

WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9th South and River Road

Member Meeting

19 June 2010

GREETERS: **Helen Lenz**

WELCOME: **June Morton**

June welcomed all in attendance and made a few announcements, namely:
Genealogy Project can be viewed on BYU TV on Sunday mornings at 10 am, a great
The St. George Large Multi-Stake Family History Center will reopen after major renovation on

OPENING PRAYER: **Ann Gailey**

NEWSLETTER EDITOR **Julie Hammons**

Julie was unable to attend but it was noted that we are all enjoying our great new newsletter.

WELCOMING THE PRESENTER: **Max Turpin** **June Morton**

Our Own Max Max Turpin was born and raised in Illinois where most of his family still live. He has returned home at least 40 of the 42 years since he left central Illinois. He served LDS mission to Texas, and has lived in Texas, California, where he met his wife Karen, and Utah. Max and Karen moved from Richfield to St. George in 1992. He is retired from the US Post Office.

Max has been involved in Family History/Genealogy for last 30 years and has nearly 18,000 family names collected in his PAF program. While collecting those names he also served as bishop in Washington 2nd Ward, and in the bishopric of the Dixie College 8th Ward. Max and Karen served a proselyting mission to Spokane Washington Mission in 2006-2007 in the Coulee Dam area and after their return he was called as the St. George Transient Bishop.

Max and his lovely wife Karen have put in their papers to serve an 18 month mission at the St. George Large Multi-Stake Family History Center this fall, and he writes the column on Find-A-Grave that appears in this newsletter. He also serves on the Board for the WC-PAF Users Group.

His hobbies are, of course, related to genealogy and he is our resident expert on **Find-A-Grave**. He has visited cemeteries in 12 states, taking photos of gravestones on these visits and posting them on line. Max has just past his 30,000 entry on Find-A-Grave. He will share his knowledge, of how to deal with photos on our computers, using Picasa.

PRESENTATION: **PICASA** **Max Turpin**

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Max supplied us with a condensed tutorial which is attached with the recommendation that as you download Picasa you should first run their tutorial to help you get acquainted with the program.

Max then went through the process of how to organize your photos and edit them. It was a great presentation and all present were anxious to hurry home and try out the new software. Thanks Max it was a great presentation.

A SPECIAL THANKS goes out to Curt Rohrer for helping out with the set-up today

CLOSING PRAYER: Karla Cannon

Prize Winners: Ann Gailey, Irvin Wright, Maggie Hansen, and Gaylie Morehead

Total Attendance: 13

Filed by: June Morton – Recording Secretary

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As you get started, there are two things you should always remember:

- **Picasa does not store the photos on your computer.**
When you open Picasa, it simply looks at the folders on your computer and displays the photos it finds. It displays the file types that you tell it to find, in the folders that you tell it to search.
- **Your original photos are always preserved.**
When using editing tools in Picasa, your original files are never touched. The photo edits you make are only viewable in Picasa until you decide to save your changes. Even then, Picasa creates a new version of the photo with your edits applied, leaving the original file totally preserved.

Organize your photos

The folder list on the left is the hub for Picasa organization. By scrolling through this list, you can access all photos displayed by Picasa. To understand Picasa organization, you need to understand the following three collections:

Folders

Folders in Picasa represent the folders on your computer. You [control the folders](#) that are scanned and displayed by Picasa. Changes you make to folders in Picasa affect the corresponding folders on your computer's hard drive. For example, if you delete a photo in a Picasa folder, that photo is also deleted from the computer.

Albums

Unlike folders, albums exist only in Picasa. Albums allow you to create virtual groups of photos taken from multiple folders on your computer. Albums display those photos without actually moving the photo - it's like a play list for photos. When you delete or move photos from an album, the original files remain in their original folders on your computer.

People

In this collection, you can organize your photos by what frequently matters most -- the people in them. Picasa uses facial recognition technology to find and group similar faces together across your entire collection of photos. By [adding name tags](#) to these groups of faces, new people albums are created. These people albums are just like the albums above: when you move or delete faces, the original files stay put.

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Edit your photos

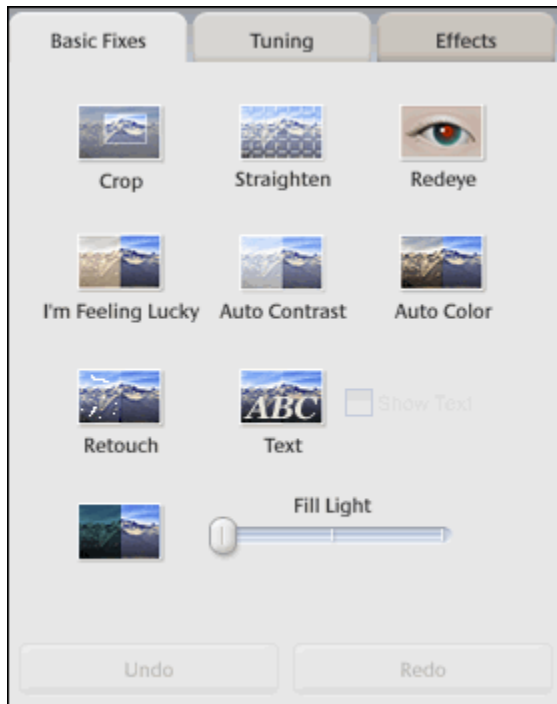
Picasa provides a range of one-click fixes to help you improve almost any photo, adjust its color and lighting, and add effects like black and white or sepia toning. Double-click a photo and use the three editing tabs on the left.

