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Washburn Library
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11 OS X **OS X SIG**
The Foundation
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11 **VectorWorks SIG**
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Charles Radloff 952 941 1667

20 **Macintosh Consultants SIG**
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Golden Valley
Bob Demeules, 763-559-1124

24 **Macintosh Q & A SIG**
Questions & Answers
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27 **FileMaker Pro SIG**
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August / September 2006 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for August / September 2006. Please pencil these events on your calendar. As always, when doubtful of a SIG date, time, or location, confirm with one of the following:

- At www.miniapples.org
- The cognizant SIG Leader

Wednesday	August	2	AppleWorks SIG
Monday	August	7	Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday	August	8	VectorWorks SIG
Tuesday	August	?	Mac Main SIG
Tuesday	September	5	OS X SIG
Wednesday	September	6	AppleWorks SIG
Tuesday	September	12	VectorWorks SIG
Wednesday	September	13	Microsoft Word SIG
Tuesday	September	?	Mac Main SIG
Monday	September	25	Mac Q & A SIG

Members Helping Members

Need Help? Have a question the manual doesn't answer? Members Helping Members is a group of volunteers who have generously agreed to help. They are just a phone (or an e-mail) away. Please call only during the appropriate times, if you are a member, and own the software in question.

Apple II / IIGS Software & Hardware	1, 5, 7	1. Les Anderson	651-735-3953	DEW
AppleWorks / ClarisWorks-Draw	6, 7, 8	2. Mike Carlson	218-387-2257	D
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Networks	15	15. Chuck Hauge	612-963-5064	DEW
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Power Macs				
Quicken	2, 13			
QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro	13			
WordPerfect	4			
VectorWorks	14			

D: Days, generally 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 E: Evenings, generally 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 W: Weekends, generally 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Please call at reasonable hours, and ask if it is a convenient time for them. By the way, many of these volunteers can also be contacted on our BBS. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you would like to be a Members Helping Member volunteer, please send an e-mail message to John Pruski on our BBS, or call him at 952-938-2818, with your name, telephone number, contact hours, and the software or hardware areas you are willing to help others.

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Mail inquiries to: PO Box 796, Hopkins, MN, 55343
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mini'app'les Directors Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2006

Submitted by Harry Lienke

In attendance: Tom Gates, Bert Persson, Don Walz, John Pruski, Kevin Stryzik, Les Anderson, Erik Knopp, Harry Lienke

Agenda: After correcting the date, correcting the spelling of Lienke, including Chuck Hauge and Kevin Stryzik on Director Reports in place of Greg Buchner and Craig Arko, and adding a picnic to New Business, a motion to accept the agenda was made, seconded, and passed (M/S/P).

Minutes: Minutes for the May 1 Directors Meeting were approved electronically on May 5.

Directors Reports

Treasurer Don Walz's report: A balance sheet was provided. The club has a positive bank balance through the end of April. Several Income Statement items which could be eliminated were identified and can be removed at the discretion of the Treasurer. A motion to accept the report was M/S/P.

President Tom Gates' report: Nothing to report (see Old Business).

Vice President Bert Persson's report: Nothing to report.

Secretary Harry Lienke's report: Electronic approval of minutes going well.

Marketing Director Chuck Hauge's report: Not available.

Publications Director John Pruski's report: The Print Shop, which pro-

duces our newsletter, is moving; we'll stay with them because of high quality and low price.

SIG Director Kevin Stryzik's report: Nothing to report; needs to talk to Craig Arko about current status.

Director at Large Les Anderson's report: The club Post Office account was near zero but was replenished by Don Walz. With the continued drop in the number of members and the need for mailing 200 newsletters to get a break on the postage, we must identify more people/places other than members who may benefit from receiving a newsletter (non-members may amount to 25% of newsletters mailed but it's still much less expensive to send to libraries, etc., rather than cutting down on the number of newsletters mailed).

