

dBUG MacNews



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Main Meeting, February 17, 1999

Adobe's Web Magic

dBUG's February main meeting will be held on a different Wednesday, February 17, to accommodate our special guest: Adobe. Ed Fassio, from Adobe, will show off PageMill 3.0, Adobe's Web site design software. Ed will also field questions on other Adobe products. Join us at the Museum of History and Industry at 6:30.

After Ed's presentation, we will raffle Adobe PageMill, Photo-deluxe, and Acrobat. Ed will also offer Adobe software for sale at a substantial discount. For example:

- PageMill 3.0 for \$69 (MacMall price: \$95)
- Photoshop 5.0 for \$499 (MacMall price: \$616)
- PageMaker 6.5 for \$399 (MacMall price: \$550) 🐞

New G3s: Eat My Dust!

One of Macworld's "best of show" products are Apple's new Power Mac G3s. The highlight of these new computers is an ATI RAGE 128 3D chip on a special PCI card with 16 MB of video RAM. A standard feature, this card fits into a 32-bit, 66-MHz PCI slot, leaving three 64-bit, 33-MHz PCI slots open. Steve Jobs claimed that this combination is faster than the fastest Voodoo 2 add-on card in Windows computers and results in eye-popping game play and graphics rendering.

CPU speeds range from 300 to 400 MHz, accelerated by a 100-MHz memory bus. The new G3s can also address up to 1 GB of very fast DRAM and up to 100 GB of hard disk in their three drive bays. Apple built in a 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet networking connection, and equipped them with dual 12-Mbps Universal Serial Bus ports and two 400-Mbps FireWire ports, making it a breeze to connect digital cameras and

the hot, new VST hard disks. The new G3s lack floppy, SCSI and serial ports (Apple will offer a \$50 SCSI PCI card as an option), but they have an Apple Desktop Bus (ADB) port for compatibility with Apple's ADB displays, graphics tablets, and other peripherals.

Best of all, the prices are competitive. The \$1,599 entry-level model has 64 MB of RAM, a 300-MHz CPU with a 512 K Level 2 backside cache and a 6 GB Ultra ATA hard drive (plus 24x CD-ROM). The top of the line, for \$2,999, gives you a 400-MHz CPU, 128 MB of RAM, a 1 MB Level 2 cache and a 9 GB Ultra 2 SCSI drive.

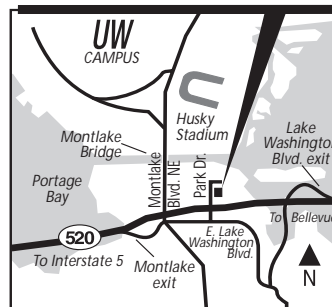
Apple housed the new G3s in a stunning Bondi blue and white translucent minitower, like the original iMac. Matching monitors are also available. A single-latch door easily opens for access to the motherboard and the three drive bays, which makes the new G3s a snap to update, upgrade, or repair.

- Dan Neal

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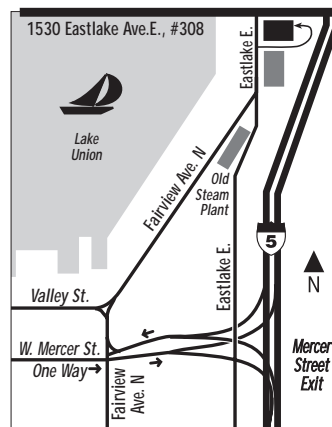
Main Meeting

The February main meeting will be held at the Museum of History and Industry, 2700 24th East.



Resource Center (RC)

1530 Eastlake Ave. East, Seattle. South of Garfield St. and Eastlake Veterinary.



All dBUG activities happen through the efforts of volunteers. The Resource Center is not staffed full time. It is open during scheduled SIG and Open House meetings or by appointment.

Santa Claus Visits dBUG

dBUG received a surprise Christmas present this year: a brand-new iMac! The generous donor, who asked to remain anonymous, has given all of us the opportunity to see Apple's best-selling Mac strut its stuff. The iMac has a 233 MHz G3 processor, a 4 GB hard drive, and 32 MB of RAM. It has been up and running at the dBUG Resource Center since December 28, 1998.

John Newhoff, who accepted the donation on behalf of dBUG, remarked that it was great to get such tremendous recognition of dBUG's effort to assist and educate Mac users. As iMac sales continue to climb, the donation will help dBUG to be an even more effective resource.

