



## More Tidbits of Tech

After 16 years of development, in May of 2020, Inkscape version 1.0 has been released. This is a free alternative to other *vector*-based graphic products such as Adobe® Illustrator or CorelDRAW. It is also multi-platform, so you can use it with Windows®, GNU/Linux, or MacOS. Why did it take 16 years? Well, when you make a free product, your developers need a day job too! I've used this off and on over the years, and it's been quite useful for vector-based graphics. This is really timely, as current web browsers can process the Scalable-Vector-Graphics "SVG" format files created by such programs. This way the graphics created look sharp when viewed on screens as small as cell phones all the way up to 4K and even 8K Ultra-High-Definition "UHD" screens.

If you're looking instead for a free *raster*-based graphics program like Adobe® Photoshop, be sure to take a serious look at the **GNU Image Manipulation Program** aka GIMP. This product started some twenty-four years ago and as of June 2020, is at version 2.10.20. While Photoshop can be had for as little as \$10 per month, free is... well, FREE! And here again GIMP is multi-platform, so you can use it with Windows®, GNU/Linux, or MacOS.

In June of 2020, Apple announced that they will be switching out the computer processors that they are using for their desktops and laptops, from Intel® to their own silicon. Currently they use their own silicon for everything else they make including their iPhones and iPads. Well these chips have become so powerful and yet use so little power, that they have decided to start using them in iMacs and other computers starting later this year. The transition will take a year or two, but I'm excited to see powerful laptops that last 12-24 hours on a single battery charge!

*Be Safe! Social Distance! Wear a mask when near others just in case! Love each other and appreciate the wonderful things that each person brings to the world. God Bless us all!*

# Presidents Corner

Hello fellow club members,

Due to the current COVID-19 issues going on world-wide and locally and restrictions on gatherings:

**We will also not be having the July 2020 meeting.**

Please check back often at

<https://www.mapcc.com>

For updates as we have them for when we will have our next club meeting.

Thank you for your support.

~~**Meetings -- January-November**~~

~~**Apple Barrel (at Sapp Bros.)**~~

~~**2608 S. 24th St.**~~

~~**Council Bluffs, Iowa**~~

~~**MEETING BEGINS: 7 PM**~~ (NOT in December)

# **Minutes of June 16, 2020 Meeting**

**Meeting was called off** due to the continued health concerns of having crowds of people, etc.

## **First Drawing**

The \$10 drawing was won by N/A.

## **Minutes and Treasury Report**

Minutes and treasury report will be read at next meeting. (we hope)

## **Old Business**

No old business due to no meeting.

## **New Business**

No new business due to no meeting.

## **Demo**

The “demo” was not shown, but hopefully we will be able to sometime in 2020.

## **Stick-Around Drawing**

The stick around drawing (\$0.00) was not done for June.

## **Adjourned**

No meeting!

*Minutes recorded by Bruce 06/16/2020*

# **M.A.P.C.C.**

Established 1982

The Metro Area Personal Computer Club Newsletter is published monthly and posted on the club website: <http://www.mapcc.com>

## **Meetings:**

**3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. (*WHEN ALLOWED TO*)**

Apple Barrel (party room)

2608 S. 24th St.

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

## **Elected Officers:**

President: David Ladd

Vice President: Kevin Holloway

Secretary: Bruce

Treasurer: Kevin Holloway

## **Appointed Officers:**

Newsletter Editor: Bruce

## **Annual Membership Dues:**

Individual: \$15.00 Family: \$20.00

## **Club Motto:**

***“Pass It On”***

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