

On the Docket for the

## General Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2005

# Technical Resources for Effective Computing

...Online and in Print

## Jen Clausen of Smart Computing Magazine

Among the many technical resources available to computer users today, the family of online and print publications by Sandhills Publishing is one of the most comprehensive and accessible. This includes several monthly magazines dedicated to providing solid, useful information to improve computer use, plus companion websites where current and past articles are available to subscribers of any of the print publications. In an era where people depend more and more on the Internet for information, we might even view the magazines as convenient print-outs of technical websites.

The online article archive on the websites contains more than 20,000 articles from the magazines, many web-only articles, previews of articles yet to come, links to outside resources, and other helpful tools. This impressive content is growing daily. The user may browse any website, perform effective searches, or search for topics or authors across all the sites. Such a search brings up entries from the computing dictionary and encyclopedia, plus articles from all the magazines.

Each site has a Forum and a Web Log. Each (except CPU) has a Daily Tip (with Archives). Smart Computing and CPU have chat rooms. All have terrific product reviews and great technical articles. A really neat feature is the ability to set up a "Personal Library" of pointers to

articles for future reference; this may be organized into multiple folders and accessed again and again.

### A Guided Tour

At our December General Meeting, Jen Clausen of *Smart Computing Magazine* will show us how to get the most out of



these resources, both online and in print. She will tell us what the magazines offer and demonstrate the extensive content and powerful search capabilities of the

websites.

### Magazines and Websites

The members of the Sandhill (named after the Sandhill crane) family are:

#### Smart Computing

([www.smartcomputing.com](http://www.smartcomputing.com))

Aimed at the general computer user, from beginner to intermediate, this provides a wealth of in-depth articles, tips, and tutorials on all aspects of computer use, ranging from buying and using to troubleshooting and repair of both hardware and software. Each issue focuses several articles on a specific topic: Software Troubleshooting in January, 2006, for example.

more...

## Finding Tech Bargains!

There are a lot of technology bargains available, online and in stores. In fact, if you sign up for a tech-related e-mail list, you may be inundated with offers. How do you find the best prices and quality for your needs?

After Jen Clausen's presentation, Mike Ostrowe and Mary Ginsburg will discuss ways to find what you need in equipment, parts, and publications. They'll even show some websites that compare prices.

# Inside NYPC



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## General Meeting Info

**When:** Thursday, December 15, 2005

**Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th Street,  
west of 6th Avenue

**Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open. Q&A  
Networking  
7:00pm Presentation

**Subway:** A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St  
1,2,3,9,L to 14th St @ 7th Ave  
(check with MTA)

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The Guide, Learning, and Reference Series are part of the Smart Computing site. Each issue in these series features over a hundred pages on a specific topic. The Reference Series includes substantial volumes on such topics as Google (September 2005) and PC Errors. Older, but still useful, articles from the no longer published Guide and Learning series are still available in the archives.

**Computer Power User** (CPU) ([www.computerpoweruser.com](http://www.computerpoweruser.com))

With an emphasis on high-end personal computing, CPU targets “tekkies”—knowledgeable users with a fairly sophisticated level of expertise. It assumes that readers want “the latest and greatest” and have the knowledge to upgrade or build to obtain it.

Each issue of CPU has a “Spotlight” theme, focusing on a single advanced topic, such as ATI graphics chips and cards (December 2005). Features include technology news, reviews, instructions, and tips. One monthly feature is “The Bleeding Edge Of Software: Inside The World Of Betas.” There are also occasional special issues, such as the recent “PC Modder.”

**PC Today** ([www.pctoday.com](http://www.pctoday.com))

This publication emphasizes mobile technology and serves travelers, small businesses, and home users.

**CE Lifestyles** ([www.celifestyles.com](http://www.celifestyles.com)).

Dealing with consumer electronics, it has many articles about cell phones, digital cameras, MP3 players, digital TVs, and more.

**Processor** ([www.processor.com](http://www.processor.com))

This trade publication, distributed free to IT purchasers, provides product and industry news.

**Free Samples and Prizes**

Jen will bring free copies of *Smart Computing* for all attendees. There will also be a drawing for free subscriptions. This is a terrific opportunity to learn more about this great tech resource.

