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NorthWest Apple Pickers

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Thursday
Oct 3 rd
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Mastering OS 10.9 and iOS 7

General Meeting
Sunday
Oct 13 th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Navigating the Internet Safely

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

iTunes Allowance
From iPad Pete's Blog

Do you have children, grandchildren, or nieces and nephews who use an iPad, iPhone or iPod? If so, here's a great tip for you...

Along with these amazing Apple devices, there are also the apps and music purchases from the iTunes store. Kids can also purchase additional lives for their games, such as in Candy Crush or Pet Rescue (two of my personal favorites). So on top of the original purchase, there's the added cost of all the tempting goodies in the iTunes store.

Well, what if you were able to set an allowance on your iPad so that when your grandchild is playing, he or she can't go over a set amount? How cool would that be? I sure wish I had that ability a few years ago!

I'm going to teach you how to do this, but first I want to tell you a quick story....

When my son was 9, and all he wanted for Christmas was an iPad so he could listen to music and play games. Soooo, my husband and I discussed it and decided that the iPad would be his "big" gift that year. So we bought it for him. We also got him an iTunes gift card and we told his uncle to get him one as well. Perfect, right?

Joseph was excited beyond belief, spending every second of his Christmas vacation playing games, buying music,

Word Wrap for Jan 2014
by Bob Moffat

The pressures and pleasures of December holidays are still glowing memories as we look forward to the possibilities of a New Year. Out with the old, in with the new! We'll Do It Right, this year--for a change. Be it resolved that....

While the motivation to make new plans and promise Important Changes always arrives when that new calendar on the wall displays January, habits of a lifetime are not easy to discard. If nothing else, this is a time to at least review some of the things we do to see if we might choose a different path.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Merry Christmas From Scrooge

My four-year-old MacBook Pro laptop has died so that means that I have to learn to use different software. Or at least a different version of the software on my iMac along with OS 10.9.

When I try to start up my MacBook Pro I get the chime but beyond that all I get is a gray screen and a little whining chirp that sounds like the hard drive is trying to start up.

I'm not real pleased with Apple's Genius Bar. I must admit I was a little late for my appointment thanks to the snowbirds. So I had to stand around and wait until they could work me in. Which I was happy to do. Well one of the guys took it back and I don't know if he was a tech guy or just what. But he came back and told me that he had tried several things and he wasn't sure what was wrong. Now I thought they were supposed to be geniuses. His response was "my suggestion is that you send it out to this place and for $310 plus tax they completely go through it and fix whatever is wrong. This machine is only 4 years old and they can't tell me what's wrong with it. It's frustrating previous laptops I've had including a 17 inch lasted and lasted and lasted. In fact they were going strong when I got the "upgrade fever".

I think the guy told me that he had tried to start up an external drive from it and that didn't work and he wasn't sure if it was the motherboard or just what.

oh well I think for right now I'm going to put my MacBook Pro in the closet and use my iPad and my iMac.

Happy New Year Everyone.

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.
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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
Jan starts at $16:00

Word Wrap for Jan 2014

Perhaps we could start in January with some New Years Resolutions. (What an original idea!)

√ I resolve to clear my desktop by filing or moving to trash all those icons I parked there and forgot about. *Fish or cut bait.*

√ I resolve to review my Documents Folder to weed out unnecessary or duplicated files. *Belt and suspenders?*

√ I resolve to do a better job of titling files in 2014 so I will be able to find them easily. *All those "untitled"!*

√ I resolve to organize my files in logical, understandable folders for easy search. *Who, what, when, where?*

√ I resolve to review my Applications Folder to weed out unwanted or incompatible applications. *Alas, AppleWorks I knew you well!*

√ I resolve to keep the System and Applications I use up to date to assure latest security and functionality. *OK, check "Install Later"…*

√ I resolve to resist the urge to install new Applications until I have used and explored those I already have. *Maybe I should read the reviews first?*

√ I resolve to plan a back up system appropriate for my needs and to put the plan into use. *And dump those floppies somewhere?*

√ I resolve to pay attention to SECURITY this year! I will be ALERT, AWARE, and CAUTIOUS–and up to date on anti-virus protection. *But this is such a drag :-(*

√ I resolve to do a better job managing my email. I give myself permission to throw away old messages. *Well, if they are more than five years old.*

√ I resolve to be more selective when transferring images from my camera to iPhoto: I'll throw away the bad shots immediately instead of later. *Sure, sometime after I clean up all those icons on the desktop, perhaps.*

√ I resolve to manage my PASSWORDS thoughtfully this year: keeping a secure record of what they are and changing them regularly. *I'll need another computer to manage them all.*

√ I resolve to review my browser bookmarks file to delete those that I will never ever visit again. *Hate to lose that link to Mac OS 9.1 update.*

√ I resolve to pay close attention to the privacy settings in any social media system I use to assure my information is used responsibly and available to those whom I choose. *Just 85 of my closest friends need to know….*

√ I resolve to acknowledge that my existence in this day and age has probably reduced any hope of privacy to near zero. Nevertheless I will always be careful of what I say and where I post my opinions. *Don't want to upset those NSA folks.*

At NorthWest Apple Pickers, 2014 begins our annual tour of the the current systems that run Macs (Mavericks 10.9) and the iDevices (iOS 7.) Both have added some features and improvements to their predecessors. For those of us who have used previous systems, the user interfaces have added a few new wrinkles but are based on the tried and true principles we are familiar with. For someone who got a new iSomthing for Christmas and has never used one before, there are some things to learn.

