

# MugShots

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## Presenting at the February Meeting: Maria Arguello

Maria Arguello, MUGSNJ member, will demo some of the new powerful features of Photoshop Elements 6 which are used to correct and improve images. Maria will also explain how to get the most out of each editing mode and will share tips for correcting, retouching, and sharpening photos. She will share how helpful the Lynda.com "Photoshop Elements 6 for Mac Essential Training" has been for getting her up to speed. She proclaims, "It's like having a private tutor 24/7."

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Maria is a retired high school science department head and teacher who enjoys learning about the diversity of the user group community. Read more of her reviews at <http://ugab.typepad.com/ugresources/>

She has a daughter and three grandchildren who are all Mac users. She is the Apple User Group Regional Liaison for the Northeast United States (CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT).



## Members On Line

## World Wide Web Sites of Interest

***If you find any of these to be inactive, please advise the editor:***

### Macintosh News

- Macintosh News Network <www.macnn.com>
- MacSurfer Headline News <www.macsurfer.com>
- MacInTouch <www.macintouch.com>
- AAPL Investors <www.appleinvestors.com>
- As The Apple Turns <www.infoXczar.com/atat>
- MacOSRumors <www.macosrumors.com>
- **Dave Marr's website <www.marrathon.com>**
- **MUGSNJ (that's us) <www.mugsnj.org>**

### Help

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- MacNN/Forums <www.macnn.com>
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- MacTips <www.themacintoshguy.com>
- MacFixIt <www.macfixit.com>
- PC Talk <rblevin.net/TOC.htm>

### Macintosh Books

- Macbookshop.com <www.macbookshop.com>
- Peachpit Books <www.peachpit.com>
- Barnes and Noble <www.barnesandnoble.com>
- Amazon <www.amazon.com>

### Buy & Sell

- Mac4Sale.com <www.mac4sale.com>
- DealMac <www.deal-mac.com>
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- MacInTouch USB Guide <www.macintouch.com/imacusb.html>
- USBStuff <www.usbstuff.com>

### Escrow service

- TradeSafe <tradesafe.com>

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- VersionTracker <www.versiontracker.com>
- Download.Com <www.download.com>
- Mac Downloads <ww.zdnet.com/mac>
- Antique Mac Software <www.macintouch.com/earlymac.html>

### Appearance

- Font Diner <www.fontdiner.com>
- ClixSounds <www.clixsounds.com>
- The Icon Factory <www.iconfactory.com>
- DeskStop <members.aol.com/deskstop>
- Steve's Free Desktop Pictures <www.steveweb.com/FreeDTP>

### Resources

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

### Just for the Fun of It

- The Apple Museum  
<www.applemuseum.seastar.net/sections/home.html>
- Driveways of the Rich and Famous  
<www.driveways.com/>
- EarthCam <www.earthcam.com>
- The Magic 8 Ball <www.themagic8ball.com>
- Doonesbury <www.doonesbury.com/dailydose>
- Northern Sun <www.northernsun.com>
- Mr. Showbiz <mrshowbiz.go.com>

<b>MARCH 2009 CALENDAR</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 FIRST DAY OF SPRING
22	23	24	25 GENERAL MEETING DAVE MARRA Rm. 500 7:30 p.m.	26	27	28
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# Communication from a Former Member

Nate,

If your memory is really good you might remember me, but if you don't that doesn't matter. I was an enthusiastic member of MUGSNJ for several years, likely ending in 2003 when I moved from Alloway to here in Austin, Texas. I will say that I do miss the programs and social events of MUGSNJ.

I'm now exceedingly active in the group Capitol Macintosh (known as just CapMac) here in Austin. We currently have, in addition to our monthly general meeting and monthly board meeting, nine special interest groups (SIGs) that each meet monthly at a time and location separate from our general meeting. The general meeting is held at Sherlock's Baker St. Pub & Grill and the attendance runs typically between 80 and 100. The nicety of meeting at Sherlock's is that we have a wonderful meeting room and can order food and beverages before and during the meeting.

