

EAMUG

Thursday, May 5, 2011

1:30 PM

at the
Elsie Quirk Library

At our meeting

1:30 ~ 2:00: 'Mac 101' Mary Lou Dobson
2:00 ~ 2:10: 'Quick Look' Carl Schwartz
2:10 ~ 2:30: 'Snood & Pyramid' Mike Volpe
2:30 ~ 2:40: 'Peggle' Mary Lou Dobson
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Pyramid

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The PSIG is over for this season. Jo Ann Crebbin sent me an email stating, 'We had a great photo sig last week. Lots of questions and stimulating conversation. Some folks stayed till 5:30! We actually moved outside.' and 'tell them all to keep shooting and I was thrilled to head up such a group. They motivated me every month.'

The SIG time frame at the Elsie Quirk Library is available to EAMUG throughout the summer. We will be having various presenters and topics. Stay tuned.

By going here to <http://www.apple.com/macosx/lion/> you can find out about *Lion*, the OSX upgrade coming out this summer. More than rumors because it is on an Apple site. Good news about Safari in Lion and privacy at: http://www.appleinsider.com/articles/11/04/13/safari_on_mac_os_x_10_7_lion_to_include_do_not_track_tool.html

We registered as a group a long time ago with Peachpit Press. Looking it up the other day, I saw that we were no longer registered so I did the next right thing and registered our group. Pretty soon we should be getting some special offers from them as well as some books to review and keep for our EAMUG Library.

Mari Schupp, an Apple employee located at the Best Buy in Sarasota, is one of our presenters this month. She sends out emails often about Apple news and events. Sign up for her email schupp@apple.com just by clicking this and asking to be added to her list. Mention you are an EAMUG member if you are.

Results from the informal game poll: Several types of Mahjongg, Wild Safari, Ugo Player, Text Twist, Alchemy Jewel Quest, Cubis 2, Shockwave Jigsaw, Snood, Peggle, Solitaire (Forty Thieves, Klondike, La Belle Lucie), Whist and Cribbage online, Solitaire City-lite (double solitaire), MindJolt, Spider, Whirly Word, Learning Pool, Towers, Aloha Solitaire, Hearts, Bubble Bazinga on Dashboard. Mah Jong Solitaire 2, Warcraft 3, Solitaire Forever, Scrabble, Bridge and Boggle are favorites, too. You'll probably find them all on the Internet.

There have been a few complaints about how slow the EAMUG computer seems. The EAMUG board recently agreed to have the group's computer upgraded to Snow Leopard and add 4 GB of RAM. Since both memory slots were filled with 512 MB each, they were removed and replaced with two 2 GB chips. It is faster now!

Just an aside, *Keynote* is slow to open the first time. After quitting *Keynote*, and opening it subsequent times during the same bootup, it opens very fast. It did that too, in Leopard. I believe this also to be true of other apps and the slowness is probably most noticeable in the meeting room. Especially because we don't usually quit an app and reopen it at a meeting.

There were about 45 members at the April meeting. Carl Schwartz used *Keynote* to show us how to download ebooks for use on our iPods, iPads, iPhones, Macs (collectively called iDevices) and *Kindle*. He explained about using *Calibre* and *Adobe Digital Edition* (a necessary app for downloading ebooks from the Sarasota County Libraries). After the break, Mike Volpe showed us how to use various cables for various peripherals to watch movies, videos and DVDs. Now I know what to do with all those cables.

Member Catherine Varney emailed me that she finally went through almost all of the more than 350 files in her Downloads folder. She deleted so many that were dups and moved things to other folders where they belonged that after restarting she got back 2.14 GB of space on HD! Now Catherine says that she will do the same with her Mail Downloads folder. (Many attachments saved there may be other places as well, including *Mail*.)

There are some apps out there for finding duplicates on your computer. *Araxis Find Duplicate Files* is one that I bought following a recommendation on Apple's site and I like it. You can download a trial, to see if you like it. <http://www.araxis.com> Some others are free and you can use Google to find them.

