



The Monthly Newsletter of the Port Townsend Seriously Laid Back User Group.  
PT SLUG is a computer user group focusing on Macintosh computers and software.

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## December PT Slug Meeting

The SLUG monthly general meeting will be held Thursday December 11th, 7:00 pm at the Tri-Area Community Center (across from the Chimacum Schools), Port Hadlock. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information call Michael McKee at 385-3631.

Bring your questions about any aspect of using your Mac. The group's lending library books will be available.

## Music on Your Mac by Gary Estes

You don't have to have an iPod to take advantage of the many computer based music opportunities. You can store and play music directly from your computer. You can use Internet radio. You can listen to that interesting piece you heard on the regular radio at a later time or date. You can find music and information that never reaches the regular media program directors, thereby accessing some truly original content. You can even create your own custom Internet based radio stream.

Gary Estes will offer us insights and how-to's for these computer based audio possibilities and more at the December PT SLUG general meeting. If you ask nicely he might also serve up some tidbits on using your iPod or iPhone, too.

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## Successfully Attaching Photos to Email

— by Christopher Breen, [Macworld.com](http://Macworld.com)

*I'm a photographer and need to email photos to other people, many of whom are Windows users. When I do this with Mail, most Windows users can see the pictures but cannot save the attachments. They complain that my photos are embedded in the email and they cannot save them. Is there something I can do to ensure that Windows users can download my photos as a separate attachment?*

This one crops up at just about every users group meeting and family holiday dinner I attend, so it's time to unsheathe the sword and slay it—regardless of how temporarily. There are two things you can try—the first may work and the second is guaranteed.

The first is to send messages that have photos attached as plain text rather than rich text. To do so, create a new message and choose Format -> Make Plain Text. To make plain text the default (which we old-timers love because

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we like our email messages unadorned by fancy fonts and formatting), choose Preferences from the Mail menu, click the Composing tab, and from the Message Format pop-up menu, choose Plain Text. From this day forward your messages will be sent as plain text by default. Should you wish to send the occasional rich text missive, choose Format -> Make Rich Text.

If this solution brings no joy (and it doesn't always) here's the surefire way: Compress your images into a .zip archive and attach that archive. To do so, select your image (or multiple images) in the Finder and choose File -> Compress X (where X is either the name of a single file or the number of selected files). A .zip archive of your image(s) will result. Drag that file to your email message and send. Your Windows pals will receive the file as an attachment and will need only expand the file to view its contents.

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## **Update on PTSLUG Workshops (Special Interest Groups-SIGs) for December, January and February**

Nov 28 - Digital Media SIG cancelled. Too close to the holidays

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Jan 16 - Mac Programs SIG, presenter Bob Snow, topic: making and using smart folders, such as Smart Mailboxes in Mail, Smart Albums in iPhoto and Smart Playlists in iTunes. Space is limited so advance enrollment required, wait for an email announcement

Jan 23 - Digital Media SIG, presenter Gary Estes, topic making a personal published book from iPhoto

Feb 20 - Mac Programs SIG, topic and presenter to be announced

Feb 27 -Digital Media SIG, presenter Michael McKee, Introduction to Photoshop Elements, a continuation of Michael's initial presentation



### **November SLUG Meeting**

We had a wonderful presentation by Deja Webster from Deja View Photography. She gave a slideshow that was very interesting. You may contact her at: [www.dejasphotos.com](http://www.dejasphotos.com).

## MacUpdate Bundle

— submitted by Michael McKee

This is the time of year for bargains and MacUpdate.com has a pretty good one. The MacUpdate Promo Bundle includes 11 applications that retail for over \$500 for a price of \$49.99.