Each of the special interest groups focusses on an area of Macintosh usage. The SIGs are Advanced Photography, Audio/Video, Beginners/Switchers, FileMaker Fundamentals, FileMaker Pro, FinalCut, iPhone, Office Tools, and Publishing. A typical SIG meeting runs about two hours. Some of the SIGs meet on weeknights and a some on Saturday afternoons. Attendance at each of the SIGs runs about fifteen to twenty. CapMac itself currently has about 150 members.

As an aside, and perhaps a bit of a brag, I'm the editor of the group's monthly newsletter, CapMac Offline. That name comes from the days before I took over when the newsletter was indeed distributed on paper. Now it is only distributed as a PDF. The most recent issue can be seen at [http://www.capmac.org/newsletters/CapMac\\_Offline-2009-02.pdf](http://www.capmac.org/newsletters/CapMac_Offline-2009-02.pdf).

A question. Is Jackie Moore still active in the group? She was the one that first informed me about the group's existence and was responsible for me becoming a member.

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**ELECTION  
OF  
OFFICERS  
at the February  
meeting.  
Show up or  
get elected...**

## Rev. Gerry Harpole (1946-2009)

Our friend and long-time MUGSNJ member Rev. Gerry Harpole passed away Thursday, February 10 from colon cancer. A funeral for Gerry was held at the Grant (Chiselhurst) A.M.E. Church in Chiselhurst, NJ, on Saturday, February 14 at 10:00 AM. A viewing was held Friday night, February 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Carl Miller Funeral Home at 831 Van Hook Ave. in Camden.

The viewing was attended by MUGSNJ members Nate Gable and Stan Horwitz. The funeral on Saturday was attended by MUGSNJ members Walt and Mary Ann Vennell.

Rev. Gerry was an active member of MUGSNJ, attending Executive committee meetings as well as regular membership meetings. Her avid interest, radiant smile and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

**Product Review**

# FlipMino HD Camcorder Fits in Your Pocket

**Product:** The Flip MinoHD  
**Company:** Pure Digital Technologies, Inc.  
**URL:** [www.theflip.com](http://www.theflip.com)  
**Mac System Requirements:** 1.66-GHz Intel CoreDuo or faster processor, 1 GB of RAM, OSX 10.4 or 10.5.  
**Price:** \$229.99  
**Rating:** 5 out of 5 Apples

I've been a long-time admirer and user of the Flip video since my first review in January 2007. At that time, I came across it while shopping for a video camcorder small enough to fit in a shirt pocket. And now Pure Digital adds a high-def member to its family: the \$229.99 Flip MinoHD.

It's touted as the world's smallest HD camcorder and at 3.3 ounces it is! It has four Gigabytes of internal memory and holds 60 minutes of video. There are seven touch-sensitive buttons: Press the red record button to start and stop, and press plus or minus to zoom in or out with a 2x digital zoom while recording. A play/pause button plays back videos and a delete button gets rid of unwanted footage to free up space; alternatively, videos can be offloaded to a computer. A left button to skip to previous video when paused and touch and hold to rewind during playback. A right button to skip to the next video when paused, and touch and hold to fast-

forward during playback.

The Flip MinoHD comes with Pure Digital's improved software called FlipShare for both the Mac and PC, which I didn't use (this time) because I prefer using iMovie HD on my Mac. When my gadgets work together, I win.

The FlipShare software works with other Pure Digital camcorders and users of the older models will be prompted to upgrade. It allows you to browse, playback, organize and archive your videos. You can also edit, add music, titles, and save a still photo from the video. In one step, you can upload to AOL, MySpace, YouTube (not to Facebook, yet), and so on. And you can share your videos using email and greeting cards.

The video resolution is 1280 x 720p but this high-definition footage is much too large to easily send to others in its original format, so it must be compressed to 480 x 270-pixel resolution for sharing with FlipShare. Pure Digital says they will enable HD sharing through a partner company early next year. It's also fully compatible with Apple's video applications, including iMovie and iDVD.