Membership Director Erik Knopp's report: Business as usual; reminders being sent out about 6 weeks ahead of renewal dates.

Old Business

IRS Status – A package containing the variety of information required by the IRS to certify the club as an active non-profit organization was sent out today (June 5) by Tom Gates. It was suggested that, even though it is not required, paper work be filed with the IRS periodically so the IRS does not classify us as "Inactive" again.

Budget – Tom Gates located a copy but doesn't have print capability at home right now. He will send budgets for last year and this year to the Directors on the club BBS.

Audit follow-on – Les Anderson got an expenditure reimbursement form from Erik Knopp and put it on the BBS for review. A motion to require the form for reimbursements was M/S/P.

New Business

Picnic – Bert Persson suggested having a picnic to foster social interaction in the club. Les Anderson pointed out past picnics were not well attended. Bert will select a time and place for a picnic and publish the information (newsletter, web site, BBS); he will ask for email responses to gauge the interest. Ruffling a copy of Mac OS X 10.4 or an iPod was suggested to increase attendance at the picnic but there appeared to be little support for doing this.

Bert Persson pointed out there is some interest in moving the AppleWorks SIG to the Washburn library to take advantage of the longer hours that library is open. Harry Lienke volunteered to find out about location plans from Pam Lienke and John Hunkins.

The Members Helping Members section of the newsletter was reviewed; several former club members are still on the list and should be deleted.

Les Anderson suggested John Pruski re-publish the newsletter article on using the BBS to encourage more people to participate in BBS activity.

Next meeting: Scheduled for August 7, 2006, at the Merriam Park Library at 7:00 pm. All club members are welcome to attend.

iPhoto adds new greeting card, postcard themes

By Peter Cohen

Apple on Tuesday updated its iPhoto software to version 6.0.4. The new update is available for download through the Software Update system preference or from Apple's Web site.

iPhoto 6 — bundled with Apple's iLife 06 suite — is the latest generation of Apple's software for viewing, cataloging and sharing digital photos.

iPhoto 6 added features like photo-casting, which makes it possible to share albums of photos with other users; new one-click effects; integration with other iLife applications including iWeb; support for calendar, greeting card and book printing and much more.

"This update to iPhoto contains a variety of new Greeting Card and Postcard themes for use with Apple

print services, including invite and thank you card designs for summer parties, weddings, birthdays, etc.," reported Apple.

The update measures 35MB when downloaded from Apple's Web site.

Apple recommends making a backup copy of your Pictures folder before applying the update. More details are available from Apple's Web site.

Apple Releases Shake 4.1 Software Price Cut to \$499

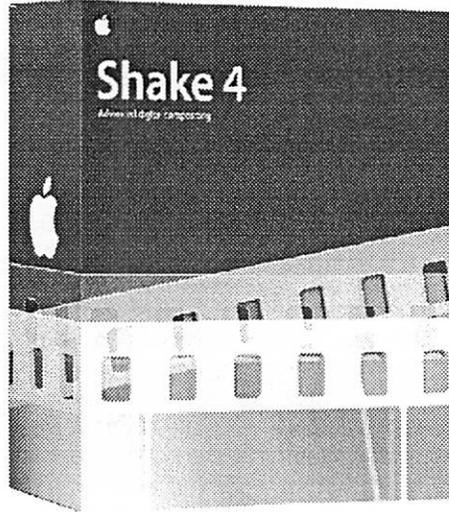
Industry Leading Compositing Software Price Cut to \$499

CUPERTINO, California—June 20, 2006—Apple® today delivered Shake® 4.1, the first Universal version of its industry leading compositing software and cut its price from \$2,999 to \$499 to fit almost any production's budget. Final Cut® Studio editors can now take advantage of Shake for sophisticated 3D compositing, keying, image tracking and stabilization for the price of a plug-in. Shake continues to be the tool of choice for major motion-picture studios and leading effects houses to create award-winning visual effects including this year's Oscar winner, "King Kong."

