



## **June 2010 Newsletter**

The 1960 PC Users Group continues to achieve and aspire in becoming an informative, educational, and a fun-filled organization. With **SIX** SIGs lead by interesting and competent leaders month after month, you are missing out if you have not attended at least one of these meetings. Our SIG leaders are eager to help members and visitors with basic to advanced computer/technology-related questions.

This month's newsletter features a sampling of topics and information from May SIGs. Also look for upcoming meeting presentations and field trips. All the SIG leaders strive to keep the membership well-informed about the latest and greatest computer applications.

### **General Meeting and Digital Photography SIG**

June 3, 2010 at 6:30 – 9 p.m., SIG leader, Jim Sandham, has planned a presentation by:

**Karey Miller**, Certified Professional Photographer

Topic: "**Better Family Portraits**"

Karey has been a professional portrait photographer for more than 20 years, and has won numerous national awards. Her work can be seen at [kareymillerphotography.com](http://kareymillerphotography.com). She shoots only portraiture, with an emphasis on high school seniors and their families. Karey will also be sharing some Photoshop ideas with us.

Last month's program by David McDonald was top notch with tips and information to improve your photography.



David McDonald – BeaAnn Kelly photo

David's major points for the presentation were as follows:

1. Learn about your equipment and subject
2. Request feedback/critiques of your photography
3. Use software to enhance your finished product for printing

These are all valuable tips to improve your photography.

Jim Sandham discussed additional tips related to file compression and the number of pixels needed for the best picture quality. This information is usually available in your camera manual also. His explanation helped to clarify the significance of numbers and file size.

### Share & Learn:

It's time to send me several of your recent digital images for the Share & Learn slideshow. End-of-2009 holiday shots, maybe outdoor images of the recent hard freeze, trips you took, or whatever you think the group would enjoy seeing.

Send them to me -- [jsandham77@gmail.com](mailto:jsandham77@gmail.com) -- by the end of Monday, May 31st so I can get them all into the slideshow.

Please resize your images down to 900 pixels on the long side, or downsize them to 120 ppi.

## **Software/Internet SIG**

Tuesday, June 8, 7-9 p.m., Don Marvin, Leader

In June, the Software/Internet SIG will be an open forum with an opportunity to ask any questions, look at software, websites and ideas suggested by the attendees. It will be opportunity to discuss problems, the solutions of a problem, or a chance to demonstrate anything you have found that you would like to share with the group. The topics of previous SIG meetings are also subjects we can explore. Please come prepared to share; this is the best way to make this SIG useful and informative. You never know when what you have to share is something that another person in the group was looking for. We will be look at the how to have an effective backup system for programs and data stored on our PC's. Discussion will include backup software, methods of backup and types of storage media for backups. We will look at software included with your operating system as well both free and purchased commercial products. There are also many options available for online remote backup that are economical possibilities if we have adequate Internet access we will take a look these.

In almost any group of computer users we will find that backups are either minimal or never done. How effective is you backup? Plan on sharing your methods or procedures with the group you may have just the idea someone else is looking for.

As usual I will also try share with everyone some interesting software I have found that you might find useful. Bring your laptop if you like. We can always use more computing power in our meeting.



Jean Franklin, photographer

## **Investors SIG**

Thursday, June 10, 7-9 p.m., Larry McKee and Ben Anthony, leaders.

After the market updates and upcoming investment events, we will present the opportunity to again examine stocks suggested by the group using AmeriTrade software. For the special topic of the evening, we will finish the presentation regarding Investment in Break-Through Technologies that was cut short last month due to time constraints. The new special topic for June will be a comparison of Index funds and managed mutual and ETF funds. Future special topics:

- **Ideas for the selection of investment candidates**
- **Research tools for the evaluation of investment candidates**
- **Technical Analysis of the stock market**
- **Emerging Markets**
- **Utilities Sector Investments'**
- **Alternative Investments (Hedge Funds)**
- **Commodities**
- **The American Association of Individual Investors' concept of "The Other Stock Marke**

During the month, we maintain an information exchange for useful data regarding current investment developments. Attendees are encouraged to email suggested articles to me at: [mckeelarryg@hotmail.com](mailto:mckeelarryg@hotmail.com) We do not make recommendations for specific investments. Each recipient of information should decide what to do with the information he or she receives, if anything.

## **Graphics SIG**

Thursday, June 17, 7-9 p.m., Alex Dumestre, leader.

