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dBug October Main Meeting

What: Producing Holiday Card and Calendars with iPhoto: Mike Grueter & Dona McAdam

When: Wed., October 11th, 2006
Doors open at 6:30 PM, presentation at 7 PM

Where: dBug Resource Center
9720 Stone Ave. N., Suite 202
Seattle, WA 98103
206-634-9329

[<http://www.dBug.org>](http://www.dBug.org)

Join dBug as we demonstrate making your own Holiday Cards and Calendar gifts using iPhoto.



Notice of Nominations for 2007 Board of Directors

The following members have been nominated by the present Board.

Tom Auciello

Cathy Doser assisted by Caryn Roberts

Mike Grueter

Dona McAdam

Wil Nelson

Other nominations are invited. Deadline for nominations is 10/6/06.

Please address your nomination(s) to:

[<jsiburg@dbug.org>](mailto:jsiburg@dbug.org) or [<bsullivan@dbug.org>](mailto:bsullivan@dbug.org)

**Be sure to
remember to VOTE!**

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September Main Meeting Review

Bruce Robertson, dBug's FileMaker Pro SIG Leader, demoed several new features in FileMaker Pro 8 and the latest version 8.5 like Web Viewer, PHP support, tabs, PDF file export, Excel file export, static and dynamic object tool tips, script parameters, script variables, instant web publishing, and the FileMaker Learning Center. He also described some of the differences in the FileMaker family of products, and recommended two books (*FileMaker 8 Functions and Scripts Desk Reference* and *FileMaker Pro 8 for Windows and Macintosh*) and a cool FileMaker developer's tool called **MetaData Magic** which will help find unused fields, scripts, etc.

Paul Clark also joined us to talk about business automation with FileMaker. His company uses FileMaker to do the grunt work in building printable catalogs and other database-driven publications, and he focuses on solving problems with FileMaker in order to save or make his company money. As an example, he showed a catalog they created for Costco in Quark Xpress based on images and text stored in a FileMaker database. The basic catalog was created automatically, leaving only some final design work left to do.

Raffle Winner: FileMaker Pro 8.5 was won by Lois Gruber.

dBug Classes

dBug's classes are fundraisers for dBug. Instructors donate some of the fees for the classes to the organization's general fund. Thank you all for making them a success.

Mac Maintenance with Wil Nelson

Saturday, November 4, 2006, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM at dBug's Resource Center

\$25.00 fee, a donation to dBug

Receive expert instruction and guidance in Macintosh maintenance from dBug guru Wil Nelson. Wil has been helping fellow dBug members for years at the dBug Café, and they have turned that experience and knowledge into an incredibly informative course designed to help you keep your Mac purring for years and years to come.

http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/mac_basics_class.shtml



Mac Maintenance: A taste

By Wil Nelson

Mac OS X periodically runs background tasks that, in part, remove system files that are no longer needed. These tasks are run on a daily, weekly, and monthly schedule. These tasks include purging older information from log files and deleting certain temporary items. These tasks do not run if the computer is shut down or in sleep mode. If the tasks do not run, it is possible that certain log files (such as system.log) may become very large. These tasks are scheduled for 3:15 to 5:30 in your computer's local time zone.

To ensure that these tasks are performed open System Preferences, click on Energy Saver and under Sleep set the computer slider to "Never" (Set it back when done). The display slider can remain at whatever setting you desire. If your computer is normally shut down at night, you may choose to force the process to start manually. There are two very good third party applications that you can use to run these basic maintenance tasks:

Macaroni <http://www.atomicbird.com> is shareware and costs \$8.99. Macaroni is highly recommended as once downloaded and installed it requires no further action, as all processes are automatic.

Onyx <http://www.titanium.free.fr> is freeware but the maintenance tasks must be run manually. However, Onyx does have some additional features that are useful as they allow you to run other miscellaneous tasks.

More Classes:

Multimedia Skills:

Technical Imaging Workshops by Gus Frederick



Digital Time-Warps:

Creating Time-Lapse Video with a Digital Still Camera & QuickTime Pro

Saturday, November 11, 2006, 10 AM - 4 PM at dBug's Resource Center

\$100 fee; Minimum enrollment of 10 to hold the class. Register now!

http://www.dbug.org/about/contact.shtml?to=class_coordinator or



<<http://order.kagi.com/cgi/bin/store.cgi?storeID=6CXXA&&>>

Moving Imagery that we see in TV and the movies started out as dozens of individual still pictures, repeated fast enough to give the illusion of motion. Most of the time, the pictures are recorded at the same speed that they play back. Changing this ratio one way or the other results in either sped-up, or slowed-down action. To speed up is actually quite simple, and can be effectively done with common consumer digital still cameras and a laptop computer. Indeed, using these devices allows for finer detail as well as increased control over traditional methods. This workshop demonstrates by example some of the different objects and scenes that take on an entirely new reality, simply by shifting time and sometimes space!

