



April 2011 Newsletter

Please note the changes to the usual SIG meeting schedule for April. There will be **no Investor** or **Graphics** SIGs this month. Always check the "Activity Calendar" on the club website for updates pertaining to scheduling of meetings.

Digital Photography SIG

This month's Digital Photography SIG will begin following a short 7 p.m. General Meeting. **Jim Sandham**, SIG Leader, has another interesting program planned. We will travel to India with presenter Julian Lamborn. Julian Lamborn has been an enthusiastic amateur photographer since his high school days in the 1950s. He even developed and printed his own 35mm film. He's an avid scuba diver, and does a lot of underwater photography. He currently has an exhibition of 36 of his best photos on display in the narthex of Northwoods Presbyterian Church on FM 1960.

Come join us for his "**Travels Through India**" presentation of images taken during a month-long vacation. Not many of us have ever visited India, so this should be really interesting!



Bill Franklin (R) with Wayne Wendel,

following Wayne's informative travel photography program in March.

The photos throughout this newsletter are samples of photos submitted by members for the March Share and Learn. You can see one of your photos in the May newsletter by simply emailing four to five of your photos to Jim Sandham at jsandham77@gmail.com by Sunday, April 3. You will be pleasantly surprised to see how professional your pictures will appear on both the screen as well as in the newsletter. So get your photos in and join the fun at the April meeting Share and Learn.

Jim Sandham has also provided members with the following photography information sources:

"Go Macro: Tools and Tips for Getting Started With Macro Photography"

<http://www.dpmag.com/how-to/shooting/go-macro.html>

"Perfect Exposure: The Histogram Is Your Best Friend"

<http://www.shutterbug.com/newsletter/012511perfect/>

"Seeing Pictures: Negative Space, What's Not There"

<http://www.shutterbug.com/newsletter/012511seeing/>

Software/Internet SIG

Tuesday, April 12, 7-9 p.m. **Don Marvin**, SIG Leader. Don always has the up-to-date information for your computer and navigating around with the many links available to keep your computer in top notch condition.

Bring your questions, concerns, and any other information you may be seeking. Don will do his best to answer your questions as well as address any problems. Remember to go to his "Archives" of past presentations with valuable information you may have missed.



David Gustine photo

Windows SIG

Tuesday, April 25, 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, there is usually a lively discussion about everyone's new challenges brought on by our favorite operating system. Come and join in on the fun!

Here is a sample of a typical follow up from Sam to answer a question at the March SIG:

Here's the official definition of "Bluetooth", courtesy of Wikipedia.

"Bluetooth is a proprietary [open wireless](#) technology standard for exchanging data over short distances (using short wavelength radio transmissions) from fixed and mobile devices, creating [personal area networks](#) (PANs) with high levels of security."

Bluetooth technology is most commonly known for the wireless headset devices people use with their cell phones. However it is also used in the PC world. You may recall the days of transferring data from one computer to the other by way of a serial cable, then laptops introduced the infrared technology for transferring data between them. Bluetooth is the next evolution of infrared. It can be used to transfer data from computer to computer, computer to cell phone, cell phone to cell phone, etc. Wireless keyboards and mice also use this technology.

Do you need it? Not, unless you want it. Chances are that you may already be using it and not even know it, in the case of wireless devices. Most all newer laptops comes with it built in. If not and it is something you choose to use, I'm sure they have Bluetooth USD devices you can easily plug in and I would assume most are under \$20.

Thanks, Sam, for the clarification of some confusing technology and how to possibly use it in our latest wireless devices.



Jim Kelly Photo



Bill Franklin photo

Jim Sandham photo



Genealogy SIG

Thursday, April 28, 7-9 p.m. **Betty Hesketh and Alex Dumestre**, Leaders

Lynna Kay Shuffield made a return visit to speak to our group at the March 24, 2011 meeting of the Genealogy SIG. She spoke about Newspaper Research Online... databases, using Houston Public Library's Research Resources and paid websites. We learned how to use these resources and the importance of devoting the time and effort to finding information about our family in black and white. Lynna had a very interesting and useful talk. Beginning and experienced researchers were welcomed.

Checkout our [genealogy web site](#) for up-to-date information about SIG happenings and helpful research information. Sign up for our newsletter by contacting [Betty](#).

Watch for the July 20, 2011 trip to the Clayton Library.



Judith Tooth photo

Jean Franklin photo



BeaAnn Kelly Photo



Don't forget to check our web page and individual SIG pages for archives and additional information. Our SIG leaders provide interesting, as well as, educational materials.

Enjoy the mild and cool spring weather while it lasts.

Cordially,

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