



The Interface
December, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by Patricia Wylie



On behalf of the TLCUG Board and myself, please let me begin by wishing every one of you the very best that this 2011 Holiday Season has to offer for Thanksgiving, Christmas and even New Years !

As for 2012, I am really looking forward to a very interesting, entertaining and especially an educational year. And, although optimism regarding the economy is not very good - I believe that the TLCUG has a very exciting year ahead. (Oh, thank goodness we are not into finance or investments !)

A Bit of Recognition: *To those Board Members who retired this year after so many years of service to this organization, I want to take this opportunity to express a truly hearty THANK YOU!!! These are all very special people who gave of themselves every month, to enrich the lives of our TLCUG members. So, I say to them "You will NOT soon be forgotten - because we who follow in your footsteps are now beginning to realize what a huge contribution in time and energy you have truly made!"*

So, next time you see any of these folks, be sure to go up and just say "Thank You" they will know what you mean.!

Ruth Kelly - Secretary
Lea Chodaki - Treasurer
Ron Fry - Vice President

Kay Hutchison - Membership Chairman
Mary Carlson - Past President

And though it's too soon to say this to Jerry Marr because he is still serving on the Board as Past President (our wise adviser) - he also deserves an exceptionally heartfelt "Thank You" (even a big HUG!) for his incredible effortsokay, no hug. Maybe just a handshake.

YOUR SURVEYS

With 2012 being just around the corner, I can tell you that we are going to have an exciting array of programs this coming year. We have received many of **your** surveys

and you will soon hear more about the results. I would also like to say THANK YOU to all of those members who took the time to complete and return a survey – your input will be invaluable in helping to determine the content of future monthly programs.

OUR PROGRAM FOR THIS MONTH

will be exceptionally interesting – a presentation by Bryan Pagan from STAPLES Copy Center (here in Mountain Home) on new technology products This will have a definite focus on the various new TABLET Computers now available. Rumor has it that he will even be bringing the very new KINDLE FIRE! It sells for a low \$199.

So, if you have been wondering what the fuss is all about, or whether you should consider a Tablet as a gift (or for yourself) this Christmas, and want to know which one is right for you, you really should attend this meeting. You will be able to see and touch a variety of products – then hear about many of the features. I know that I am really excited! (I will also have the latest copy of the Consumer Reports Buying Guide on hand if you want to look up product ratings.)

Special Drawing

Also at this month's meeting, there will be drawing for the prize winner of the Survey contest. All completed Surveys received by November 30th will be folded and placed in a bucket and a winner will be drawn. It's still not too late to submit yours – though you must hurrythe clock is ticking. Remember, we now have a post office box for receiving your mail – that's P.O. Box 571, Mountain Home, AR 72654.

WHISPERS of THINGS TO COME

In January, we are looking into a program on SELF EDUCATION. We will show you what's available out there and for free, from all sources ... at the Library, on the internet and in our community. There are lots of opportunities if you want to expand your personal horizons – or to focus in on certain interests. We'll be looking at Computer related education ...and even beyond.

Next February, our “local sheriff”, John Montgomery, has agreed to talk to our TLCUG members about keeping themselves, their computers, and particularly their personal information, safe from the many predators and hackers that permeate our society today. This is a “must attend meeting”!

I think that's about all I really want to give away for nowI've got to keep some surprises for you. In the meantime, please tell your friends and neighbors about the TLCUG and what we do. We would love to have some new faces in our group – and even more, we would really like to see some of those other faces that haven't been here in a while. So

Please come and join us!



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
Review by Ralph Harris
December 2011

This is actually not a program review, rather it is a review of a product I hope you will find interesting.

How many of you have a stack of National Geographic Magazines on your book shelf or some place in the house? Maybe you have a friend or neighbor that has years of the magazine they just can't do without. I know there are times I wish I could look at an issue that I had seen months or years past.