You can search these websites, find tips, and read some articles, without being a subscriber. In most cases, however, you find a partial article, followed by the words, “You must be a subscriber to *PC Today*, *Smart Computing*, or *Computer Power User* magazine to view the entire article.” The subscription is well worth it! Notice that a subscription to one magazine grants you full access to all the sites! (Subscribers to *CE Lifestyles* have access only to *CE Lifestyles* content.)

**Benefits of Subscribing**

Your Subscription Helps NYPC: If you use a special code to subscribe to a publication, NYPC will receive a free subscription (to use in a drawing, etc.) for every five subscribers. The codes are: Smart Computing - 11689, CPU - 320. You may order online at any of the websites given above, or pick up a subscription form at the General Meeting. *Mary Ginsburg, treasurer@nypceducation.org*

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**Missing November Newsletter**

Sadly, we were unable to publish the November issue of *Inside NYPC*.

The move from the fifteenth floor to the fifth took so much time and energy that we had little left for many normal activities.

The move is completed, and we hope to have things sorted out soon, so that we're back on track with the newsletter, membership renewals, membership cards, and more!

Come visit our new offices!

## NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005,x2 or e-mail [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org).

For complete descriptions, click on class name at <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>. Unless otherwise specified, classes are hands-on. We welcome walk-ins for seminars, but please phone to confirm that the class is being held. Unless you are an NYPC or NYACC member, please add a \$10 registration fee to the listed price.

One advantage of NYPC computer training is our flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. If we have at least three students, we'll try to tailor a class to your needs.

### ⇒ Build Your Own Small-Form-Factor Computer

If you want small size and portability plus a snazzy appearance in your computer, consider a "Shuttle" small-form-factor PC! Learn to build this powerful PC no larger than a toaster oven a computer that will fit your lifestyle and space! Under the expert direction of Mike Ostrowe, who teaches NYPC's A+ certification courses, you will be able to build one of these for yourself. This computer packs a lot of power into a small, attractive package. (Full-size desktop configuration also available.) In the first session, you will configure the PC to your needs and order the components; in the second, you will build it with our help.

Sundays, December 4 & 11, 10am-3pm  
\$79 plus cost of parts (est. \$400-500). E-mail Mike Ostrowe for details: [mjostrowe@earthlink.net](mailto:mjostrowe@earthlink.net)

### ⇒ Special Problems in Excel

In this course we will explore how to use some of the many features you may not have tried yet, but that can simplify your work. Stop doing things manually and let Excel do the work for you. Prerequisite: Basic facility with Excel. Taught by Al Vachris, dynamic chair of our Excel SIG.

Two Mondays, November 28 & December 5, 6:00-8:00pm  
Hands-on, \$69

### ⇒ Introduction to Excel

Learn to use the spreadsheet program that comes with your computer! In this basic course, we will demonstrate how you can use Excel for comparison shopping and for list creation, organization, and manipulation and more! Taught by Education Committee Chair Marge Earthlife.

Two Saturdays, starting December 3, 11:00am-2:00pm  
(Second session to be determined by class at first session)  
Hands-on, \$69

### ⇒ Find Bargains on eBay

Learn how to search eBay's vast listings of hundreds of thousands of items, bid smartly, and buy safely. Taught by eBay Power Seller Fred Kahn.

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30-9:00pm  
Seminar, \$29

### ⇒ The Internet for Beginners

This course will help you start using a computer by teaching you the basics of the Internet. Taught by Education Chair Marge Earthlife.

Two Thursdays, December 8 & 15, 11:00am-2:00pm  
Hands-on, \$59

### ⇒ Greeting Card Workshop

Learn how to create customized greeting cards using your edited images and Microsoft Word. Prerequisite: Familiarity with Word and image enhancement.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the teacher, Mary Ginsburg, at [Maryg@nypceducation.org](mailto:Maryg@nypceducation.org)  
Wednesday, December 14, 6:00-9:00pm  
Hands-on, \$39

### ⇒ VoIP

"Voice over Internet Protocol" uses your broadband Internet connection to make free long-distance phone calls. Learn what is required, the advantages and disadvantages, vendor selection (including Skype a free software program allowing you to call other Skype users for free!), set-up, and whether it's right for you. This one session pays for itself in phone savings! Taught by Mike Ostrowe

Sunday, December 18, 11:00am-2:00pm, preceded and followed by Bagel & Bytes (tech info and socializing)  
\$35 includes refreshments

### ⇒ Watch for New Course Catalog!!

The Education Committee is working on the Course Catalog for January-March, 2006. It has some new courses, as well as repeats of favorites.

