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MUG ONE MOVES TO HARTWICK COLLEGE

The March 4 MUG ONE meeting will be held on the **Hartwick College** campus in **room 103** of **Golisano Hall**, Hartwick College's brand new, state-of-the-art classroom building.

A map of the Hartwick College campus, with an arrow indicating our meeting place, is on page 2 of this month's newsletter.

The campus map is also available online at <http://www.hartwick.edu/x529.xml>

Location

The Hartwick College campus is on West Street in Oneonta, about a quarter mile from the SUNY Oneonta campus.

To get to our meeting place in room 103 Golisano Hall, enter campus from the main West Street (upper) entrance and bear left at the fork. Golisano Hall is the new building dead ahead after you have passed, on your right, Clark Hall, Bresee Hall and the empty space formerly occupied by Arnold Hall.

When entering Golisano from the side door, room 103 is on your left on the ground floor. Entering from the front door, room 103 is on your right.

Parking

At this hour, you may park where you find available space. Unless another event is taking place on campus, you should be able to find parking close to Golisano Hall.

If you find no parking before you reach Golisano Hall, hook around to the right. There should be plenty of parking spaces available in the evening behind Bresee Hall and Clark Hall.

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

MARCH 4, 2009 MUG ONE MEETING

Facebook, Classmates and Mark's Gems - *Brian Foley and Mark Dye*

Join us on **Wednesday, March 4** at 7:30 p.m. on the **Hartwick College campus, Golisano Hall room 103** (our new meeting place), for our March MUG ONE meeting.

MUG ONE Secretary and Program Co-Chair **Brian Foley** will present an introduction to [Facebook](#) and [Classmates](#). Learn easy ways to connect with and keep in touch with friends, family, classmates and colleagues. Facebook in particular is also great for business networking and career building.

Following Brian's presentation, MUG ONE Co-Librarian **Mark Dye** will show how to make the most of [Preview](#), the free Mac OS X application that comes with every Mac.

As always, the meeting will begin with a question and answer session and end with a door prize drawing for current members.

MUG ONE meetings are free of charge and open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

For directions, see the Hartwick College campus map on the last page of this newsletter, or download the map at <http://www.hartwick.edu/x529.xml>

For more information, call Brian Foley at 607-988-7031 or Thomas Travisano at 607-431-4907 (call Tom if you have specific questions about our Hartwick College location) or email Elsa Travisano at mugone@stny.rr.com

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FEBRUARY 4, 2009 MUG ONE MEETING MACWORLD EXPO SAN FRANCISCO RE- PORT – ELSA TRAVISANO

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., Hodgdon IRC-2 on the SUNY Oneonta campus.

Q&A and Discussion

BusySync from BusyMac <http://www.busymac.com> was recommended by Sven Anderson for sharing collaborative iCal and Google calendars. The application lets multiple people edit a calendar, great for families.

Elsa says: Don't empty your trash in OS X unless you really mean it. It can be very expensive and time-consuming to try to retrieve it.

We learned that SUNY Oneonta now requires MUG ONE to carry a one million dollar liability insurance policy (cost @\$200/year) and extensive paperwork for us to continue to use a classroom for our meetings. We are looking for alternate meeting locations.

There was much discussion about where we will meet and the various issues concerning the various possible venues. The membership empowered the MUG ONE Board to make appropriate decisions on the group's behalf.

Program

MUG ONE president Elsa Trivisano treated us to a "show and tell" slide show about Macworld Expo 2009, which she attended January 5-9 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

To create her presentation she used a trial version of Keynote '09, part of Apple's iWork '09 software suite, which was released along with iLife '09 at January's Expo. (The free thirty day trial of iWork '09 can be downloaded at <http://www.apple.com/iwork/download-trial/>.) During the course of her presentation Elsa pointed out some of the new and improved features of Keynote '09.

She began by noting that Apple will no longer take part in Macworld Expo following this year's Expo. The Macworld 2009 Keynote address was delivered by Apple Vice President Phil Schiller rather than the ailing Steve Jobs. Elsa felt that Schiller did a fine job, though no one could match Jobs' peerless showmanship.

Elsa then gave us a brief tour of iLife '09. Among the new features:

iPhoto has face detection and face recognition.

iMovie has image stabilization .

GarageBand has "Learn to Play" with famous performers. Learn to play their riffs.

iLife '09 costs \$79 for single or \$99 for family. Same for iWork '09.

