



NEXT MEETING:

FRIDAY

**December 14, 2007
in Hamilton
6:30 pm**

Our Speaker will be

**Colin
Smith**

talking about

**Adobe
Products**

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING December 17, 7pm at Creative Technology

To all members: The meeting DATE and LOCATION has changed for December.

On Friday, December 14, the meeting will be held at:

**41 Spadina Ave., Hamilton
starting at 6:30PM.**

See MAP below or visit
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A Message from the President

Welcome to December and our Christmas meeting. Last month we had Michael Gill from Paradigm Electronics talking to us about how he manages his network of Macs and PCs. I learned quite a bit from Michael and I think I'll be re-configure our network here at the store as well as my own at home. I understand that assigning static IP addresses to all computers on your network will prevent them from having conflicts and your network may actually speed up. Thanks to Allen Adams for inviting Michael to talk to us about the behind the scenes infrastructure on networks.

This month we will be meeting at the home of Caroline Fehr, for our annual Christmas meeting. Once again Colin Smith from Adobe Systems will be our presenter. I am hoping Colin will be showing Adobe's new video editing program, Adobe Premier. Premier used to be on the Mac but then dropped out for about four years and has now returned under Creative Suite 3.

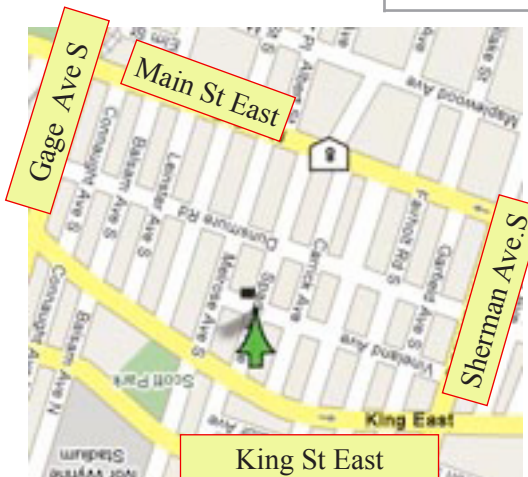
This coming January, Karen and I will be traveling to San Francisco to Mac World. Larry and I were surmising

what would be unveiled in January. We do not anticipate any revisions to the iMac, MacBook, or MacBook Pro's. Going on the latest rumors our best guess it is that Steve Jobs will be unveiling the new Mac Book ultra portable and possibly a new Apple TV. I will be posting pictures on my .Mac Web Gallery and will give Alan the address to send out to members.



Several years ago at McMaster University, Allen demonstrated IBM's Via Voice voice recognition software. Now that was a very interesting and funny meeting. The software seemed to work at home, but when Allen demonstrate it at the club it did not work well at all. I decided once again to try voice recognition software. I am using iListen 1.7.1. I've spent about thirty minutes teaching this software my voice. I think I need to spend another 30 minutes to one hour more in the training mode. It's not bad as it seems to have come a long way in accuracy and speed in the past ten years. I still have to go over the document and do some fine-tuning but it is a lot easier dictating then it was ten years ago.

Dave



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PS:
Caroline loves
cookies from
Walkers' Chocolate

The Apple Macintosh User Group of Hamilton is a non-profit organization that meets informally at **6:30 PM**, the second Wednesday of each month at: **Creative Technology, 3480 Fairview St., Burlington.** This group is made up of users of the Apple Macintosh family of personal computers, whose interests range from word processing to publishing, music and games, art to accounting and often times to formal presentations or more. Our main purpose is to provide a forum for questions, solutions and inspiration for everyday computing. For more information about the user group, please attend the next Club meeting, contact a member of the executive, or visit our web site:

www.hamiltonmacintosh.com

Photoshop Panoramas
by Alan Adams

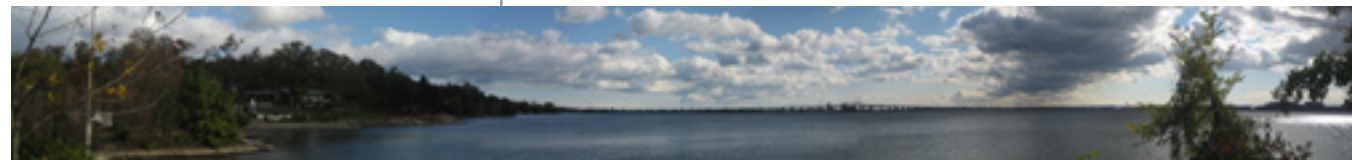
The panorama feature of the new Photoshop CS3 is a very much improved version. The old I think came over from Photoshop Elements and while better than nothing was probably not better than stitching files together manually.

