

On the Docket for the
General Meetings
Thursday, July 19, 2007
Alfred Poor,

**Technology Industry Analyst:
Making Sense Out of HDTV**

Thursday, August 16, 2007

**Mike Ostrowe, TechTips SIG Chair:
From Vinyl to CD: Audio Transfer**

Making Sense Out of HDTV

*10 Things They Won't Tell You
in the Big Box Store*

In 2006, 30% of U.S. households had at least one HDTV (high-definition television), and about a third of those owned two or more. The share of households with HDTVs is expected to grow to 36% in 2007. In spite of this broad adoption, about half of the people with HDTVs don't have any high-definition service.

For those who don't have an HDTV yet, the whole process can be confusing and a bit intimidating. Display industry veteran Alfred Poor will explain the key concepts about HDTV, and will tell you what you need to know in order to make an informed choice for your next television.

About Alfred Poor

Alfred Poor is an independent technology industry analyst, freelance writer, and publisher of Alfred Poor's HDTV Resource Center (<http://hdtvprofessor.com/>). He is a Senior Research Associate with Pacific Media Associates, a market research firm serving the display industry. In addition, Alfred is a member of the Society for Information Display, an international organization of professionals in the display technology industry.

Here in New York City, Alfred can be heard weekly on *The Personal Computer Show*, along with Joe King, Hank Kee, and Michael Horowitz. Ask him about the Skybox...

more...

From Vinyl to CD

Do you have stacks of LPs and boxes of cassettes with beloved music that you want to transfer to CDs or DVDs...or to an iPod, Zen, or other player? Perhaps a favorite Mahler symphony, played with excellence by a European orchestra, which never made it to CD? Or the earliest babblings of your first-born, lovingly captured on cassette tape?

What's the best (and most efficient) way to transfer these priceless items to current technology? Come to our August General Meeting to learn how!

Mike Ostrowe, cochair of NYPC's TechTips SIG, will give a clear and detailed demonstration of ways to transfer your collection—or some of it—to CD or DVD. Mike will discuss:

- ▶ Equipment you need, and where to get it
- ▶ Which software is best for your needs
- ▶ Best file format
- ▶ How to "clean up" the sound, eliminating the pops, clicks, and other noise on LPs



more...

Inside NYPC



Volume 14 Issue 7
July/August 2007

General Meeting Info

- When:** Thursday, July 19th, 2007
Thursday, August 16th, 2007
- Where:** Fordham Law School
Room 203
140 West 62nd Street
- Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open
6:30pm Q&A, Announcements
7:00pm Presentation
- Subway:** Take your favorite subway to 59th St/Columbus Circle and walk north and west (*check with MTA*)
- PATH:** N/A

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

To check on the NYPC General Meeting or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, call our office, 212-643-7005, or go to our website, www.nypc.org.

HDTV, continued

For decades, Alfred Poor was one of the most widely read experts on computer troubleshooting and display technology, with monthly readership in magazines and on the Web measured in the millions. His column in *Computer Shopper* magazine, "Alfred Poor's Computer Cures," ran from 1994 to 2006. At *PC Magazine*, he wrote feature articles and reviews from 1983 to 2005, was a contributing editor from 1989 to 2005, and

was the magazine's first Lead Analyst for Business Displays. Other magazines he has written for include *Family PC*, *PC Week*, *PC Sources*, *Windows Sources*, and *Computer Life*.

Alfred has written numerous computer books, including *Troubleshooting Your PC*, published by Microsoft Press, which he co-authored with M. David Stone.

Vinyl, continued

- ▶ How to burn to CD/DVD
- ▶ Other options for retaining access to legacy sound recordings

(Keep in mind that if a favorite sound recording is now available for purchase on CD, or for downloading from the Internet for a small price, it may be more efficient to let your wallet do the transfer.)

This meeting will not deal with copyright issues: the legality of transferring music from a vinyl recording you own to a new medium...just so that you can continue to enjoy what you purchased. (See below for some resources in this area.)

About Mike Ostrowe

Mike is cochair with Kathy Petruzzi of our TechTips SIG, which focuses on technical tips and tricks to make computing more enjoyable and efficient. He also teaches our A+ Certification Class, Build Your Own Computer, and occasional other hardware courses. He also runs our Teach and Tune PC Clinic, and is part of NYPC's Bits & Bytes TV production team.

