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### **FEBRUARY 4, 2002 MEETING**

**\*\*\*NOTE CHANGE TO MONDAY\*\*\***

***Macworld Expo Report - Elsa Travisano***  
***Intro to Yahoo Groups - Don Cooper***  
***Quick Tips - John Maas and Brian Foley***

Join us on **Monday, February 4th** (note date change) from 7:30-9 PM for a visual tour of Macworld Expo in San Francisco, an intro to MUG ONE's Yahoo Group and some Mac tips from your program co-chairs.

MUG ONE meets in **Instructional Resources Center Classroom #1** on the SUNY Oneonta campus.

For more information, contact Terry Helser at 432-8123 or email Elsa Travisano at [mugone@stny.rr.com](mailto:mugone@stny.rr.com).



*The new flat screen G4 iMac with adjustable monitor*

### **GIGAHERTZ G4S JOIN ALL NEW IMACS**

A powerful iMac with a head-turning design stole the show at Macworld San Francisco 2002. The January 7-11 Expo introduced the G4 iMac, a 14" iBook and *iPhoto*, a revolutionary application for managing photographs. *iPhoto* is free from Apple but requires the latest version of OS X, 10.1.2.

On January 28 Apple announced PowerMac G4s that break the gigahertz barrier. Models offer 800 MHz, 933 MHz and dual 1 GHz processors for prices ranging from \$1599– \$2999,

### **VENDOR DISCOUNTS ON MUG ONE SITE**

Vendors regularly provide discounts and special offers for user group members. MUG ONE will be providing a link to special offers on the MUG ONE website, [www.mugone.com](http://www.mugone.com).

### **BEECHWOOD MACS OPENS IN FLY CREEK**

MUG ONE member Jackie Manley has opened a store offering used Macs and accessories. Beechwood Macs is located on Rt. 28 at the Four Corners in Fly Creek, and is open Monday through Friday from 4-8 and Saturdays from 10-5. Jackie bought the inventory from JJ Macs and has a number of older Macs for sale including Performas, Quadras and about 23 Mac Classics. She also has StyleWriter printers, scanners and software, and a unique offering - handcrafted teddy bears. Jackie's phone number is 607-547-2107, and her email address is [beechwood@dmcom.net](mailto:beechwood@dmcom.net).

### **ELSA TRAVISANO NAMED TO UGAB**

MUG ONE's president and newsletter editor Elsa Travisano was named to the User Group Advisory Board at the January 7, 2002 User Group University conference in San Francisco. The eight-member UGAB provides feedback to Apple for the 600 Apple-recognized user groups representing over 300,000 members worldwide. Board members serve a two year term. Elsa will also edit the monthly Apple User Group Bulletin.

### **MUG ONE OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002**

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## DECEMBER 4, 2001 MUG ONE MEETING

President Elsa Travisano began by welcoming over 30 members and guests to our Holiday Meeting and Party. Vice president Don Cooper announced that the MUG ONE Yahoo Group is available at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mugone>. Sign up for it (free) and join the discussions. Please post questions, tips, want ads and items for sale there, as well as what you do, so others can ask for your help.

A short Q&A session elicited a question about who repairs Macs now that Jay is in Florida. Ron Ranc of ISD at 98 Chestnut Street and the new Apple Store in the Crossgates Mall, Albany were mentioned. Your best defense is to ALWAYS take the time to back up your files! Jackie Manley will be opening her store on the four corners in Fly Creek soon, selling used Macs and supplies. [See article, page 1.] She is offering a 10% discount to MUG ONE members. AppleCare extended warranty insurance was suggested as a good buy, too. Pleas for a laptop to borrow and for help burning photos onto a CD were answered by members.

### Program: A Hardware and Software Showcase

Program co-chairs Brian Foley and John Maas then started the program. Tom Fitzpatrick demoed two digital cameras. The Olympus 2100 series has optical stabilization and 10x optical zoom. If buying one, Tom suggests an optical view-finder model since most screens on cameras can't be seen in bright sunlight. He also demonstrated *PhotoJam 2*, a very cool free program from AtomShockwave for creating and viewing slide shows of your photos. Music can be added, and, once "published," your photos will play full screen. For \$29, *PhotoJam Pro* lets you save a slideshow to a website, burn it to a CD or use it as a screensaver.