More information is available on dBug's web site at <http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/time-lapse_video.shtml>



Basic Animation Techniques: Using Digital Still Cameras & Computers to Create Traditional Animation

Sunday, November 12, 2006, 10 am to 4 PM at
dBug's Resource Center

\$100 fee; Minimum enrollment of 10 to hold the class. Register now!

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The Art of Animation was spawned from the birth of moving images, around the turn of the last century. Since then the tools to capture the individual pictures that comprise what we know as a "cartoon" have grown from balky film cameras to video and finally to computers. Making use of the computer's advantages to capture images electronically, coupled with modern digital still cameras, this workshop explores how to use these new tools to accomplish old tricks. Standard animation techniques like sheets of flip-paper and 3-D models will be supplemented with high-resolution image capture and QuickTime Pro for instant playback.

More information is available on dBug's web site at <http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/basic_animation.shtml>

Caution Syncing Entourage with Address Book, iCal



By John Livingston, Office Applications SIG Leader

The latest major update to Office and Entourage for Mac (11.2.5) allows Entourage users to "sync" with iCal and Apple's Address Book applications.

Based on personal experience, I would urge people to use caution when doing this, and be sure to set the syncing so that the Apple programs overwrite Entourage data and not to sync or have it the other way around.

After using a 2-way synchronization, I found that Apple addresses with more complete data were overwritten by incomplete Entourage addresses (some of my Entourage contacts had only e-mail addresses, while the Apple entries had phone and street addresses). Also found glitches where work addresses were listed as home addresses.

On the iCal side, after leaving the "synchronize calendars" option open, I found my Apple iCal completely blank on one of the two computers.



**dBug Resource Center directions:**

<<http://www.dbug.org/about/directions.shtml>>

Information on joining dBug:

<<http://www.dbug.org/about/join.shtml>>

While you are surfing, check out the current event calendar:

<<http://www.dbug.org/calendar/>>

dBug 2006 Board of Directors:

<<http://www.dbug.org/about/bod.shtml>>

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The dBug Brochure has been updated.

See it online at <<http://www.dbug.org/publications/brochure/>>

So here's the deal: Entourage has pluses and minuses for being the sole PIM (Personal Information Manager), and so do the Apple set of Apps (Mail, iCal, AddressBook). Decide which set you are going to use, stick with that set, and don't try to switch back and forth like I did (do as I say, not as I do, in other words). You will be much happier.

New Genealogy SIG!

dBug has a new Special Interest Group starting in October! The Genealogy SIG held its first meeting on Thursday, October 5th and will be lead by Lou Daly from the Seattle Genealogical Society.

The SIG will focus on using Macintosh computers and other resources for researching genealogy. They will meet at the dBug Resource Center monthly on the first Thursday of each month. Look for a new Genealogy SIG conference in ExChange->SIGs and an area on our web site <<http://www.dbug.org/sigs/genealogy/>>, so you can check there for more information.

Thank you to Lou Daly for offering to lead this SIG. The new SIG will be great for dBug and the Mac community, and an excellent resource for people in our area interested in researching their ancestry.

Volunteer Opportunities

dBug needs for Volunteers for helping with Main Meetings and the MacNews.

Main Meetings

- (1) Call for volunteers to arrange the RC room and set up chairs.
- (2) Volunteers to put things away
- (3) Sell raffle tickets and memberships at the Main Meetings. (money to treasurer)

Mac News:

- A. Editor; organize material about next month's events, especially the Main Meetings and the Classes
- B. Reporters
 - (1) Main Meeting Reports
 - (2) Class reports
 - (3) New and newer software
 - (4) Classic Software
 - (5) Mac items of interest
 - (6) Board business
- C. Distribution
 - (1) Make copies of formatted pdf on dBug's RC printer
 - (2) Organize putting labels on the mailed newsletters
 - (3) Make copies available at the RC
 - (4) Organize distribution of copies to Mac vendors via delivery or mail