

On the Docket for the

General Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

(A different night than our usual day)

David Pogue:

Microsoft's Vista & Computer Spoof Songs

A Demo and a Show

David Pogue writes a weekly column in the Circuits Section of the *New York Times* called *State of the Art*. Many people buy the Thursday *Times* just for his column, which always appears above the fold in the Business Section.

OK...if you want to save a tree, you can read his print column online and subscribe to an additional online column. You can watch his frequent video podcasts, you may as well check out his blog, and if you are up Sunday mornings you can often see him on CBS News.



Missing Manuals and Other Books

Somehow Pogue has found time to write some 40 books. (I think that his wife, a medical doctor, should have him checked for an overactive thyroid.) David created the *Missing Manual Series* with O'Reilly Press. These are the books that should have been included with the programs.

David will talk about Microsoft's new operating system and his two latest books, *Windows Vista: the Missing Manual*, and *Vista for Starters: The Missing Manual*. That's the **Demo**; the **Show** will follow with David's singing and playing his very funny computer spoof songs.

Sooner or later most of us will migrate to Windows Vista, and David's *Missing Manuals* are ready when we are. These are reference books, not novels. You need not feel committed to a cover-to-cover read. But when you take on a new operating system, it is really nice to have a readily understandable reference that was written for people who want to use the new program daily in the real world. You don't need a degree from MIT to understand this book, and Pogue's lighthearted approach will have you chuckling instead of groaning at impenetrable techobabble. You may be surprised to find that even Microsoft's new operating system, Vista, can be a fun read. Programmers and *ubergeeks* can check out Microsoft's knowledge base.

David Pogue's Background

David was not born with computer genes; in fact he had not even used a computer until his last year in college. He graduated as a music major and then spent 10 years on Broadway "arranging, conducting and playing synthesizers in theater pits."

Consider this an Off-Off-Broadway show.

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Coming in April: Katrin Eismann

Thursday, April 19, at PS 41

Katrin Eismann, a true Photoshop Expert, will speak about Adobe's new Photoshop® Lightroom software aimed at professional photographers for photo management and enhancement.

Eismann is a prolific author of books and training materials for digital photog-

raphy. She is a great speaker, and it is always an exciting event when she speaks. Plan to attend.

Visit her websites:

<http://www.digitalretouch.org/>

<http://www.photoshopdiva.com/>

<http://www.photoshopmasking.com>

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General Meeting Info

- When:** Tuesday March 20, 2007
- Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue
- Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open
6:30pm Q&A/Announcements
7:00pm Presentation
- Travel:** 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)
- PATH:** Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta
- Web site:** <http://www.nypc.org>
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To check on the NYPC General Meeting, find location, or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, call our office or check our website.

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Nowadays David is a technology writer with an unusual talent for making complex computer jargon simple, readily understandable, and often quite funny. He credits coming late to computers as an advantage. "And to this day, I believe that fact to be my ace in the hole. I'm one of them; I'm one of the newcomers."

The Show: Pogue's Piano



Well, that's only half of our program. The last time David came to our meeting he talked about his book, *Piloting Palm*, which is about Jeff Hawkins' inventing the Palm Pilot. It reads like an adventure story. He asked if we could get a cheapie electronic keyboard so he could sing

some of the computer spoof songs he had written. We were unable to get him a cheapie keyboard, but we did provide a concert grand and his songs were great. The auditorium at PS 41 has two Baby Grands. Who knows what is in store for us this time?

Consider this an Off-Off-Broadway show. The songs alone are worth the price of admission, which after all is free.

O'Reilly Books

O'Reilly books will be available at a substantial User Group discount, and David will sign copies. Our thanks to Marsee Henon and O'Reilly Press for organizing this meeting, for donating books for our raffle, and for their continued support to User Groups.

NYPC is one of New York's best bargains. If you are not a member, we hope you will become one at this meeting.

