

# Computer News

## Scheduled Events

*November - December 2015*

**Investor SIG November 9, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**Meeting December 14, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
 23 Skipping Rock Way, Napa

**Mac SIG November 12, 2015 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**Meeting December 10, 2015 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 PM**  
 Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

**General Meeting November 18, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
 Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

**Holiday Party December 16, 2015 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**  
 1120 Darms Lane Napa X street is Solano Ave

NVPCUG Meeting  
 Wednesday November 18,  
 2015  
 7PM to 9 PM  
 Napa Senior Activity Center  
 1500 Jefferson Street  
 Napa, CA 94559  
 Lawrence Koga  
 The Yountville Geek  
 LawK107@gmail.com  
 Lawrence will be discussing  
 and demonstrating:  
 "Raspberry Pi"



Raspberry Pi is a trademark of the Raspberry Pi Foundation:

<https://www.raspberrypi.org>  
 Raspberry Pi is a credit card

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### From the President

by

**Ron Dack**

Members and friends,

At the November 6, 2015 Board of Directors meeting we had three guests: **Anna Naklicki**, **Beth Pickering**, and **Sharon Wragg**. As it turns out all three were there to help out. All of them were elected to the Board of Directors for 2015 through 2016. That means the board decided to continue the group through 2016. I will be relieved of some of my responsibilities. That will make it easier to continue the newsletter and a couple other jobs.

Fortunately I got **Lawrence Koga** to do the November presentation with a projector that will work with a **Raspberry Pi** computer. That means Lawrence will be able to show us the workings of this tiny inexpensive but powerful computer. **Ron Rogers** has a projector that has both USB and HDMI connectors and has agreed to bring it.

I am running short of ideas for presentations. If any of you have run into someone who know something about computers, software, apps, or anything you are interested in please let us know.

The December meeting is our Holiday pot luck party at **Dick and Sandy Peterson's Winery and Christmas Tree Farm**. It will take place on Wednesday December 16th 6:30 - 8:30 PM See the map on our web page:

[http://www.nvpcug.org/darms\\_lane.html](http://www.nvpcug.org/darms_lane.html)

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**Presentation Review**  
by  
**Ron Dack**

Wow, **Sharon Wragg** certainly knocked one out of the park. I feel sorry for those who missed the October presentation.

Sharon covered **SketchUp** a drawing program that can be used for designing and previewing almost anything you can think of. You can design a building or landscaping right down to fractions of an inch.

**SketchUp** has a professional version which is considerably expensive that we would probably not need. They have a free download version that will do anything I can think of. You can download this version at <http://www.sketchup.com>.

Sharon also pointed out there is a huge Model Warehouse filled with items that someone has built and uploaded for all to use. You can get furniture, appliances, trees, ponds, fish, birds, animals, doors, windows, and tons more items you may want to use in your drawing.

She showed us how to set the month, day, and time so shadows are correct for the season by sun position and other variable conditions.

There are settings for movement through your design by foot or just by eyes. So you can virtually walk through or look through your design.

Sharon showed us how easy it is to correct an error or completely return to any step including the beginning.

Sharon is a very good presenter and was knowledgeable about the subject. She kept us all interested in learning about **SketchUp** and the fun as well as the valuable use you can have with **SketchUp**.

Maybe next time you hear that Sharon is doing the presentation you will seriously consider attending.

Thank you Sharon for the great presentation.

(footnote) All of our presentations this year have been well worth attending. We intend lining up presenters and programs for 2016 that are just as good so if you haven't been active lately think about getting back to attending. You know you enjoy the meetings and so will your friends bring them along.

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sized computer. It is \$ 35.00 to \$39.95 depending which model you want. Yes, \$ 35.00 to \$39.95 is not a typo. The more expensive one has a quad core processor and lots of RAM. It will function as a full computer if you set it up that way.

Lawrence will have a "Raspberry Pi computer with him and this time thanks to Ron Rogers he will be able to demo it on screen. This presentation is a must see.

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](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](mailto:president@nvpcug.org).

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The Holiday Party/Pot Luck dinner is one of the most liked events of the year.

It not only pays to read the news letter but check the web site for upcoming events and presentations.

If you want to be sure you get a copy of the "Computer News" sign up to join our members list. This list is a private list that can't be seen unless you are a member and you can only become a member by e-mailing me at: [president@nvpcug.org](mailto:president@nvpcug.org) or [webmaster@nvpcug.org](mailto:webmaster@nvpcug.org)

Well that's all I have to say this month.  
Take care,  
Ron

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## Meeting Info for Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 6:30pm

### Hello Mac Users!

Last time we didn't get a chance to review the latest iOS 9 that debuted for your iPhones, iPads and iPod Touch. I would like to take a little time to review some of the highlights there. With iOS 9 Apple has "refined" the design which actually makes it even harder to read the screen. I will show you some tips on how to make you devices easier to see/read.

Also the new iPhone 6s is now out. This is the first major change to the camera in the iPhone for some years now. We will take a look and see how the new camera and phone capabilities stack up.

We have a guest speaker, Don Hirsohn, of Napa One Mac computer service. Don is out there every day servicing and helping folks with their Macs so he is very much in tune with common problems and issues. Don and I will conduct a Q&A session to help you solve your computer & iOS device issues.

My thanks to all those who responded to the query I sent you about whether or not to maintain the Member Share List we make available to members. The general consensus was to let it go since most people really didn't use the resource. I will continue to hand out copies we have on hand to members who want them until they are gone.

This will be our last meeting for this year. The annual Holiday Meeting and Potluck Dinner is on [Wednesday December 16, 2015](#) 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Click the link for specific info. It will again be held at Peterson's Family Christmas Tree Farm. If you need a map [Click here](#).

Again lots of good information this month so bring those USB flash drives and pick up Mac info freebies for November!