Just can't stop with the tips. Must be my enlightening nature. Maybe I'll start a blog. Here's another tip: Many apps created backups automatically of your documents. Search for them with 'backup' as the search term. Then, if you don't need them anymore, delete them. Sometimes you can turn that feature on or off in the Preferences, as you can in *TextEdit* and *Pages*.

—Mary Lou Dobson



Help for Beginners/Newcomers

[Peachpit.com](http://www.peachpit.com) is the place to order Ms. Robin Williams' book *The Little Mac Book, Snow Leopard Edition*. (<http://www.peachpit.com/store/product.aspx?isbn=0321646916>) Peachpit has been selling her books for over ten years. She's that good!! While there, click on the

'Sample Content' tab to find the place where you can download the LittleMacBkSL_Sample.pdf into your Downloads folder on the Dock, and view it with *Preview*, an *Apple* app that came on your Mac. I recommend that new users get the book, start at the first page while sitting in front of your Mac and follow along with the book.

I discovered this next link when I went to April's Mug o' the Month. http://www.myfirstmac.com/index.php/mac/articles/5_things Even *Before You Buy* is a topic on the Navigation Bar. Here's another good site for you <http://www.apple.com/support/mac101/> as well as <http://www.apple.com/support/switch101/> Those links are so helpful to give you practice using the Internet.

Description Reviews Sample Content

Sample Chapter(s)

[Download Chapter 5: Menus & Shortcuts](#)

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EAMUG Dues - Join or Renewal - Individual \$12/Family \$18

Questions? e-Mail: bessen@verizon.net

Phone: in Venice:(941) 497-4894

Dues can be paid by check or cash to the Treasurer, Louis Bessen, at the User Group meeting (in an envelope, please) or by mail to:

Louis Bessen, Treasurer
2221 Bal Harbour Drive
Venice, FL 34293

Make checks out to: Louis Bessen, Treasurer (NOT TO "EAMUG") New members, include your application form.



PodPeople SIG (or anyone with a iPad, iPod, or any device) Instead of iPhoto SIG

email me questions or suggestions ! [EDITOR: CARL SCHWARTZ](#)

Bring your device or just learn about options & the best one to buy.

Remember our **EAMUG** Library for Members!

We are fortunate to have David Pascal as our new EAMUG Librarian.

The website for you to see which books are available, read some information about them, and make it easy for you to request them is below.

<http://home.comcast.net/~dricke/EAMUGLibrary.htm>

Checkout period is for one month or till the next meeting. To request a book you will find the email link next to each title. Just **send David a note**, to be first on the list for a book. [LIBRARIAN: DAVID PASCAL](#)

All books will be available at the meeting. There are also MacFormat magazines from 2009 and 2010.

The books are currently being stored in the meeting room closet, they will be readily accessible at the meetings.

May MUG o' the Month

Diablo Valley Macintosh User Group
(interesting newsletter, too)

<http://www.dvmug.org/>

**Don't Miss Our
Next iDevice SIG**

May 13

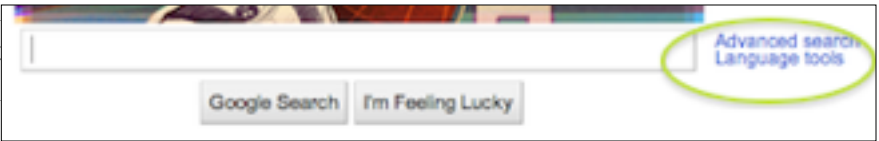
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at the Elsie Quirk Library

With Carl Schwartz

Computer Tutor, Too, Tips May 2011

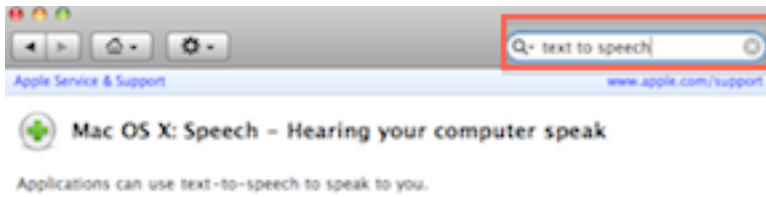
I wonder how many of you use the **Advanced Search** capability of Google or other search engines. I use it to limit the dates of my search so that I can get the most recent information. To do that I go to a Google page and click on **Advanced Search**. When there I choose the **Date** option at the left near the bottom of the page.



