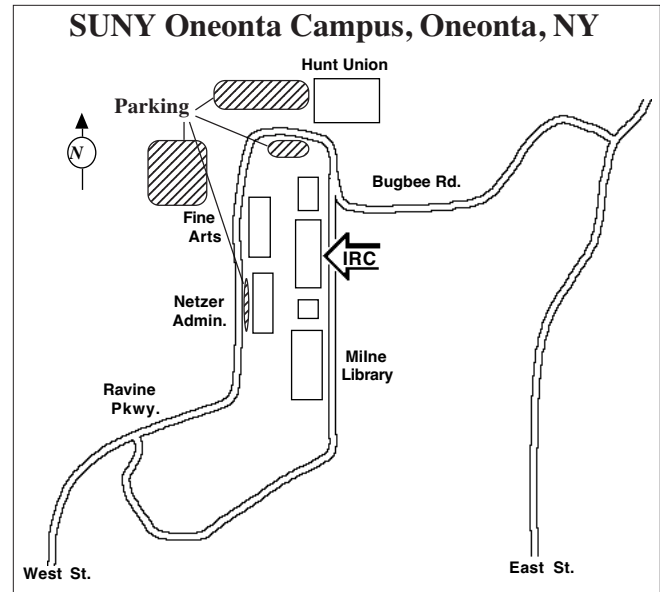
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LIBRARY EXTENDS AMNESTY FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS

Members, please search your computer desks. The MUG ONE library has been missing the following materials for a long time. Just return materials, no questions asked, to the MUG ONE library, located at Main Street Print Shop, 353 Main Street, Oneonta. Thanks!

B400 *Myst - The Official Strategy Guide*
B463 *The Little Mac OS X Book*
BC407 *The Little Mac Toolkit*
M100 *Art Gallery*
M126 *Multimedia Dogs*
M133 *Just Grandma and Me*
M150 *Amber Journeys Beyond*
M151 *You Don't Know Jack v.1*
M152 *You Don't Know Jack v.2*
M153 *Lost Mind of Dr. Brain*
M156 *Riven*
M165 *Treasure MathStorm*
M177 *Myth: The Total Codex*

– JO KOENIG, LIBRARIAN

RECENT LIBRARY ADDITIONS

The following materials were recently added to the library. More new materials will be coming soon.

B 472 *Learning Unix for Mac OS X*
BC 473 *Adobe PageMaker 7.0, Classroom in a Book.*
M 206 *Mac OS X, version 10.1 upgrade*

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

FREE OS X JAGUAR FOR K-12 TEACHERS

If you are a K-12 teacher, you're in luck! Apple wants to provide every K-12 teacher in the United States with a free copy of Mac OS X v10.2 "Jaguar," to show teachers the stability and manageability of Mac OS X and how it gives them a powerful foundation for integrating technology into their classrooms.

From now through December 31, 2002, qualifying K-12 teachers can order their free "X for Teachers Kit," which provides everything a teacher needs to learn and become comfortable with Mac OS X including:

- * *Getting Started with Mac OS X Training CD filled with practice exercises, tips, and over 80 QuickTime movies*
- * *Mac OS X v10.2 (Jaguar) Install CD Set*
- * *Telephone support for 90 days*
- * *Manual and License Agreement*

To qualify for the "X for Teachers" program you must be a K-12 teacher at a recognized school (Public, Private, Catholic, Bureau of Indian Affairs) and you must agree to have software delivered to your school address.

To order your "X for Teachers Kit" simply apply online - we'll ask a few questions to verify you and your school. The rest is automatic. Teachers should receive the "X for Teachers Kit" within a week or two of placing their order.

To apply, go to:

<http://www.apple.com/education/macosexforteachers/>

*Mac OS X v10.2 system requirements:

A minimum of 128MB of memory and one of the following Apple products: Power Mac G3 or G4, iMac, eMac, iBook, and PowerBook G3 or G4. (The original PowerBook G3 and processor upgrade cards are not supported.)