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presents Apple's award-winning
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- The Icon Factory <www.iconfactory.com>
- DeskStop <members.aol.com/deskstop>
- Steve's Free Desktop Pictures <www.steveweb.com/FreeDTP>

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- Encyclopedia Britannica <www.brittanica.com>
- Language Translations
<babelfish.altavista.digital.com/cgi-bin/translate?>

Just for the Fun of It

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<www.applemuseum.seastar.net/sections/home.html>
- Driveways of the Rich and Famous
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- EarthCam <www.earthcam.com>
- The Magic 8 Ball <www.themagic8ball.com>
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- Northern Sun <www.northernsun.com>
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	REGULAR MEETING, 7:30 P.M., RM. 500 HEALTH SCIENCES BLDG. 19	20	21	22
23				Thanksgiving Holiday		
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From the Editor

Mugsnidge Mutterings

*Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear —
I need to write something here...
what it will be, I do not know,
but from my stumbling fingers it must flow;
typos will be spell-checked away,
as the phlanges on the keyboard play.*

Well, that's a start. It becomes more and more difficult to write geek stuff when I'm not really one. Frank Petrie, where are you? I need you to send me some of our good stuff to print. Maria, you're doing just fine. If it were not for your reviews, this newsletter would be a real chore.



So, what's new in the Mac world, folks? For you graphics people, Adobe has released the new CS4 version of its graphics suite, which has everything you would ever need to run a complete studio on your Mac or PC. Yes, like most people, I use a PC at work, where I recently got the CS3 upgrade and discovered that Adobe did some funky things with Dreamweaver that I'm not happy with.

I'm taking a Web Graphics course here at the college to try to keep up with the constantly-changing ever-expanding graphics apps. I'm still way behind, but I'm learning some cool tricks in Photoshop and Fireworks that I have already taken to work and used.

The college has two Mac graphic arts labs with up-to-date software, running classes on all the

graphics applications in one semester or another. I've taken most of them in the past and now tis one in the present. My position as Webmaster for a local school district means I'd better try to keep up or I'm "outta there"!

Mary Malinconico, the Computer Graphic Arts (CGA) Assistant Professor teaches most of them. If you'd like to know what goes on, she manages her own Web site to help the students keep track of their assignments and has sme useful links posted to help with their assignments.

Check it out:
<http://www.cgagcc.com>

You'll find a listing of the current courses and the assignments. So far I've managed to keep up (I'm no spring chicken, ya know), and some of these younger students are really savvy. It's a far cry from the early days in the Instructional Center (early) and the Allied Health & Technology building, now Health Sciences since the Macs were moved to Scott Hall.

Mary has offered to host a hands-on meeting in the Scott Hall labs. Stay tuned for notices about the programs, because we are in the planning stages for the next calendar year.

And speaking of the next calendar year, dues are due!

\$20.00 regular member,
\$15.00 Senior citizen
students free.

Such a deal! Pay up!

Elections coming up soon, too. You, too, could run for President (or whatever).

Future MUGSNJ Programs for 2008

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PRESENTER(S)</u>
Wednesday, November 19	Gizmos and Gadgets	Bill Achuff
Wednesday, December 17	Holiday Party	Everyone
Wednesday, January 28	Open	Open
Wednesday, February 25	Open	Open
Wednesday, March 25	Open	Open
Wednesday, April 29	Open	Open
Wednesday, May 27	Open	Open
June TBA	Picnic / Barbecue	Everyone

Software Review

The Sims Are At It Again!

Night Life 2 – What a Life!

Product: The Sims 2 Nightlife

Company: Aspyr.com

Price: \$49

Requirements: Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later; PowerPC G4/G5 or Intel; CPU Speed 1.2 GHz; Memory 256 MB or higher (512 MB recommended); Hard Disk Space: 2 GB free ; Video Card (ATI): Radeon 9000 or better (NVidia): GeForce FX 5200 or better; Video Memory (VRam): 32 MB or higher (64 MB recommended); Media Requires DVD Drive

Test System: Mac Pro 2 x 2.66-GHz Dual-Core Intel Xeon, 7 GB RAM, Mac OS X 10.5.5

Rating: 4 out of 5

Work all day. Play all night. The Sims are ready to enjoy dancing, dating, and the downtown nightlife. With the Nightlife expansion pack your Sims will enjoy bowling alleys, lots of restaurants, a DJ station, Karaoke machines, a photo booth, and poker tables. You can create your own playground of entertainment.

The Sims can get downtown by taxi or in their own cars. They can purchase up to five different vehicles, such as vans and sportscars. They can customize their cars to match their style and budget. They can build a garage for their cars or use their Simoleons to buy an expensive driveway.

The Sims can mingle without dates and just for fun with other Sims. If your Sim cannot find a date, call the Gypsy Matchmaker. I understand the Matchmaker also sells Vamprocillin-D and Love Potion #8.5. These come in handy in some situations. Sims may even find future spouses.