[+ Date, usage rights, numeric range, and more](#)

One day I copied photos from my memory card to my computer, putting them into a folder on my desktop instead of iPhoto. I then opened the folder, selected them all using **Edit > Select All**, (some of you might do that with right-click or use your keyboard, holding down the **Command** key and tapping the **A** key) and then I right-clicked (**control + click**) on one of them, clicked on **Open With** and clicked on **Preview**. Immediately all appeared in the sidebar, then I could look at them one at a time to decide which to delete. **Preview** has the **Zoom** feature as well which I used and was delighted with. After I did all those 100+ photos, I imported them into my iPhoto from the folder.

One day I had a hard time digesting the information in a .pdf. I thought if I had the text read to me it would reinforce my understanding by my using two senses. Couldn't find that Service in the **Preview** menu, so I opened **System Preferences** (under the **Apple**) and used **command + ?** to get to the **Help**. There I put in 'text to speech' and was able to find out how to turn that on. I set up the keyboard shortcut 'option + spacebar' which I wasn't using for anything else,



went back to the pdf, selected all the text, and used the new key combination. It started reading to me. I went back and changed the voice to *Albert* and made sure the slider was set to normal. Having it turned on and reading to me as I read it gave me the reinforcement I was looking for. To pause/stop the speech, I used 'option + spacebar' again. I might lighten the highlight color next time for better readability.

To see how long it has been since you restarted your computer, go to the **Apple > About This Mac > More Info** (bringing you to **System Profiler**, a utility) > **Software**, and look in the window at right and see **Time since boot**. Yes, there are other ways to get there. Having **System Profiler** icon on my **Dock** is the speediest for me.

Your computer may be faster if you, while in the **Applications** window, use **Command + J**, and uncheck **Size** as well as uncheck **Calculate all sizes** if either or both were checked. Must be done for each window unless you choose **Use As Defaults**, I believe. My Mac seems snappier.



Something else that can slow you down is having many things in the **Recent Items** list under the **Apple**. Change it at **System Preferences > Appearance**. The most efficient would be having **None** in all three boxes.

This add-on link might be of interest. <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/7-awesome-addons-work-firefox-4/>
<http://skim-app.sourceforge.net/> may be a more useful pdf reader.

Ever heard of Evercookies, Nevercookie, zombie cookies? <http://allthingsd.com/trackingcookies/> = solutions
23,784 people like *GoodSearch.com* including *Lynne Marriott* who uses it often.

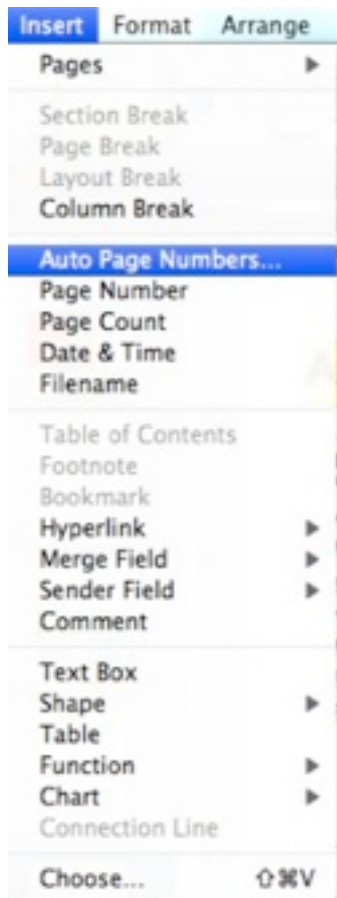
While I was looking at a pdf manual I had the sidebar open and didn't care for first page to be the first page, but didn't want to delete it, I found that if I selected it I could drag it down to the bottom of the sidebar. I also can select and delete pages in **Preview** in **Snow Leopard**.

