

Computer News

Scheduled Events

October - November 2015

NVPCUG Board of Directors Meeting	November 6, 2015 10:00 AM 1524 Jefferson Street, Napa
Investor SIG Meeting	October 12, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM November 9, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM 23 Skipping Rock Way, Napa
Mac SIG Meeting	October 8, 2015 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM November 12, 2015 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 PM Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa
General Meeting	October 21, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM November 18, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

NVPCUG Meeting
Wednesday October 21, 2015
7PM to 9 PM
Napa Senior Activity Center
1500 Jefferson Street
Napa, CA 94559
 Our October presenter will



be **Sharon Wragg**. Sharon will be discussing and demonstrating the online program for drawing known as **"SketchUp"**.

Have you ever wanted to make a sketch of something that is hard to describe using just words? Sharon is going to show you how. (continued Page 2)

From the President
 by
Ron Dack

Members and friends, we are now in October and I have decided one thing. I will not be able to handle all that I am doing this year for the group. Dawna and I are experiencing more health issues as the year progresses. Because of control issues with my left hand I am no longer able to type. For typing I am limited to one finger on my right hand. Needless to say this makes writing this news letter a pain to write. Due to numerous doctor and wound clinic appointments every week I am having more trouble finding a presenter for our meetings not to mention how far the web site is behind. It appears to me that my long time on the Board of Directors, President, Vice President, Programs, Publicity, Editor, and Webmaster are coming to an end. I have been doing one or more of these jobs since the 1990's. I think it is time to turn them over to a new and younger member(s).

I can't say I haven't enjoyed doing these but I think I will let somebody else have a chance.

Between now and January each of you should think about stepping up and taking on jobs with the group. I am afraid if nobody does the group will fold. Remember the **elections for the 2016 Officers and Directors** will be held at the **November 6th Board of Directors Meeting**. It is your choice what happens with the group. I personally think it has been and should continue to be an asset of our community. If you are willing to serve you can contact me at president@nvpcug.org.

Presentation Review

by
Ron Dack

For our September meeting **Beth Pickering** announced her presentation as follows:

“Do you like to read? What about listening to books on tape or CD? Buying them can get expensive and storing them takes space. You can check out books from the library, but that isn’t always convenient. The fines can also add up if you miss the due dates. There is another option. You can use the online library. There is a wide selection of formats and books. The books are returned automatically unless you renew them. It is easy to set up – and you can do it from home!”

“Don’t have a library card? Napa Library has an online option for that too.”

“**Beth Pickering** has been using ebooks from more than one library. At our September meeting she will share how to get started, choices you have, and tips on using the system. Have you thought about buying a **Kindle**, but would like to try one out first? She will tell us how to do that too.”

Beth went on to show us how to become Library members. How to check out ebooks. how to view them on our computers and other devices i.e. ebook readers, tablets, etc.

I was impressed with Beth’s knowledge of the subject and her presentation. Beth discussed and demonstrated how to get a library card online and then how to reserve an ebook. Then how to download the ebook when it is available. How to view it on different readers and devices.

It is getting hard to find good and knowledgeable presenters who are willing to give their time. I know all of us enjoy learning something new.

If you get there around 6:45 PM you might even get to help set up for the presentation. You could even get a decent parking space.

Take care,
Ron

(Presenter continued)

Sharon as you know is very knowledgeable about computer programs. She uses **SketchUp** herself and is willing to share with us her time, skill, and knowledge of this product. By the way did I mention that that additional information about **SketchUp** is available at www.sketchup.com

If anyone has ideas on subjects or a presenter feel free to pass on the information to any of the board members. http://www.nvpcug.org/officers_2015.html to see a list of our 2015 Officers and Directors. If you would like to volunteer to help the group and/or make a presentation I can be reached at president@nvpcug.org.

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Doing one of these jobs doesn’t take much effort but doing all that I am doing is taking a toll on me.

If the board or I ask for volunteers don’t just sit there raise your hand and get involved or the next thing you know you won’t have a meeting to attend or a presentation to enjoy. Where will you have to go for a great picnic and a super holiday party each year? How about those friendships you would make in the future.

Take the time to look at some of these jobs and you will find most are not that hard and don’t take that long if you only do one. They are all listed at:

www.nvpcug.org/officers_2015.html.

You may even find something you really like to do. Think about it.

Well that’s all I have to say this month.

Take care,
Ron