—William Ginsberg, Program Chair, program@nypc.org

Useful Websites

- <http://www.davidpogue.com/>
- <http://pogue.blogs.nytimes.com/>
- <http://pogue.blogs.nytimes.com/2006/10/20/blogging-from-microsoft/>
- http://www.davidpogue.com/pogue_unplugged/songspoofs.html
- <http://www.oreilly.com>
- <http://www.missingmanuals.com/>
- Windows Vista: The Missing Manual
<http://safari.oreilly.com/0596528272> — Click Start Reading online
- Windows Vista for Starters
<http://safari.oreilly.com/0596528264> — Click Start Reading online

SIG News

The C++/Java SIG is changing its name to the JAVA SIG.
The Wireless SIG is changing its name to the PHONE SIG.
These changes reflect new directions in the orientation of each SIG.

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NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005, x2, email classes@nypceducation.org, or register online at <http://www.nypceducation.org>.

For complete descriptions and instructor information, click on class name at <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings> or <http://www.nypceducation.org>.

Unless otherwise specified, classes are hands-on. We welcome walk-ins for seminars, but please phone to confirm that the class is being held. 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.

Prices below are for NYPC members; if you are not a member, please add registration fee of \$10.

⇒ What is a Database?

A database is an ordered compilation of data set up for quick entry and retrieval. It can be extremely useful for tracking everything from a personal collection to a store inventory. This class will help you understand databases! It will give an overview of the fundamentals of database design, including the differences between relational and flat file databases, database components, some basic design issues, and the syntax of basic operations. The information gained here will help you decide which database application is best for you...or even if you want to get involved in database development at all.

Sunday, March 4, 1:00-4:00pm

Seminar, \$29

⇒ BASE (Open Source Database): Getting Started

Interested in databases, but don't want to invest in a commercial application? Try BASE, the Open Source database that comes with Open Office. "In this new stand-alone database, you can create forms, reports, queries, tables, views and relations."

Sundays, March 11, 18, 1:00-4:00pm

2 sessions, hands-on, \$79

⇒ 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, from using layers through tonal and color corrections, and more.

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.

4 Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 9:30am-12:30pm

12 hours, hands-on, \$129

⇒ Special Topics in Excel

In this course we will explore how to use some of the many features of Excel which you may not have tried yet, but which can simplify your work. Stop doing things manually and let Excel do the work for you. Al Vachris, Excel SIG Chair, will help you increase your spreadsheet skills.

Prerequisite: Basic facility with Excel.

2 Fridays, March 9, 23, 6:00-8:00pm

Seminar, \$59

⇒ Your Own Simple Website

It's great to learn Dreamweaver, GoLive, or NetObjects to develop your own website, but perhaps all you want is a simple page or two. There are many ways to put up a few pages without a steep learn-

ing curve. Most ISPs provide free webspace, plus a template-based program to guide you. You can also purchase space from a host and use an inexpensive template. Or use free space provided by a community portal. In this course, we'll explore several options and put up a simple website—nothing elaborate, but a nice start.)

Tuesday, March 13, 6:00-9:00pm

Hands-on, \$39

⇒ Basics of HTML

Sometimes it's important to know some of the basic tags of HTML, the hypertext markup language that is the basis for most websites. You may need to make simple updates to a site designed by someone else, or understand how to tweak the contents of an online calendar or blog. This course will gently introduce you to the most useful HTML concepts and code for these basic uses. Prerequisite: experience surfing the web.

Thursday, March 15, 6:00-9:00pm

Hands-on, \$39

⇒ Portable Apps: U3 Technology—Anniversary Special

A U3 drive runs applications that have been specially developed to run directly from the drive. Upon loading, the applications write necessary information to the registry, and proper ejection of the drive removes these registry entries. This seminar will demonstrate how to use the U3 technology, and explore what applications are available. These are usually free and include Open Office.

Monday, March 12, 6:00-8:30pm

Seminar, \$25



⇒ 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.

Saturdays, March 24, 31, 2:00-5:00pm

2 sessions, Hands-on, \$89

⇒ Convert Your Old LPs & Cassettes to CDs!

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, Co-chair of the TechTips SIG, will show how to digitize audio content and transfer it to CDs or DVDs (using Roxio's Easy Media Creator or Ahead Nero). 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, March 25, 10:00am-3:00pm

Workshop, \$69

⇒ 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 Mondays, March 19, 26, 1:30-4:30pm

Hands-on with your camera, \$59

NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events **March 2007**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting
Bold = NYPC Class

Italic = Other Meetings
Black background = General Meeting

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. **Confirm meeting information at our online calendar, <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
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550
 PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue

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.