I liked the quality of the footage, with its rich hues and sharp images, when played back on my Mac and my HD TV. The Mino's improved sound capture

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<b>Future MUGSNJ Programs for 2008</b>		
<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PRESENTER(S)</u>
Wednesday, March 25	MAC OS	DAVE MARRA
Wednesday, April 29	Open	Open
Wednesday, May 27	Digital Video	Lisa Rysinger
June TBA	Picnic / Barbecue	Everyone—Location TBA

## FlipMino HD Camcorder

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can pick up even distant conversations. The footage imports nicely into the Macintosh's iMovie 08 or the older iMovie HD. I connected the camcorder to a computer, using the built-in flip-out USB arm. I immediately found a DCIM folder containing the 60-minute video clips I had taken. I dragged them to iMovie HD, edited them, and shared them. I uploaded clips to You Tube, made a DVD and burned it to view it on my DVD player, made a QuickTime movie, sent some clips to my iPhone and iPod video with the H.264 video compression, and emailed certain clips to friends and family.

The Flip MinoHD can be personalized for free. At the Flip website you have many choices: Go to a design gallery, use your own image, use the pattern generator, or order solid black. I went to TheFlip.com and chose the Best Sellers category, Rock and Roll Heart Montage By The Flip Studio, and picked "Romance and Ink" as my choice. It suited me well.

The zoom is a smooth multi-step 2x digital. I still prefer to zoom with my feet by getting close to the subject, but the zoom is much improved from older models. There is a tripod mount. And you can preview captured video on the 1.5" screen with the screen resolution of 528 x 132 pixels, which is much too small to appreciate high-def. The internal battery life was sufficient for capturing my one-hour movie. The battery charges using the built-in USB arm.

The lens is fixed but with an aperture of f/2.4, so you're guaranteed great results in low-light environments.

Although this camcorder is for hobbyists, it can be used by anybody who wants to always have a handy small camcorder to capture priceless spontaneous moments. I can think of other uses for this mighty camcorder such as capturing video of a car accident, a brief demo of a gadget in a store, as a tape recorder for an important sound bite, and so on...

I've seen a lot of Flip video camcorder users this past year during the Olympics and during the Baseball World Series games and parade. It is one of my favorite gadgets after my iPhone. I still dream of the day the iPhone comes with a built-in camcorder. Until then, I love and will continue to show off my personalized Flip MinoHD.

### FOR SALE OR SWAP

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**ATI Radeon 9600 Pro PC & Mac edition.** Used but in very good shape. **FEATURES:** 4 parallel rendering pipelines, 256MB DDR memory, DirectX 9.0 and OpenGL 2.0 support, dual link DVI, compatible with AGP 8x and 4x. \$50.00 OBO. Frank Petrie <pfranky@me.com>

**QuarkXPress 7 Full Version for MAC/WIN.** Open box: **\$349** (retails for \$899) System requirements: Mac OS X 10.4 (Tiger) Microsoft Windows XP SP2 Maria O. Arguello<arguello10@comcast.net>

**New G5 still in box.** Dual-core 2GHz CPU 1GB Ram 2-160GB HDs 1-FireWire 800 port 2-FireWire 400 ports 4-USB 2.0 ports Super Drive CD/DVD NVIDIA GeForce 6600LE video card Digital & Analog audio in/out ports Airport card Apple Keyboard & Mighty Mouse. Apple Care was registered and still in effect 'till June '09. This G5 has never been plugged in or turned on. Still packed in its original box. Purchase price was \$2824. Am asking for something 'around' \$1750. Contact Don McGinnis: macginnis@mac.com or 856-939-2373

**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

**For Sale: 17" Studio Display.** Broken third leg but have a wall mount kit. \$100.00 Contact pfranky@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>.



# Membership Application

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Send mailings to:  Home Address  Employer Address

How did you learn about MUGSNJ? \_\_\_\_\_

At which user level would you classify yourself?  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

Computers owned \_\_\_\_\_ Computers used \_\_\_\_\_

Current OS \_\_\_\_\_ Other software experience \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests:  Photography/Graphics  Video  Communications  Beginner Mtgs.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I'll help with these positions:  Membership  Newsletter  Program  Hospitality