If your Mac is getting cluttered <http://www.wikihow.com/Stop-Being-a-Digital-Packrat>

—*Mary Lou Dobson*

Somewhat technical info by Carl

As I get older, or more experienced, I get more forgetful. Walk to another room and forget what it was I wanted and have to return to the other room to remember? Well since I am approaching 3 score this happens even more frequently. When my Hard Drive on my iMac died with my last desktop Mac (bad chinese parts) several years ago, I lost the ability to do the following 2 things: Auto page number and Linked text boxes. In my scramble to get the issues out, I forgot how I set up the above 2 things. And put it off. And off. But finally...



Using a book called **Creating Pages with iWork** by David Morris (Peachpit Press) from our EAMUG members library, I found out that **Auto page number** only works in **text mode** not a layout mode (pg 66). As I worked with this issue I found it converted itself to the layout mode but retained the page numbers. The application gets smarter the longer I use it!

New research finds that people retain significantly more material—whether science, history or language—when they study it in a font that is not only unfamiliar but also hard to read.

[Come On, I Thought I Knew That! Info Link](#)

Quick Look is a **Mac OS X Leopard** feature to quickly view the **contents** of a file or folder without opening it or starting an application. There are 2 ways to use it.

Item Preview

- 1 **Highlight** one or more items to preview.
- 2 Click the Quick Look (eye) button, or press the Space bar. A Quick Look window opens with the first item displayed. If you're previewing multiple items, use the buttons along the bottom to move from one item to the next.

- 3 If you like, continue previewing items by clicking their icons in the Finder. The Quick Look window displays each item as you click it.

Create a Slideshow

- 1 In the Folder, select the images you want to make into a slideshow.
- 2 Click the Quick Look (eye) button, or press the Space bar. Use arrow keys to move from slide to slide

Carl's Quick Look Shortcut

In a folder select 1 item, hit the **spacebar**.

Move the bottom right corner (of the new view window) to resize.

Use the **arrow keys** to select the next thing.

More info at our meeting on fast video playing and more!

POD People SIG by Carl

We are fortunate to have the Special Interest Group's time and space (Library) this month. Even if you don't have a device yet, come and see what is available. Our members would be glad to show off our new gismos.

At our SIG meeting:

- 2:00 ~ 2:20: **Q and A** for Beginners/Newcomers
- 2:40 ~ 3:00: Downloading mostly **free ebooks**
- 3:00 ~ 3:45: **'Social Break'**
- 3:45 ~ 4:00: Navigating **iTunes** to get free Apps

Great apps discovered this month

Free App Report

<http://freeappreport.com/>

Scribblify is an innovative drawing and painting application for the iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. Designed with ease of use in mind, Scribblify allows anyone (regardless of age or artistic abilities) to rapidly produce extraordinary, one-of-a-kind artwork. From abstract and surreal conceptions to natural and scenic art, limited only by your own imagination and creativity. Provides more than two dozen wholly original brushes, each with its own unique behavior and appearance.

Scribblify WEB Site <http://scribblify.com/>

Beware of dated offers, get them while they are free!

Sorry, about **Scribblify** (above and next box)

The app was free for me when I got it last weekend on a free special - you will be stuck paying \$.99. The customer rating looks good for this app.

Customer Ratings



Even though you missed out on a free copy, you have lots of chances to get some other good apps if you use the above **Free App Report** link or just go to the iTunes App Store and display the free apps. Attend our SIG and learn more.

You don't need an iDevice to download an app **now**.

If you are thinking about getting a device, iTunes lets you download apps for it now. I do this mostly for **FREE** apps as the offers may expire later. It will later install automatically the first time you sync your new device (Plug in the USB cable) when you finally decide to purchase a iPhone/Ipod/iPad.

