

TMUG NEWS

Who knew? Brevard College teeming with photographic surprises



Ron Rutherford

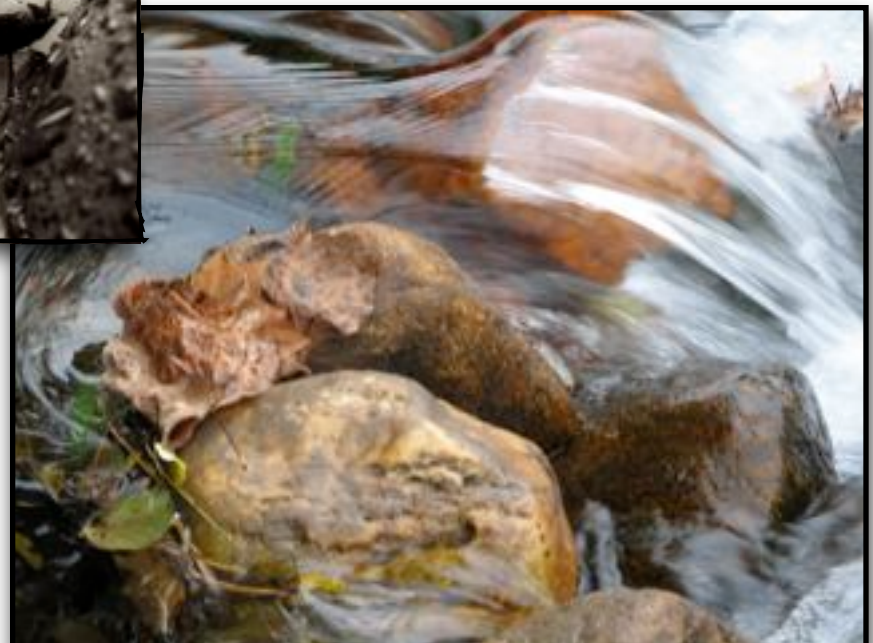
Despite a drizzly, misty morn our small PSIG group spent some time exploring just one quadrant of Brevard College, coincidentally with fall break, providing an empty campus, save



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of buildings and designs, with craggy old trees the result of too many an ice storm. King's Creek could now be more aptly called Rook's Run, with the drought, thought still interesting, barely enough water to cover the pebbles.

It's a discovery and adventure to find a



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↓ Ron Rutherford ↓

new opportunity to hone the photographer's craft-seeing everyday, mundane objects in a whole new light, or lack of same, found objects, trash to some, that

sparks a creative bent to capture this moment in time, tweak it some with iPhoto or the more exotic and taxing photo rendering applications, resulting to one's own satisfaction.

More images at TMUG Gallery. Join us next time! Where? Find out on the Forum.

for the security guard who presumed we must be looking for the infamous White Squirrels which were busy with their fall and winter foraging and storage for leaner times.

The campus is a photographer's challenge with its varied and diverse architectural styles, multitude



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iThink - by the Etowah kid

Internet security tip:

If you use an always-on internet connection, one easy (and free) thing you can do to enhance your computer's security is to turn on your Mac's built-in Firewall for Tiger (OS 10.4.X. (Panther and Leopard will be different.) Here's how: first, go to the Apple in Menu bar > System Preferences... > Sharing > click on Firewall tab > click on "Turn On" to turn on the Firewall (and make sure you at least place checkmark next to the "Network Time" box in the scrolling menu to allow your Mac to automatically set the time) and then click on Advanced > the check "Enable Stealth Mode", "Enable Firewall Logging" and "Block UDP Traffic". If you want to gain some understanding of what you're doing click on the question mark in the lower left. (Doesn't help a heck of a lot, does it? :-D)

I'm sure Apple has a good reason for not automatically setting these to the "On" position when the software is installed. But I sure can't figure it out.



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(Just in time for Christmas)

How many times have we wanted to get creative with a document, greeting card or even with an email and couldn't find the suitable photograph to use? Well, here are some sources of many, many photographs that are really **FREE!**

<<http://www.morguefile.com/archive>> The FAQ on use of this file is <<http://www.morguefile.com/forum/faq.php>>

Yet more photographs: <<http://www.sxc.hu/>> and <<http://www.yotophoto.com>>

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(Just in time for Christmas)

Many of us still have stacks and stacks of LPs that we rarely, if ever, play, but cannot bear to part with. (I'll never get rid of my Beatles White Album!) Here's a means of converting those great albums of yesteryear into MP3 files or CDs. I have not purchased or used any of these devices, but have read some good (and some not-so-good reviews) about the ION turntable.

- *<<http://tinyurl.com/3xup7o>>
- *<<http://tinyurl.com/mh7t4>> useful descriptions and reviews for the ION Turntable
- *<<http://www.nextag.com/ion-turntable/search-html>>
- *<<http://www.thinkgeek.com/electronics/mp3/90a0/>>
- *<<http://tinyurl.com/ydydh7>> Numark turntable
- *<<http://tinyurl.com/3ywhju>> Stanton T.90 Professional-style ,expensive! (good review with video)



How do I know if my software is the latest version?

It is very time consuming check to see if or when your software vendor has issued an update. While the following suggestion isn't foolproof, it is helpful and free. Log in to the link below and then register as a member. You will then receive a weekly email listing many of the updates of the prior week. If you are uneasy read their privacy policy. If you're still uneasy, well.... just don't register! You can then manually check the site every few days.

<<http://www.versiontracker.com>> Free Registration/Login on the right side of screen .

In keeping with my usual practice of including a link for a MacWorld Virtual CD each month, here's December's:

<<http://cd.macworld.com/2006/11/mail-clip>>

MacMembers...profiles

Tom Cabe

Just a few questions...