Technical problems with video mirroring prevented 11-year-old Emily Travisano from showing *Majesty* and *Myst III: Exile*, but she described the games for the audience. In *Majesty* you build the society of a fantasy Medieval kingdom and fend off rats and dragons. *Myst III: Exile*, a 4 CD set, is the latest offering in the *Myst* series. *Myst*, *Riven* and *Myst III: Exile* are all available for loan from MUG ONE's library.

John Maas showed his Kensington *FlyLight*, a \$20 LED light in a 12" flexible tube that plugs in to a USB port. It can illuminate your keyboard or whatever you are working on, and uses less than 90 seconds battery charge per hour. Next Elsa demoed LaCie's 20 GB *PocketDrive* with USB and Firewire connections for \$269. It literally could fit in your shirt pocket. Elsa then showed some of the *Art Explosion 750,000* clip art collection. With 48 CDs of raster and vector files in the set, for \$199 this is all the clip art anyone should ever need.

John then showed the Wacom *Graphire2* graphic tablet, which allows you to write or draw with a stylus. A must-have for the artist, this model costs \$100 retail. John bought his for \$50 through an offer he found at DealMac.com. This website is highly recommended if you want deals on almost anything

from scanners to software. DealMac has a free subscription service which sends deals in categories you specify to your mailbox. Brian showed IBM's *ViaVoice*, a speech recognition program that uses a headset microphone to input text by voice. *ViaVoice for Mac OS X Edition* is now available; with upgrades from previous versions on special through May 4.

Keith Robisch then showed Apple's latest hardware, the *iPod*, to oohs and aahs. The *iPod* is a 6.5 oz, 5 GB MP3 player/FireWire hard drive that will store and play about 1000 MP3 songs. It works with the *iTunes* software on your Mac so you can automatically load new songs and charge the 10 hour battery when plugged in, and then unplug it to listen through earbuds or your own headphones while on the go. It's a bit expensive at \$399, but it's the last word in portable music.

Finally, Elsa showed us EuroTalk interactive language software which is available to learn 70 different languages. One cool trick is to substitute your own voice for Inspector Morse of PBS Mystery TV fame in the Advanced Language series. These are in the library, too.

In the raffle, John Mazarak and Brian Foley won highlighters, Eric Mazarak promised to give the Buddha squeaky toy a home, Mildred Phillips took the calculator, George Lesh won a mug, Judy Sellers copped a CD case and several winners picked Crossgates Apple Store "Shop Different" or orange and black Microsoft Office tee shirts. Cakes, brownies and confections of several kinds were consumed with cider and soda. There are some excellent bakers in the group! Thank you all for making this a holiday party to remember.

— TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY

## LIBRARY ADDS NEW BOOKS, MEDIA

This month's donations to MUG ONE's book collection include *Dreamweaver 3 Visual QuickStart Guide*, from Brian Foley, *The Arts and Crafts Computer* and *The Little Mac OS X Book* from Peachpit Press, and *Microsoft Office: the Missing Manual* from O'Reilly/Pogue Press.

*Learn Slovak* on CD-ROM and *Advanced Spanish* on DVD have been added to the media (formerly CD-ROM) collection, both from EuroTalk Interactive. The Spanish software includes a movie in which the learner can replace an actor's voice - truly interactive!

Did you know that MUG ONE has two Zip disk drives available to you for loan? One is a 100 MB SCSI drive and the other is a 250MB USB drive. Each drive comes with Zip disks and circulates to current MUG ONE members for one week. The drives are handy for backing up prior to reformatting a drive, and for transferring data from an older Mac to one of the newer, floppy-less models.

We have a supply of free mail-in envelopes to recycle your used inkjet cartridges. Please help yourself to one or two.