**Drive Genius 2.1:** Optimize/repair/test/resize and clean up your Mac's drives.

**RapidWeaver 4.2.1:** Create template-based websites rapidly.

**Default Folder X 4.1:** Enhances Save and Open dialog boxes.

**VirusBarrier X5 10.5.5:** Kill the latest viruses.

**MacGourmet Deluxe 1.0.5:** Easily create, build, and share your recipe collection.

**Little Snitch 2.0.4:** Alerts you to outgoing network connections.

**iVolume 3.1.4:** Improves the built-in 'Sound Check' function of iTunes.

**KeyCue 4.3:** Displays all menu shortcut commands.

**MacPilot 3.2.1:** Enable over 700 hidden features in Mac OS X & other apps.

**WhatSize 4.4.1:** Helps find out what files are taking up all your HD space.

**iDive 1.8.8:** Digital video shoebox to organize, view and search tapes.

Obviously, in a bundle like this there will be programs that don't appeal to you, but if any of them do you can save, well, a bundle. VirusBarrier, the best anti-virus program for the Mac normally retails for around \$70. DriveGenius for \$99. If either of those appeals to you then this offer is a great deal. Visit the website and get more information. The deal ends Dec 18.

<http://www.mupromo.com/>

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## Safe and Secure Online Purchases for the Holiday Season

— submitted by Michael McKee

**Q:** With so much talk about Internet security problems and credit card fraud, how do I protect myself while shopping online?

**A:** One of the biggest risks in shopping online is clicking on a link to what appears to be a legitimate site but is, in fact, a forgery run by criminals interested in your credit card number and other personal information. An estimated \$3.2 billion was lost to such "phishing" sites in the United States last year, according to a survey by Gartner Inc.

Watching out for fraudulent sites isn't hard, and is the crucial first step in a secure online shopping experience. The key in most cases is to type in the Web site's address independently, and not to follow links sent in e-mails, as those can often be malicious spam sent by the creators of the bogus sites.

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Most Web browsers will alert you when you're navigating to known phishing sites or those serving up viruses, but the key word there is "known." Many harmful sites are set up and dismantled within 24 hours, so it's often a cat-and-mouse game to identify and block them before the criminals have a chance to inflict too much damage.

Also look for the traditional SSL padlock when you get to a site's order page, and click on that if you have doubts about the site's authenticity. It will identify the site's owner and the agency that issued the SSL certificate. The padlocks are not always foolproof, however, because scammers can spoof them.

Once you're comfortable that the site you're visiting is authentic, the question becomes: how do you pay for things?

Security experts recommend that you never use a debit card, because if criminals intercept the information, any charges are taken directly from your account and it takes longer to get the money back than if it were stolen from a credit card.

Experts also say it's helpful to have a dedicated credit card for online purchases. That makes it easier to monitor for fraudulent activity, since the payments aren't mixed up with daily purchases.

Banks are excellent at resolving cases of credit card fraud quickly, whereas it may take days or weeks to replenish a debit card account that's been drained by thieves.

Security experts also suggest setting up a separate e-mail account to register for online shopping sites, and use a different password for that account than your regular e-mail account.

The danger of linking all your online purchases to your primary e-mail account is that if hackers are able to steal your username and password for that site, they can then use that information to infiltrate your e-mail and get passwords for other accounts. A common way of doing that is to use the "forgot my password" feature on many sites and have the information e-mailed back to an account that they now secretly control.



# SIG Meetings

## Macintosh Programs (formerly AppleWorks)

The next meeting will be January 16th at 7:00 p.m. For questions or suggestions for future meetings call:

**Fran Drum:** 379-3346 Email: fdrum@cablespeed.com

**Bob Snow:** 437-0592 Email: sherman101@mac.com

## Digital Media (formerly Photoshop Elements)

The Mac Digital Media workshops (SIGs) normally take place on the fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. in the WSU computer lab. The next meeting will be January 23rd. For questions or suggestions call:

**Joy Bland:** 732-4914 Email: joysdg1945@yahoo.com

**Bob Snow:** 437-0592 Email: sherman101@mac.com

**Both these meetings will be limited to 12 participants due to computer space. Call Fran Drum for reservations for the Macintosh Programs SIG and Joy Bland for the Digital Media SIG (email and phone listed above.)**

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## Need Help?

The following folks are available to help their fellow members:

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**Joy Bland** - Photoshop/Elements, Microsoft Word, InDesign, Illustrator, Digital Photography

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