Watch for it, and volunteer to help distribute it!

## Review: NeatReceipts Scanalyzer

by Linda Ewen

### Useful

The Neat Receipts scanner is excellent. The scanner scans small receipts and categorizes them. The software really seems to work very well. Approximately 65% of the time it recognizes most, if not all, of the data.

### Fun

The best part is that it is fun to use so I actually use it to track my receipts. It also reads business cards and can scan larger documents than my flat bed scanner. It is pricey (\$229.95) but I recommend it enthusiastically. The web site is <http://www.neatreceipts.com>.



# NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events

December 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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18 <b>VoIP w/ Bagels &amp; Bytes</b>	19 Ventura Hardware ATT	20 Perl Seminar Embedded Syst	21 Speech Recog Photo & Graphics	22 DeLUGE	23	24
25	26	27 Wireless	28	29	30	31
1 January <b>Happy New Year</b>	2	3 NYPC Board Genealogy	4 Palm Pilot Visual Basic	5 Enterprise Windows C++/Java Gen Mtg Photo & Graphics	6	7
8	9 TechTips	10 Photoshop - Day Linux	11 Alpha DB	12 Beg Java MetaStock	13 Investment	14

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*Italic = Other Meetings*  
**Black background = General Meeting**

**Location Legend**

MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave (51st/52nd Str), 6th Floor (Photo ID req)  
NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 1560

# SIG Directory

Please confirm meeting information and find updates and details by going to the Events Calendar via the NYPC website, [www.nypc.org](http://www.nypc.org), and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details will appear in a pop-up.

If we have your e-mail address, we will send you occasional meeting updates/reminders.

## AXS Access

Claire Chase, (212)691-3577, M-F, 9am-5pm  
Monday, December 5th, 6:30 PM

Location: MS

Putting Together Your Runtime Access Application for Distribution

## ACC Accounting

Len Ginsburg, LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net  
On hiatus. E-mail Len if interested.

## ATT Adv Technologies & Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@cs.nyu.edu

Monday, December 19th, 6:30 PM

Location: MS

General discussion of PC technology

## ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net  
Wednesday, December 14th, 6:00 PM

Location: NYPC

Daniel Weiss: OLE; client-adapted forms; non-administrator client-set-up permissions

## BEG Beginners SIG

Mary Ginsburg, treasurer@nypceducation.org  
We hope to resume in January

## CSG C++/Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsig.org>

Dario Laverde, dario@escape.com

Thursday, December 1st, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

## BJG C++/JAVA: Beg Java Group

Shera Katz, sherak180@yahoo.com

Thursday, December 8th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

E-mail leader to learn topic of discussion

## CSG C++/Java: Advanced Java

Dario Laverde, dario@escape.com

Thursday, December 15th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

TBA

## ODK C++/Obj. Data Knowledge Mgt

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com

Contact Carlos for dates/locations

With Around the Block Theatre Group, we work on a constituent communications system

## SEQ Database SQL

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net/dbsig.html>

Dario Castellanos, jdcnyc@compuserve.com

E-mail Dario for information

## LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux UG)

<http://www.delugeny.org>

Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com

Thursday, December 22nd, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

OpenOffice 2.0 Base (the database component of Open Office)

## EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee\_t@bigfoot.com

Tuesday, December 20th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

## EWN Enterprise Windows

Stephen Goodwin, srg@winnyc.com; Bill

Zack, wzack@compuserve.com; Tony Iams,

tony@dhbrown.com

Thursday, December 1st, January 5th, 6:00 PM

Location: MS

Bill Zack: SQL 2005 New Features for System Administrators

## EXC Excel

Al Vachris, Excel1Star@cs.com

Tuesday, December 13th, 6:00 PM

Location: MS

Topic TBA

## EXG Microsoft Exchange

Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com

<http://www.nyexug.com>

Tuesday, December 13th, 6:00 PM

Location: MS

Public Folders (best practices and why you should be using them)

## FLA Flash

Jeff Frankel, webjff1967@aol.com

Mary Ginsburg, lm\_ginsburg@earthlink.net

Not meeting in December

## GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>

David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com

December 6th, January 3rd, 6:00 PM

Location: NYPC

Using military records in genealogical research

## HRD Hardware

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/hugnypc>

Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com

Monday, December 19th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Hands-on hardware

## NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu;

Mary Ginsburg, lm\_ginsburg@earthlink.net

Resumes in January

## INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG

follows the investment principles of the

National Association of Investment Corp.