What brought you to Brevard and TMUG?

I grew up in Brevard and after some years working in New York City and Texas, I began to feel the call of the mountains and with my beautiful and talented artist wife Ann DerGara we returned to our roots.

My longtime friend Ron Rutherford invited me to the Mac user group and since I owned a Mac and am technology challenged I thought this was a great way to learn how to correctly use the damn thing.

What paid the bills?

After graduating from THE University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC. where I played football, lacrosse, and baseball. then coached football. I journeyed to New York City, attended the Fashion Institution and worked in the fashion industry for DuPont.

In the early 70's I relocated to Texas and designed, produced and distributed men and women's apparel. Our companies were respon-



sible for the introduction of men's knit slacks and the ever popular knit leisure suit (now there is a thing to be proud of!).

Like all boys I had always wanted to be a cowboy so in the 80's I began to design western apparel, western saddles, western tack and to breed and train and sell Paint horses.

Main interests, other than Mac?

Ann and I own an art gallery in Brevard - Red Wolf Gallery. I also enjoy playing golf and attending art shows and gallery openings

with Ann (this is a great venue to get free wine.)

What do you wish everyone knew about you, or not?

Ann and I hope that we have made a difference in the cultural development of Brevard and wish to continue to help make this a wonderful place to LIVE and PLAY.

Upcoming changes or special events in your life?

Ann and I plan to to continue our gallery and to do Work in the community to enhance the quality of life available in our hometown.

Parting thoughts?

I feel that I have been fortunate to have experienced the many events and circumstances that have influenced and enhanced my life and I am looking forward to future encounters and circumstances that will continue to influence and fulfill my life. I also hope that my parole officer does not locate me and return me to TEXAS.



Upcoming TMUG Meetings:

Next General Meeting

December 08, 2007

10:00 AM

Topics: TBA

Mac Basic 101

December 08, 2007

8:40 AM

Topic: "Fun Stuff" & We'll finish Address Book!

YOUR TURN!



Have a great MAC hint-something you've found that makes your MacLife simpler?

Send it gnu2yew@earthlink.net, and we'll publish the best ones in an upcoming issue.

Upcoming TMUG Meetings:

Photography SIG

December 01, 2007

10:00 AM (New Time)

Topics:

"Dissecting the Pigeon River: Many from One"

Everything TMUG:

Visit <http://www.transylvaniamug.org>

Location: [MAP](#)

Basic Mac 101

Gift -challenged?



What are you going to get this year? What's your heart's desire-whether you can afford it or not? Are you the kind of person that drops hints, cut-outs picture of fav's, or maybe a wish list devotee of Amazon? Or would you rather the one-size-fits-all Gift Card? No matter what your secret longings in this holiday season, which seems to arrive sooner every year, with less time to accomplish much of anything, you have a very neat gift that offers surprises (the good kind) throughout the year, every year. Think hard. Harder. It's nearby.

Give up? It's your buddy-good ol' Mac: your very own cyber-Santa! No matter what it's vintage, operating system, extra doodads or not, it's laden (like Santa) with goodies and treasures to last you all year through. Some Mac tasks, like certain presents, you know before the wrapping's undone what's inside. Other operations, like a well wrapped gift, take more through ferreting through to even discover what you have, or if you want it.

How many times have you said to yourself-I didn't know I (Mac) could do that! No matter how many years of working with Mac, there is always new things to learn, or different ways to accomplish tasks easier or differently. And that's what Basic Mac 101 continues to offer you: opening new packages of Mac knowledge, skills, solving problems, or just finding out some neat little tricks to make your life more fun, simpler, or more challenging.

At this month's Basic Mac 101 meeting, we'll finish Address Book, and then have a little fun stuff to liven up your Mac, appearance wise and otherwise. Banish boring from your desktop! Add some pizzazz, silliness, colors and who knows what else. Hint: silence is not necessarily golden.

So plan on joining us, beginning at 8:40 am, for an hour before the regular TMUG meeting @ 10 am, for a nice holiday stress break. Your Mac may never be the same. And for this meeting, all Tiger, no Leopard, YET.

LiB Shore, Basic Mac 101 coordinator

G'Day: A Few Words...

I'm writing this column for the December newsletter, but it's still November.. Thanksgiving Day to be exact (LiB Shore, bless her, is a slave driver!). So, while I want to talk about next year (year no. 3 for TMUG), there are many things that I'm thankful for, but here are a few that we all share:

- I'm thankful for the beautiful place we live - Nature gives us so much, if we only take time to "see" it;
- I'm thankful for good friends and acquaintances that share the good times with me;
- I'm thankful to live in a country where I can learn and pursue life as I see fit, constrained only by my own initiative and courage;

- I'm thankful for good health and access to the information, people and facilities to keep myself that way;
- I'm thankful to be living in these exciting times, even with all the things that aren't being done or are not going as I'd like them to, or disagree with;
- I'm thankful for Life teaching me the priceless joy of a loving family;

NOW, here's my Santa list (for all of 2008 as well) - in increasing order of importance to me:

- I wish for a stable release of Leopard where "Back to my Mac" really works;
- I wish for Aperture 2.0 so I don't have to change to Adobe Lightroom;
- I wish for the continued growth and viability of the Transylvania Macintosh User Group;
- I wish for thoughtful decision-making by the elected "deciders" in our county and state

- I wish for a Presidential Election campaign that maintains SOME level of dignity and respect among the contenders, and that the result comes close to being the wishes of regular folks like me and you;
- I wish for continued good health for me and my family

And, as this will be the last newsletter of 2007 (unless LiB wants the January column tomorrow).....

I wish a safe and happy holiday season for all of you, and a prosperous, healthy new year!

Cya at the next meeting.

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