— JOHANNA KOENIG, LIBRARIAN

## MUG ONE Lending Library

### Media - CD-ROMs, DVDs, Diskettes

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|         |   |         |   |
|---------|---|---------|---|
| M 300 C | Who Killed Sam Rupert?                    | M 157 C | Earthquest                                  |
| M 205 D | Advanced Spanish                          | M 156 C | Riven                                       |
| M 204 C | Eurotalk Interactive Learn Slovak         | M 155 C | Connie and Bonnie Blast Off                 |
| M 203 C | Star Trek: Judgment Rites                 | M 154 C | Pajama Sam                                  |
| M 202 C | I Spy                                     | M 153 C | Lost Mind of Dr. Brain                      |
| M 201 C | Africa Trail                              | M 152 C | You Don't Know Jack v.2                     |
| M 200 C | Spring Decathlon                          | M 151 C | You Don't Know Jack v.1                     |
| M 199 C | Sim City 2000                             | M 150 C | Amber Journeys Beyond                       |
| M 198 C | Myst III: Exile                           | M 149 C | Music Central 96                            |
| M 197 C | Kid Pix                                   | M 148 C | Mayo Clinic Family Health                   |
| M 196 C | Linux PPC                                 | M 147 C | Peter's Alphabet Adventure/ Magic Adventure |
| M 195 C | Thinking Things Collection - 2            | M 146 C | Ocean Planet                                |
| M 194 F | The Elements of Style, 3rd Edition        | M 145 C | Corel Gallery 1                             |
| M 192 F | Zookeeper                                 | M 144 C | Saunders Interactive General Chemistry Beta |
| M 191 C | e-Library                                 | M 143 C | Marathon 2: Durandal                        |
| M 188 C | 20th Anniversary Macintosh Experience     | M 142 C | Fashionation!                               |
| M 186 C | User Group Sampler                        | M 141 C | Figure Painting by Bill Hubschmitt          |
| M 185 C | Reel-Eyes                                 | M 140 C | Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing for Kids        |
| M 183 C | Kaplan Higher Score Guaranteed SAT&ACT    | M 139 C | Imagination Express: Ocean                  |
| M 182 C | Grammar for the Real World                | M 138 C | 3000 Images Mega Pack                       |
| M 181 C | Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?    | M 137 C | Desk Gallery Mega-Bundle                    |
| M 180 C | Reading Galaxy                            | M 136 C | Learn the Art of Magic                      |
| M 179 C | The Amazing Writing Machine               | M 135 C | Sheila Rae the Brave                        |
| M 178 C | Logical Journey of the Zoombinis Deluxe   | M 134 C | Little Monster at School                    |
| M 177 C | Myth: The Total Codex                     | M 133 C | Just Grandma and Me                         |
| M 176 C | DiskWarrior                               | M 132 C | Muppet Treasure Island                      |
| M 175 C | Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing for Kids      | M 131 C | TimeLapse                                   |
| M 174 C | Clue Finders 4th Grade Adventures         | M 130 F | Design Your Own Home                        |
| M 173 C | Clue Finders 3rd Grade Adventures         | M 129 C | CardShop Plus                               |
| M 172 C | Reader Rabbit's 2nd Grade                 | M 127 C | Dust: a Tale of the Wired West              |
| M 171 C | Reader Rabbit's 1st Grade                 | M 126 C | Multimedia Dogs                             |
| M 170 C | Reader Rabbit's Kindergarten              | M 125 C | The Total Heart                             |
| M 169 C | Reader Rabbit's Personalized Kindergarten | M 124 C | The Way Things Work                         |
| M 168 C | Reader Rabbit's Preschool                 | M 123 C | Ruff's Bone                                 |
| M 167 C | Reader Rabbit's Math Age 6-9              | M 122 C | The New Kid on the Block                    |
| M 166 C | Reader Rabbit's Math Age 4-6              | M 115 C | Click Art Incredible Image Pack             |
| M 165 C | Treasure MathStorm                        | M 114 C | Mayo Clinic Family Health Book              |
| M 164 C | Reader Rabbit Math Journey Grades 1-3     | M 113 C | Who Built America?                          |
| M 163 C | Madeline Thinking Games                   | M 112 C | Planetary Taxi                              |
| M 162 C | My First Amazing World Explorer           | M 106 C | Myst  |
| M 161 C | Homicide                                  | M 105 C | How Computers Work                          |
| M 160 C | Sci-Fi & Fantasy Clipart                  | M 102 C | Criterion Goes to the Movies                |
| M 159 C | Orly's Draw-a-Story                       | M 100 C | Art Gallery                                 |
| M 158 C | Oregon Trail III                          |         |   |

