

Our next meeting is:

**January 8th, 2013 — Tuesday**  
*at Creative Source (location details below)*

**6:30 PM — Socializing, news and announcements**  
**7:00 PM — Presentations begin**

This month's topic:

## **OFFICE SUITES FOR THE MAC: OpenOffice and NeoOffice**

**A look at two alternatives to Microsoft Office, and both just happen to be either low-cost or free to be presented by Tom Davis**



Microsoft Office provides a rich, powerful set of tools, as does Apple's own iWork suite. But if you would like to try other suites, or if you do not own Office but would like to work with documents from those who do, or if you would simply like a little more money left in your wallet, there are alternatives. OpenOffice and NeoOffice both provide applications for word processing, spreadsheets and presentations, similar to Word, Excel and PowerPoint, and both allow you to open, work with and save Microsoft Office documents. On Tuesday, Tom will show the advantages and disadvantages of these apps, plus take a look at options for the iPad. OpenOffice is free, and NeoOffice costs ten dollars for current versions, with previous versions being free. All in all, a pretty suite deal.

Also,

### **BACK TO MAC BASICS**

In this segment, we focus on more fundamental skills, to make life a little easier for those who are trying to learn how to use their Macs. This month:

#### **SETTING YOUR OWN FILE-OPENING PREFERENCES**

to be presented by Rob Ellis

Have you ever wished for a simple method for always opening particular documents in a specific application? On Tuesday, Rob will show how to set your file-opening preferences quickly and easily.

Also,

### **FREE RAFFLE!**

We will be raffling off five boxed "I, Steve; Steve Jobs in His Own Words" 2013 desk calendars, kindly donated by Roger Judy! Each day features a different quotation. To quote the back of the box: "His was a voice that changed the world. Serving up a daily dose of genius, this calendar features the greatest thoughts from one of the world's greatest minds."

Please note that this raffle is **FREE**, but available only to MAC2 members. If you are not yet a member but are thinking of joining, and you want to participate in the raffle, you are welcome to purchase a membership before the raffle.

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#### **About the weather:**

In these winter months, if the weather is particularly bad or road conditions are unsafe on the day of one of our monthly meetings, please try to check your email before you leave for the meeting. If a meeting is ever cancelled or postponed due to weather, we will send an emergency email to let you know.

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#### **OUR MEETING LOCATION:**

*Creative Source  
4623 Everhard Rd NW  
Canton, OH 44718  
330-497-5556*

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

*Creative Source is located in the Belden Village area, in the small plaza at the intersection of Belden Village Street and Everhard Road. Within the plaza, it is to the right of QQ Buffet.*

*For a map, along with options to get directions from anywhere, [please click here](#)*

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If you have considered buying Microsoft Office, you might, in fact, enjoy the suite smell of success while spending considerably less. OpenOffice and NeoOffice are powerful suites in their own right, plus they allow you to work with Microsoft files. If you would like the full scoop, please join us on Tuesday and learn how to turn office suites into office sweets. And please feel free to bring a friend. See you there!