The pressure is on to make a good impression when the Matchmaker is summoned, just as in real life. Your date's wants and fears will help determine the evening's activities. Hit a home run and your Sim receives a phone call or flowers the

next day. Leave a sour taste in your date's mouth and you'll get unpleasant gifts.

If your Sims are not interested in dating and just want to play it safe they can choose Just For Fun. Alternatively, For an Outing plays out like a date, complete with a meter that tells you whether everyone loves your Sim's choices or thinks they're a real drag. Rewards await the Sim who successfully navigates a group trip downtown.

The Pleasure aspiration is new and allows the Sims to get the most of going downtown and getting others to have a great time, too. There are new items, and new animations to go with the environment. You'll see your Sims scratch while waiting for a drink at the bar, and there is a new Dance Sphere. Get inside and it starts to spin around; go too fast and you fall off. Hilarious.

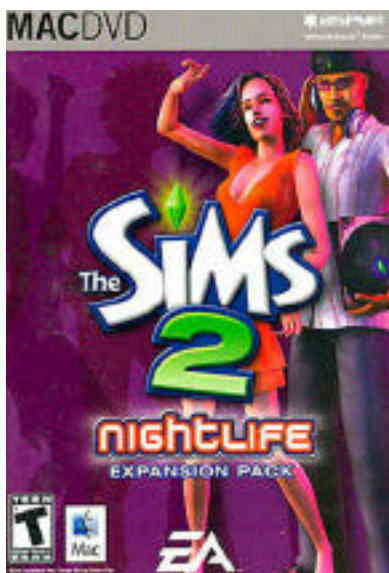
You will also find wallpaper styles, floors, art, and furniture. The music is quite energizing and very club-like.

If clubbing is not your thing, then instead you can build your career or expand your house with more fancy things. These Sims are safe from becoming vampires.

Those that go to Nightclubs become vampires if they stay downtown too long. Daylight becomes lethal, quickly sapping their strength, until they die. But there is hope: you can hide in a hermetically sealed coffin until a cure is found for vampirism.

The Lifetime aspiration is daunting. The "smustle" is one I will leave for you to figure out on your own. This expansion pack will let

you be more social, until the next expansion pack comes out.



Reviewer: Maria O. Arguello

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Software Review

Print Shop –Still Around After All These Years

Product: The Print Shop For Mac Version 2

Company: Software MacKiev

Price: \$69.95

Requirements: Mac OS X 10.2 or later;
G3/G4 350-MHz or faster or Intel; Memory
192 MB or higher (512 MB recommended)

Test System: Mac Pro Dual-Core Intel, Mac
OS X 10.5.5

Rating: 4 out of 5



The venerable The Print Shop for Mac Version 2 from Software MacKiev was the recipient of the Best of Show at Macworld 2005 Boston. It is so versatile and powerful that it hasn't needed an upgrade so far, and I'm happy to upgrade to this version. This one is a Universal Binary for both PowerPC and Intel Macs. I have been using The Print Shop Version 1 for a long time and it is superb for tasks that other apps cannot measure up to because of the way it integrates with Mac-specific apps.

One of my favorite uses is to easily print beautiful labels and customize them with graphics to individualize and memorialize an event. I can get the graphics from iPhoto or from the thousands of photos and fine art images included on a separate Art CD.

Software MacKiev added several powerful and easy-to-use layout tools such as Rulers, Guidelines, Grids and Snap functionality, using both menu items and a layout palette.

There are also new and powerful photo editing tools such as artistic effects, special edges and

effects. This doesn't mean that Print Shop is as elegant as or better than iPhoto or Photoshop Elements 6 or Photoshop CS4, but, for the price, the easy-to-use tools and the variety of useful projects make it a good deal for Mac users.

The integration with iLife is commendable. You can reach your photos with ease, as well as your Address Book, iCal, iTunes, and iDVD with iDVD themes.

There are many project types and the plethora of templates for every imaginable occasion. They are organized into Celebrations, Stationery, News, and Projects. Celebrations are subdivided into Greeting Cards, Online Greetings, Gift Tags and Tickets, Banners, and Certificates. The Stationery templates are subdivided into Letterheads, Envelopes, Business Cards, Labels, and Post-It Notes. News has Signs, Postcards, Newsletters, Booklets, and Pamphlets. Projects has CDs and Cases, Calendars, Quick Prints, Photo Pages and Blank Page.

I'm thrilled to be using Version 2. I can't wait to get my hands on Version 3.



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Training Software Review

Photoshop Elements 6 Explained Essentially

by *Maria Arguello*

Product: Photoshop Elements 6 for Mac Essential Training

by Ted LoCascio

Company: Lynda.com

Price: \$89.95

System Requirement: 1024x768 or higher screen resolution; Mac OS X or higher; Broadband Internet connection; QuickTime 6.0 or better (7.0.4 needed for closed captioning); Safari 1.0 or Firefox 1.0 or better

Test System: Mac Pro Dual-Core Intel Xeon with Mac OS X 10.5.5

Reviewer Rating: 4.5 out of 5 Apples

Adobe Photoshop Elements 6 for the Mac was a welcome arrival for all Mac users. Beginners in photo editing who wish for a more robust application than iPhoto will love Elements 6, which has clear and easy explanations compared to its granddaddy Adobe Photoshop CS4, while still containing 80% (my guess) of the power.

