



October Meetup Meeting Recap

Our last meetup meeting happened on October 24th, and we had 4 people in attendance, including Kathy Peterson that once again came all the way from Seaside just to attend our meeting! The topic for the night was The Slice Tool - Cutting Edge Technology.

If you missed the presentation you can download the Power Point Presentation and the example files at:

<http://files.meetup.com/449822/The%20Slice%20Tool.pdf>

Attendees of the meeting also selected the topics for the November and December meeting and they will be The Color Replacement Tool and Acrobat Connect.

At the meeting we also discussed starting a user group library and Tatiana mentioned a program by PeachPit Press for User Groups where the group can get a free book monthly in exchange for writing a review for a book and also purchase books at a discount price. I am happy to announce that our group has been accepted into the program and I should have more information on this matter by our next meeting.

And don't forget, if you have mastered any Creative Suite topics and would like to volunteer to talk to our group or you know of any place the group can meet please contact the organizer of the group: Tatiana at tatianaalencar@gmail.com.

Our Group Needs Your Participation

I am very proud to announce that our group now has over 70 users, but a bit frustrated by the lack of participation. My vision for this group was a group for users, by users. For example, I posted a new poll to ask when we should meet, to make sure that the day we meet is still good for our users, and only 7 people took the time to take it, that is roughly 10% of our group.

And I know everyone complains about having to drive all the way to Vancouver, but considering that I am already paying the fee to keep the group moving forward all by myself, as my last attempts to raise funds failed and the only contribution ever received was by Diane Aaronson, I can't really be spending money to rent a meeting facility, specially for a small amount of people to show up. I am glad that the owner of Printing Expressly For You (<http://www.pefy.net>) has generously offered his shop for us to meet.

How can you help? Offer to present a topic, write a tutorial, share your questions or knowledge, participate on the polls and challenges and most importantly donate your time or venue.



November Challenge

Great News: now winners of the challenge get prizes! This month the top 3 winners will get gift certificates to help with their holiday shopping!

The theme of this month's challenge is Happy for the Holidays! You can see what others have posted and enter yourself at: <http://photoshop.meetup.com/225/messages/boards/view/viewthread?thread=3748711>

Hurry as the challenge ends November 28th at 6 p.m.!



User Question

Bikerchick asks: I just purchased Elements 6.0, would it be worth it to come to the meetup? Would I be able to learn anything about using my program at the meetup?

The answer is Absolutely! Most of the tools we talk about are available on Photoshop Elements. But even if the particular tool is not, you might learn a new shortcut, tip, etc or two that you can use in Photoshop Elements as Elements has a similar interface to Photoshop and Photoshop Extended.

And when you attend the meetings you get to participate in the choice of the topic of the upcoming meetings, so you can vote for something related to Photoshop Elements! And if you have a question, someone always has an answer!

And what if you don't have Photoshop or Elements, can you still come? YES! You can get Photoshop Album Starter Edition which is a free version and start putting what you learned in the meeting to good use!



New Meetup Group of Interest

Portland Graphic Designers' Coffee Club - <http://graphicdesign.meetup.com/507/>

Here is a note from Michelle Schneider, the group organizer: Come join my new group, the Portland Graphic Designers' Coffee Club. There are no agendas, just a casual monthly opportunity to get away from the computer and socialize with fellow designers. Sharing ideas, making new friends, and getting input on projects are some of the things you can do at our events. Third Friday of each month, 3 p.m. is the magic hour.



November Meetup Meeting

Our next Meetup Meeting is November 28th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Printing Expressly For You in Vancouver, the topic of this meeting is The Color Replacement Tool. Please visit the meetup web site to RSVP.

<http://photoshop.meetup.com/225/calendar/6615702>



Upcoming events

Nov. 6- 8 - Portland, OR
AGI Training Mastering
the Creative Suite 3
\$99 for One Day
\$297 for all 3 Days
<http://www.agitraining.com/cs3/cs3seminar>

Nov 13 - Portland, OR
Photoshop Power Hour:
Painting with Brushes
\$15
<http://www.pdxphotoshop.com>

Nov 14 - Portland, OR
Dexter's Users Group Meeting
Free to attend
<http://www.photoshop-users-group.blogspot.com>

Nov 20 - Portland, OR
Photoshop Power Hour:
Digital painting
\$15
<http://www.pdxphotoshop.com>

Dec 3-6 - San Francisco, CA
Voices that matter:
Google Web Toolkit
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<http://www.voicesthatmatter.com/gwt2007/index.html>

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