References for Copyright Issues and Other Aspects of Digital Rights

Please note that this is a very complex topic, with many, varied interpretations.

"Copying Music to CD: The Right, the Wrong, and the Law" by Robt. A. Starrett:

http://www.digitalproducer.com/pages/cd_audio_rights_and_wrongs.htm

Home Recording Rights Coalition: <http://www.hrrc.org/>

Copyright law: <http://www.stereophile.com/reference/905copy/index4.html>

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, one of the best resources for learning about digital rights and about current efforts to diminish or preserve them: <http://www.eff.org/>

A view from Australia:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/security/digital-rights-and-wrongs/2006/09/26/1159036539208.html?page=fullpage#contentSwap2>

NYPC Officers

President

Stan Silver
pres@nypc.org

Vice-President

Leftonred Atanycorner
vp@nypc.org

Corresponding Secretary

Ted Cohn
correspond@nypc.org

Membership Secretary

Kathy Petruzzi
Michael Horowitz
members@nypc.org

Treasurer

Len Ginsburg
treasurer@nypceducation.org

Other NYPC Board Members & Volunteers

Past President

Leftonred Atanycorner
vp@nypc.org

Volunteer Coordinator

Len Ginsburg
treasurer@nypceducation.org

Program Chair

William Ginsberg
program@nypc.org

Publications

Inside NYPC - Kathy Petruzzi
Kathypetruzzi@hotmail.com

Webmaster

Michael Horowitz
Michael@nypc.org

Education

Phyllis Silver
classes@nypceducation.org

Marketing

Murray Strelitz
Grace Lee
marketing@nypc.org

SIG Chair Representatives

Laura Balsam (Photoshop)
laura@hookbuilt.com
Ashod Kassabian (Streaming Media)
streaming@earthlink.net

This newsletter produced in Ventura. Design by Allison Moore/Database recipes by Robert Leuze.

NYPC Classes for July & August

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

Complete descriptions are on our website, www.nypceducation.org, where you can also register online. Unless otherwise specified, there is a registration fee of \$10 (waived for NYPC members). 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.

Because we are publishing a double issue, we don't have a complete class schedule. Please check www.nypceducation.org for updates.

⇒ Mastering Your Digital Camera Controls

With their wealth of controls and menu options, digital cameras can bewilder even the most experienced photographer. The user can change not only aperture and shutter speed, but also ISO, white balance, automatic program, and more. In this class we'll learn how to take advantage of the many camera options to take better photos.

- ▶ Please tell registrar your camera model when you register
- ▶ Plan to bring your manual to class

2 Thursdays, July 12, 19, 9:30-12:30pm
Hands-on with your camera, \$59

⇒ Excel: for Beginners or "Refreshers"

Learn to use the spreadsheet program that comes with your computer! In this basic course, you will use Excel—with exercises from real-life examples—to comparison shop, to create lists and organize and manipulate them—and more! This hands-on class is an excellent way to get started using Excel, or to refresh your skills if you've tried it in the past but need updating.

2 Saturdays, July 14, 21, 2:00-5:00pm
Hands-on, \$89

⇒ Photoshop for Digital Photographers: Getting Started

Learn the basics of Photoshop in this 18-hour, hands-on course. The emphasis will be on manipulating photographs, but we may also look at art creation from scratch. You will learn how to enhance whole photographs, repair defects, use selections, and resize and scale images. Course includes: Working with layers; Understanding Color; Tonal adjustments with Levels and Curves; Simple and complex selections; Masking; Channels; Blend modes and styles.

We expect to use the CS2 version, possibly with a brief overview of changes in CS3.

3 Sunday sessions, July 15, 22, 29, 10:30am-5:15pm (with lunch break)

OR

6 sessions, Mondays and Wednesdays, July 16-August 1, 1:30-4:30pm
Hands-on, \$199

⇒ Getting Started with QuickBooks

QuickBooks, the popular bookkeeping application for small businesses, has powerful capabilities, but effective use depends on proper set-up and getting to know the ins and outs of its forms and reports. In this class we'll help you get started. Trial versions of the program will be given out so you can practice and do your homework. Three daytime sessions, plus one individualized session with the instructor, for help in setting up your own QuickBooks.