Would you like **Great Apps** to be a monthly feature?

Yes, do it next month!

No, forget it!

click here to tell me

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Whenever I get a new app I always first read the reviews. Make sure most of the reviews are positive and that you probably have a use and need for the app.

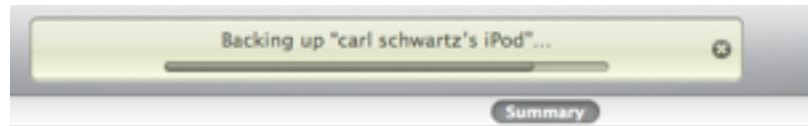
The Attack of the Evil Gremlin

As a presenter I am sometimes aware of minor malfunctions when the group's computer does not do what I have done at home. Well, this happened at home, just before the last meeting at home with my iMac and iPod Touch!

At 12 Noon, my iPod Touch kept re-syncing, normally a 12-minute task. After various requests by me (via Dialog boxes) that gave a Stop Sync option that did not work, I used Force Quit. That 1:30 meeting time was approaching!

Later, the iPod would not open and with USB plugged in to the computer, the iPod showed red battery or a grey apple. Had to press and hold 2 buttons to close the IPOD.

After 2 days of struggle, I connected the iMac directly, and it appears to work OK. I quickly restored the device and after an hour it was back to normal!



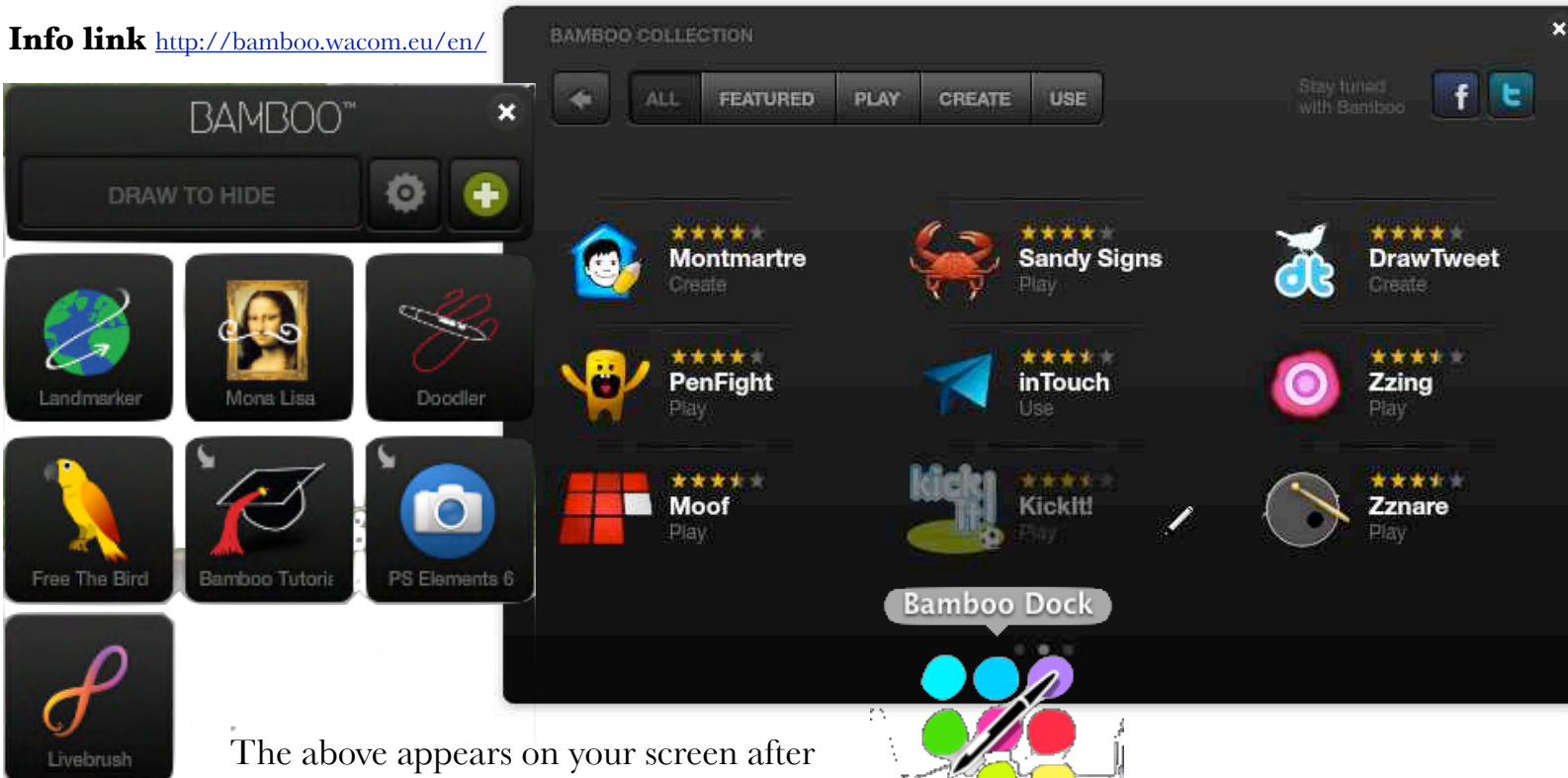
What got **lost**: all the saved **ebooks** in iBooks, Stanza, iFlow, and Bluefire; and all of my **tunes** in iTunes. NO Apps were lost and I eventually got the missing stuff back from my iMac.



