

On the Docket for the
General Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2006

Free Computer Mini-Classes Plus Live Demo of Selling on Ebay

With NYPC's Computer Trainers

Want to learn something new? Want to keep your skills up to date? Attend NYPC's evening of mini-courses!

Do you:

- ? Want to sell some items on Ebay?
- ? Want to understand what spyware, viruses, and worms are...and learn how to deal with them?
- ? Need to back up your computer files more efficiently and easily?
- ? Want to improve an underexposed photograph?
- ? Need to configure a new computer?
- ? Wonder what Open Office looks like?
- ? Get frustrated when you try to format a document in MS Word?
- ? Need to computerize your small company's books?
- ? Wonder why your computer has slowed down?
- ? Notice Excel on your computer, but don't know what to do with it?
- ? Want to add more memory to your computer but are a bit fearful?
- ? Have an interest in building your own computer?
- ? Wonder how you can use Linux to rescue your Windows system?
- ? Want to learn if Linux is for you?

Come meet the teachers!

This month's general meeting gives you the chance to meet the people who teach at NYPC. NYPC can offer classes at below market prices, thanks to the generosity of skilled instructors willing to teach at a discounted rate. At this General Meeting you can meet many of these teachers, see how they present, and even ask them questions.

They will sit at tables in the cafeteria and give "micro-classes" (about 40 minutes each) in various areas of their expertise. You can go from table to table to learn from them. Arrive early to look over the schedule of presentations. Micro-classes will include:

- ▶ Leftonred Atanycorner telling why an antivirus program is not enough to protect your computer
- ▶ Mike Ostrowe discussing what's involved in upgrading your computer...or building a new one
- ▶ Marge Earthlife showing how Excel can help you in daily life
- ▶ Michael Horowitz giving some tips on backing up your computer
- ▶ Mark Halebua showing Open Office
- ▶ Mary Ginsburg showing how to enhance your photographs
- ▶ Jacob Brickman describing ways to get started with Linux
- ▶ Len Ginsburg demonstrating various options for bookkeeping
- ▶ Michael Horowitz describing why your new computer is not ready when you unpack it
- ▶ Mary Ginsburg showing Word styles
- ▶ Leftonred Atanycorner explaining why your computer runs sluggishly
- ▶ Mark Halebua introducing the capabilities of Knoppix on a CD

PLUS Ebay Live!

In the auditorium, Fred Kahn, Ebay guru and Power Seller, will give live demos of selling on Ebay. What a great opportunity to learn what selling on Ebay involves! *Mary Ginsburg*, treasurer@nypceducation.org

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General Meeting Info

- When:** Thursday, January 19, 2006
- Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue
- Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open
6:30pm Presentations begin
8:30pm Wrap-up, Q&A, and drawing
- Subway:** A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St 1,2,3,9 to 14th St ; L to 6th Ave (check with MTA)
- PATH:** Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta
- Hotline:** (212) 643-NYPC
- Web site:** <http://www.nypc.org>
- Office:** (212) 643-7005

NYPC's General Meetings are free and open to the public.

For up-to-the-minute details, call our **Hotline (212) 643-NYPC** or check our website, <http://www.nypc.org>.

Missing Newsletters

Sadly, we were unable to publish the November issue of *Inside NYPC*. Although we published the December newsletter via e-mail, we were unable to get out the printed version.

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!

Useful Websites

from the December General Meeting

At our December General Meeting, Jen Clausen demonstrated the family of online and print publications by Sandhills Publishing: *Smart Computing Magazine*, *Computer Power User*, *PC Today*, and more. These comprise a terrific resource online and in print.

If you use a special code to subscribe to any of these, NYPC receives a free subscription (to use in a drawing, etc.) for every five subscribers. The codes are: Smart Computing - 11689, CPU - 320. Go to www.Smartcomputing.com.

Mike Ostrowe and Mary Ginsburg followed Jen with a demonstration of some of their favorite websites. Some of these are listed below.

Technical Information:

www.tomshardware.com/
www.anandtech.com

Technical Bargains/Shopping Sites:

www.Techbargains.com
www.Fatwallet.com
www.Bensbargains.net
www.Pricegrabber.com
www.newegg.com

Articles about price comparison sites:

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,33380,00.asp>
<http://www.pcworld.com/reviews/article/0,aid,122931,00.asp>

Finding good book prices:

www.addall.com

Books online by subscription:

<http://safari.oreilly.com/>

And don't forget Computer Book Works, 78 Reade St. (212) 385-1616.

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NYPC Classes for January, continued from p. 3

⇒ Making CDs from Your Old LPs & Cassettes!

