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May Meeting: Basic Dreamweaver MX

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We are pleased to welcome Charlene Dewbre as speaker for our May meeting. Please note that due to Memorial Day, our May meeting will be one week earlier than usual, Monday, May 19, 2003.

About the Presentation

Macromedia's Dreamweaver MX is the industry standard for creating professional Web sites. Using this visual editing tool with its extensive coding support, you can build the most basic personal home page to the most complex internet applications. This session, pre-

sent by a power user, demonstrates how to create a basic Web site with an eye to future.

You will learn to:

- Use graphics for layout
- Use templates for rapid adding and editing of pages
- Create Flash buttons
- Use a quick tutorial for adding a database backend.

About The Speaker

Charlene Dewbre works full-time as a technical documentation manager. She

also co-owns Emerald Creek Consultants, a technical writing and multimedia development company, established in 1995. Charlene is also the Vice President of Programs for the Inland Empire chapter of the STC.

As a Web and multimedia developer since 1991, she has picked up a few awards for her Web site work along the way. She's a little obsessed with Web design; one of her favorite hobbies is creating new Web page

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Quote of the Month

"If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you; But if you really make them think, they'll hate you."

- Don Marquis (1878 - 1937)

Ask Not What Your STC Chapter Can Do For You...

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- June 23
- No July meeting
- No August meeting

Meeting are held the fourth Monday of each month at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 700 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia.

Before the chapter convenes for its annual two-month break for July and August, we've got some important business — elections!

The annual election of officers will be held at the June 23 meeting, so now is the time to throw your hat

in the ring and help out your chapter.

The SGV chapter is seeking members to fill the following positions:

- Secretary-Treasurer
- Employment Information Manager

Eligibility requirements are

that you are a chapter member, and you regularly attend meetings. If you are interested in running for either position, please contact outgoing Chapter President Kathy Broman at:

kabroman@aol.com

ASI Meeting Features UCLA Archivist

The Southern California Chapter of the American Society of Indexers (ASI) invites you to attend the chapter's June meeting, featuring an overview of UCLA's Electronic Archives, with guest speaker Charlotte B. Brown, University Archivist.

The work of the Archivists at UCLA is an enormous job of indexing, and involves all the skills of good indexers. If there is a particular issue or question you'd like addressed, make sure to include it on the registration form.

The registration form can be viewed and printed from the following Web page:

www.asindexing.org/site/chapters.shtml#southcalif

Here are the meeting details:

When: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, June 7

Where: UCLA Young Research Library, room 23167, 2nd floor, West Electronic Classroom, Westwood, California

Cost: \$20 non-members
\$15 members

For More Information:

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STC in 2004: Call For Proposals

This year's annual conference may have barely started, but that doesn't mean planning for next year's conference isn't already under way.

The STC 51st Annual Conference will be held May 9-12, 2004, in Baltimore, Maryland with the theme "Navigating the Future of Technical Communication." If you're thinking of presenting next year, now is the time to get cracking on your proposal.

The call for proposals, which includes an application to be a presenter, was mailed as an insert with the April 2003 issue of *Intercom*. A PDF version is also available on the STC Web site at: www.stc.org/51stConf/index.asp. You'll also find links to other useful information at the site, including templates, sample presentations, and pointers on producing the a slick and effective proposal. The deadline for the Society office to receive proposals is **August 1, 2003**. For more information, contact Buffy M. Bennett at buffy@stc.org.



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Notices

STC International Names

Newly-Elected Officers

STC International's election results are in! Your new officers are:

President: Thea Teich, Southwestern Ohio chapter

First Vice President: Andrea L. Ames, Silicon Valley chapter

Second Vice President: Suzanna Laurent, Oklahoma chapter

Treasurer: Mary Jo Stark, Rocky Mountain chapter

Director, Region 2: Victoria Koster-Lenhardt, TransAlpine chapter

Director, Region 3: Beth Tanner, Middle Tennessee chapter

Nominating Committee: Rita B. Johnson, Middle Tennessee chapter, and Christopher Juillet, Southeastern Michigan chapter

Join us as we welcome our fellow members in their new roles!



Classes

High-Rollin' Tech Writin'

Can't make it to Dallas for STC National? Try your luck with the STC Region 8 Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada!

The conference is scheduled for July 20-22 at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino — located right in the center of the Strip and within walking distance to several other casinos, shopping centers, and other dazzling Vegas sites.

Register before the conference—only \$205 for members for the three great days, filled with useful and inspiring presentations.

If you also register for one of the all-day workshops scheduled on Sunday, it's only an additional \$120. (See the conference Web site for non-member rates and discounts for students, speakers, and conference staff.) For more information, or to register, go to the conference Web site at:

www.stcregion8conference.org



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www.stcsgv.org/archivespresentations.html

New WebWorks Web Site

WebWorks Publisher, a popular product used by single-source authors, has a new Web site with an easy-to-remember address:

www.webworks.com

May Tech Tip: XML Viewing Troubleshooting Tips

Having trouble with your XML viewing in Internet Explorer? If you get error messages, you may not be pointed to the real problem.

If you cannot locate the errors visually, try opening the problem XML in an XML editing tool, such as TurboXML or XML Spy. These tools can help you locate the problem areas much more precisely. For example, sometimes when Internet Explorer tells you an error is on "Line 92," the error may actually occur earlier in the document and the structure misinterpreted by IE. Opening the XML in, for example, the XML Authority component of TurboXML can help you find the precise problem area. It also gives you an alert describing the problem.

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Let's Get Topical

Your chapter officers are always seeking feedback on what kind of speakers and subjects YOU want to see covered at chapter meetings. What will you find most useful in your technical communication career? Let us know!

For example, would you like to see more...

- Product demonstrations
- Tool tips and tricks
- Employment advice (marketing yourself, breaking into contracting, or determining your rate)
- Advice on managing technical publications department, or
- Anything single-sourcing?

Send your requests, suggestions, and comments to 1st VP—Programs Lynn Sexton at lynnksexton@earthlink.net.

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layouts. Other hobbies include origami and singing along with the radio, badly!

About The Location

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Monday, May 19 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 700 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia.

For reservations, please email lynnksexton@earthlink.net before 11 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. (However, walk-ins are always welcome!)

The cost is \$15 for STC members, and \$17 for non-members. A delicious buffet dinner will be served, and the hotel provides free parking. Payment will be accepted at the door in the form of check or cash payable to SGV STC.

Directions:

To get to the hotel, take the 210 (Foothill Freeway) and exit at Huntington Drive. Turn left from the off-ramp and look for the hotel a few blocks down to your right (on the south side of Huntington Drive).

The hotel phone number is (626) 357-5211.

We hope to see you there!

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