

On the Docket for the

General Meetings

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

B&H Photo Digital Holiday

Goodies Guide

Hosted by David Brommer

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Carry Your Software with You:

Portable Apps on a USB Drive

Holiday Shopping

The holiday shopping season is just around the corner. Digital cameras and associated gear make great presents for others or yourself.

This is a special event for NYPC hosted by David Brommer, B&H's Event Space Coordinator. David is a proficient photographer and a great gadget guru. His experience ranges from pixels to platinum. Since the advent of digital imaging, photography and computers are a marriage made in heaven—or on 34th Street.

Buying cameras and accessories can be very confusing. There are many manufacturers and many choices. People find it harder to buy a camera than a computer. David will talk about options from inexpensive first point-and-shoot cameras to professional-level cameras. He is

great at separating important features from marketing hype, and he is not shy about offering his personal opinions.

We will see and hear about big cameras, tiny cameras, digital photo frames, MP3 players, portable data storage, playback devices, pocket-sized video cameras, head phones, a new full-frame single lens reflex that takes high-definition video. There are Canon, Nikon, Leica, Olympus, Sony, and...and...until we run out of time.

I have come to respect B&H. They have many knowledgeable sales people who are often professionals in their field. In many other stores, if a salesman feels he can't make a sale in 5 minutes, he is gone. At B&H no one works on commission, so they are free to spend more time answering detailed questions.

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NYPC General Meetings are Free and Open to All

Portable Applications

Have you ever been frustrated while trying to do serious work on an unfamiliar computer, perhaps at the library or a relative's house? The hardware is fine, but the interface is different, slowing you as you look for the right tool or menu item.

Now you can carry your software with you...on a USB (aka flash or thumb) drive. No, you cannot carry the rather bulky Microsoft Office or Adobe Premiere on a USB drive, but there are portable application available to meet most of your needs.

Many Applications

Many programs are specifically designed to run from a USB drive, and almost all of them are free for the downloading. These include Open Office (of course), and the browsers Firefox, Opera, and Safari, but there's more!

System utilities such as WinAudit and StartupList help you smooth your computing experience by optimizing your PC. Antivirus programs running from the USB drive will protect not only the little drive but also the whole computer! A variety of password managers

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General Meeting Info

When: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 (*not our usual date*)
Thursday, December 18, 2008

Where: **11/19:** B&H Photo, 9th Ave & 34th St, 2nd Floor Seminar Room (*not our usual location*)
12/18: PS 41, 116 W 11th St West of 6th Avenue

Schedule: 6:00pm Doors open
6:30pm 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*)

PATH: Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta

Office: (212) 643-7005

Web site: <http://www.nypc.org>

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, check our website at <http://www.nypc.org>.

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Gift-Giving Guidance

Once someone has started digital photography, buying them a gift is easy. There is always some new accessory, program, lens, memory card, etc... And do note that there is no law or restriction about tech gifts for yourself...after all, who can appreciate them more than you?

If you plan to buy anything related to digital photography this holiday season,

NYPC is one of New York's greatest bargains!

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ensures that you can get into any online program from any computer...just be sure to protect the manager itself with a really good password. (Mine has 5 numbers and 10 letters.) Download your e-mails to Thunderbird on your drive, and never again castigate yourself for failing to send that important e-mail before you left the house. All of this is in addition to carrying your documents with you.

These applications are not loaded onto the computer's hard drive, do not make permanent changes to the registry, and do not leave traces behind. Portable applications exist for Windows XP and above, and for Linux. (You can even run Linux from a USB drive on your Windows machine.) There are fewer options for the MAC, but you can get the GIMP (open source photo editor) and more for the MAC.

As the size of these drives has increased, and the prices decreased, the option of "Your Office in Your Pocket" has become more and more attractive. Portable applications come in two "flavors": those that require specialized U3 drives and those that run from any thumb drive.

it would be a shame to miss this meeting. Come early, walk through the store, peruse the gear, and bring a notepad so you can prepare for a great Q&A with David.