3 Thursdays, July 19-August 2, 1:30-4:30pm
Hands-on, \$99

⇒ QuickBooks Point of Sale

QuickBooks Point of Sale enables your PC to serve as a cash register, managing your small store's cash and credit card transactions. In this 3-session, hands-on course, you'll learn how to set up the software and hardware, input your company's details, and begin to use it on a daily basis.

If you have never used QuickBooks, please plan to take a free seminar on the QuickBooks interface, Tuesday, August 14, 1:30-3:00pm
3 Thursdays, August 16, 23, 30, 1:30-4:30pm
Hands-on, \$149

⇒ The Wacom: Choosing & Using a Tablet

A digitizing tablet adds ease and fluidity to your computing. It increases the accuracy of selections and gives much finer control over brush and pen tools. Because it enables pressure and angle variations, its use gives more natural effects in graphics programs. The Wacom Tablet is easy to use, but new users often find difficulties in set-up and configuration. This class will help! In the first session you will learn how to install the tablet and configure it to your working style. The instructor also will discuss how to choose the best version for your needs. In session two, you will learn how to use it to increase your efficiency with Photoshop.

Not just for artists: A tablet can save your wrist! Many users find that the tablet eases symptoms of repetitive stress syndromes such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

Taught by Terry Tolvo, Photoshop and Illustrator expert. Terry purchased her first Wacom in 1989 to use with Adobe Illustrator and soon discovered that it helped her wrists as well. She no longer uses a mouse at all, and considers the tablet "the best thing I ever bought" for her computer.

2 Wednesdays, August 15, 22, 1:30-4:30pm
Hands-on, \$69

⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills! In each of the following courses we'll learn how to use search engines more effectively. Take one or more. Please bring some topics on which you'd like to search. Price per hands-on session, \$35 for 1; \$30 for 1-3.

⇒ More Effective Use of Search Engines

The emphasis will be on Google and its syntax and features, but we'll also look at alternate search sites and discuss when to use them.

Sunday, August 12, 10:30am-1:30pm

⇒ Beyond Google: Advanced Internet Searching

Alternatives to Google: meta-search engines, clustering search engines, topic-specific searchers, and alternative ways to visualize results. Also: directories (and when to use them), RSS feeds, other ways to supplement search engines when you're seeking information.

Sunday, August 19, 10:30am-1:30pm

⇒ Finding Health/Medical Information Online

How to structure effective searches and separate valuable information from the questionable. We'll also look at some excellent sites.

Sunday, August 26, 10:30am-1:30pm

⇒ Remember: Find details and updates at <http://www.nypceducation.org>

NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day!	5 Enterprise Windows	6	7
8	9 TechTips: PC Clinic	10 Hardware Exchange	11 Palm Pilot Visual Basic	12 DIG CAM CONTR (1)	13	14 EXCEL (1)
15 PHOTOSHOP (S1)	16 PHOTOSHOP (1) Ventura	17 Investment Dig Phot	18 PHOTOSHOP (2) Speech Recog	19 NYPC Gen'l Meeting DIG CAM (2) QuickBOOKS(1)	20	21 EXCEL (2)
22 PHOTOSHOP (S2)	23 PHOTOSHOP (3) Adv Tech & Tech	24 Photoshop(Day & Eve)	25 PHOTOSHOP (4) Cell Phones	26 QuickBOOKS(2) MetaStock	27	28
29 PHOTOSHOP (S3)	30 PHOTOSHOP (5)	31 NYPC Board	August 1 PHOTOSHOP (6) Palm Pilot Visual Basic	2 QuickBOOKS(3) Java Gen Mtg Enterprise Windows	3	4
5	6	7 Photoshop(Day & Eve)	8 Alpha	9	10	11
12 SEARCH ENGINES	13	14 QuickBOOKS Seminar Hardware Exchange	15 WACOM (1) Speech Recog	16 NYPC General Meeting QuickBOOKS POS (1)	17	18
19 BEYOND GOOGLE	20	21 Dig Phot	22 WACOM (1) Cell Phone/Wireless	23 QuickBOOKS POS (2)	24	25
26 MEDICAL SEARCH	27	28 NYPC Board	29	30 QuickBOOKS POS (3)	31	Sept. 1

Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting

Bold = NYPC Class

Italic = Other Meetings

Black background = General Meeting

(D) = Daytime

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Check online calendar for updates and changes:

<http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>.