Format Code: C – CD-ROM D – DVD F – Floppy Diskette

*Library materials circulate for one month to current MUG ONE members*

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|--------|---|-----------------------|-------------------|
| B 467  | The Little Mac OS X Book                              | OS X                  | Book              |
| B 466  | Office 2001 for Macintosh: the Missing Manual         | Microsoft Office      | Book              |
| B 465  | Dreamweaver 3 Visual QuickStart Guide                 | Web design            | Book              |
| B 464  | The Arts and Crafts Computer                          | Arts and graphics     | Book              |
| B 463  | The Little Mac Book, 7th ed.                          | beginners             | Book              |
| B 462  | How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld          | Palm PDAs             | Book              |
| B 461  | Photoshop 6 Effects Magic                             | Photoshop             | Book              |
| B 460  | Microsoft Office for Mac 2001 Visual Quickstart Guide | Microsoft Office      | Book              |
| B 459  | Macintosh OS X Visual Quickstart Guide                | OS X                  | Book              |
| B 458  | The Macintosh Bible, 7th ed.                          | general Mac reference | Book              |
| BC 457 | Inside Adobe Photoshop 6                              | photography           | Book and CD-ROM   |
| BC 456 | Adobe GoLive 5.0 Classroom in a Book                  | program instruction   | Book and CD-ROM   |
| BC 455 | Adobe Illustrator 9 Classroom in a Book               | program instruction   | Book and CD-ROM   |
| B 454  | AppleWorks for Macintosh Visual Quickstart            | program instruction   | Book              |
| B 453  | Quicken 2001 Visual QuickStart Guide                  | program instruction   | Book              |
| B 452  | Adobe Electronic Publishing Guide                     | electronic publishing | Book              |
| B 451  | iMovie 2, the Missing Manual                          | making videos         | Book              |
| B 450  | iMac Fast & Easy                                      | iMac operation        | Book              |
| B 449  | Animation on the Web                                  | Web design            | Book              |
| B 448  | Sad Macs, Bombs, and Other Disasters, 4th ed.         | software problems     | Book              |
| B 448  | Sad Macs, Bombs, and Other Disasters, 3rd ed.         | software problems     | Book              |
| B 445  | Macintosh System 7 at Your Fingertips                 | operating system      | Book              |
| B 443  | Mac Bible, 6th Edition                                | General Reference     | Book              |
| B 441  | Mac OS 7.6 for Dummies                                | Macintosh Reference   | Book              |
| B 440  | PageMaker 4 Made Easy                                 | desktop publishing    | Book              |
| B 438  | The Non-Designer's Web Book                           | Web design            | Book              |
| BD 437 | Desktop Publisher's Survival Kit                      | Publishing            | Book and diskette |
| B 436  | Internet Explorer for Macintosh                       | Internet              | Book              |
| B 435  | The Little Audio CD Book                              | burning music CDs     | Book              |
| BC 434 | Internet Starter Kit                                  | Internet              | Book and CD-ROM   |
| BC 433 | My iMac   | iMacs                 | Book and CD-ROM   |
| B 432  | OS 9 Quickstart Guide                                 | Operating Systems     | Book              |
| BC 431 | Macs for Teachers, 2nd edition                        | General Reference     | Book              |
| B 430  | The Little Mac Book, 6th edition                      | Hardware              | Book              |
| B 429  | Start with a Digital Camera                           | Digital Cameras       | Book              |
| B 426  | Macintosh Bible, 2nd. ed.                             | Reference ©1989       | Book              |
| BD 416 | The Mac Book of Microsoft Word 5                      | Microsoft Word 5      | Book              |
| BD 410 | Icons for the Masses                                  | Icons                 | Book & Diskette   |
| BD 408 | ResEdit Complete, 2nd. ed.                            | ResEdit               | Book & Diskette   |
| BC 407 | The Little Mac Toolkit                                | Utilities             | Book & CD-ROM     |
| B 403  | The Dead Mac Scrolls                                  | old computers         | Book              |
| B 401  | Macintosh Bible 4th Edition                           | General reference     | Book              |
| B 400  | Myst - The Official Strategy Guide                    | Myst                  | Book              |