For \$169 (\$149 at Amazon.com) you can get the Mac Box

Set of OSX 10.5, iLife '09 and iWork '09.

In April, iTunes Digital Rights Management (DRM) will be gone. DRM-free songs are higher quality and have no limitations on the number of computers or the types of devices they can be played on. Songs will be priced at 69¢, 99¢ or \$1.29. You can pay 30¢ per song to upgrade your previous iTunes purchases to DRM-free versions. More information is at <http://www.apple.com/itunes/whatsnew/>

Sven Anderson told us about a workaround. There are legal programs and virtual CDs. You can also burn your songs to a CD, then re-import them. Ask Sven for more information.

Elsa showed us:

- an awesome [Pogo Stylus](#) for the iPhone and iPod Touch. \$14.95 at Ten One Design or \$10 at amazon.com.
 - The Brenthaven "Switch MB" messenger bag with reversible flaps. \$129 at [Brenthaven](#) She also talked about the Speck [AftPack](#) backpack, \$99, and the Boooq [Taipan Slimcase](#), \$79
 - Very funky flash drives - the cute rubber penguin USB drive from Bone Collection (several styles available at Amazon <http://tinyurl.com/ajcgtc>, \$19-\$29) and the Star Wars C3PO USB drive, one of many designs from [Mimoco](#), \$24.95 and up.
 - [Sena](#) ultraslim leather iPod pouches, \$24.
 - User group vendor discount of 33% for the [In Your Face Viewbase](#) swivel arm holder for your iPhone or iPod Touch, reg. \$29.99, discount code 5115 through 4/30.
 - User group vendor discount of 25% for the [ThermaPAK Laptop Cooling HeatShift Pad](#), discount code maccool through 4/30.
 - Kensington [Portable Power Outlet](#), \$24.99
 - Kensington [Wireless Notebook Mouse](#), \$34.99
 - Kensington [Hands Free Bluetooth Wireless Visor Car Kit](#), \$119.99
- (Brian says: Customer service at Kensington is amazingly great.)
- Antibacterial cleaning cloths for iPhones, iPods, cell phones and more from Klear Screen, \$12.99 <http://www.klearscreen.com/detail.aspx?ID=13> or \$24.99 with Complete Cleaning Kit <http://www.klearscreen.com/detail.aspx?ID=99>

Elsa's presentation took the entire meeting time, so Brian Foley's will show us [Mori](#) at an upcoming meeting.

At the end of the meeting door prizes were awarded, and refreshments served, with lively after-meeting discussions, as ever.

— BRIAN FOLEY
(WITH ADDITIONS BY ELSA TRIVISANO)

REVIEW



ADOBE INDESIGN CS4

Adobe <http://www.adobe.com>

\$699; \$199 upgrade. Educational price \$199.

Upgrade requires a previous licensed version of Adobe InDesign CS, CS2 or CS3, or PageMaker 6.0, 6.5 or 7.0 software.

Adobe's InDesign CS4 offers a number of new and updated features, including robust support for creating interactive documents, that are sure to be welcomed by page designers. Best for most users, though, are a number interface enhancements that simplify and speed up the process of laying out and modifying documents and make this a very worthwhile purchase or upgrade.

New to InDesign CS4 is a streamlined **Application bar** just under the Menu bar with buttons for changing screen mode, view options, zoom level and arranging multiple documents as well as a button for going to Adobe Bridge. The Application bar also has a search field for accessing Adobe's online help, and a pull-down menu of customized workspaces (you can save your own by choosing New Workspace).

A handy way to get an overview of CS4's new features is to choose the What's New workspace in the Application bar menu. This workspace displays only the palettes and buttons that are new or updated, and adds a blue highlight to new menu item.

There are two choices for interacting with your workspace in InDesign 4CS - **Application Bar view** and, new to the Mac, **Application Frame view**. The Application Frame view groups all the workspace elements together in a single resizable window, with tools and panels (these are called palettes in Photoshop) anchored on either side. In Application Bar view the workspace elements are free-

floating, which allows other applications and the Desktop to be seen in the background.

I quickly came to prefer Frame view, finding that I spent less time moving panels out of the way to view my documents. The Application Frame view offers another advantage – multiple documents open in tabs rather than as free-floating windows. This makes it easy to toggle back and forth between documents. The menu choice for changing your view option is located near the bottom of the Windows menu.