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AXS Access

Linda Ewen, LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com
 Monday, March 5th, 6:30 PM
 Location: MS
 The user interface in MS Office 2007

ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@cs.nyu.edu
 Monday, March 26th, 6:30 PM
 Location: MS
 General Discussion of PC technology

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
 Not meeting in March. Next meeting April 11th

BEG Beginners SIG

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

CSG C++/Java (See Java)

ODK C++/JAVA: ODK Management

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
 Call for location/date: 212-673-9187
 Development of a constituent communications system using LDAP & CRM-focused process

LUG Deluge (Desktop Linux Users Group)

<http://www.delugeny.org>. Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
 Thursday, March 8th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Konquerer: File manager, web browser, more!

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
 On hiatus. Contact leader

EWN Enterprise Windows

Stephen Goodwin, srg@winnyc.com; Tony Iams, tony@dhbrown.com; <http://nyewin.org>
 Thursday, March 1st, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Tony Iams: How Virtualization Impacts Systems Management

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, alfred.vachris@gmail.com
 Tuesday, March 13th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

EXG Microsoft Exchange

Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com
<http://www.nyexug.com>
 Tuesday, March 13th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Michael Murphy on Exchange 2007 roles

GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>
 David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
 Tuesday, March 6th, 6:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Family photos 2: how to integrate your photo files with your genealogy software

Check the Online Calendar!

Be sure to check the online calendar for updates:
<http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>

HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
 Wednesday, March 28th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 TBA

INV Investment

<http://www.better-investing.org/chapter/newyork> Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com
 Tuesday, March 20th, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 Potpourri: Analysis of 3 stocks in an industry of interest

NET Internet

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

CSG Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsigsig.org>
<http://www.nycjava.net>
 Gary Russo, garyrusso@hotmail.com
 Thursday, March 1st, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Check Yahoo group for topic

CSG Java Projects

Dario LaVerde, dario@nycjava.net
 Monday, March 26th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Check Yahoo group for topic

LNX LINUX

On hiatus. We're working toward reviving this important SIG

2006 Candidates for the NYPC Board

Stan Silver for President

Stan has been an active volunteer for NYPC for many years. In the early- to mid-90s, he was instrumental in starting the Education Committee, which continues to this day. As President of NYPC, he will broaden our outreach to such groups as persons with disabilities.

Leftonred Atanycorner for Vice President

Leftonred has ably served as NYPC President for the last two years. As Vice-President he will work with the SIGs to enhance their activities and outreach.

Len Ginsburg for Treasurer

Len served as NYPC treasurer in the mid-90s and is willing to act in that capacity once more.

Kathy Petruzzi and Michael Horowitz for co-Membership Secretaries

Kathy has initiated several new outreach projects and is working with the Marketing Committee to promote NYPC more vigorously. She looks forward to continuing these efforts. Michael Horowitz is a member of the Education Committee. He would like to work with Kathy to enhance membership outreach and services.

Ted Cohn for Corresponding Secretary

Ted is chair of the Palm and Phone SIGs. He looks forward to using his communication skills in working with other user groups and vendors.

Windows Vista: The Missing Manual

Windows Vista for Starters: The Missing Manual

By **David Pogue** (Pogue Press/O'Reilly, 2007)

Buy and read these books before you boot your new Vista computer—or your old computer with Vista newly installed! They will save you much frustration, keyboard-beating, and hair-tearing.

Missing Manuals

Remember the early days of computing, when every application, operating system, or piece of hardware came with a set of hefty manuals? Now nearly every piece of documentation is on a CD or the Internet.

The trouble with this, of course, is that unless you have two computers, your computer problem may prevent your accessing the online documentation. This is especially true of operating systems—what good is the CD-based troubleshooting section if you can't read it?

(Digital cameras are an interesting exception: most come with a more or less compact manual of one- to two- hundred pages. Camera manufacturers seem to understand that people will become upset if photos taken with a \$300 device are less enchanting than those shot with a \$20 film camera.)