"At just \$499, Shake is now priced as low as a plug-in for Final Cut Studio," said Rob Schoeben, Apple's vice president of Applications Product Marketing. "Now Final Cut Studio customers can retouch their shots with Shake's optical flow technology or add photo realistic visual effects to their productions, even on a shoe-string budget."

"Shake has become an essential tool at ILM for visual effects compositing, playing a central part in our pipeline on blockbuster movies such as 'Mission Impossible 3,' 'Poseidon' and the upcoming 'Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest,'" said Cliff Plumer, chief technology officer of Industrial Light and Magic. "By pricing Shake at less than \$500, Apple has opened up the doors for the next generation of artists to master their craft."

Shake 4.1 complements Final Cut Studio by providing a full range of operations from simple re-touching to complex 3D compositing. Launched directly from the Final Cut Pro timeline, Shake uses state-of-the-art optical flow image analysis to re-time, track and stabilize shots with precision. Particle effects from Motion 2 can be dropped directly into the Shake process tree to add elements such as smoke, sparkles and fire to sophisticated multi-plane 3D composites. High resolution work can flow from Motion to Shake by rendering with the shared OpenEXR format for pristine film quality reproduction.



Shake 4.1 delivers significant performance gains on the new Intel-based Macs providing artists and editors with desktop level experience on the new MacBook™ Pro* notebook computer. Performance tests on a MacBook Pro have shown that common tasks such as color correction, warping and the application of filters are processed up to 3.5 times faster on a MacBook Pro than on a PowerBook® G4. Artists and editors can start compositing with HD, 2K and even 4K shots directly on location making Shake 4.1 on a MacBook Pro an ideal tool for continuity.

Pricing & Availability
Shake 4.1 is now available through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers for a suggested retail price of \$499 (US). Owners of Shake 4 can take advantage of a cross-grade to Shake 4.1 for just \$49 (US). Full details are available at www.apple.com/shake. Apple will no longer sell the Apple Maintenance Program for Shake. Current Shake Apple Maintenance customers can contact shake-sales@apple.com for more information.

* Performance tests on a 17-inch MacBook Pro have shown that common tasks such as color correction, warping and the application of filters are processed up to 3.5 times faster on a MacBook Pro with 2.16 GHz Intel Core Duo than a 17-inch PowerBook

G4 with 1.67 GHz Power PC.

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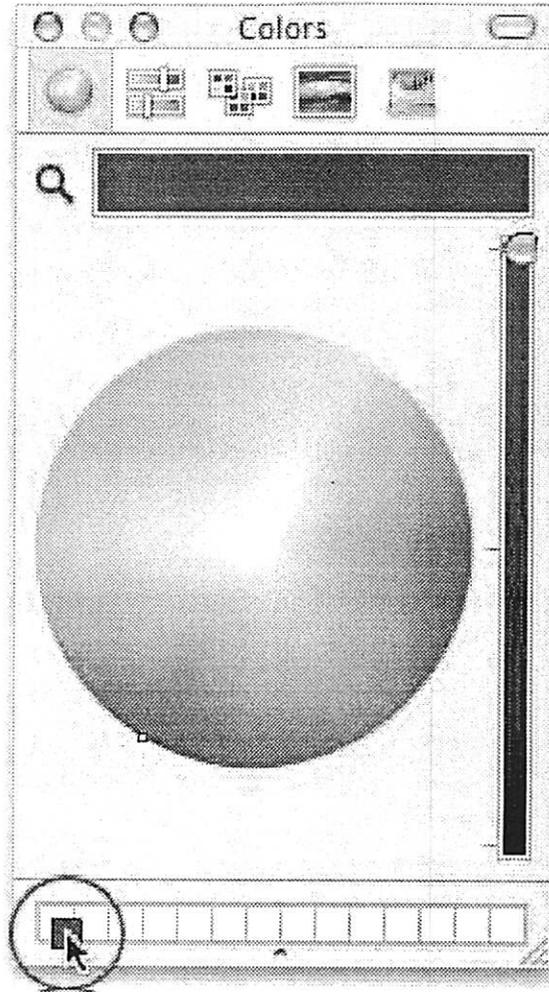
Stickies: Saving Your Text Colors

Tip of the Week

You've been able to colorize text in Stickies since at least Mac OS 10.1, but did you know that you could save your favorite colors and apply them with just one click? (Obviously, I'm hoping you didn't or it really kills this tip.)