Smart Guides and **Smart Spacing** are familiar concepts for FileMaker users. Smart Guides appear as temporary lines when you align, rotate or resize an object; showing when a graphic is centered in a column, for example. The object's length and width displays right next to the cursor so you can monitor resizing without opening a separate panel. Smart Spacing aligns and resizes multiple objects so they are evenly spaced. Used with Multi File Place (introduced in CS3), Smart Guides creates the same frame size for placed objects and centers each object in its frame to keep it the same size as the other (selected) objects on the page. How cool is that?

Live PreFlight checks for potential production problems as you work rather than at the end of the design process. A slim panel next to the scroll bar at the bottom of the document window shows a green dot when no errors are found. If a problem crops up – overset text, or a graphic that's the wrong resolution – the dot turns red and the number of errors is listed. Double-click to open the PreFlight panel which describes each error and takes you there when you click the page number.

When your design has rotated elements (think of a For Sale flyer with sideways tear-off phone numbers at the bottom), **Rotated Spreads** lets you rotate a page of your document in 90° increments so you can work without craning your neck.

Conditional Text is an extremely useful for creating multiple versions of a document. For example, Newsbreak is produced in two versions: one with vendor codes that is emailed to members, and a public version posted on MUG ONE's website with vendor codes removed. Previously this meant producing two different documents.

Now in InDesign CS4, different conditions can be set (Members edition, Public edition) and selected text can be tagged to hide or show for a particular version simply by checking a check box. Other situations when this feature would be handy include teacher and student editions of texts or documents with prices for multiple countries.

New features for producing more complex documents include a **Cross-References** panel under the Hyperlinks

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Special Discount Offers from the Apple User Group Bulletin

These discounts are brought to you by the Apple User Group Advisory Board. You must be a current Apple user group member to qualify for these savings.

“Secret of the Lost Cavern” Adventure: Half Price

Coladia’s game plunges the player into an inspiring adventure that takes place during the Paleolithic period in prehistoric times. Arok, a young hunter, discovers an entry to a cavern and his quest begins. During his journey, he must survive the rugged wilderness, brave wild animals, traverse raging rivers and much more.

Regular price is \$39.90; Apple user group members can buy this adventure for \$19.90. A demo version is also available.

Coupon code:*****

Learn more. <http://www.coladiagames.com>

Start your adventure: <http://www.coladiagames.com/store>

This offer is valid through May 31, 2009.

The Mac U.com: 33% Off

You love your computer, but are you only getting a small%age of its potential use? The Mac U was created to help tap your Mac’s full potential by assisting you with Mac OS X, iLife and other applications. A membership to The Mac U provides downloadable Mac video training courses, online video tips, tutorials, news, reviews and Q&A. Try it free for 15 days.

The regular price is \$6 per month after the 15-day free trial. User group members take 33% off with this special user group price.

This offer is valid through May 31, 2009.

Tech 2000, Inc. (AATC): 30% Off

Tech 2000, an authorized Apple training center (AATC) is a leading source of high quality IT training. Courses available include:

- Leopard (101, 201, 301, 302, 401)
- Apple Certifications (ACSP, ACSA, ACTC, ProApps)
- Cisco (CCENT, CCNA, CCIE)
- Custom-developed courses
- Introduction to iPhone SDK Development (ILT and E-Learning) - Educators iPhone SDK training kit (K-12, Higher Education).

Tech 2000, Inc. offers a special 30% discount to user group members on all courses, exams and e-learning. Prices range from \$595 to \$2,299.

Coupon code: *****

<http://www.t2000inc.com/apple/index.html>

This offer is valid through May 31, 2009.

My Tribe Paradise: 50% Off

Create a perfect island paradise with MyTribe from Grubby Games. Shipwrecked on a beautiful tropical island, your brave little tribespeople must build a new home. With your guidance, the tribe will uncover mysterious secrets, research new technologies and construct massive wonders. Return often to feed your tribe, clothe them and look after the babies and children.

The regular price is \$19.95, but Apple user group members are offered this exclusive 50% discount, which also applies to any bundled applications.

(Click “Next” to see discount)

This offer is valid through June 30, 2009.

Transition: From the MUG Store to PowerMax.com

PowerMax.com, the engine behind the Apple MUG Store, is pleased to announce a new process for Apple user group members. Instead of going to www.applebugstore.com to view a limited selection of items, members can now go directly to www.powermax.com to peruse and purchase almost 50,000 products. By identifying the user group you belong to (either on an online order or over the phone), PowerMax will continue to accumulate points for your user group to use.