There will be some gift certificates and maybe even some other goodies—you will just have to show up to find out.
by William Ginsberg, programs@nypc.org

Learn at Dec. General Meeting

This General Meeting will clarify the options among drives and demonstrate several portable applications. You'll learn how to choose and use the drives, and to select and download useful applications.

We'll discuss advantages and disadvantages of this approach to mobile computing. One disadvantage, of course, is the small size of the drives, leading to ease of losing them. (Several have been left in ports in NYPC machines, but all have been restored to their owners.) A word to the wise: protect your data by password-protecting, or even encrypting, your drive. (You might want to decorate your drive and wear it as a necklace.) We'll also talk about some of the pitfalls, such as a change in drive letter as you move to another computer, and tell how to cope with them.

Buy Some for Gifts

A USB drive loaded with useful applications would make a great "stocking stuffer" this holiday season. NYPC will have USB drives loaded with applications for you to purchase at a very reasonable cost. (Watch the NYPC e-mailed Updates and website for a complete list of apps.)

Come to the December General Meeting to learn more about this exciting, useful technology.

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Useful References:

▷ B&H Photo: www.bhphotovideo.com

Camera reviews and information:

- ▷ <http://www.dpreview.com>
- ▷ <http://www.dresource.com/>
- ▷ <http://www.steves-digicams.com>
- ▷ <http://www.imaging-resource.com/>

Portable application information:

- ▷ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portable_application
- ▷ http://www.rewardprograms.org/thefreegeek/features/how_to_make_your_usb_drive_into_a_digital_swiss_army_knife.html
- ▷ <http://www.portableapps.com>
- ▷ <http://www.answers.com/topic/portable-application>
- ▷ <http://www.portablefreeware.com/about.php>

NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, e-mail classes@nypceducation.org, or phone 212-643-7005, x2. We are working on restoring our education website, which was apparently hacked.

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

⇒ 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.

Students are encouraged to bring their own photos to class for advice. 3 Sundays, November 16, 23, December 7, 12:30-5:00pm (incl. breaks) 12 hours, hands-on, \$129

⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills! In each of the following courses we'll learn how to structure efficient and effective searches, and how to interpret and use your results. Take one or more.

Better "Googling": Emphasizes Google's syntax and features, helping you to pinpoint the information you need (11/13)

Beyond Google: Advanced Internet Searching: Google is great, but sometimes it's overwhelming to get 100,000 hits! We'll look at alternatives to Google: meta search engines, clustering engines, topic-specific searchers, and exciting new ways to visualize results...also directories, RSS feeds, and more. (11/20)

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 class, 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. (12/4)

Using TECH Sites to Solve Computer Problems: Of course, the best resource for tech help is NYPC, but where do you go at 2am? There's a wealth of helpful, specific information on the web, but finding the most useful sites often depends on knowing how to structure your search and choose the best sites. This class will show you how! Thursday afternoons, November 13, 20, December 4, 11, 2:00-5:00pm

Price per hands-on session, \$35 for 1; \$30 each for more than one

⇒ System/File Recovery with Knoppix

Your system has crashed and won't boot. You think it's only a boot problem, but how do you recover your data? How do you recover your system, if it's possible at all?

The answer may be Knoppix. Knoppix is a live bootable CD, allowing you to boot your system into Linux without installing Linux onto your hard drive, and test drive, or even do real work with your booted Knoppix system. Knoppix can read your Windows drives and recover data. It can read the Windows registry, and can even repair corrupted Windows files. Want to know how? Register for this NYPC Knoppix class! Class includes an overview of Knoppix, some insight into how Linux works, and practical experience with using the Knoppix disc to access Windows on the hard drive.