Our New User Group this year will try to provide time at each meeting to cover iOS 7 features (iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch) as well as basics of 10.9 (Macintosh laptops and desktop models.) Since these operating systems are similar to the versions we have studied in recent years, we will be relying on members at the meetings to ask questions and to suggest topics we need to explore.

Thirty years ago the Mac introduced a user interface (GUI) that relied on a graphical representation of a desktop, used a mouse to navigate, and offered a dramatically different way to run a computer. Computers today are incredibly powerful compared to 1984. The basic features of that original GUI are still with us and taken for granted by millions of users around the World.

Sometimes, when you resolve to Do It Right in the first place, you don't have to ever change it.

iTunes Allowance
From iPad Pete's Blog
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and having a fantastic time. But at some point, the iTunes gift cards ran out.

We had linked my debit card to his Apple ID, and had explained that he needed to ask permission before every purchase. He said, "Sure Mom! Thanks!"

My son DID follow the rules, at first. And of course we always said yes...what's 99 cents? No big deal, right? But I don't think HE understood exactly what he was doing or what the consequences were after he stopped asking permission.

A week later I logged into my bank account to pay some bills... Imagine my horror to see that there were $327 in iTunes charges deducted. I was completely speechless. Somehow my husband and I managed to stay relatively calm, because we knew that that our son didn't realize what he had done. He was very upset, and in fact, he eventually paid us back every penny. I was very proud of that!

To keep this disaster from happening again, I now have my son's account set with an allowance limiting his spending. I purchase iTunes "Gifts" to fuel the account, and set a monthly limit.

Here's how you can do it too...

You'll need to set it up using your Computer, and you'll need to have:

1. The latest version of iTunes, which is 11.1.3.
2. Your Apple ID and a debit/credit card on file.
3. If you're buying it as a gift for someone, you'll need the recipient's email address, i.e., the parent of your niece.

Open up iTunes and then go to the iTunes store. On the right hand side of your screen you'll see "Quick Links".

Click on "Send iTunes Gift". Enter the recipient's information there and choose a dollar amount. You can personalize it by entering a message. Click "Next".

Choose the theme for the gift, i.e., birthday, Christmas, etc. Click on "Next".

And then you confirm the purchase and the recipient gets the email. Easy Peasy!

If there is any dollar amount left at the end of the month, it does carry over to the next month.

I hope you find this information as helpful as I did!

On behalf of iPad Pete and his staff, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas to you and your family!

- Lisa

From Your Editor

For quite some time I have been subscribing to e-mail from "iPad Pete". He provides lots of tips in his e-mails and also links to classes that he provides.
In the last few days he sent an e-mail which I have posted below.
I have opened the "iTunes Tip for Christmas" link and have posted it's contentents on the front page & pg 4 of the newsletter for your enjoyment.

A thank you to the iPad Pete Group

Your Editor

From iPad Pete,
Ho Ho Ho,
One of our Customer Support Elves,Lisa, suggested a great iPad Christmas tip for you...
If you have children, grandchildren or nieces and nephews who use an iPad iPhone or iPod. You're going to love this tip from Lisa...
"iTunes Tip for Christmas"
http://ipadvideolessons.com/blog/itunes-allowance/
Nothing for sale or anything, just a useful Christmas tip.

If you've had the opportunity to talk with Lisa in Customer Support, you'll know how she goes out of her way to help.

This Christmas Tip was very thoughtful and helpful too. Thanks Lisa!

Merry Christmas,
iPad Pete

FreeiPadClass.com

NWAP Board Meeting

December 8th, 2013

Notes by Glenda Alley

Present: Bob Moffat, Eldon Estep, Francette Bealer, Mary Fleck, Glenda Alley, Judy Sloan

REPORTS:

Motion made, 2nd & carried to accept Treasurer as presented in email & Secretary report as presented in the newsletter

Bob noted that we need a candidate for Secretary for March election

Membership: currently at 56

Upcoming Programs:

Malware with Rudy Horst for January

February - Skype with Fred Battié

March - Elections; Databases with Erick Camp

There was discussion about other programs for next year.

iPod/iPad iOS issues - for the New User Group

Open Sessions are liked by a number of folks. It was suggested that folks be encouraged to submit questions ahead of time. Perhaps Loretta can include this in the email meeting reminders.