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## SURPRISE GUEST HIGHLIGHTS USER GROUP UNIVERSITY SAN FRANCISCO 2002

A surprise appearance by former Apple Software Evangelist and Apple Fellow Guy Kawasaki highlighted the fourth offering of User Group University, held January 7th at San Francisco's Argent Hotel. Kawasaki's inspiring, and often hilarious, address capped a full day of seminars and presentations aimed at helping user group leaders to serve and strengthen their groups.

A record 152 user group leaders representing 92 groups and six countries made the trek to UGU SF 2002. The conference, originally scheduled for Apple's corporate campus in Cupertino, was relocated to downtown San Francisco when Steve Jobs' Macworld keynote was shifted up a day. The change in venue permitted those lucky folks holding admission passes to attend Jobs' presentation in person, and return to the Argent in time for lunch and the rest of the day's programs.

As attendees finished their breakfasts, User Group Advisory Chair Chuck Joiner and Apple's Program Manager for Worldwide User Group Relations Garr Reynolds spoke words of welcome. Chuck thanked the UGAB board members, Regional Liaisons, CZ Productions staff, volunteers and leaders worldwide who worked together to make UGU possible. Garr exhorted leaders to attract a diverse membership, become known for something special, and connect with members on an emotional level. The number one leadership goal? Articulate a compelling vision that answers the question: "What can we become?"

Then it was time to view the Macworld keynote via streaming video. UGU attendees endured visual and occasional audio glitches as computers around the world competed for the overtaxed bandwidth, but the excitement of iPhoto and the reconceived iMac came through loud and clear. Afterwards, conference-goers who attended the keynote live rejoined the group for a working lunch with Apple's chief Logo Cop, Liz Barry. Liz explained Apple's corporate identity and logo usage policies and discussed how user groups can reinforce, rather than infringe on, Apple's brand.

Two afternoon conference tracks featured leader and Apple-led sessions packed with inspiration and information. Topics included marketing your user group, making a small event big, how to get young people into your group, rebuilding a user group from scratch, tips and tricks for great user group presentations and using digital video to tell your story. Presenter's notes will be available on the MUGCenter website at [www.mugcenter.com](http://www.mugcenter.com).

The group reassembled for a lively panel on building good vendor relationships led by UGAB member and vendor queen Lorene Romero. Vendors from Adobe, Dantz, Panorama, Quicken, Corel, Aladdin and Casady & Greene outlined what each one seeks from a user group leader. Common vendor requests included designating one contact person per group,



*Legendary Macintosh evangelist Guy Kawasaki at UGU*

submitting reviews promptly, and providing vendors with both positive and negative feedback on products.

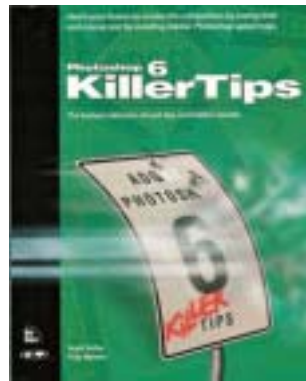
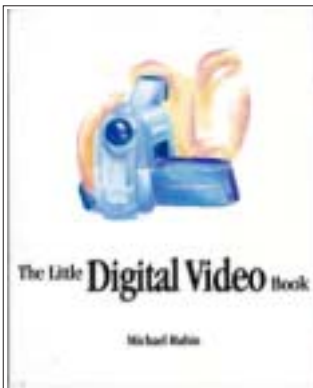
Then came the moment everyone had been waiting for. The lights dimmed, and spotlights revealed the surprise guest speaker to a wildly applauding crowd – Guy Kawasaki! A former CEO, columnist, author of seven books including *How to Drive Your Competition Crazy*, *The Macintosh Way* and *Selling the Dream*, and the first Apple Fellow for Marketing, the legendary Macintosh evangelist now works as a venture capitalist. Kawasaki shared his Ten Principles of Evangelism in his inimitable entertaining and provocative style. The principles are:

- 1) Create a cause
- 2) Look for virgins, not atheists
- 3) Localize your positioning
- 4) Let people test drive your cause
- 5) Provide a safe first step
- 6) Let a thousand flowers bloom
- 7) Fix products for who is buying
- 8) Ignore pedigrees
- 9) Make people feel like part of the team
- 10) Remember your friends

The ever-youthful Kawasaki compared using Macs to snowboarding and using Windows to skiing, and humorously lamented that no one recognizes him any more. Asked what he sees as the top priority for user group leaders, Kawasaki replied "Getting young people into groups!"

Kawasaki fielded questions and testimonials from the audience, then graciously joined user group leaders and vendors for the vendor reception that brought the long day's activities to a close.

Partner sponsors for UGU SF 2002 included Apple User Groups, Adobe, Macworld and Microsoft. General sponsors included Aladdin Systems, Casady & Greene, Corel, Dantz, Handspring, HP, MacAddict, O'Reilly, Power On Software, Intuit, Panorama and Strider. Meals of the day were sponsored by Small Dog Electronics, Geekcruises.com sponsored the break, and welcome bag collateral was sponsored by LaCie.



## BOOKS: LITTLE DIGITAL VIDEO BOOK, PHOTOSHOP 6 KILLER TIPS, PALM HANDHELDS

*The Little Digital Video Book*, by Michael Rubin. 178 pp. Peachpit Press, 2002. \$19.99.

Michael Rubin is a pro, but his goals in *the Little Digital Video Book* are very down to earth. Sure, he's a professional Hollywood film editor and educator, but he's also a busy guy with just a couple of hours on a weekend to pull together a video. So he teaches an eminently sensible approach he calls results-oriented video: learn to use your video camera to shoot good video easily, shoot video that can be readily edited into projects, and *finish* your projects.

His method? Shoot 20 minutes or less of material, edit it down to about four minutes, add music, and finish the editing process in two hours or less. The result is a video sketch that is quick, easy to make and enjoyable for family and friends.

Rubin's crisp and lively style makes even the most mundane detail fascinating. He guides the reader through buying a FireWire-equipped video camera (he much prefers MiniDV) and then teaches you how to use it, feature by feature. Chapters on shooting, organizing your video, preparing to edit and editing are chock-full of information and illustrated with usefully-captioned black and white photographs.

You'll learn why timecode is so important, why you should ditch your lens cap and put on a clear UV filter instead, and how to set up a tape labeling and organizing system and logbook to make your filmmaking life easier. You'll also learn the questions to ask before you shoot, how to take all kinds of shots (and how to choose which ones to use), and how to set up and use your editing bay. It's the professional expertise coupled with common-sense practicality that makes this book so special. Very highly recommended.

*Photoshop 6 Killer Tips*, by Scott Kelby and Felix Nelson. .210 pp. New Riders, 2001. \$39.99.

"Wouldn't it be cool if there was a *Photoshop* book where the whole book, cover-to-cover, was nothing but those cool little sidebar tips on the inside of every great *Photoshop* book?"

That's the premise of *Photoshop 6 Killer Tips*. Hundreds of time-saving shortcuts, most of which take up only half a page, are designed to hurtle *Photoshop* users into the fast lane. Virtually every tip is accompanied by a color screen shot. Learn how to get rid of the annoying background checkerboard, undo after you've closed a document, sharpen images like a pro and escape from the crop tool.