At the May Graphics SIG we continued to look at how you can use a digital graphics editor (Picasa, PaintShop Pro, etc.) to improve your digital photographs. We also discussed how to rescue some less than perfect photos from the trash heap. As usual, we will attempt to answer whatever questions you may have on the general subject of Graphics.

**Your current leader specializes in** graphic editing, slide show production, digital photography and scanning though he and/or other attendees may be able to answer your questions on a wider range of applications. Your current leader also has a standing offer to perform restoration work on damaged or faded photographs that are important to you. Simply e-mail digital files to him or bring them or original prints to the meeting.

**Mail to:** [Alex](#)

## **Windows SIG**

Tuesday, June 22, 7-9 p.m., Sam Sanderson, leader

At the Windows SIG there will be a discussion of Windows features aimed at beginner and intermediate level users. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions from the attendees.

Past meetings have covered a wide range of subjects including copy-paste, system configuration, HD television, virus detection and removal, setting up home networks, choosing the best ISP to use, and all MS Office products.

As always, I'm sure there will be lively discussion about everyone's new challenges brought on by our favorite operating system. Come and join in on the fun!

In May our roundtable questions about gmail, windows, questions, ipad, etc. to the June email questions Sam will try to



discussion answered many and browsers. Bring your laptop, meeting. Check the website for answer for you.

David Gustine,  
Photographer

### **Genealogy SIG**

Thursday, June 24, 7-9 p.m., Betty Hesketh and Alex Dumestre, leaders.

**Special location for June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

**Family History Center, 16535 Kleinwood, Spring, Tx, 77379**

Subject: Learning to Research at a Family History Center

**Please note that there will be a change in location for our June Genealogy SIG meeting.** Our June meeting will be held at the Family History Center (FHC) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints(LDS) at [16535 Kleinwood Dr., Spring, Texas](#) at 7pm. Click on the preceding link for a map. This is a great opportunity to learn how to use the valuable genealogical resources available through the Family History Center.

**Don't forget to sign up for our bus trip to Clayton Library on Wednesday, June 9th. Further information is available on our web pages.**

We are a group of computer users with a special interest in family research. Be sure to visit our genealogy web pages for the latest SIG happenings and research information. [www.1960pcug.org/gensig](http://www.1960pcug.org/gensig)

Members who would like to sign up for our genealogy newsletter, please e-mail Betty at [bhesketh1@gmail.com](mailto:bhesketh1@gmail.com).

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### **Digital Photography Field Trip**

**Place: Armand Bayou Nature Center (ABNC),** located between Seabrook and Ellington Field

**Date: Friday, June 11, 2010**

**Armand Bayou Nature Center** is a public facility located just west of Seabrook. ABNC is a 2,500 acre preserve of wetlands, prairie, forest, and marshes surrounding the Armand Bayou. There are plants and animals galore, bird watching, nature trails, and animal displays of snakes, spiders, hawks, and bison. There is a raptor exhibit, a visitors center, a 600-foot raised boardwalk through a hardwood forest and past a nature pond, an education & interpretive building, a bird observation blind, a total of 4.5 miles of trails, a prairie platform, butterfly gardens, an 1800s farm site, and even a bison viewing platform. Tripods are permitted.

Visit their website at <http://www.abnc.org/>.

**Cost:** \$1.00 each for age 50+ visitors

**Precinct 4 Bus:** you must be age 50 or above to ride the Precinct 4 buses -- no exceptions! We'll have a 26-passenger bus with a lift gate for passengers with physical limitations. Bus departure time will be determined closer to the actual date.

**Lunch:** bring your own sack lunch & drink

Watch for any changes for the above trips via email notification. Hope to see many of you at both of these events. Twenty one of us had a very nice visit to Shimek's garden in Alvin in May. Watch for photographs in upcoming issues and at Share and Learn during our monthly general meeting.





Horses – Bill Franklin

Red-bellied Woodpecker, Judith Tooth; Guinea Hen, BeaAnn Kelly; Old Cars, Jim Sandham; White wing Doves, Don Bova; Great White Egret displaying, Jim Kelly

We send all our best wishes and thoughts out to Jean Olson during her recent absence. She is certainly missed at the attendance table where she is seen without fail. We hope to see you back soon, Jean.

Keep cool and see you at a SIG soon.

BeaAnn Kelly,  
Communications Officer