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At November's meeting Scott Citron gave a great presentation on the in's and out's of *Adobe Creative Suite 4* and *Adobe Lightroom*. Scott is a professional graphic designer and is an Adobe Certified Instructor in *Lightroom*, *InDesign*, *InCopy*, *Illustrator*, and *Photoshop CS4*. You can view a list of his clients [here](#). Scott is

also the current chairman of the New York City chapter of the InDesign User Group.

He decided the best way to show us the tools available in these Adobe software programs, and how to use them, was to demonstrate how he used them to create one of his projects. This was a booklet made in *InDesign*, and exported as a *Flash SWF* (Shockwave Flash) file. This is a file that can be viewed in any web browser and it has some unique features. You can actually turn the pages as if it were a book. (very cool) It can deliver graphics, text, video, and sound over the Internet.

Scott showed how he used *Lightroom* to catalog his photos for the project. He also demonstrated some of the various enhancements available in *Lightroom*. These are all nondestructive, so your original file is never really changed unless you export it. Even then, your original is safe in *Lightroom*. You can also use the history, to view, and remove (should you decide to) any changes you made.

When *Lightroom* does not have the capability to handle a task, it allows you to edit your photo (or photos) in *Photoshop*, and then bring it back into *Lightroom*. Scott demonstrated this by showing how he stitched three pictures together to make one larger one. He also showed how to fix a photo that is badly

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If it's December, it must be Party Time! LIMac's Holiday Party evening kicks off with some serious business: Bradley's Q&A, the MacBasics Q&A, announcements and raffle. Between the Q&A sessions and the raffle, some of our board members will present a few short demos of timely information for the holiday shopping season.

Whether you're shopping for gifts for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or whatever; computer gifts, gadgets, electronics, or photography gear, we've got some hints and suggestions for you. Price comparison Websites, special deal sites and gift list sites will all be included in the brief presentation. You just may find that perfect item for the Mac user on your gift list.

When all that's done...it's **PARTY TIME!** The rest of the evening will be informal schmoozing and noshing. Sage advice follows: Take a look at the food table and choose wisely! Remember this is only the beginning of a season of eating and partying. If you don't want to have to make some New Year's resolutions that you won't keep anyway, show some restraint. Nah! Never mind that sage advice, dig in and enjoy! Happy Holidays to you all! 🎉





General meeting time schedule:

Meetings are held at The New York Institute of Technology, Building 300 (Anna Rubin Hall), Old Westbury, Long Island.

Meetings start promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Bradley's Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.

MacBasics Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Beginner Q&A meeting

Featured Presentations

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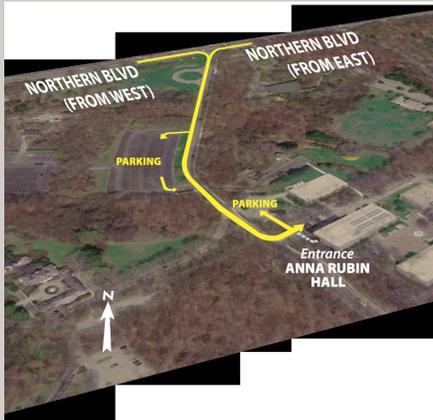
**NO SIG MEETINGS
IN DECEMBER**

(Special Interest Groups)

Dinner: 8:30 – 10:00 P.M.

▶ In bad weather, call (516) 686-7789.

▶ The next LIMac board meeting will be at the Plainedge Library, (516) 735-4133, on Wednesday, October 16th, at 7:45 P.M.



For more detailed information about our location go to limac.org

Bradley's Tech Session



Bradley Dichter
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▶ **I get an error message saying *Time Machine* encountered an error and won't back up. Is there a way to fix this?**

■ What I use is *TM Error Logger*. See http://carnationsoftware.com/TM_Error_Log_WebPage.html. Rather than digging through the *Console* application and looking at the log file, this makes things easier. Usually the problem is a messed up file on your hard drive and deleting it will allow *Time Machine* to continue. You may need to run *Disk Utility's* First Aid - Repair Disk command to fix the problem. It's not available on the boot drive, so you will need the system install DVD and boot off that, ignore the usual path that wants to reinstall the Mac OS X and go to the Utilities menu and select Disk Utility there.