As a special bonus, for one month only, starting February 20, 2009, those points will double to 2% of the total purchase. So if a user group member buys a \$2,000 computer, \$40 will be added to your user group’s account, good toward anything PowerMax sells. In addition to great deals, free UPS shipping is offered on any order over \$50!

Be sure to take advantage of this win/win deal!

<http://www.powermax.com>

This offer is ongoing.

That’s Easy: Get the Apple User Group Market, Resource Blog & Vendor Discount Offers

Looking for information on a past offer? Tom Piper of the Apple User Group Advisory Board publishes a single page with all current offers, expiration dates and codes. Watch for intermittent special offers.

Password until May 15, 2009: *****

<http://homepage.mac.com/ugab/offers/vendorcodes.htm>

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panel which enables you to set text to update in multiple locations when edits are made and a customizable **Links** panel for managing your document's placed files.

For designing interactive documents that can be exported as SWF files (a file playback format), InDesign CS4 adds panels for **Buttons** and **Page Transitions** as well as an enhanced **Hyperlinks** panel. Documents can also be exported as XML files to **Flash CS4 Professional**, where text and graphics can be edited and animations and navigation elements can be added.

To learn more about InDesign CS4, check out the videos [Introducing InDesign CS4](#) and [InDesign and InCopy CS4 Feature tour](#), part of the wealth of free instructional videos at [AdobeTV.com](#).

–ELSA TRAVISANO

Adobe InDesign CS4 System Requirements

PowerPC® G5 or multicore Intel® processor

Mac OS X v10.4.11–10.5.4

512MB of RAM (1GB recommended)

1.6GB of available hard-disk space for installation; additional free space required during installation (cannot install on a volume that uses a case-sensitive file system or on flash-based storage devices)

1024x768 display (1280x800 recommended) with 16-bit video card

DVD-ROM drive

QuickTime 7 software required for multimedia features

Broadband Internet connection required for online services.



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Continuing offers on publications include:

- Mac|Life magazine charter subscription
- Macworld Magazine special subscription offer
- Take Control ebooks
- Peachpit book club
- O'Reilly Publishing discount offers

Also, be sure to subscribe to the Apple User Group Market Report podcast. The AUG Market Report and Resource blog are great sources for information about Apple user groups, vendor discounts, special events, interesting reviews, stimulating training and more.

Apple User Group Market Report podcast:

<http://homepage.mac.com/ugab/resources.html>

For public information about vendor offers and more visit:

<http://homepage.mac.com/ugab/offers.html>

REVIEW



BOOQ Taipan Slimcase Laptop Bag

\$69.95-\$89.95

<http://www.booqbags.com>

This week only, brown Taipan Slimcases and Skins are 20% off at the Booq website with promo code BRN20.

The Booq Taipan Slimcase is an amazingly trim and light-weight laptop computer bag with plenty of thoughtful design features and a sense of style. This is the bag I carry when I want to keep bulk and weight to a minimum.

Made from sturdy, water-repellant polyester, the bag has a messenger-style flap with a zippered boarding pass pocket and two velcro fasteners. The inside of the flap is a contrasting color – light green for the black bag and slate blue for the brown bag.

Inside is a padded zippered laptop compartment, a more lightly padded notebook pocket and a gusseted, divided front pocket with organizing pockets that folds flat when not in use and snaps open if needed to make more room.

The laptop compartment has a plush velvety interior and nylon zippers on flaps that fold out of the way so nothing scratches your computer. Fold-away briefcase-style handles and a removable shoulder strap give a carrying choice.

The case comes in sizes for the 13" MacBook Air, 13" MacBook, 15" MacBook Pro and 17" MacBook Pro. Most highly recommended.

– ELSA TRAVISANO

THE X LEX – Monthly Excerpts for MUGs from **Take Control: The Mac OS X Lexicon**

JUST MY TYPE

This month, we've gathered the basics of typographical terms because the Mac was the first fontastic computer.

ascender

The part of a letter or other character that sticks up past the height of most lowercase letters; h, b, and t have ascenders.

habit

baseline

In font design and layout, the invisible line on which the letters "sit." The distance from one baseline to the next in a block of text, which is referred to as simply "line spacing" in word processors, is known as leading (leading, from the lead used in traditional movable type) in typography, so that's what's it's usually called in layout programs.