\$69 price includes CD with Knoppix
Saturdays, November 15, 22, 1:00-4:00pm
Hands-on, \$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

Thursday mornings, November 13, 20, 10:00am-1:00pm
OR

Monday afternoons, November 24, December 1, 2:00-5:00pm
Hands-on with your camera, 2 sessions, \$59

⇒ Choosing a Digital Camera

The choice among cameras can be confusing to say the least. Is a point-and-shoot camera with mostly automatic features best, or do you want to be able to control aperture, shutter speed, and ISO? Why pay more for options that, at best, you don't need, or at worst, confuse you? In this workshop, which is limited to only a few participants, we will personalize the process of selecting a digital camera. We'll look at your needs, view options online, and narrow your choice. After your purchase, we'll help you get started with your new camera in a brief follow-up session.

Three-hour customized workshop, limited in size, with 1-hour follow-up, \$59

Select **one** of the following dates; follow-up class scheduled after camera purchase:

Friday, November 21, 12:00-3:00pm, Tuesday, November 25, 6:00-9:00pm, Monday, December 8, 10:00am-1:00pm

⇒ What to do with All Those Digital Photos Easily!

You have a new digital camera, and you're enjoying taking snapshots the new way. They look great in the camera screen.

Now what? You don't want to learn Photoshop—or even Elements—but you want to tweak and manage your new photos. This course will help! We'll show how to get your photos onto the computer, demonstrate some easy-to-use photo management and enhancement tools, and help you find the one that's best for you. Then we'll discuss ways to print them. (Bring your camera to class.) 2 Friday mornings, December 5, 12, 10:00am-1:00pm
Hands-on, \$59

⇒ 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 in using QuickBooks for your business. Trial versions of the program will be given out so you can practice and do your homework. Four afternoon sessions, plus one individualized session with the instructor, for help in setting up your own QuickBooks.

4 Wednesday afternoons, November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2:00-5:00pm
Hands-on, \$129

⇒ Making Personalized Holiday Gifts and Cards

The best gifts are often the most personalized ones! Use your own photos to make greeting cards...or even gifts. In this class, we'll take photos from camera to final product. We'll learn how to print our own greeting cards and how to use online services to order such gifts as photo albums, mugs, or tote bags with our own photos.

2 Wednesday mornings, November 26, December 3, 10:00am-1:00pm
Workshop, hands-on, \$59

NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2	3 Access	4 <i>VOTE!</i> Genealogy	5 Visual Basic	6 Java ODK Enterprise Windows Java GM	7	8
9	10 MAC	11 Exchange Excel QuickBooks	12 Alpha	13 DIG CAMERA (1) NET SEARCH: Google DeLUGE	14 Marketing	15 KNOPPIX (1)
16 P'SHOP ELEMENTS (1)	17 Ventura	18 Web Dev Investment Perl Seminar	19 General Meeting Speech Recognition	20 DIG CAMERA (2) NET SEARCH: Adv TechTips	21 CHOOSE CAMERA	22 KNOPPIX (2)
23 P'SHOP ELEMENTS (2)	24 DIG CAMERA (1) Adv Tech & Tech	25 CHOOSE CAMERA	26 PHOTO GIFTS (1) QuickBOOKS (1) Web Lounge	27 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28 Social Networking	29
30	December 1 DIG CAMERA (1) Access Photog/Graph	2 Genealogy	3 PHOTO GIFTS (2) QuickBOOKS (2) Visual Basic	4 Med/Health SEARCH Enterprise Windows Java GM	5 Easy DIG PHOTO (1)	6
7 P'SHOP ELEMENTS (3)	8 CHOOSE CAMERA MAC	9 Exchange Excel QuickBooks	10 QuickBOOKS (3)	11 TECH HELP ON WEB DeLUGE	12 Easy DIG PHOTOT (2)	13
14	15 Ventura	16 Web Dev Investment Perl Seminar	17 QuickBOOKS (4) Speech Recognition	18 General Meeting	19	20
21 <i>Happy Chanukah</i>	22 Adv Tech & Tech	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26	27

Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting *Italic = Other Meetings*
Bold = NYPC Class **Black background = General Meeting**

The calendar shows events that were scheduled at press time. Please check online calendar, www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings, for updates/last minute changes. **See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.**

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

SIG Directory

If the SIG meeting you want to attend is not listed, contact the SIG chair. The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. You can 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 send you occasional meeting updates and reminders. See Location Legend at bottom of page 4.

