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Say...Would you like to donate an afternoon each week to help the public with computers at the Main Library? There are now two sections that need your help badly. It's good practice, and you meet interesting people.



Wanted:

New

Board Members!

For more information, please contact the webmaster.

RICHARD FISHER, GUEST SPEAKER **GENERAL MEETING** **DECEMBER 7, 2004**

Richard Fisher, artist, graduate of Columbia University, and former Fulbright Scholar, is the founder of MindWorks. MindWorks are drawing meditations, executed in various media, such as charcoal pencil, stabilo pencil, ouache, and colored pencils. Some works begin as etchings, others as lithographic prints. Acrylic paints are used as well. These original meditations are then scanned

into the computer, modified and enhanced in Photoshop by shifting motifs, altering composition, layering images, exploring color, changing sizes and preparing the artwork for final printing.

What are MINDWORKS? Carl Jung was a pioneer in the exploration of the unconscious mind. Dreams, fantasies, myths and free associations were some of his tools of exploration. Calming his



mind and allowing thoughts and fantasies to rise up to consciousness were part of the process. MINDWORKS are drawing meditations, images rising from the unconscious mind. of self-realization for the artist as well as the viewer.



A NEW SIG?

Since so many people now use AOL, we thought that maybe it would be a good time to have an AOL SIG. AOL is a comprehen-

sive application, and in addition to e-mail, it provides news, information, instant messaging, and many other features. If you would

like to submit suggestions or volunteer, please drop a line to webmaster@vbcg.org.



News Bytes

Check out...

Howstuffworks.com

Have you ever wondered what makes the turkey pop-up timer actually pop up when it's one? Or what happens when you burn a CD? Or how the fuel gauge works on your car? This interesting site, complete with excellent illustrations, will answer these questions and more. Check it out!

Top10links.com

Top10Links is a web site that offers the top 10 links to various online resources. The site lists 14 main categories that are further broken down into over 1000 subcategories. All links are chosen based on quality of content, speed of download, ease of navigation, overall design and general history. Check it out!



**Merry Christmas
VBCG!!**

Google Launches New Search Tool

Google's new search tool, Google Desktop, allows users to search e-mail in Microsoft Outlook and Outlook Express, chat threads in AOL Instant Messenger, and Web pages viewed in Microsoft's Internet Explorer. It also helps users search plain text, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint files, among other things.

Computer Buyer's Guide

Are you in the market for a new personal computer? Check out *PC Magazine's* Annual Buyers' Guide, in the magazine's November 30 issue, which is on newsstands now, or at www.pcmag.com.

AOL Concentrates On Security, Antivirus Issues With Updated Software

On November 22, America Online Inc. released a new version of its software that focuses on increasing online safety and security, which the company hopes will help it hold on to more subscribers. Dubbed AOL 9.0 Security, the latest version of America Online's software will give dial-up and high-speed subscribers free McAfee antivirus software and automatic upgrades. Previously, AOL had charged \$3.95 a month for upgrades.

Check For Support Before Software Becomes Obsolete

All software eventually becomes obsolete, meaning that vendors will no longer support their software when security holes are found, when new hardware drivers are needed, or when they need to communicate with other programs. Microsoft has a very explicit software lifecycle support policy that you can browse at support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?pr=lifecycle. For all of its products, Microsoft states that mainstream product support will be provided for five years, and that extended self-help product support in the form of Knowledge Base articles, FAQs and troubleshooting tools will be provided for 10 years.

Had It With IE? Check Out Firefox

Officially released last month, Mozilla's Firefox packs security protections and other welcome features that emphasize just how little Microsoft has innovated its aging Microsoft browser in recent years. Despite being a "1.0" release, Firefox is the product of more than a thousand full-time engineers and volunteers and is based on the open-source Mozilla suite, which in turn has its roots in Netscape. See www.mozilla.org/products/firefox for more information.



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 Thank you!

Meetings and SIGs

PLEASE NOTE! The **General Meeting** and all **SIGs** will be held at **Christ by the Sea Church**, 3755 AIA Highway, Vero Beach FL 32960

December 2004

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7 GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 NEW TO COMPUTERS 2:00-4:00	15	16	17	18 MAC 10:00-12:00
19	20	21	22	23 DIGITAL IMAGING 6:00-8:00	24	25  Merry Christmas!
26	27	28	29	30		

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The annual dues are only \$20.00 for either a single person or a family. They are payable in January of each year. Newsletters and communications from VBCG to you are delivered via web site and e-mail. However, if it is necessary, the Homepage can be mailed to you. (That is, sent to you via snail mail, so, if you require it to be mailed, be sure to request that we do so, and that we have your current mailing address.)

If you have not heard from us, either you have not paid your dues, or we do not have your current e-mail address, so please go to your computer right now and send your current e-mail address or change of address to: webmaster@vbcg.org. Or, go to www.vbcg.org/, click on Members Only, on the blue bar select Members Updates. You will see the Update form that is easy to fill out.

Library Volunteers December, 2004

December 2, 9, & 16 2-4 PM Peggy Repass

Volunteers Needed

**The Library needs your help. Can you donate
one to four afternoons a month?**

Your help is needed in the Media section.

Please contact Lucia at 778-1838.

Vero Beach Computer Group is a self-help group that provides help to members who want to improve their knowledge of computers and accessories. Our motive is to share our experiences to give members a chance to learn and help each other. Every effort is made to share accurate information; however, no representations or warranties either express or implied are made as to its accuracy.