Chapters are loosely organized into tips for production, type, web, layers, troubleshooting, image-correction and prepress, ending with a final selection of advanced tips.

Authors Scott Kelby and Felix Nelson deliver this tasty smorgasbord with a hefty helping of attitude, but that just adds to the fun. You'll be grinning right along with them as you rev *Photoshop* into high gear. Highly recommended.

*How to Do Everything with Your Palm, 2nd. ed.* by Dave Johnson and Rick Broida. 624 pp. Osborne Press, 2001. \$24.99.

More of us are incorporating Palm handhelds and other PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants) into our lives, and these devices continue to become ever more versatile and capable. *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld, second edition* teaches the reader how to leverage the power of Palms and other PDAs running the Palm operating system.

The authors begin with the Palm OS basics - date book, address book, to do list and memo pad. Readers learn how to input data using the Grafitti handwriting system and how synchronize data with Macs and PCs. Then come the more advanced topics, from tracking expenses to working with Microsoft Office documents and assembling the ultimate road warrior survival kit for traveling with a Palm.

Connecting your higher model Palm to a modem or mobile phone, web clipping, the internet and wireless email are covered, as well as upgrades and accessories for the various Palm models. This is a handy compendium for any Palm user.

— ELSA TRAVISANO

## SOFTWARE REVIEW: PAGEMAKER 7.0

### *Adobe PageMaker 7.0*

Adobe Systems, Inc. [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)

\$499, \$79 upgrade. Upgrade requires serial number and previous version of product on same platform as current purchase.

*PageMaker 7.0*, Adobe's entry-level desktop publishing application, has considerable appeal for users in the business, SOHO (small office/home office) and education fields who don't need the advanced capabilities of *InDesign*, Adobe's flagship page design software. If a user decides to move from *PageMaker 7.0* to *InDesign*, which is better suited for producing magazines, newspapers and higher end advertisements. Adobe offers a \$299 cross-grade option. Suite programs (*AppleWorks*, *Microsoft Office*) are getting better and better at supporting design projects, but *PageMaker's* powerful tools, integration with other design software and superior degree of control give it a decided advantage over integrated applications for most design tasks.

Unlike other Adobe products which have undergone recent facelifts, the look of *PageMaker 7.0* will be comfortingly familiar to those familiar with *PageMaker 6.5*. This is good news for current users who would rather get down to work than tackle a new interface. The modest \$79 upgrade cost is more than justified by *PageMaker 7.0's* expanded file conversion support alone. Added features and much-improved stability make the upgrade highly recommended for all current *PageMaker* users with the requisite system requirements.

*PageMaker 7.0* is ideally suited for creating newsletters, flyers, brochures, signs, reports, memos, business cards and classroom materials. The software package includes a generous selection of Adobe Type 1 fonts, photographs, more than 4,700 clip art illustrations and, most importantly, more than 300 professionally designed templates. Using these resources, users can adopt one of the professional designs, combine elements from more than one template, or create designs from scratch. The templates are a boon to users who lack design experience (that includes most of us) but want to produce materials that look professional.

This new version of *PageMaker* solves many of the instability and incompatibility problems that slipped in during the five years since the most recent version, *PageMaker 6.5*, was shipped. I have been running *PageMaker 7.0* in OS 9 and in the Classic environment of OS X, and have yet to experience a crash. New features in this version expanded support for *Illustrator 9* files, updated converters for Quark *Xpress* and Microsoft *Publisher*, an updated filter for Microsoft *Word 2000* (Windows) and *Word 2001* (Macintosh) – hooray! – and an all-new Data Merge feature. Data Merge uses text and image data exported from databases or spreadsheets to create



customized documents such as form letters, mailing labels, catalogs and business cards. This capability means that users can work with *PageMaker's* superior design tools to prepare individualized mailings, a task that would otherwise be accomplished in a word processor, database, or suite program.