Now I have 120 years of National Geographic with every article, every map and photograph ever published and it takes up a space 2 ½ inches wide and 7 ½ inches high. My issues date from 1888 through 2008. If purchased now it will include issue years 2009 and 2010.

When I first became interested in this collection on DVD the price was well over \$100.00 and out of my reach. For several years the set was not available due to a law suit regarding some of the copy rights. In 2008 it was once again released and priced at about \$100.00. Now it is available at a regular price of \$79.95 and on sale for \$49.95. Each additional year can be added for \$9.95.

It was interesting to see the development of the National Geographic Magazine over the years. In the first few years the articles were, mostly not of public interest. It was a "learned" publication written for and read by "Professional" researchers and scientists. Over time the articles and photographs have become of more interest to the general public.

In short this collection of National Geographic Magazines is a good look at over 100 years of Geologic, Geographic, Political, and Cultural change in the world.

System Requirements: Windows from XP to 7. 1GHz or faster processor, 512 mb of ram. Mac OS is also supported. Internet access is required for some features.

December Saturday Class Update
by Jerry Marr

The Protection and Backup class had a good turnout but there doesn't seem to be much interest in digital music so I think I'll not bother with it again.

December will be a very light month for classes. I'm still working on the 2012 class schedule and have not heard from any members regarding classes they'd like to see. I'm not sure what that is telling me.

December 3rd will be the annual Digital Camera Basics class given by our resident digital camera guru Jerry Wilcoxon and will basically cover the basics but he's been known to answer whatever questions come up even if they're not real basic.

December 17th will be the last class this year and will be a question and answer session specifically intended to cover any leftover questions from previous classes but can be any computer related question.

[Likable Links](#)
[Baxter County Library Databases](#)

Monthly meeting program schedule

December: See President's Message above

January: See President's Message above

**Twin Lakes Computer User Group
General Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2011**

In attendance were 44 people. This included 2 guests: Rachel White and Jay Kelley.

The minutes from the October 6, 2011 meeting were read.

Treasurer Diane Ingersoll gave a treasurers' report as of October 31, 2011, indicating:

Monthly Income \$ 15.00
Monthly Expenditures \$ 173.00
Account Balance \$ 4414.68

The full detailed report is on file.

This month's program was given by Kay Hutchison on making greeting cards on Print Shop, version 23.

Additional business included reminding members to hand in surveys. Members were also reminded to sign in at every meeting.

Next month's program will be given by Bryan Pagan, the lead tech at Staples. He will share

the strengths of several tablets that Staples carries, including the Kindle Fire. This should give us some good Christmas ideas.

The winner of this month's drawing for a flash drive was Ruth Kelley.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Seils, TLCUG Secretary

Members Photo Gallery

Click on the camera



Special Interest Groups

A Special Interest Group (SIG) should be a group with a shared interest that gather to "bring and brag" combined with "and here is how I did it" using available computer software. SIG members should be beyond the computer beginners classification and it is strongly suggested that the members appoint one of their own to be a moderator.

Without a moderator to maintain organization the SIG will have a short life.

Sunshine Lady

So, you ask, what is a Sunshine Lady, anyway, and what does she do?

She sends cards of congratulation, sympathy, and get well as required for members of the Twin Lakes Computer Users Group. But --- she can't do that unless she knows who needs a card for what, and that's where you members come in. Please let me know if you know of anyone of our members or their families who could use a card for any special occasion, and a card from the group will be immediately dispatched. Right now, she doesn't do birthday cards or anniversaries unless it's something memorable like a 50th or better. Maybe birthdays at 90 or above. We are not an uncaring group and want to be sure all our members know it - so please let me know if there is a need for a card of remembrance for any occasion.

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Virus protection for your computer

You are strongly encouraged to have an antivirus program on your machine, and to download the periodic updates from the internet. (If you do not update regularly you won't be protected from the most recent viruses.) Need help? Your mentor or other club member will assist you.

PLEASE---It's your computer---keep it safe

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