Watching Lynda.com's video tutorial of Photoshop Elements 6 is like having a teacher 24/7 next to you helping you 'see' rather than 'read' the power of this application. I used the online training video version. With my Cable connection, I had no trouble viewing the tutorial with no noticeable slowdown.

The series is composed of sixteen chapters. Within each chapter are movies ranging in length from 3 minutes to 8 minutes. That length is perfect because you can get through each quickly. Each movie begins by telling you what will be covered and it concludes with a summary of what you have viewed. The whole training DVD is over 8 hours long.

I recommend that newbies to Photoshop Elements view the entire training series from the beginning without skipping any lessons. This is

important because each lesson builds on the previous ones. In the lesson about the Welcome screen, I noticed that there was no button for importing photos from a memory card reader, which is what I always use. You get only choices for importing from a scanner or a camera.

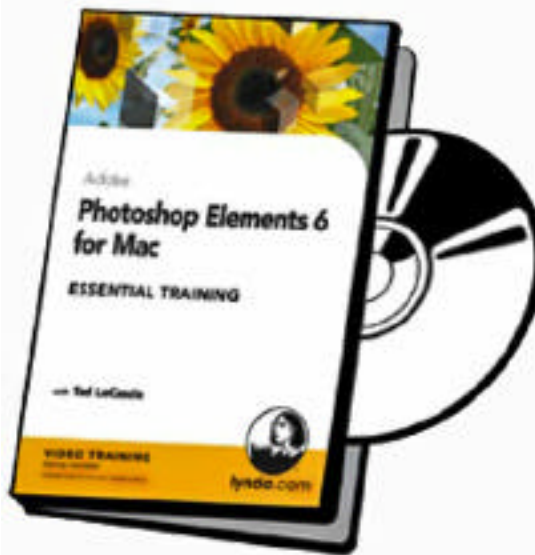
PS Elements 6 for Mac contains three applications: Adobe Bridge, Photoshop Elements, and the Welcome Screen. The Adobe Bridge application allows you to organize your photos so you can find them faster and open them directly in the Elements editing workspace.

Newbies are encouraged to use Bridge and feel comfortable using it. Because it is very powerful, most beginners think it's only for Pros. After viewing this series that myth will be destroyed forever. It is obvious that Ted LoCascio loves Bridge's power and its ease of use with Photoshop Elements. You will too.

One of the new features in Photoshop Elements 6 is the Stack feature, similar to Apple's Aperture. This feature is best understood by seeing how it works. LoCascio shows the reasons for using Stacks and how to save time with all the various shortcuts from the File Menu, Keyboard Shortcuts, or a button mouse. I loved the Closed Caption feature. LoCascio has a very practical approach on organizing photos using Adobe Bridge. I learned another useful feature in the section about Hiding Images in this

training video. He recommends that we 'hide' images that are imperfect rather than deleting them. Sometimes a blurry or not so perfect image can be salvaged later, but once you delete it, it's gone forever.

Once you complete this training video, you will be proficient with Photoshop Elements 6. You'll also love having the DVD to consult when you need a refresher on how to do something. And you'll see that you don't need to envy those who have Adobe Photoshop CS, regardless of the version.



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Two (2) 1GB RAM chips. Sold separately or as a pair. Used for about six months. From a 1.83 GHz MacBook. \$10.00 a stick, \$17.50 for the pair. Contact Frank at phranky(at)mac.com (04/08)

OKIDATA Color Laser Printer Model C5150n w/extra cartridges. Ethernet/USB. Does not print color photos to my satisfaction; great for text and line work. Make offer. nagable@comcast.net.(03/08)

Apple LaserWriter 12/640, w/extra toner cartridge. Will work on any OS that supports Classic and will print in OS X. Network connection required. Includes transceiver (network connector). Extra toner cartridges included. Make offer. Nate Gable, nagable@comcast.net. (03/08)

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Roxio Toast 8 Titanium (current version) \$60 + postage. Retails for \$99.99. Read the features set here: <<http://www.roxio.com/enu/products/toast/titanium/overview.html>> Bill Achuff · Achuff@aol.com (03/08)

Epson 2200 11x14 photo printer. I'm asking 350.00. Joe Naphas at 856-582-9000 (03/08)

For Sale: 17" Studio Display. Broken third leg but have a wall mount kit. \$100.00 Contact phranky@mac.com

For Sale: In excellent condition. M-Audio - Keystation 49e 49-Key Mobile USB Midi Controller. Used it a couple of times only. \$80 or best offer. Paid \$99 plus shipping and tax new (Checked websites and prices range from \$97.50 to \$129). Contact me privately at <arguello10@comcast.net>.



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