New Computer Fund: $244.50 at this point. The goal is about $1300.

February Meeting Locations: In February we have to move our meetings because the library was reserved by someone else before we could get our reservation in. So in February we will meet on the **first Wednesday (Feb 5th**, **New User Group**) and the **third Sunday (Feb 16th, General Meeting)** at the usual time of day.

New Business: Eldon plans to be on the road quite a bit this winter (January through February) so he needs an assistant who would collect the money and deposit those funds. Judy offered to deposit the checks. Eldon needs to know what the checks, etc. are for. Francette will help. Bob will check the mail while Eldon is gone.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Alley

Links to Interesting articles on the Internet.
Courtesy Of Bob Moffat

Here are some items that may entertain, amuse, or even inform...

CNET's Turkeys of 2013:

http://news.cnet.com/2300-10797_3-10019099-1.html

Using iWorks new file formats:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2063353/how-to-work-with-iworks-new-file-formats.html

Review of Pages.app:

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/28/technology/personaltech/pages-scores-technical-knockout-over-word.html?pagewanted=1&nl=technology&emc=edit_ct_20131127&ref=personaltechemail&_r=0

How Marvericks Dictation rates:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2066026/mavericks-dictation-vs-dragon-dictate-how-good-is-os-xs-built-in-tool-.html

Using the Sidebar to best advantage:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2068483/save-time-with-os-xs-sidebar.html

Personal database -- Bento alternatives:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2066030/personal-database-roundup-bento-is-dead-long-live-bento.html

Nine alternative applications to Photoshop:

http://www.macworld.com/article/2064681/photoshop-killers-nine-os-x-alternatives-to-photoshop.html

New User Report
By Bob Moffat

The annual review of the Mac OSX was completed in December as we briefly looked at some of the topics we covered in the course of the year. After declaring everyone had become experts in taming Mt. Lion (OS 10.8) we turned our attention to the system we'll explore in 2014: Mavericks (OS 10.9.)

Mavericks (named for a surfing location in California, not the car or an unbranded calf) has been loaded on the club's MacBookPro so during the second half of the meeting, we explored the System Preferences, confirming the settings we prefer and checking out some of the new features.

At the January 2nd New User Group, we will begin the new annual tour of the operating systems: 10.9 and iOS 7.

Please join us on **Thursday, January 2ⁿᵈ from 7 to 9 p.m.** at the Lakewood Library.

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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 and iPads for novices and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own Macs and iPads if they wish to work on issues with their own machines. The session topics are set by those who attend (and ask questions.)

Join us on **Friday, Jan 10ᵗʰ 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

We held our traditional December Christmas pot-luck this month. Not only was the weather below freezing, the heating system in the Library was unable to warm us. No problem...the members enjoyed reminiscing about warm and wonderful holiday memories, munching on a variety of delicious caloric snacks, and participating in our goofy gift exchange.

On January 12 we will have a guest speaker discussing malware and other risks that affect computer users. Rudy Horst will present "Safely Navigating the Internet." Macs are becoming more vulnerable to a variety of malicious software spread via email and Internet traffic. Learn what measures you can take to protect yourself.

Please join us on **Sunday, January 12ᵗʰ from 3 to 5 p.m**. at the Lakewood Library.

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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
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.

Our Monday, **January 13ᵗʰ** meeting will look at some of the new features in Adobe's Creative Cloud and a continuing project to use our A to Z photos to create a poster.

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Membership Report For Dec 2013
By Francette Beeler
As Of 12/13/2013

<u>**Active Memberships:**</u>   55

Membership Renewals:
Larry Weakly, Barbara Wohlers, Glenda Alley, Tom & Phyllis Garcia, Ann Bushnell

New Members:
None

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in Nov: Roxanne Burns

Due in Dec: Clive Berglund, Clifford Chapman

Due in Jan: Nancy Polich, Dorothy J. Wilhelm, Francette & Jim Beeler, Val Dumond

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group 12/05/13, 07:00PM had 12 members attend.

Mortvedt Center on 12/13/13, 10:00AM had 8 members attend.

  Visitor(s): Dorothy Diers : Barbara Tollefson: Larry Wohlers

Board Meeting .. 09/08/13, 01:45PM had 5 members attend.

General Meeting 09/08/13, 03:00PM had 12 members attend.

Enable Access For Assistive Devices Function Missing In Mavericks

OK it's not missing. Apple just decided to move it.

The function is missing from the Accessibility preferences in Mavericks.
Thankgoodness for Google. After a bit of searching, we found that Apple had simply moved the option... to the Security Preference Pane. You'll find it in **System Preferences > Security & Privacy > Privacy > Accessibility**. Unlike previous versions of OS X, which used a universal checkbox in an "all or nothing" approach, the new functionality in Mavericks allows users to individually choose which apps can gain control of the system to perform their various scripted functions.

January 2014

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			(Feb NUG) 5th			

February 2014

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