A different device. Although when this SIG started we mostly had only Apple devices such as the iPod, iPhone and iPad, there are lots of other good choices. This is to introduce you to one that I've had for a year or so that recently, with free updates and apps, has morphed into more of a fun device with a few of the **iPad-type games and features that can be played on your computer**: the **Bamboo** tablet by Wacom. You can use your fingers, or a pen instead of your mouse



Info link <http://bamboo.wacom.eu/en/>



The above appears on your screen after selecting this icon



on your computer's Dock

The EAMUG Board met at the Elks Club on April 8, 2011, with the following members present: *Mary Lou Dobson, Mike Volpe, Christina Anglin, Dale Watson, Carolyn Rosenfeld, Carl Schwartz, Lou Bessen, Lynne Marriott, Liz Vaughn, Dave Pascal, and Betty Volpe.*

The meeting began at 12:15 and was adjourned at 1:35.

Lou Bessen gave the treasurer's report and Lynne Marriott reported on membership. We currently have 71 regular members, 17 honorary members and 15 family memberships for a total of 86 paid memberships. Lynne Marriott will be leaving for the summer and we need someone to handle the name tags in her absence.

Discussion of the April meeting was positive. It was noted that two new guests were present for Mac 101. Carl Schwartz' presentation of *Overdrive* and *Calibre* received a good response. Mike Volpe's presentation of Using LCD TV Monitor for Movies was very useful. He will do a presentation on iPad in the future.

The EAMUG computer is very slow. Mary Lou will install Snow Leopard and will upgrade it with 4 GB of RAM.

The meeting was interrupted for lunch at 12:32 and reconvened at 12:55.

Dale Watson received favorable reports on the recent Social. There were 5 no-shows who will be contacted. It was decided the Fall Social will feature pizza from Papa John's to be delivered by Mike Volpe.

Mary Lou will send out a request for online scams and will publish it with sites that check authenticity.

Mary Lou asked what games are member favorites and asked who would be willing to demonstrate a game for the group.

It was noted that Jo Crebbin will be away for the summer and that SIGs do not always have to be about photography. Carl Schwartz indicated he might be available for some sessions on iPod, iTouch, and iPad for Pod People. (Those interested in iDevices.)

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Carl Schwartz has turned over EAMUG Library materials to David Pascal, our new Librarian. Mike Volpe has secured storage space at Elsie Quirk library for our EAMUG library.

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—Christina Anglin Secretary