Fortunately, in 2000, David Pogue created the “Missing Manual” Series to fill the gap. Published by O'Reilly, which is renowned for its tech books, these manuals do a good job of replacing the manuals that used to come with the software, and are, in many (most?) cases, better written.

New Series: For Starters

Now there is a new “For Starters” Series. A *For Starters* book seems analogous to the smaller book in the old software packages—the Quick Start Manual of 75-200 pages which often accompanied a heftier User Manual. For Vista, at least, it serves as an abbreviated version of the Missing Manual, with the sections carefully chosen to help the user get up and running as quickly and efficiently as possible.



I read somewhere that the Starters Series is aimed at beginners. Yes, it does have a page of “Mouse and Keyboard Essentials,” and the screenshots are larger, but, having taught newbies, I find it hard to picture one managing with it as the sole introduction to Windows.

For the somewhat experienced user, however, it is wonderful! It offers a succinct overview of the various features in Vista, explains clearly how to use them, and offers comments—sometimes caustic, often humorous. It is so readable that you might benefit by perusing it away from the computer. This has the added benefit of allowing you to “get over it” when you learn that Microsoft has made a change you'll hate.

Getting Up to Speed

The book covers the Desktop and how to use it; the way Vista works with Programs and Documents; Internet Explorer, Windows Mail, and other aspects of going online; Printers, other Devices, the Help System, and Troubleshooting; setting up and using a Network. It tells how to make the most efficient use of Windows' many features. It gives details on using the new Search facility, clearly describes the file and folder system, gives a guided tour of the Control Panel, and even tells how to restore some familiar 2000/XP interfaces. There are a multitude of helpful Tips, “Up to Speed” boxes, and “Frequently Asked Questions,” all contributing to a greater understanding of the new Windows.

User Account management is even more important in Vista than in XP, and Pogue does an excellent job of explaining both how and why to use this vital security system.

Some chapters have the potential to save much anguish. For example, Pogue explains the use of Vista's Gadgets, odd little semi-applets which include Stocks and Notes, to name two. It is **so** important to realize that, in Pogue's words, “Any time you close a gadget, you lose all the data you had typed into it. When you reopen Weather, it always shows Redmond...when you reopen Notes, the sticky notes are always empty...”

A Few Imperfections

The book is not perfect, and I found some surprising errors and areas of disagreement. Pogue recommends the “Install updates automatically” option, which differs from the advice most computer experts give. In one place Pogue clearly defines icons and their purpose, yet in another he conflates the symbol with what it represents: “...each icon's location on your hard drive” and references to the icon's path. This could be confusing to the neophyte. There are also several cases of singular-plural subject-verb disagreement. But these are quibbles. This is an excellent book to begin your exploration of Vista.

The Missing Manual: Full Edition

At 400 pages, is *Windows Vista For Starters* not sufficient? Not really...*Windows Vista: The Missing Manual* offers much, much more. It is a valuable, clearly written 800-page reference (which holds *more* than twice as much information as *Starters*, since the print and pictures are smaller). It goes into much more detail on how to use, configure, and cope with Vista and its many features.

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The sections on security, networking, account management, and collaboration are much more extensive and detailed than in the *For Starters* book. The instructions on managing network connections are clear yet concise. This information is bound to come in handy sooner rather than later...

This book can serve as a valued reference for any user of Vista. For each feature, Pogue indicates the version(s) of Vista to which the discussion applies. There are tips and notes to expand on the text, plus boxed information for Power Users. The book is replete with information on customization, both basic and esoteric. It has special sections about installing/connecting new hardware and using such mobile devices as tablet PCs. The book is thorough, including computer maintenance and tweaks as well as information about the operating system itself.

The layout of this book is superb, making it easy to use as a reference. Each page has a bar at the top indicating the topic. Each section has a clear heading, and boxes of additional information are set apart. The index seems excellent, although I would like to see an index, by box topic, of the boxes titled “Workaround Workshop,” “Up to Speed,” “Nostalgia Corner,” and “Power Users’ Clinic.”

Valuable Appendices

The appendices are valuable. *Installing Windows Vista* is a good place to start if you’re considering installing Vista on a machine you currently own. In addition to information about Vista’s requirements, it gives websites which offer software to evaluate your computer. It then describes how to perform the actual installation and subsequent transfer or restoration of old files.