Do you have shoeboxes or cartons filled with old audio cassettes or LPs, that you'd like to preserve and use? Then come to this workshop!

Mike Ostrowe will show how to digitize audio content and transfer it to CDs or DVDs. Each participant will have the opportunity to transfer one item to CD or DVD, so bring a favorite family recording or piece of music. (Please observe copyright regulations.)

Sunday, January 29, Time TBA
Only \$89 for this full-day workshop

⇒ FREE Seminar: Bookkeeping for the Small/Home Office

Many computerized bookkeeping applications are available to the small business. In this free seminar, we'll look at three from Intuit: Quicken Premier Home & Business, QuickBooks Simple Start, and QuickBooks Pro. Len Ginsburg, an accountant with a love for computers, and a QuickBooks ProAdvisor, will discuss what these programs offer, and help you decide whether any of them is right for you.

Monday, January 30, 6:00-8:30pm

Free but we'd appreciate pre-registration

NYPC Classes for January

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005, or e-mail classes@nypceducation.org

For complete descriptions, go to our website, www.nypc.org, click on *Meeting & Class Calendar*, then click on class name on the calendar. Unless otherwise specified, there is a registration fee of \$10, which is waived for members of NYPC.

An advantage of NYPC computer training is flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. We'll try to tailor a class to your needs.

⇒ Edit Your Videos with Adobe Premiere Elements!

Did you get a new camcorder this holiday season? Do you want to edit your home videos and turn them into DVDs, without the steep learning curve (and price) of such professional packages as Adobe Premiere? Learn to use Adobe's Premiere Elements to meet your video editing needs!

This course will include:

- ▶ Video capture
- ▶ Editing your video
- ▶ Adding titles and special effects
- ▶ Burning to a DVD

Taught by Paula K. Poulafearh, whose biweekly cable TV show, "Manhattan Classical Opera and Concert Series," airs on alternate Sunday evenings at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, January 14, 9:30am-5:00pm

Hands-on, \$89

⇒ Photo Enhancement with Photoshop Elements

Learn how to enhance your digital photos!

Photoshop Elements is Adobe's "consumer level" digital imaging program. Though far less expensive and easier than Photoshop, it offers considerable power in enhancing and distributing digital images. Like all graphics applications, it is also very enjoyable. In this hands-on course, we'll learn by doing. We'll learn how to:

- ▶ Understand and use layers
- ▶ Enhance the overall appearance of a photograph, using tonal and color corrections
- ▶ Make and enhance specific sections
- ▶ Share images with others via printing, web, or e-mail

Each student will receive a CD with a trial (time-limited) version of Photoshop Elements, practice photos for homework and class use, and hyperlinked web resources. Students are encouraged to bring their own photos to class for advice.

3 Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 2:00-5:00pm

9 hours, hands-on, \$99

⇒ Using Your New Digital Camera

How to understand and use all the features on your new digital camera.

A digital camera can be a challenge, even for an experienced film photographer. There are menu items and submenu items, and often a button performs varied, context-sensitive tasks.

In this workshop, Fred Kahn, the instructor, will help take the mystery out of the myriad camera controls. Fred is a professional photographer and A+ Certified computer tech.

Bring your camera, instruction manual, and the CDs that came with your camera.

Prerequisite: You must have read your instruction manual.

Sunday, January 22, 10:00am -3:00pm

Demonstration plus hands-on use of your own camera: \$49 (\$39 if you preregister and prepay)

⇒ Getting Started with Microsoft Word

Learn the basics of performing word processing tasks with Microsoft Word: create, edit, format, and print documents.

3 Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 6:00-9:00pm

9 hours, hands-on, \$119

⇒ Getting Started with Open Office

Open Office is an office suite which is free for the downloading. Available in both Windows and Linux versions, it is written in open code, with a community of contributors.

The suite includes a word processor, spreadsheet, slide presentation generator, and drawing application. It is able to import from and export to such familiar file formats as .doc and .xls. Each class participant will receive a CD with Open Office and some resources.

Taught by Mark Halebua, chair of the DeLUGE (Desktop Linux for End Users) SIG of NYPC.

2 Saturdays, January 21, 28, 1:00-4:00pm

Hands-on, \$89

⇒ Get Your Own Internet Domain

You need not have a website of your own to benefit from having your own domain. Learn all about why you need one and how to register it. Taught by Michael Horowitz, a font of technical knowledge who is skilled at conveying it. For more details, see his website at <http://www.michaelhorowitz.com/domainclass.html>

Thursday, January 26, 6:00-8:00pm

Seminar, \$24

⇒ Basics of Web Searching

Are you new to using the web? Do you long to find useful information on the Internet but aren't sure how to get started? This course is for you! In 3 fun-filled hours, we'll help you get started using the Worldwide Web to find information for your needs. We'll also show you how to set up your browser to start at your favorite site, whether it be Google, MedlinePlus, or another site.