Meetings at Microsoft

Security procedures at Microsoft have become tighter. As always, a photo ID is imperative. Also, be sure that your name is on the SIG Chair's security list.

AXS Access

Linda Ewen, LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com
 Monday, November 3rd, December 1st, 6:30 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, jshereff@gmail.com
 Monday, November 24th, Dec. 22nd, 6:30 PM
 Location: MS
 General discussion of PC technology.

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
 Wednesday, November 12th, 6:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Dr. Peter Wayne: Scanning documents into MySQL through ALPHA

LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users Group for End Users)

<http://www.delugeny.org>
 Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
 Thursday, November 13th, Dec. 11th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

EWN Enterprise Windows

<http://nyewin.org/>
 Edwin Wu, nyewin@live.com
 Thursday, November 6th, Dec. 4th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, Alfred.Vachris@gmail.com
 Tuesday, November 11th, December 9th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

EXG Microsoft Exchange Server

Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com
<http://www.nvexug.com>
 Tuesday, November 11th, Dec. 9th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metron/>
 David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
 Tuesday, November 4th, Dec. 2nd, 6:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 11/4: Ins & Outs of GEDCOM; alternate names
 12/2: SW Utilities for genealogical research

HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
 Date/topic TBA
 Hands-on hardware

INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.
 Tuesday, November 18th, Dec. 16th, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

CSG Java: Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.nycjava.net>
 See also our Yahoo group: nycjava.org
 Dario LaVerde, dario@nycjava.net
 Thursday, November 6th, Dec. 4th, 6:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

CSG Java Study Group(s)

Dario LaVerde, dario@nycjava.net
 Dates TBA
 Location: NYPC
 For more information and dates, e-mail Dario

ODK JAVA: Object Data Knowledge Management

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
 Thursday, November 6th, 6:00 PM
 Additional dates TBA
 Ottendorfer Branch Library, 135 2nd Ave.

LNX LINUX

We hope to resume this SIG soon.
 If interested, e-mail nypc@nypceducation.org

MAC MAC SIG

Betty Henderson, esqh@yahoo.com
 Monday, November 10th, Dec. 8th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 11/10: Numbers spreadsheet program, plus Genline, a subscription to Swedish church records; 12/8: Running Linux on a MAC

MKT Marketing Committee

Murray Strelitz, Grace Lee, marketing@nypc.org
 Friday, November 14th, 6:30 PM
 E-mail Murray for information

BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Date TBA
 Members are welcome to attend, but please e-mail correspond@nypc.org for information

GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 19th, 6:00 PM
 Location: B&H
 Holiday Gift Guide
 Thursday, December 18th, 6:00 PM
 Location: PS 41
 Portable Applications

PDA Palm/Treo/Centro/Wireless

On hiatus. Contact leaders, Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com

PRL Perl Seminar NY

www.techgroups.yahoo.com/group/perlseminar/
 James E. Keenan, jkeen@verizon.net
 Alex Gill, ag@tkwx.us
 Tuesday, November 18th, Dec. 16th, 6:15 PM
 Location: NYPC
 11/18: Perl 5-to-Perl 6; Lua
 12/16: Why C Matters If You Program in Perl

PHT Photography & Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net;
 Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
 Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 The GIMP, a powerful open source (free) graphics editor

PHO Photoshop

http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html; Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
 Dates TBA: usually 2nd & 4th Tues, 1:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topics TBA
 Join us at 11:45 AM in the TickTock for socializing prior to the meeting.