Friday, December 9th, 6:15 PM

Location: MS

Potpourri: bring your favorite stocks

## LNX LINUX

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net>

Dario Castellanos, jdcnyc@compuserve.com

Tuesday, December 13th, 6:15 PM

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

## LNX LINUX Study Group: Beginners

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net/certification.htm>

E-mail jdcnyc@compuserve.com for information

## MTA MetaStock

Barbara Scheiner, bscheiner@nyc.rr.com

Thursday, December 8th, 7:00 PM

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

## BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 6th, January 3rd, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Members are welcome to attend, but we'd like to know ahead. Please e-mail pres@nypc.org

## GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 15th, 6:00 PM

Location: PS 41, 116 W 11th St., W of 6th Ave

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## PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.htm>. Ted Cohn, Grace

Lee, nypcpda@yahoo.com,

TedCohn@earthlink.net

Wednesday, December 7th, January 4th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Open questions, answers, discussion

## PRL Perl Seminar NY

James E. Keenan, jkeen@concentric.net

Tuesday, December 20th, 6:15 PM

Location: NYPC

David H Adler: YAPC::EU::2005 & EurOSCON

David A Golden: A New Take on Inside-Out Objects

## SIG Directory...continued

**PHO Photoshop Daytime SIG**  
[http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop\\_sig.html](http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html); Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com  
 Tuesday, December 13th, 1:00 PM, preceded by lunch in the TickTock at 11:45  
 Location: NYPC  
 Warping Images  
 Shadow and Highlight, Lens Blur Filters, and Photo Filter Layers  
 Geared toward intermediate to advanced Photoshop users, but all are welcome

**PHT Photography & Graphics**  
 Mary Ginsburg, lm\_ginsburg@earthlink.net; Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu  
 Thursday, December 1st, Wednesday, December 21st, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 12/1: Filters: nik ColorEfex Pro and others  
 12/21: Stereoscopy: Adventures in 3D

**SPR Speech Recognition**  
<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner, 76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org  
 Wednesday, December 21st, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

**STR Streaming Media**  
 Sonia Thompson, soniathp@verizon.net  
 Ashod Kassabian, streaming@earthlink.net  
 Not meeting in December

**PAS TechTips**  
 Kathy Petrucci, kathypetrucci@hotmail.com, Michael Ostrowe, mjostrowe@earthlink.net  
 Monday, December 5th, January 9th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 General Computing Topics

**VP1 Ventura**  
 Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com  
 Monday, December 19th, 7:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 More on using Ventura for marketing

**BAS Visual Basic**  
 David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com  
 Wednesday, December 7th, January 4th, 6:15 PM  
 Location: MS  
 Topic TBA

**WMM Web Design for 21st Century**  
 Melody Reed, Webdesign@melodyreed.com  
 See online calendar  
 Location: NYPC

**WFI Wireless — New SIG!**  
 Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net; Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org  
 Tuesday, December 27th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

**XML XML/Web Services**  
 Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com  
 E-mail leader for information

### Other Organizations

**NPC Non-Profit Computing**  
 John L. German, 212-759-2368  
 Includes:

**JOB Career Development Group**  
 Tuesdays, December 13, January 10, 24, at 4 PM  
 West-Park Presbyterian Church, 86th & Amsterdam  
 Facilitators include:  
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111  
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC



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If you renewed your membership recently, your membership expiration date, shown above your name, to the right of your membership number, may not have been updated. It is also possible that you'll receive a renewal notice.

We're behind in updating the membership database, due to the move, so please be patient.

### Office closed Sunday, December 18

Indeed, the entire fifth floor will be closed, due to work on the hall floors.

Thus, the VoIP with Bagels & Bytes scheduled then will be postponed until a Sunday in January.

*We've got some great general meetings coming up...*

### coming attractions

Thursday, January 19  
Thursday, February 16

Computer Course Sampler  
Portable Wireless Devices: iPods,  
MP3 Players....how to choose &  
use

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to *Bill Ginsberg*, [wzg128@aol.com](mailto:wzg128@aol.com).



### Volunteer Opportunity!

#### Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

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*Please let Len Ginsburg, LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net, know if you can help on one of these days:*

- Friday, Dec. 16, 9 AM-6 PM
- Monday, Dec. 26, 4-9 PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 27, 4-9 PM