Taught by Mary Ginsburg, a professional medical searcher/writer.

One morning session, Thursday, January 12, 9:30am-12:30pm

Mostly hands-on, \$39

⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills!

In the first session, we'll learn ways to use search engines more effectively. The emphasis will be on Google and its syntax and features, but we'll also try some alternate search sites and discuss when to use them.

In the second session we'll look at directories, learn how they differ from search engines, and discuss when to use a directory and when to use a search engine. We'll also show how to use RSS feeds to get regular updates on topics that interest you.

Please bring some topics on which you'd like to search.

Two Thursday mornings, January 19, 26, 9:30am-12:30pm

2 3-hour sessions, mostly hands-on, \$69

⇒ Finding Health/Medical Information Online

There are millions of health-related sites on the Internet, but not all give valid information. How can you find the ones with the reliable information you need? In this seminar, we'll take a look at how to structure effective searches, how to separate valuable information from the questionable, and what to do with the information you find. We'll also look at some excellent sites. Each person attending will receive a CD with hyperlinked resources.

One morning session, Thursday, February 2, 9:30am-12:30pm

Mostly hands-on, \$39

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NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events **January 2006**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9 Access TechTips	10 Photoshop Genealogy Excel Exchange ODK LINUX	11 Alpha DB	12 SEARCH Intro (D) MetaStock	13 Investment	14 PREMIERE ELEMENTS
15 Volunteer Day	16 Ventura Hardware	17 Perl MAKE Group	18 P'shop Elements (D) MS WORD Speech Recog	19 NYPC General Meeting Effective SEARCH (D) C++/Java: Adv Java	20 Photo/Graph	21 OPEN OFFICE
22 Using DIGITAL CAMERA	23 Adv Tech & Tech Streaming Media	24 Photoshop Wireless Volunteer Night	25 P'shop Elements (D) Flash MS WORD	26 Effective SEARCH (D) DOMAIN REGISTER DeLUGE	27 Web Design	28 OPEN OFFICE
29 AUDIO TRANSFER	30 BOOKKEEPING with Intuit Internet	31 SIG CHAIRS Mtg	February 1 P'shop Elements (D) MS WORD Palm Pilot Visual Basic	February 2 MED INF (D) Photo/Graph C++/Java Gen Mtg Enterprise Windows	February 3	February 4 Open Office BASE

Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting *Italic = Other Meetings* (D) = Daytime
Bold = NYPC Class **Black background = General Meeting**

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Check online calendar for updates and changes. See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.

Location Legend

MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave (51st/52nd Str), 6th Floor (Photo ID req)
 PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550

SIG Directory

You can find detailed information about many SIG meetings by going to *Meeting & Class Calendar* via the NYPC website, www.nypc.org, and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details will appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, cancellations, or specific topics to replace TBA—are announced here. If we have your e-mail address, we will send you occasional meeting updates and reminders.

AXS Access

Claire Chase, (212)691-3577, M-F, 9am-5pm
Monday, January 9th, 6:30 PM
 Location: MS
 Presentation by Howard Louis on 3 add-ins by 4TOPS. They support import and export between Access and Exel and export to several other Office file formats

ACC Accounting

On hiatus. Contact Len Ginsburg if interested: LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net

ATI Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@cs.nyu.edu
Monday, January 23rd, 6:30 PM
 Location: MS
 General discussion of PC Technology

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
Wednesday, January 11th, 6:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Vince Ferragamo shows how he uses ALPHA in his Dental Practice, with networking and action scripting

BEG Beginners

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
 On hiatus. Contact Mary if interested.

CSG C++/Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsig.org>. Dario Laverde, dario@escape.com
Thursday, January 5th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

CSG C++/Java: Advanced Java

Dario Laverde, dario@escape.com
Thursday, January 19, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC

ODK C++/JAVA: ODK

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 PM
 Location: TBA; Contact Carlos
 Joint with Around The Block systems group: Continuing development of a constituent directory system, using J2EE, LDAP, and a CRM-focused unified process. See online calendar for details and texts

BJG C++/JAVA: Beginners' Java

Shera Katz, sherak180@yahoo.com
 Contact Shera for information

PAS Computer Passport

See TechTips

SEQ Database SQL

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net/dbsig.html>
 Dario Castellanos, jdcnyc@compuserve.com
E-mail Dario for information

LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users)

<http://www.delugeny.org>
 Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
Thursday, January 26th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 TBA

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
 On hiatus. Please e-mail Lee for info