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

The calendar shows events that were scheduled at press time. Find detailed information about many SIG meetings by going to <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>, and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, cancellations, or topics to replace TBA—are announced here. If we have your e-mail address, we will also send you occasional meeting updates and reminders.

Meetings at Microsoft

Security procedures at Microsoft have become tighter. As always, a photo ID is imperative.

In addition, be sure that your name is on the SIG Chair's attendee list.

See Location Legend bottom of page 4.

AXS Access

Linda Ewen, LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com
No meeting July or August

ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@gmail.com
Monday, July 23rd, 6:30 PM
August TBA
Location: MS
General discussion of PC Technology

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
Wednesday, August 8th, 6:00 PM (no July meeting)
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

BEG Beginners

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
On hiatus

CSG C++/Java: See Java

LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users)

<http://www.delugeny.org>
Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
No meeting July or August

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
On hiatus

EWN Enterprise Windows

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

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, alfred.vachris@gmail.com
No meeting July or August

EXG Microsoft Exchange

<http://www.nyexug.com/>. Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com
Tuesday, July 10th, August 14th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

FLA Flash

Jeff Frankel, webjff1967@aol.com
On hiatus

GfH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>
David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
No meeting July or August

HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
Tuesday, July 10th, August 14th, 6:30 PM
Hands-on hardware; specific topic TBA

NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
On hiatus. Contact leaders if interested

INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.
Tuesday, July 17th, 6:15 PM
No August meeting
Location: MS
What's Important in Annual Reports

CSG Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.nycjava.net>.
Gary Russo, garyrusso@hotmail.com
Thursday, August 2nd, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Reza Rahman, author of *EJB 3 in Action*

CSG Java: Java Enterprise

Dario Laverde, dario@nycjava.net
Date TBA
Location: NYPC

ODK JAVA: ODK

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
Email Carlos for dates, locations

LNX LINUX

We're working to revive this important SIG. If interested, e-mail nypc@nypceducation.org

MKT Marketing

Murray Strelitz/Grace Lee, marketing@nypc.org
Date TBA
E-mail Murray for information

MTA MetaStock

Al Kinzinger, Jr, bigaljr@attglobal.net
Thursday, July 26th, 7:00 PM
No August meeting
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 31st, August 28th, 6:30 PM
Members are welcome to attend, but let us know by sending an e-mail to pres@nypc.org

GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, July 19th, 6:00 PM
Location: Fordham Law
Alfred Poor: HDTV
Thursday, August 16th, 6:00 PM
Location: Fordham Law
Mike Ostrowe: From Vinyl to CD/DVD

PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.php>. Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com
Wednesday, July 11th, August 1st, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Open questions, answers, discussion

PRL Perl Seminar NY

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/perlseminy>
James E. Keenan, jkeen@verizon.net
Alex Gill, alexgill@nyc.rr.com
No meeting July or August

PHT Photography & Digital Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net; Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
Tuesday, July 17, August 21st, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Mary has found some new freeware/shareware for photo organizing and simple editing. We'll look at a few. If you have any you'd like to present/discuss, please e-mail Mary so we can load them on the computer. Also: General photo sharing

PHO Photoshop Daytime SIG

http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html; Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
Tuesday, July 24th, August 7th, 1:00 PM, preceded by lunch in TickTock at 11:45
Location: NYPC
7/24: Alpha Channels & Video Training
8/7: Curves and Histograms & General Discussion

PHO Photoshop Special Evening Meetings

http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html; Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
Tuesday July 24th, August 7th, 6:30 PM
7/24: Introduction to Photoshop, using v. CS2
8/7: Photoshop Q & A

more...

SIG Directory...