▶ **You've mentioned before what brands of blank optical media (CD-R, DVD-R and DVD+R DL) to buy, but what brands should I avoid?**

■ Well everything but those of course. I've had the worst experience with Memorex and the various house brands. I don't care for Sony, Magnavox, Imation, Philips, Ritek, IPSPG, Windata, JVC, Hotan. Moving up, in stages would be HP brand, Maxell, then TDK, then Taiyo Yuden, and the brand I buy is Verbatim. Beyond Verbatim is MAM-A gold discs. MAM-A used to be called Mitsui. You probably won't find them retail. They last the longest. They are about \$1.34 each for a 50 pack of 700 MB/80 minute blanks. The DVD-R are actually cheaper, at 97 cents. Verbatim also makes the UltraLife Gold Archival Grade CD-Rs & DVD-Rs. There is also Delkin Devices' Archival Gold media. (FYI, they also have archival blue-ray BD-R media) These gold discs are also known as medical grade as you need to keep medical records for decades. By the way, don't make things worse with a regular Sharpie marker. It uses ink with alcohol that will eat away at the disk. Sharpie and other brands like Delkin and make specially marked (pun intended) felt tip markers for CDs and DVDs.

▶ **I've got a Aluminum PowerBook G4 and I think the hard**

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President's Message



Bill Medlow
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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday. Over the past few years, we have lost some very good people from the Board of Directors and we are looking for new Board Members. The Board's purpose is to develop an operating relationship to keep LIMac a fun and growing organization. Every year we look to bring in new general members for two main reasons. First, because In the Macintosh Lifestyle we look to help each other and new Macintosh users as we are a Not-for-Profit Educational Group, recognized by the U.S. Gov. as a 501.C3. Second, Through attrition we need to replace membership to defray the cost of our meeting location at NYIT, the cost of equipment and other operating expenses, as we need to provide the most current presentation experience for our meetings.

The Board of Directors of LIMac meet once a month for two hours at the Plainedge Library. We are always looking for new ideas, new ways to handle situations, new ways to spread the word about LIMac. This is an opportunity for you to leave your mark on a great organization. You could make things better. If you are interested, speak to any one of our Board Members or just come down and pay us a visit. *So come down and let us know what you think.*

Watch Video



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Bradley's Tech Session

drive is failing from the sound and the errors I'm getting. I looked around and it's far more money to replace with a refurbished MacBook Pro. What are my options for a drive replacement and how is that done?

■ What I would do is buy a replacement ATA drive and use my Sabrent USB adapter to format with Disk Utility, then Carbon Copy Clone, hopefully, to the new drive and then swap drives. It is rather involved, about 30 small screws to get the case open and the drive out. The last generations came with 5400 rpm drives but the earlier years has 4200 rpm drive standard. You could max out capacity with a 320 GB Western Digital Scorpio Blue drive for about \$95. A 160 GB model is \$75, a 80 GB is \$60; prices from newegg.com. The labor costs are far more than the drive though. First is the slow copy process of the old drive to the new which could take a couple of hours and could be mess since the old drive is not working correctly. Then another hour for the disassembly, drive swap and reassembly. Some software may need to be reinstalled, even if things go well. Norton AntiVirus is known for not surviving drives swaps. As it so happens this story gets an extra twist, there was never a comprehensive backup for the desktop as well as this laptop,

so we are buying a 500 GB external FW drive and replacing the internal 80 GB drive with a 250 GB drive. I will clone to the external, swap the internal drives and clone back. That USB adapter could be very slow as the 1 GHz and lower PowerBooks lacks USB 2.0 speeds, thus the copy, although only one, would be very time consuming. USB 1.1 is 40 times slower than USB 2.0 and the USB driver on PowerPC based Macs was quite slow in any case.