The easiest way of doing a panorama is to select File - Automate - Panorama and work from there.

As this is just a little tip and not a "How to..." I will go no further in telling you how to make a panorama, however you need to expand your vision of a panorama a bit.

We normally think of a panorama as being a few pictures wide and that's it, well the new Photoshop can do more.

Think of a matrix, even something as small as a 3 x 4 matrix of pictures, no problem, Photoshop is at your service!



Recently I took a panorama from the mountain brow in Hamilton using a zoom lens on the camera that took in Dundas to Stoney Creek that was four or five rows high that was composed of over 400 pictures! Photoshop will do that too and a very creditable job indeed, especially in blending each picture into the next.

Give it a try, make Photoshop sing for its supper, give it a big panorama to work on!

Photo by Jim Auty. La Salle Park, Burlington on the left, Skyway bridge at center and Hamilton's Steel industry on the right.

This last month or so has been very busy for everything other than computers and seminars. That left me with little to write about.

Many thanks goes out to the other members who coincidentally submitted articles for this newsletter. Saved again!!

If you are feeling adventurous and would like to write an article, review a website, recommend some software or even just a question, submit it to:

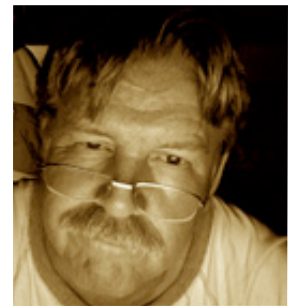
jauty1@cogeco.ca

Tyler has been learning InDesign with my help. I found it very difficult not grabbing the mouse and just doing it for him.

Remember the old saying that goes something like this ...

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to fish and you feed him for life.

I had to let him take the reins until he got stuck or just asked how to do



Editor: Jim Auty

an iMac". I am happy that he now has the opportunity to go beyond the ordinary at an early age. He is also happier knowing InDesign is getting easier to use and the possibilities for its use are increasing.

I am looking forward to this holiday season when I can take hundreds of pictures and make movies and DVDs to send to relatives. Far easier than the old days of having them visit and explain the photo albums

Best wishes for the holidays and may all you pictures be enjoyed!!

ITUNES - SCREENSAVER

something. That is when I just talked him through the steps and asked lots of questions to keep him thinking outside the "MS Word" box. Using a supplied template really got him started on a school project. In Word he just had to do, and that is when I had to say that this could take him far beyond anything it could do and here you can do it better and faster.

His first brochure made him proud because *he* did it. He impressed his classmates who had not heard of InDesign and said "oh, you did it on

Last issue, I talked about getting album art from *Amazon.com* for your albums copied in rather than just for purchased albums.

When you have created your vast collection of recordings and related album art, go to *System Preferences* and choose *Desk top & ScreenSavers*. Select *ScreenSavers*. Scroll down the list to and choose *iTunes Artwork*. You can watch your albums flash into the small screen display until it builds a whole screen of covers. The slider in the lower portion of the dialogue box will determine the interval time an album cover will rotate and change.

LEOPARD REVIEW

By Ted Buck.

The new Leopard is COOL!!! - Buy It! I am a newbie and this is my 3rd new OS. The upgrade to Tiger was not really required as I didn't find any functional need for it but Leopard is fun!

Leopard installed very easily into my 2 GHz MacBook but it took over an hour to work it's magic.

I installed it on my spare 80 GB (74 GB) drive that came with the Mac. I had upgraded the drive to 120 and kept it spare. So I loaded Leopard over Tiger and 55 GB spare dropped to 49 spare. The .Mac account came in very handy as within 2 hours I was almost fully functional. I was able to sync almost all settings. Is there a way to sync WEP settings for Wireless access? Much more painless than MS reloads I have been through.

I have been using it over the weekend and it has been plain vanilla with no extra applications loaded.

No crashes or Reboots needed.

Really enjoying the new Notes and To Do function in Mail that also talks to iCal.

There is also a function that recognizes addresses in emails and a little drop down arrow allows you to automatically pop it into your contact list.

Hitting the space bar in Finder sparks up Preview nice and quick.

Spaces will save me getting a second monitor. You can have separate areas setup for different windows. Each area can have 1 or more open applications to keep the clutter down as I love to have multiple windows open.