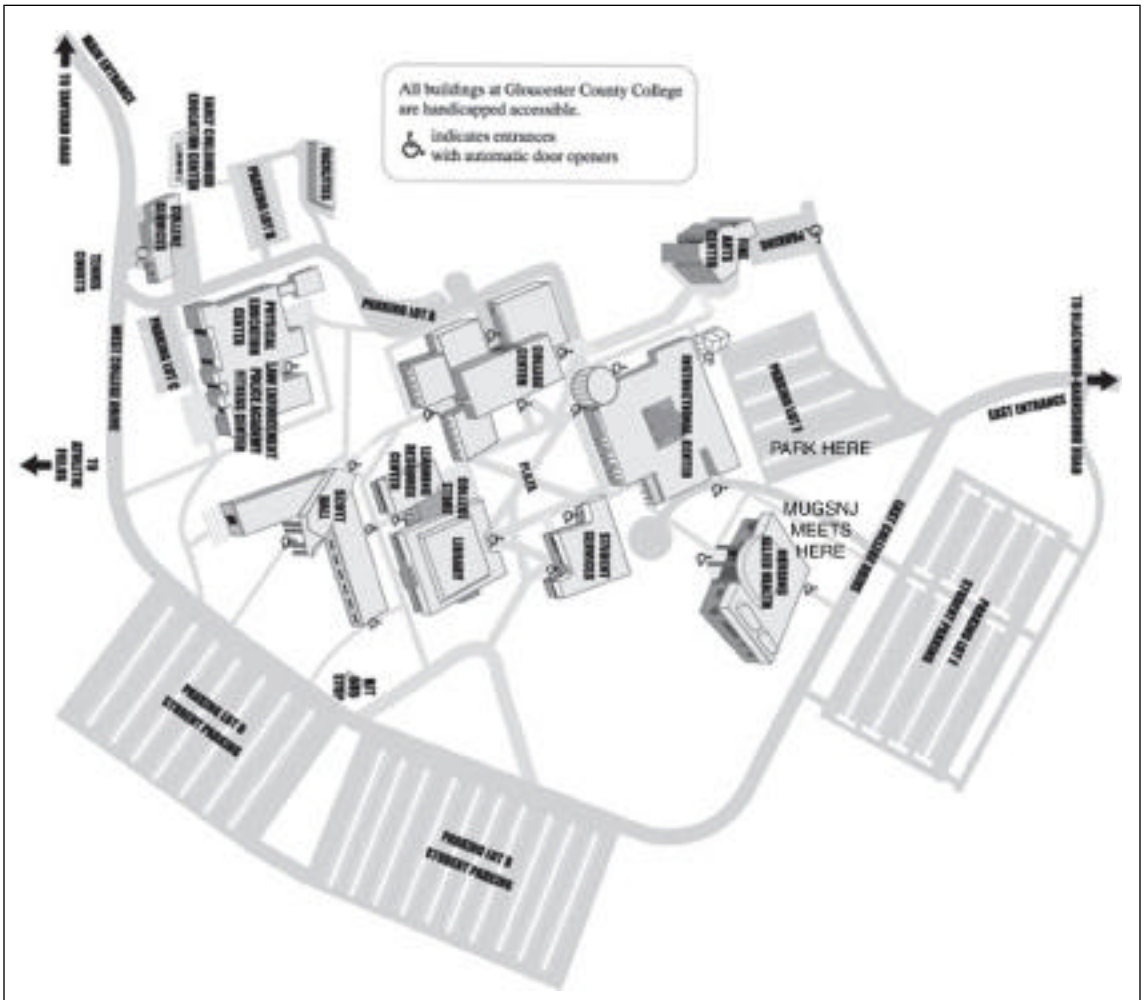
## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Hardware and software assistance
- Info on the latest software and upgrades
- "MUGSHOTS" newsletter available at meetings
- Notices of Macintosh events
- Special interest groups (SIGs)
- Meet great people!

**\*NOTE:** Corporate/Institutional memberships are granted by approval of the Executive Committee of MUGSNJ, and are based on the number of memberships requested by the corporation/institution as well as its non-profit status.

# Gloucester County College Campus Map

**MUG General Meetings**  
are held in the  
**Auditorium, Room 500,**  
of the **Health Sciences**  
**Building** at **7:30 pm** on  
the **last Wednesday** of  
each month. In the  
event the last  
Wednesday precedes a  
holiday, the meeting is  
held a week earlier.  
**Executive Committee**  
**Meetings** are held on  
the **first Wednesday** at  
**7:30 pm** in the  
**Lounge** adjacent to  
**Room 502.**



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 25**

**DAVE MARRA**

**Senior Systems Engineer,  
Apple, Inc.**