EWN Enterprise Windows

<http://www.nyewin.org>. Stephen Goodwin, srg@winnyc.com; Bill Zack, wzack@compuserve.com; Tony Iams, tony@dhbrown.com
Thursday, January 5th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, Excel1Star@cs.com
Tuesday, January 10th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

EXG Microsoft Exchange

<http://www.nyexug.com/>. Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com
Tuesday, January 10th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

FLA Flash

Jeff Frankel, webjff1967@aol.com
Wednesday, January 25th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 More lessons in using Macromedia Flash

GfH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>
 David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
Tuesday, January 10th, 6:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 DNA Databases & Tracking Your Family

HRD Hardware

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/hugnypc>
 Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
Monday, January 16th, 6:30 PM
 Hands-on hardware; specific topic TBA

NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
 Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
Monday, January 30th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Finding and reading blogs. Come and discuss your favorites.

INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.
Friday, January 13th, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 Potpourri: Analysis of three stocks in an industry of interest

LNK LINUX

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net>
 Vincent Williams, scribe63@netscape.net
Tuesday, January 10th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

LINUX Study Group: Beginners

E-mail Dario Castellanos, jdcnyc@compuserve.com, for information

WMM Macromedia Dreamweaver

See Web Design

MAK Adventures with Make Magazine

Mary Ginsburg, treasurer@nypceducation.org
Tuesday, January 17th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Building a Magnetic Stripe Reader" (See <http://www.makezine.com/01/magstripe/>)

MTA MetaStock

Barbara Scheiner, bscheiner@nyc.rr.com
Thursday, January 12th, 7:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 3rd, February 7th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Members are welcome to attend, but let us know by sending an e-mail to pres@nypc.org

GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 19th, 6:00 PM
 PS 41, 116 W 11th Street
 Ebay Live! Plus micro-classes

PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.htm>. Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, nypcpda@yahoo.com
Wednesday, January 4th, February 1st, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Open questions, answers, discussion

SIG Directory...

PRL Perl Seminar NY

James E. Keenan, jkeen@verizon.net; Alex Gill, alexgill@nyc.rr.com
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/perlsemny>
 Tuesday, January 17th, 6:15 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

PHT Photography & Digital Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net; Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
 Thursday, January 5, Friday, January 20th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 1/5: More on filters
 1/20: Practical camera use

PHO Photoshop Daytime SIG

http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html; Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
 Tuesday, January 10th, 24, 1:00 PM, preceded by lunch in TickTock at 11:45
 Location: NYPC
 1/10: Layer Blending & Video Training
 1/24: Black and White Conversion
 Adobe Resources Show and Tell

SPR Speech Recognition

<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner, 76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred Atanycorner, nypc@nypc.org
 Wednesday, January 18th, 6:30 PM
 Scott Weinstein: Speech-recognition in Windows Vista; Vocabulary management

STR Streaming Media

Sonia Thompson, soniathp@verizon.net
 Monday, January 23rd, 6:15 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

PAS TechTips

Formerly Computer Passport
 Kathy Petrucci, kathypetrucci@hotmail.com; Michael Ostrowe, mjostrowe@earthlink.net
 Monday, January 9th, February 6th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 General questions, answers, and help with your PC

VPI Ventura

Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com
 Monday, January 16th, 7:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

BAS Visual Basic

David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com
 Wednesday, January 4th, February 1st, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

WMM Web Design for the 21st Century

Melody Reed, webdesign@MelodyReed.com
 Friday, January 27th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Web Design for Photographers

WFI Wireless

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net; Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org
 Tuesday, January 24th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

XML XML/Web Services

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com
 On hiatus. Contact Mahesh if interested.

Other Organizations

NPC Non-Profit Computing

John L. German, 212-759-2368
 Includes:

JOB Career Development Group

Tuesdays, 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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❖ TAXES

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We're behind in updating the membership database, due to the move, so please be patient. We hope to resume sending out membership cards soon.

Urgent Windows Patch!!

From Michael Horowitz:

All versions of Windows have a very serious WMF—Windows Metafiles—vulnerability.

Everyone using Windows 2000, XP, or 2003 should install an excellent patch, "Ilfak's Temporary WMF Patch," on their computers. (This is not available for earlier Windows versions.)

Go to <http://www.grc.com/sn/notes-020.htm> for the patch. The installation is pretty simple, the source is trustworthy, and the bug is a biggy.

coming attractions

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

Thursday, February 16 Portable Wireless Devices: iPods,
MP3 Players....how to choose & use

Thursday, March 16 Electronic Voting

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.



➤ Watch for New Course Catalog!!

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

Watch for it, and volunteer to help distribute it!

Remember to check our online calendar for additional classes, details, and links.