► **I want to help a friend with their Mac from my home. I can ask to share another friend's screen in iChat but this doesn't work with the first friend. It seems they are running Mac OS 10.4.11 and only the 10.5 friend's iChat works. Can't they just update iChat to the newer version?**

■ No, the version of iChat is linked to the operating system. You can however have her turn on Screen Sharing in the Sharing *System Preference* panel. If she configures her router, if she has one, to forward ports to her computer, and ideally set up a free dyndns.org account and configure the router to keep that up-to-date, then you can use Apple's *Remote Desktop Admin* or any free VNC client like the free *JollysFastVNC* to remotely control (and observe) her Mac. It's a bit involved to setup the account and the router, but it makes remote tech support easy. ↗

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS RESULTS

Officers elected during our November meeting for 2010



Bill Medlow
President



George Canellis
Vice President



Donald Hennessy
Treasurer



Bernie Flicker
Secretary

Elections were held at the November LIMac Meeting - November 13, 2009.
Thanks to all the members who attended and voted.
We are still looking for a few more members to help us on the Board of Directors.

TIP! from
TidBITS
Mac news for the rest of us

<http://db.tidbits.com/>

Apple Printer Driver Updates

by Doug McLean

Apple has released several updates to its printer drivers for Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard. The updates include the latest drivers for printers from HP (version 2.3), Canon (version 2.2), Brother (version 2.2), and Lexmark (version 2.1). More information on installing printer software updates, including a list of supported printers, is available on Apple's Web site. (Free, 387.44/274.59/99.9/117 MB)

Apple Releases Magic Mouse, New Remote, Souped-Up Base Stations

by Glenn Fleishman and Doug McLean

Three miscellaneous updates last week should leave us feeling magically remote, but faster. Apple released a new mouse and remote control, while performing mysterious updates to its AirPort Extreme and Time Capsule base stations.

Here I Come to Save the... Wait a Magic Minute -- And a great cheer went up from the crowd as the terrible reign of the Mighty Mouse came to an end! If you've ever had your Mighty Mouse's scroll ball clog up on you, you will likely praise Apple's decision to forgo mechanical scrolling altogether in its new wireless mouse, the Magic Mouse. (The resolution of a trademark dispute over the phrase Mighty Mouse as applied to computer hardware was part of the name change, too.)

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Utilizing multi-touch gestures, the same as those available with recent Mac trackpads, you can now scroll in multiple directions just by moving your fingers around on top of the mouse. The touch-sensitive enclosure also lets the mouse become a single or multi-button mouse depending on the location of your fingers.

Apple says the Magic Mouse, which relies on Bluetooth, will be able to work as far as 10 meters away from your computer (a healthy distance for those taking advantage of the new 27-inch iMac's capability to be mounted on a wall). The mouse is powered by two AA batteries, and includes a power management system that automatically switches over to a low-power mode during periods of inactivity.

The Magic Mouse is included with new iMacs shipping now, and can be purchased separately for \$69 later this week. The Magic Mouse requires you to run Mac OS X 10.5.8 or later, and will require a software update - its multi-touch features are not yet available on Macs other than the new iMacs, and the Apple Store notes an as-yet-unreleased Wireless Mouse Software Update 1.0.

Wireless Mouse Software Update 1.0 for Leopard and Snow Leopard

by Doug McLean

Apple has released two updates that enable users running either Leopard or Snow Leopard to take advantage of the multi-touch capabilities in the new Magic Mouse (see "Apple Releases Magic Mouse, New Remote, Souped-Up Base Stations," 20

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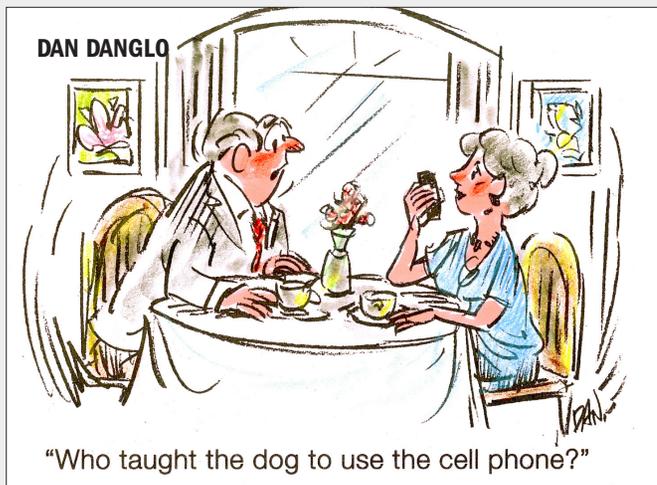
skewed. Scott made sure to explain that he was editing these in Adobe's *Camera Raw* which is also nondestructive.