A. Make simple edits -- such as cropping, straightening, removing red eye, retouching blemishes, or adding text -- to your photos. Or click **I'm Feeling Lucky** to try Picasa's all-in-one lighting and contrast fix. [Learn more about Basic Fixes](#)

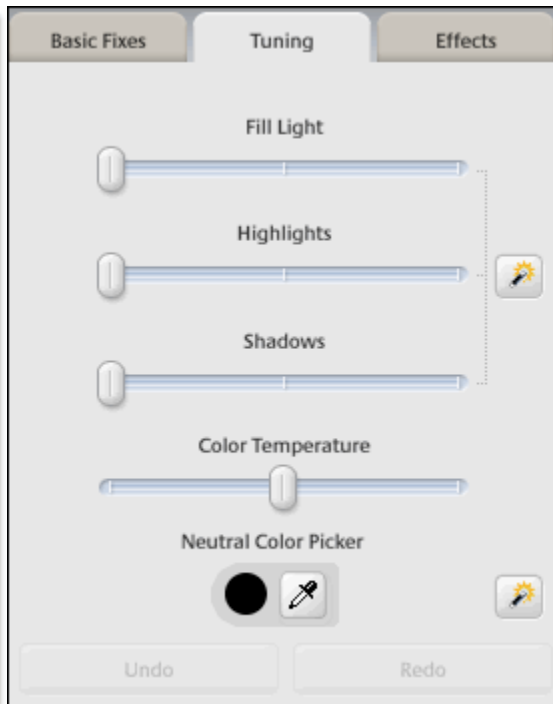
B. Use the sliders to adjust the color and lighting aspects of your photo to produce a more visually enhanced image. [Learn more about Tuning](#)

C. Choose from 12 effects to make your photos more interesting: Sharpen, convert to sepia or black and white, warm the photo, apply tint, saturate the colors, and more. [Learn more about Effects](#)

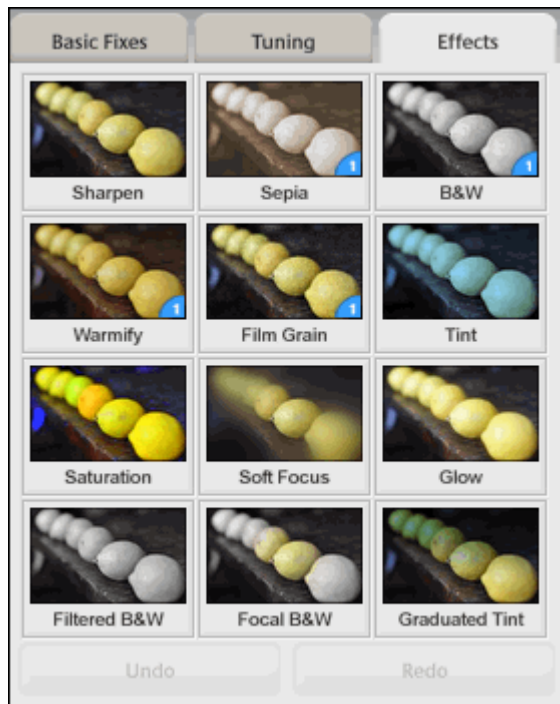
A. Basic Fixes



B. Tuning



C. Effects



Discover more features

If you've read this far, you're familiar with the basics of Picasa. As you become a power user, here are some of the features for you to explore:



Resize photos: One of the most popular -- and most hidden -- features of Picasa is the ability to resize photos. Use the **Export** button to quickly resize your photos.



Sync to Web: When you enable **Sync to Web** in Picasa for a folder or album, edits made to your photos in Picasa are reflected immediately in the corresponding album in Picasa Web Albums.



Make a collage: Make a collage and share it with your friends and family. Experiment with six different types of collage, and maintain total control over your collage content and layout.



Add captions: Adding captions can help tell the rest of the story. While editing a photo, click the text below that says 'Make a caption!'. Captions are displayed in Picasa, Picasa Web Albums, and other IPTC compatible programs.



Use Movie Maker: Combine your photos, videos, and music into a movie and upload it directly to YouTube. You can also [trim existing video files](#).



Map photos: Use the **Maps** tab in Picasa to embed latitude and longitude information into the EXIF data of your photo file. This geographic data accompanies your photo when you upload it to Picasa Web Albums.



Print photos: Use the **Shop** button to [order prints from our online print partners](#) or use the **Print** button to [print your photos at home](#).



Add tags: Tags are like keywords. By applying single or multiple-word tags in Picasa, you can quickly search and locate photos. The Tags tab offers quick tags, tag counts and the ability to manage your tags.



Upload to Blogger: Use the BlogThis! button to post photos directly from Picasa to Blogger.



Back up your collection: Protect those precious memories. Use Picasa to back up your photo collection to either [an alternate drive](#) or to [CD/DVD](#).