*Acrobat Distiller* and *Acrobat Reader*, two components of Adobe's *Acrobat 5*, are included for creating PDF (Portable Document Format) files. No PostScript printer? No problem – all *PageMaker* needs is a PostScript printer driver. *PageMaker 7.0* now allows users to place PDF files, including those created in *Illustrator 9* and *Photoshop 6*, in *PageMaker* documents. PDF files can even be saved into eBook format, which makes them page size and viewing device independent. Tagged PDFs are readable on Palm and other handhelds, and reflow properly on monitors of different sizes.

*PageMaker 7.0* supports native *Photoshop 5* and *6* files. This means that *Photoshop* files do not have to be saved in TIFF or JPEG format in order to be placed into a *PageMaker* document. Users can now incorporate a single *Photoshop* file into more than one document or application. When the original *Photoshop* file is updated and saved, the *PageMaker* file is updated automatically.

Software-based help topics are accessible under the program's Help menu, and tutorials and support are available at the Adobe website. The package includes a useful printed manual.

The education version of *PageMaker 7.0* comes with an additional CD containing tutorials and education-specific fonts, templates, clip art and photographs, as well as a try-out version of Adobe *Elements*.

– ELSA TRAVISANO

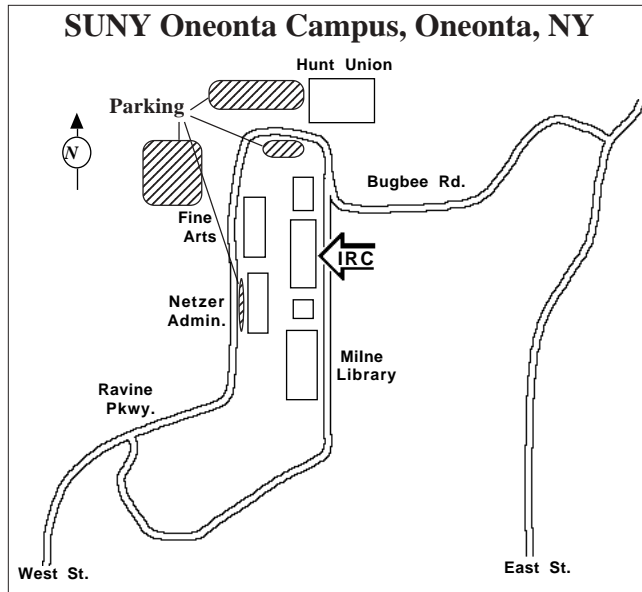
### *Adobe PageMaker 7.0*

System Requirements: PowerPC, OS 8.6 (with Apple Software Font Manager Manager Update version 1.0), 9.1 or X (Classic), 16 MB RAM (32 recommended), 100 MB available hard drive space for installation (150 MB recommended), 800x600 monitor resolution, 8-bit/256 colors, CD-ROM drive.

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1/1/01-12/31/01

|                                   | Received   | Paid       | Total      |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Bank Balance 1/1/01               |            |            | \$1,234.03 |
| Income                            |            |            |            |
| Dues through 10/31/01             | \$1,620.00 |            |            |
| Books (Peachpit)                  | \$203.88   |            |            |
| Raffle                            | \$120.00   |            |            |
| Income total                      | \$1,943.88 |            |            |
| Expenses                          |            |            |            |
| Printing                          |            | \$222.73   |            |
| Postage                           |            | \$238.10   |            |
| PO Box rental                     |            | \$44.00    |            |
| Books                             |            | \$239.02   |            |
| Picnic                            |            | \$92.91    |            |
| Exec. meetings                    |            | \$101.00   |            |
| Prizes                            |            | \$177.07   |            |
| Library purchases                 |            | \$62.01    |            |
| MacWorld Expo expenses            |            | \$370.91   |            |
| Camera repair                     |            | \$82.51    |            |
| Donation Red cross                |            | \$120.00   |            |
| Domain registration               |            | \$63.00    |            |
| Library supplies                  |            | \$13.68    |            |
| Misc. – cables, envelopes, labels |            | \$95.28    |            |
| Expenses total                    |            | \$1,922.22 |            |
| Bank balance                      | 12/31/01   |            | \$1,255.69 |

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Johnston, Treasurer