Try the iMac for yourself during dBUG's Monday, Thursday, or Friday Open House sessions. See the schedule on page 2 for times.

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Special Interest Groups **New: iRobot SIG**

Major changes are bolded.

4th Dimension SIG

4th Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Westwind Computing
Walt Nelson
Special guest: ACIUS!

dBUG BBS ExChange SIG

The ExChange Beginnings
TeleSIG teaches the basics of
telecomputing, with a focus on
using the dBUG ExChange.
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Cherie Nickell

ExChange.com Planning SIG

Meetings open to members about
the expansion and maintenance of
the ExChange.
1st Saturday, 11:00 a.m.
Curtis Snow

FileMaker Pro SIG

3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Bruce Robertson

HyperCard/AppleScript SIG

AppleScript and HyperCard —
come and explore the possibilities.
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
DeForest Shotwell
dnshotwell@accessone.com

iMac SIG

2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Nancy Ibsen

Internet Intro

4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Nancy Ibsen
panic@jetcity.com

iRobot SIG - **New!**

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
John Newhoff



Mondo Graphics/DTP

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
WestWind Computing
Jack Connick
WestWind will show off new,
hot graphics hardware.

Open Friday

Bring something to scan. Surf the
Web. Bring a non-member.

Every Friday*

6:00 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center

Open Monday

Drop in to make a scan, burn a CD,
ask questions.

1st Monday, Noon - 4:00 p.m.
3rd Monday, Noon - 4:00 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Nancy Ibsen

Open Thursday

Open discussion for dBUG members
and their guests.

Every Thursday*

6:00 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Dick Carter

Software Developers Workshop

A workshop (hands-on if possible)
for beginning Mac programmers.
The topic is announced by email
and posted to the "Software
Developer's SIG" folder on the
ExChange about a week before.
Feel free to bring an application or
source code you want to show off,
or just come and ask questions.
Please contact James prior to
the scheduled date to confirm
that the SIG will meet and, if so,
what the topic will be.

2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
dBUG Resource Center
James Jennings
jennings@halcyon.com

Notes:

Westwind Computing is at
510 NE 65th, two blocks west
of I-5, on the northwest corner
of NE 65th and NE Ravenna Blvd.

The MacNews calendar, SIG
Updates, and the current month's
events PICT on-line calendar are
accurate at the time they are
published.

*Please call the dBUG InfoLine
— 206-624-9329 — for last-
minute changes and additions.

— Dick Carter

How would you like your Mac to
record the daily high and low
temperatures in your yard? Track
changes in barometric pressure?
Control lighting and appliances in
your home? Allow visitors to your
Web site to control a digital
camera?

These are the kinds of remote
control, home automation, and
data acquisition functions that we
will explore in dBUG's new iRobot

SIG. Stop by the dBUG Resource
Center for the inaugural meeting
on Wednesday, February 10, at
6:30 p.m. If you have experience
with this type of technology,
you're especially welcome!

For the first few meetings, we
will survey the hardware and
software products available before
choosing the ones we want to
work with at later meetings.

— John Newhoff

Get in the Loop!

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dBUG's meeting dates and topics
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dBUG Member Profiles

Nadia Aronson

Programmers and artists, emergency medical technicians and folk musicians, students and retirees, and plenty of small-business owners—dBUG's membership is nothing if not diverse. This member profile (the second in a series) features classical musician Nadia Aronson.

Nadia's Background: I have played string bass with the Seattle Symphony for 29 years. Unfortunately I am on medical leave due to rheumatoid arthritis, but hope to be back at work before too long. I am an avid tennis player and in the past was an English horseback rider, jumping and showing both my own horses and horses I trained. I would love to be able to do some recreational

riding without the work and expense of owning a horse. I love to camp and spend time in the country and the woods.

Hardware and software: I use a Performa 6110CD with 64 MB RAM. The old internal hard drive has been exchanged for a larger one, and I use two smaller hard drives for back-up and storage. I have a Visioneer Paperport Vx, which gets some use, but I really need a flatbed scanner. My modem is a Zoom K56 Flex. My printer is an Epson Color Stylus (I would purchase a faster machine now, although I like the quality of this printer). Most of my equipment is about four years old with the exception of the modem, which I have upgraded three times. I am

seriously thinking of purchasing an iMac for use at my other residence, with a Zip or Jaz drive as backup.