QBB QuickBooks
 Len Ginsburg, LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net
 On hiatus

SPR Speech Recognition
<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner,
 76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred
 Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org
 Wednesday, July 18th, August 15, 6:30 PM
 Topic TBA

STR Streaming Media Plus
 On hiatus

PAS TechTips
 Kathy Petruzzi, kathypetruzzi@hotmail.com;
 Michael Ostrowe, mjestrowe@earthlink.net
 Monday, July 9th, 6:00-9:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 "Teach & Tune" PC Clinic. If you wish to bring
 your ill computer for expert attention from our
 corps of technicians, please preregister at
 classes@nypceducation.org or 212-643-7005.
 Cost per computer: \$50

VPI Ventura
 Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com
 Monday, July 16th, 7:00 PM. August TBA
 Location: NYPC
 Use of templates—and template "creep"—in
 Desktop Publishing

BAS Visual Basic
<http://www.nypcvb.org>; David Kulick,
 dgkulick@hotmail.com
 Wednesday, July 11th, August 1st, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 7/11: AJAX at last; August TBA

WMM Web Design for the 21st Century
 On hiatus

WFI Cell Phones/Wireless
 Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net
 Wednesday, July 25th, August 22nd, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

XML XML/Web Services
 Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com
 On hiatus

Other Organizations

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

JOB Career Development Group
 Wednesdays at 5 PM
 July 11, 25; August 8, 22 at West-Park
 Presbyterian Church, 165 W 86th at
 Amsterdam
 Facilitators include:
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

Thanks to Our Hosts

The following company provides space for many of our meetings. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Microsoft





I Want to Join NYPC

Name: _____ Company: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip _____ E-mail: _____
 Phone: (day) _____ (eve) _____
 Newsletter only via e-mail in PDF format: Yes No

Membership: One Year - \$45 Two Years - \$80 Three Years - \$120 Student - \$35
 Family One Year - \$60 Two Years - \$105 Three Years - \$160

Add'l Name: _____ E-mail: _____
 New membership Renewal - Member number _____

Additional donation to assist in NYPC's work: _____

NYPC is a 501(c)3 not-for profit organization, and gratefully accept contributions of any size.

Payment: Check enclosed (payable to Gotham NYPC) Visa, Mastercard, Discover, AMEX
 Card number _____ Exp date _____
 Billing address (if different from above) _____
 Computing Interests: _____
 Interest in volunteering: _____

Please send completed application with payment to **NYPC Membership, 481 Eighth Avenue - B25, New York, NY 10001**.
 NYPC is a non-profit education organization run by volunteers. It may take up to six weeks to fully process your membership.



<http://www.nypc.org>

Directory of NYPC Supporters

Please support these merchants who have chosen to support NYPC! Dollar signs (\$) indicate supporters offering discounts or extras to NYPC members. Present your membership card (or newsletter with membership number) to exercise these discounts.

CONSULTING SERVICES

❖ ACCOUNTING

LHG Consulting: Leonard Ginsburg
718-828-9547;
LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net
QuickBooks consulting: set-up, training, maintenance. Help with accounting-related problems in computerized bookkeeping. A QuickBooks ProAdvisor.

Metis Group LLC Certified Public Accountants: Steven Fromer, CPA
14 Penn Plaza, Ste 1800, NYC 10122;
212-643-0099x137; fax: 646-304-6312;
SFromer@metisgroupllc.com;
www.metisgroupllc.com
•keeping your taxes to a minimum
•satisfying recordkeeping requirements
•using financial reports for business decisions
•maximizing success in your business \$

❖ COMPUTING SERVICES

FarSight Data Systems: Mark Halegua
718-360-1712; info@farsight-data.com
Providing general computer services for businesses and individuals including repair, network design & setup, hardware & software recommendations, malware eradication, and more.

mister-etail, eBay Education

Specialist: Fred Kahn
misteretail@yahoo.com; 718 263-2041
eBay Trading Assistant trained by eBay. I sell for you or teach you how to do it. Together we can set up your eBay Store. Digital Imaging Specialist: I teach photography too \$

Middle Earth Media: Leftonred Atanycomer
631-793-0930;
middleearthmedia@yahoo.com
•Computer Service & Training
•Wired & Wireless Networks
•Spyware & Virus Removal
•Data Backup & Recovery
Windows, Mac & All Other OS's. Serving large & small businesses & individuals. \$

❖ DATABASE

Software Pundits, Inc: Mahesh Chhatlani
516-205-4709;
Mahesh@SoftwarePundits.com;
www.SoftwarePundits.com
Over 20 years' experience helping businesses achieve success through technology. Clients range from small business owners to Fortune 500 companies. No-obligation consultation. \$

❖ INTERNET

Progressive Internet Action, "The Ben & Jerry's of Internet Services"
215 W 91st Street, Suite 57, New York, NY 10024-1336; 212-787-0700;
DickJones@pia.net; <http://www.pia.net>
Full service web solutions. Affordable rates. First-class service. Site design & development, web hosting & e-commerce. Web marketing strategy, Search Engine Marketing, content development. Discounts for Non-profits. \$