The *Where’d It Go?* appendix can save you much frustration; you may not be happy to learn something is gone, but at least you won’t waste time looking for it. The *Master Keyboard Shortcut List* is priceless.

However, the book is not flawless. As a long-time fan of both Pogue and O’Reilly, I was astonished to find what I consider a major error. Pogue states, “If your computer is currently running anything but Windows XP, you have to buy the full version of Vista and perform a clean install.” Having earlier explored the possibility of upgrading a possibly competent computer from Windows 2000 Pro, I hastened back to Microsoft’s website.

Sure enough, Microsoft states: “If you are currently using Windows 2000 Professional or Windows XP Professional x64, you are eligible for an upgrade copy to a corresponding or better edition of Windows Vista, but a clean installation is required.” The Microsoft website even explains how to do this: “Start the installation from a compliant version of Windows, such as Windows Vista, Microsoft Windows XP, or Microsoft Windows 2000. After you have started the installation, you can select Custom at the installation choice screen to perform a clean installation.” (This discrepancy between Pogue’s statement and Microsoft’s policy can impact the reader’s pocketbook.)

Both Books Recommended

I recommend buying both books—now—before you sit facing the Vista screen, wondering where the familiar title bar went. Read the *For Starters* book: It’s not a novel, but for the experienced user it’s quick and easy to read. (Quick, that is, if you limit your comments to only a few “Why would they do that?”) Then pick up the full *Missing Manual* and turn to Appendix C (Where’d It Go?) and learn what’s missing from Vista. Then, and only then, turn on your computer, keeping the two books handy for guidance along the way. *Mary Ginsburg, NYPC Treasurer*

Why Resist Change?

Is it simple conservatism that makes experienced computer users howl with pain upon seeing a radically different interface for a long-used program? Where is our sense of adventure and progress?

I contend that the distress comes from the anticipated loss of productivity attendant upon the move of a familiar menu item or the introduction of additional mouse clicks or keyboard strokes to accomplish a task.

In the early 1980s, I flitted happily from one word processing application to another, reveling in the variety and relishing the challenge of transferring a Volkswriter file to WordStar. I tried many applications, for the fun of it!

When it was time to write my thesis, I selected the programs best suited to my needs, and by the time I had gathered the data and written my thesis, I knew their menus and shortcuts by heart. This meant that I could concen-

trate on the content, not the macros. When Microsoft changed Word so that the strokes to use a bookmark increased from one to three, I was upset because tasks took longer.

Progress is good, and new technology is exciting, but is a change of interface, a revision of familiar commands, always progress? *Mary Ginsburg*

O’Reilly’s Animals: Does the O’Reilly trademark “beastie” blink on a schedule, or does the website user somehow invoke the blink? The animal at the top of O’Reilly’s home page is one of the world’s smallest primates—the Tarsier, found in the Phillipines. To see a truly adorable photo, go to <http://www.mvphilippines.hypermart.net/bohol5-tarsier.JPG>



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Vote!

The Ballot for the new NYPC Board is on page 6; candidate descriptions are on page 5. Exercise your right to vote.

Painter Class coming to NYPC!

Karen Sperling, digital artist and a terrific teacher, will hold an Artistry Corel Painter Retreat at NYPC during the last week of April. Learn how to create paintings from photos using Corel Painter. Karen wrote the first Painter manual and has been imparting her knowledge to others ever since.

For information about this intensive, exciting course, go to

<http://www.artistrymag.com>

Our Gratitude to Wacom!

Thanks to the initiative of Karen Sperling, digital artist and dynamic teacher, Wacom is giving NYPC 8 6x8 Intuos3 professional pen tablets for use in our classroom.

These tablets impart a smooth, professional editing facility to any artistic application, such as Corel Painter or Adobe Photoshop. They are also used by persons with repetitive stress disorders to reduce the strain often induced by use of a mouse.

We will hold demonstrations in the Spring.

Meantime, visit Wacom's website at

www.wacom.com.

coming attractions

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

Thursday, April 19 Katrin Eismann, Photoshop Diva

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:Bill.Ginsberg@earthlink.net).



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Where: Union Square Park - North Plaza

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