There is a few new screen savers added including a new mosaic that

takes pictures from your iPhoto collection to create an existing picture in your collection that becomes the base photo for the next creation.

But the best investment will be Time Machine but with the added purchase of a large USB Drive. The good news is that an adequate one will be \$100.

Leopard has somehow made an intuitive OS even easier to use.

LEOPARD - MOSAIC

Leopard Mosaic Screen Saver
by Alan Adams

Like many others, I too had no idea what the Mosaic Screen Saver in Leopard was until it was pointed out to me (thanks Dave!), but it has now become one of my favourite pieces of the new Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard).

Before you start to use it, you need two things. First you need an iPhoto Library with some pictures in it and the computer would probably like it stored in your Pictures Folder. Next you need a folder of pictures for the Mosaic Screen Saver to generate. The folder of pictures is used to select the picture that makes up the screen saver, the iPhoto Library is used to generate the hundreds of tiles that make up a mosaic.

The mosaic screen saver is not the easiest thing to find in Leopard and there are certainly other new features that will grab your attention before it does. To find the Mosaic Screen Saver, choose the System Preferences from the Apple menu, then choose "Desktop & Screen Saver". Now choose the Screen Saver, and on the left there is the choice between Apple and Pictures. Open Pictures if not already open. You can choose your Pictures Folder, or any other folder that appears on the list and even choose your own folder

by selecting "Choose Folder..."

Can you see why the Mosaic Screen saver is so hard to find and we aren't even there yet!

Now that we have gotten this far and we are almost there, the next thing to do is to select one of the three boxes called "Display Style" that appear on the left under the Preview Box. The first screen saver will show one picture at a time, much like iPhoto with a few of the fancy things available from the

Options Menu.

The second "Display Style"

will do a nice

picture on top of a picture layout as if you were showing all your pictures to a friend, again with a few options available from the Options menu.

Drum roll, drum roll, finally the third "Display Style" is our Mosaic Screen saver! Now that you have selected the Mosaic Screen Saver, you can press "Test", just to see what it looks like. We are not quite finished yet as there is still the "Options" to look at. The first option lets you choose the order the pictures are played in, the second determines how many tiles will be used in the making of your mosaic and the third how fast the mosaic will be generated.

You can also have the time appear on the screen as the Screen Saver composes itself.

Some technicalities now. Note that the screen saver will chop your pictures - for use in the mosaic only, no real pictures are harmed in the process - in a ratio of 1.6 wide to 1.0 tall, so that some pictures can come out looking strange.

The slower your computer the faster you will probably want to make it work. On a faster computer, it can actually work too fast.

You can make up your own themes by choosing a folder of pictures of that theme to have mosaic pictures made up of.

In experimenting, I have found that when the tiles get so small, as they fade into the background, they are replaced by the picture that they were generating.

I have found that the fun in the Mosaic Screen Saver comes in recognizing the picture before it is completely formed, thus familiar pictures are important as is the speed at which they are made.

That's it, I hope you enjoy making the Mosaic Screen Saver as much as I do!

Based in Portland Oregon, Extensis makes programs for managing digital media, and fonts. Both Portfolio for graphics and Suitcase for fonts, have been the leader in their fields. Extensis has been very generous with our club and over the years. On many occasions they have donated copies of both Suitcase and Portfolio to be given away at the club.

The "they" in Extensis is a very generous lady by the name of Nicole Andergard, who until recently I did not realize just how generous she was. I had an e-mail from her recently saying that she would be away for several months and before I could think that she was taking off for the south seas for that personal indulgence of a lifetime, she added the following:

If you are curious why I'm going to be out of commu-

nication for a while it's because I am lucky enough to serve as a kidney donor for my best friend. Our surgery is set for a week from today, November 9th in Seattle Washington. You can read about our kidney transplant at our blog here if you are interested:

<http://onekidneysjourney.blogspot.com/>

I am sure that all of you would wish her the best in her efforts and that both she and her friend Anna have both speedy and successful recoveries.

Alan Adams

SPECIAL OCCASION

Since long before iPhoto came out I searched for and found a program that would manage my "digital assets". Well I really mean all my pictures that I have taken over the years.

Currently there are over 28,000 pictures that I have either taken or collected over the years. Up until recently, iPhoto insisted on keeping them in it's library which eats up your hard drive, but that is a recent development compared to Extensis Portfolio, which really is about managing your digital assets.

Very interesting and emotional reading.

Ed.

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