I seem to spend a fair amount of my waking hours seated at my Mac. I use it for email (Eudora Lite) and Web navigation (I prefer Netscape Navigator). It is invaluable to me as a word processor (Word 5.1), since I produce a fair amount of snail-mail communication and business-type letters. For many years I was a labor negotiator for the Seattle Symphony musicians, and the Mac was invaluable for this work. I keep my personal finances with the help of Quicken 6 and make daily use of Now-Up-To-Date for my calendar.

dBUG history: I heard about dBUG when I bought my computer. I needed quite a bit of help setting up and learning to use my new computer. The people I hired to help me were dBUG members themselves and showed me the value of dBUG. Currently I use dBUG mainly for email and the Exchange conferences.

Other computer services: About half the time I connect to dBUG from an outside Internet service provider (ISP), and I use an outside ISP to connect to the Internet.

dBUG high points: If I had to choose one best thing gained from dBUG membership, it would be the Exchange conferences; in particular, dBUG Mentors.

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A Sampling of Macworld Gems

Here are just a few of Macworld Expo's "best of show" products:


■ **Virtual Game Station:** This \$49 program plays over 100 Sony PlayStation games on a Power Mac G3 or iMac. (Not recommended for non-G3 Macs with G3 upgrade cards.) Come try it at the dBUG Resource Center! See <www.virtualgamestation.com>. (no space)

■ **Amorphium:** A \$149 program that Macworld called, "One of the most painless ways we've seen to create animated 3-D imagery." See <www.amorphium.com>.

■ **Extensis PhotoGraphics:** A plug-in that gives Adobe Photoshop vector-based drawing capability. See <www.extensis.com>.

■ **dBUG members had their own hot picks:** Cherie Nickell liked Font Reserve 2.0, a font management program touted as "Suitcase on steroids." See <www.fontreserve.com>.

Charles Wheeler liked Cruise Control, a utility that automates tasks like opening files for action on a scheduled date. See <www.walnutsys.com>.

For once, nothing "stood out" enough to make Dick Veldhuis buy it. However, he said, "Apple put on their best display ever, with iMacs at every turn showing off how well they could deal with every concern the prospective user might have." 

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and
we sell Macs



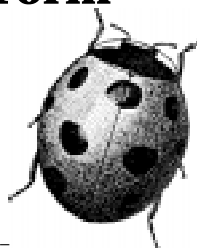

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Special Interest: _____

Are you an iMac owner? _____

Where did you hear of us? _____

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February Meetings

Also see SIG notices on page 2

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Computing
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Seattle

2 blocks west of
I-5, on the
northwest corner of
NE 65th and NE
Ravenna Blvd.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
25 Internet Intro SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m. Nancy Ibsen	26 ExChange SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	27 4th Dimension SIG Westwind Computing 6 p.m.	28 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m.	29	30
1 Open Monday Resource Center Noon - 4 p.m.	2	3 Board Meeting Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	4 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m.	5 Open Friday Resource Center 6 p.m.	6 ExChange.com Resource Center 11 a.m.
8 iMac SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	9	10 New! iRobot SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m. 	11 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m.	12 Open Friday Resource Center 6 p.m.	13 Software Developers Workshop Resource Center 10 a.m.
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For last minute info on SIG meetings... call 206-624-9329

Member Profile: Nadia Aronson, continued...

Favorite features/conferences: WaterCooler, dBUG Mentors, Medical, Gardening, Home Improvements, Travel, and Camping. I also use the For Sale, Earthquake, Books, and Film conferences. I rarely go to meetings because I find them intimidating and too advanced for my level of computer use. I would like to attend some SIGs, but have not, mainly due to time constraints.

Ideal dBUG: I would love to see a conference that regularly features tips, hints, and short articles aimed at the lower-level computer user. Almost any topics would be of value to many of us. We could benefit from them immediately or file them away for future use. The topics could be chosen by those who write them, and perhaps those of us in need of such knowledge could occasionally suggest topics. This would be quite a different format and provide a different kind of help than the answers provided to specific questions posed in dBUG Mentors.

— Karen Anderson

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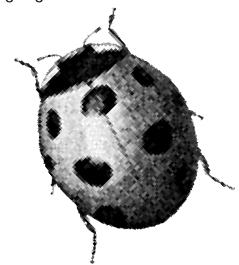
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