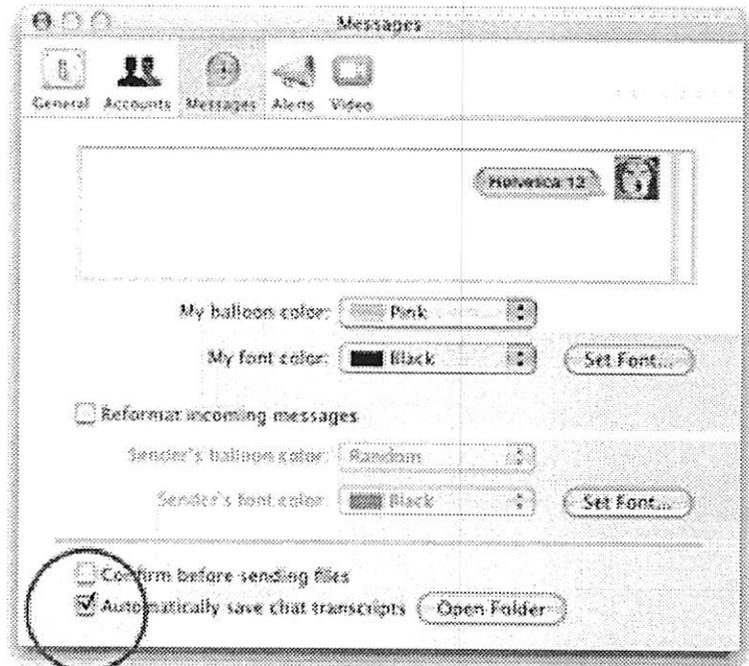
To do so, just highlight a word, then go under the Font menu and choose Show Colors. When the Colors dialog appears, choose the color you'd like. Then, click-and-hold in the horizontal color bar up top (where the color you've created is displayed), and start dragging slowly — a tiny square will appear under your cursor. Just drag-and-drop this square onto one of the white square boxes at the bottom of the Colors dialog.

This saves that color for future use, so when you want it, all you have to do is click once on that square (no more messing with the color wheel). This is a great place to save commonly used colors like red, solid black, white, etc. Next Tip: Smart Mailbox Idea: Mail Older Than One Year Screenshot



Getting a Transcript of Your Chat

There are a dozen reasons why you might want a written log of your text chats; maybe someone gave you instructions, a recipe, or just typed a bunch of stuff that cracks you up. Well, luckily, you can ask iChat to keep a running log of your text chats — go under the iChat menu, to Preferences, then click on the Messages icon, and turn on Automatically Save Chat Transcripts.



Apple Calendar of Events

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Apple Solutions Day at CompUSA featuring mobility and wireless solutions for businesses and professionals on the go.

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Roseville Jul 1, 2006 12:00 PM - 03:00 PM

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Check if OK to contact you by e-mail.

Check if this is a change of address notice.

Check if you are interested in volunteer opportunities.

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Check if you were referred by a club member (if so give members name).

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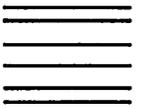
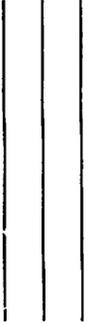
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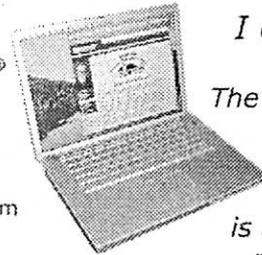
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