❖ PROOFREADING/EDITING

Professional Editing Services
631-422-6804; fax: 631-422-1170;
Claire-M@att.net
Are your Web sites and print materials compromised by poor grammar and spelling errors? Let me make your work successful. Call today for free estimate. \$

❖ TRAINING

Mary Ginsburg
718-828-9547;
MaryGinsburg@earthlink.net
Patient training in computing basics, digital imaging (Photoshop and more), and Internet use. Help with advanced Internet searching; speciality: medical/health topics. \$

Technical Resources on the Internet

One of the best resources for help with your computer problems is NYPC! Whether in a Q&A session at a General Meeting or SIG, or in conversation with another member, or via a call to our office, we try to help.

In the middle of the night, however, the Internet offers much help. Here are a few excellent sites:

- <http://www.tomshardware.com/>
- <http://anandtech.com/> (fairly advanced)
- <http://www.extremetech.com/>
- <http://techrepublic.com>

<http://www.smartcomputing.com/>
Excellent articles in plain English. For full access, you need to subscribe, but it's worth it. If you subscribe, please use NYPC's code. For every five member subscriptions, NYPC receives a free subscription for a raffle.
Code Numbers: Smart Computing - 11689; CPU - 320; PC Today - 259

Camera for Sale by NYPC Member

Canon PowerShot A710 IS

\$300 or best offer Purchased May 2007. Used once.

Features:

- ▶ 7.1 Megapixels
- ▶ 2.5" LCD Monitor
- ▶ ISO 80-1600
- ▶ 6x Optical Zoom (35 equiv. 35-210mm)/4x Digital Zoom
- ▶ Program, Aperture, Shutter, Manual Exposure Modes
- ▶ Dimension 3.8 x 2.6 x 1.6" / Weight 7.4 oz
- ▶ Uses 4x "AA" Batteries
- ▶ SD/SDHC (High Capacity) Card Slot
- ▶ Optical Image Stabilizer
- ▶ Optical Viewfinder
- ▶ 1.7 fps Burst

Review: <http://www.dpreview.com/reviews/canona710is/>
Comes with: 2 Ultra II SD SGB cards, 4 NIMH 2700mah Batteries, PSC-60 Soft Case, 5-year warranty, Battery Charger Kit, Wrist Strap (See review for available add-on lens converters and more.)

Call: 212 956-3634

July/August 2007

First Class Mail

Thanks to Wacom

The Wacom Company (<http://wacom.com/>) has donated eight Wacom tablets (Intuos3 6" x 8") to NYPC. We owe a great debt of gratitude not only to Wacom but also to Karen Sperling, who holds her occasional Painter classes here at NYPC, and who contacted Wacom for us.

This wonderful gift enables us to hold classes in using the Wacom, and also to offer NYPC members the opportunity to try these marvelous devices. Our first class will be held Wednesdays, August 15 & 22, 1:30-4:30pm. (See page 3 for details.)

If you'd like to try the tablet in the NYPC office, please phone 212-643-7005 or e-mail nypc@nypceducation.org.

Please note that the Wacom not only is a valuable device for users of graphics programs, but may also help symptoms of repetitive stress syndrome.

Summer Social

The Frying Pan is currently closed, pending lease renewal. See www.chelseanow.com/cn_32/fryingpan.html
www.chelseanow.com/cn_37/thebuzz.html

Meanwhile, we're seeking another site. E-mail nypc@nypceducation.org with any suggestions.

Recycle Your Electronic waste!

Brooklyn: Prospect Park W bet Prospect Ave & Windsor Place:
Sat.-Sun., July 14-15, 10am-4pm
Mon., July 16, 4-7pm

Manhattan: Cornelia Center, 220 E 4th St bet Avenues A & B (Parking lot)
Sat.-Sun., July 28-29, 10am-4pm
Mon., July 30, 4-7pm

Sponsor:
Lower East Side Ecology Center
<http://www.lesecologycenter.org>

If you'd like to help NYPC, volunteer to take literature to this event. Please e-mail LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net if you can help.

coming attractions

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

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 BillGinsberg, program@nypc.org.