He completed the presentation by showing us how he put the whole project together, using *Adobe InDesign 4*. He then showed how to use this version of Indesign to export the project as an SWF file or an interactive PDF.

Everyone really enjoyed Scott's Presentation, and we would love to have him return to do another. You can find out more about Scott by visiting his Website: <http://scottcitrondesign.com/about.html>. You can also contact him at: scott@scottcitrondesign.com

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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday. Coming up in December, we will have our Q&A and a presentation on "Holiday Shopping - What & Where." I don't want to get socks again, the coal serves a useful purpose, but how many socks can you use? Also at our December 11th meeting, we will have our Holiday Party. Please bring a nosh that is fun and different. We will provide cups, plates and drinks (No glass or alcohol) etc. This is a great opportunity to have some fun and talk to all the other members that you see over the year. Other than that, please bring your family and your smile.



User Group Offers



George Canellis
User Group Ambassador &
Vice President

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To order, go to: <http://www.macimagecover.com> (Additional discounts are available for orders of ten or more of the same cover; contact info@macimagecover.com) *This offer is valid through February 28, 2010.*

Voila is a professional creativity tool for Mac OS X Leopard that lets you capture your screen, annotate, organize and share. *Voila* lets you capture any shape, multiple regions at the same time, menu, webpage or DOM elements, and even from iSight. Pick and add annotations, add effects and share instantly via *Mail*, *Flickr*, *FTP* or *iPhoto*. Regularly priced at \$39.95, *Voila* is offered to Apple user group members for only \$24.95, which is 38% off! A full-featured trial version can be downloaded for a 30-day evaluation. For more details, downloading and purchasing: <http://www.globaldelight.com/store> *This offer is valid through December 31, 2009.*

PowerMax.com, the engine behind The Apple MUG Store, is pleased to announce a new process for Apple user group members. Instead of going to www.applemugstore.com to view a limited selection of items, members can now go directly to www.powermax.com to peruse and purchase (rewrap) almost 50,000 products. By identifying the user group you belong to (either on an online order or over the phone), PowerMax will continue to accumulate points for your user group to use. As a special bonus, for one month only, starting February 20, 2009, those points will double to 2% of the total purchase. So

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User Group Offers George Canellis

if a user group member buys a \$2,000 computer, \$40 will be added to your user group's account, good toward anything PowerMax sells. In addition to great deals, free UPS shipping is offered on any order over \$50! Be sure to take advantage of this win/win deal: <http://PowerMax.com>

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Good news for LIMac

Today, we have received our holiday gift, thanks to George.

We received a check for \$74.77 from GoodSearch.

October 2009). Apple notes that users running Leopard must have version 10.5.8 installed, and that Momentum scrolling is not available. Users running Snow Leopard must have version 10.6.1 installed. Both updates are available via Software Update or the Apple Support Downloads page. (Free, 36.22/63.92 MB) ↗



Renewal

Membership renewal for 2009 takes place from October onwards. A bonus discount was passed by the Board of Directors a few years ago: Bring in a new dues-paying member and get a **\$12** discount off your membership renewal. Bring in three new members and your renewal is free!

Bringing in a new member also includes getting a past member back into the group.

Make your **\$36** check out to LIMac and bring it to the next meeting, or mail to LIMac, Post Office Box 2048, Seaford NY 11783-0180



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Happy Holidays

To All Our Members

**PLEASE REMEMBER, NO GLASS
CONTAINERS NOR ALCOHOLIC "TREATS."
IT PROMISES TO BE A FUN TIME,
SO COME ON DOWN!**