QBB QuickBooks

Len Ginsburg, LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net
 Tuesday, November 11th, Dec. 9th, 6:30 PM
 11/11: QB Reports: Choosing and Using
 12/9: What's New in QuickBooks 2009

SNT Social Networking

Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org
 Friday, November 24th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Social Networking is more than FaceBook. This SIG will explore many sites & features
 Topic TBA

...SIG Directory, continued

SPR Speech Recognition

<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner, 76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org
 Wednesday, November 19th, Dec. 17th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

PAS TechTips

Michael Ostrowe, mjostrowe@verizon.net
 Thursday, November 20th, 6:30 PM
 December date TBA
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

VPI Ventura

Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com
 Monday, November 17th, Dec. 15th, 7:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Designing a Combined Flyer/Poster for Marketing Purposes

BAS Visual Basic

David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com
<http://nypcvb.org>
 Wednesday, November 5th, Dec. 3rd, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

WMM Web Design with Dreamweaver

Mary Ginsburg, nypc@nypceducation.org
 Tuesday, November 18th, December 16th, 2:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Each meeting will have two segments, one specifically about Dreamweaver, and the other related to general web development
 11/18: Dreamweaver site setup & management
 Finding a website host
 12/16: Importing content in Dreamweaver
 HTML: What it is, how to use it
 Oriented towards beginners, but all are welcome

WFI Web Lounge

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net
 Wednesday, November 26nd, 6:30 PM
 December date TBA
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

SIGs on hiatus:

Contact leader with interest

BEG Beginners SIG

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
 Returning SOON

FLA Flash

Jeff Frankel, webjff1967@aol.com

NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu;
 Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net

MTA MetaStock

Al Kinzinger, Jr., Metastockug@yahoo.com

XML XML/Web Services

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com

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Computer Tip Links:

Good forum for AVG Anti-virus users

- <http://freeforum.avg.com>
support for AVG 7.5 has been extended until 12/31/2008

Black Viper for good Articles and Information

- <http://www.blackviper.com/Articles/articles.htm>

The NYPC Newsletter

- We apologize that we did not mail out a print version of the October Newsletter, but only the PDF version.
- The renovation in the NYPC office affected both our equipment and our eyes.

Thanks for the Knoppix!

From an NYPC member:

Mark,

Thanks for a great class on Knoppix. This was a great introduction to NYPC and I am glad I decided to join.

I agree with some of the folks that there would be an audience for an "advanced" class to take us deeper into some areas.

Thanks again,
David M.

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Date TBA - Let us know if you want/need this!

Unlike other repair facilities, our experts use the teaching opportunity to explain what they're doing!
Bring your ill computer to NYPC for evaluation and installation of freeware antivirus and firewall.
A donation of \$50 (per computer) goes to help NYPC.
Diagnosis only; any parts cost extra, and are installed later.

Back up data before you bring your computer.

- ▶ Reservations required
- ▶ For information or to reserve a spot:
classes@nypceducation.org or 212-643-7005

Volunteer to Help NYPC

E-mail LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net if you can help.

***Gift-Wrap at W. 82nd St. Barnes & Noble**

This is one of NYPC's most popular volunteer opportunities! In addition to helping NYPC by telling people about us, volunteers are able to:

- ▶ Make purchases at a 30% discount the day they wrap
- ▶ Get to know fellow wrappers—a nice chance to socialize
- ▶ Improve wrapping skills & learn about popular new books

Probable dates/times. Let Len know if you prefer other times.

- ▶ Sun., Nov. 28, 10 am-9 pm
- ▶ Sun., Dec. 14, 10 am-10 pm
- ▶ Sun., Dec. 7, 10 am-10 pm
- ▶ Wed., Dec. 17, 10 am-7 pm
- ▶ Wed., Dec. 10, 10 am-5:30 pm
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 19, 10 am-5:30 pm
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 12, 10 am-5:30 pm

coming attractions

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

Thursday, Jan. 15 Intellectual Property Rights
Thursday, Feb. 19 Security Suites:
Panel Discussion

Let us know what you'd like to see!
E-mail Bill Ginsberg, programs@nypc.org



Members' Compliments

"I recommend any member who has an infected or slow running PC to attend the next PC clinic."

Comments on Knoppix Class
on page 7.