*All mimsy were
the borogoves*

descender

The part of a letter or other character that falls below the baseline of other characters; p, g, and y have descenders.

piggy

dingbat

A decorative typographical element. The other half of the famous Zapf Dingbats font name belongs to its designer, Hermann Zapf.



ligature

A pair of letters connected by design for either easier reading or a special look, as with fi or fl. In many fonts, common ligatures for double characters are actually a single, substitutive character, so backspacing once with Delete might erase both letters, depending on how smart your program is about handling ligatured characters.

fit flat
fit flat

monofont, monospaced font

A font designed so that every character takes the same amount of horizontal space no matter how wide the actual character, like old typewriter output; Courier is a monofont. Also see proportional font.

Mimi

Mimi

old style numbers, old style figures

Numerals designed with varying heights and descenders for an elegant look—not great for math problems, but nice on invitation envelopes or personal stationery. Standard-design numerals are not referred to as "new style," but "lining figures."

1569

proportional font

A font whose letters take varying amounts of horizontal space depending on the actual character width, so an m takes about three times the space of an i. We're used to seeing proportional spacing in most computer fonts, but typewriter-like monospaced fonts give the same amount of space to every letter.

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serif, sans serif

A serif is a decorative embellishment at the end of a stroke (line) on a font character. A sans serif font (sans is French for without) lacks these embellishments. Arial, Helvetica, and Verdana (which is used for the body of this book) are sans serif fonts. Many sans serifs have sans in their names, such as Gill Sans; some include the word Grottesque/Grotesk or Gothic, typography terms that describe this unadorned design.

SERIF
Sans

small caps

A character format that uses capital letter designs for both

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uppercase and lowercase letters in text, with the “uppercase” simply larger than the “lowercase.” Unless you use a font with purposely designed small caps characters, small caps won’t look right: a program mixes two different sizes of the font, which means everything about the letters is two different sizes—not just their heights, but also the thickness of the lines that make up the letters, and even how much room characters take on a line.

SMALL *real*
SMALL *fake*

x-height

The height of the lowercase letters in a font, not counting those with ascenders like d and b.

drab

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Take Control: The Mac OS X Lexicon is an ebook available at <http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/mac-lexicon.html>. User-group member discount, 10% on all Take Control titles: coupon code CPN31208MUG.

Excerpt files for user group publications: <http://www.33thingsbooks.com/XLex.html>. Queries: xlex@33thingsbooks.com. Email Sharon (sharonLex@33thingsbooks.com) or Andy (Andy@33thingsbooks.com) about the Lexicon.



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Safari 4 beta’s new Top Sites view shows 6, 12 or 24 sites

APPLE RELEASES SAFARI 4 BETA

On February 24 Apple released a free public beta (pre-release version) of Safari 4 web browser for Mac and Windows with new features and a speedier display engine.

A cool new Top Sites window view displays a customizable preview of six, twelve or twenty-four most frequently viewed sites. Also new is a Cover Flow view of your browser history and bookmarks, a full history search of sites you’ve viewed, and a new “tabs on top” arrangement that gives more screen space. <http://www.apple.com/safari>

Mac requirements for the software are OS 10.5.6 Leopard or OS 10.4.11 Tiger, 256 MB of memory, a G3, G4, G5 or Intel processor and built-in FireWire.

The Safari 4 beta replaces Safari 3; an uninstaller that restores Safari 3 is included in the software installer package.

APPLE INTRODUCES A SLEW OF NEW MACS

On March 3 Apple rolled out updates to practically every product in their hardware line, most with new processors and/or graphics cards. Details are at the [Apple Store](http://apple.com). Here are highlights.

Airport Extreme Base Station, \$179, **Time Capsule** \$299/500 GB, \$499/1 Terabyte. All have simultaneous dual band WiFi.

Mac minis 2GHz, 120GB hard drive, 1GB RAM, \$599; 2GHz, 320GB HD, 1GB RAM, \$599.

iMacs 20" 2.66GHz, 2GB RAM, 320GB HD, \$1199; three 24" models with 2.66, 2.93 or 3.06 GHz, 4GB RAM, 640GB or 1TB HD; \$1499, \$1799 and \$2199.

Mac Pros quad core 2.66GHz, 3GB RAM, \$2499; 8 core 2.66GHz x 2, 6GB RAM, \$3299; both with 640GB HDs.

MacBook Pros 15" 2.4GHz, 2GB RAM, 250GB HD, \$1999; 2.66GHz, 4GB RAM, 320GB HD, \$2499.

Keyboard - compact aluminum wired keyboard without numeric keypad, \$49.