

Jim Unger will give a 1 ½ hour Mini-SIG on Computer Maintenance. Emphasis will be on how to keep your computer free of viruses, spyware, malware, etc. He will review Windows Update, AntiVirus Updates, and free spyware programs such as Spywareblaster, AdAware, and Spybot Search and Destroy. He will also review PestPatrol and SpySweeper, which are paid programs.

Date: April 30 & May 7

Day: Saturday

Time: 10:45am - 12:15pm

Location: SCTI Bldg. 2, Room 205

Leader: Jim Unger

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Microsoft Fax

Lecture and demonstration class showing how to use your computer modem and Windows XP with Microsoft Fax software to send and receive faxes and create a custom cover sheet. Register for class via email to Nancy Dennis. Include your name, SPCUG member number and phone number.

Date: May 21


Day: Saturday

Time: 9:00-10:30am

Location: SCTI Bldg. 2, Room 201

Leader: Nancy Dennis

E-mail: <ndennis@prodigy.net>

E-mail signup only 

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FaceFilter Studio

Software Review by Dave Gerber

OK, I admit it. When it comes to enhancing digital photos my talent leaves much to be desired. If a photo correction program offers a "1 Click Fix" solution (and those tools are usually pretty poor) I'll usually settle for the results presented.

FaceFilter Studio not only offered a simple solution but includes some additional features that I haven't found elsewhere. FaceFilter, as the name implies, focuses solely on enhancing and correcting faces which certainly makes it unique.

Once opened, FaceFilter offers a step-by-step procedure that is simple to follow.

Import your image and then place the focus on the face. Then you can make either automatic or manual color adjustments. The next step is to define the outline of the face and the placement of key points (eyes, eyebrows, mouth) to create a facial mask. Moving on to the next step will take you through the options to enhance the facial skin tone, color balance and correct red-eye. Now you can stop here, save your work and compare the original to your work or you can move on to the next step which is where the fun really begins.

Using 3-D muscle-based photo morphing technology, FaceFilter's process enables you to enhance expressions, remove common skin blemishes, smooth wrinkles, sharpen and improve facial structure.

Correct Mona Lisa's smile? No problem. You can make manual facial adjustments or use the many templates that are provided so that you can "alter" your subject's expression to be happy, sad, sexy, angry, sleepy, and even younger!! The options seem endless.

My family got a kick out of seeing our new granddaughter with a slight "attitude" adjustment. That alone was worth the price of FaceFilter Studio.

I had no issue with the fact that there is no printed manual since the Reallusion website offers an abundance of support information including a Visual Reference Guide, a Getting Started page, Animated Tutorials and a Hints & Tricks section.

To summarize, FaceFilter Studio

- makes digital photo repair easy
- allows you to change facial expressions
- adjusts skin color and tone
- whitens teeth
- hides blemishes and wrinkles

· is a lot of fun !!!

Reallusion offers a 15 day trial version which can be downloaded at http://www.reallusion.com/facefilter/ffs_download.asp

FaceFilter Studio can be purchased at <http://www.reallusion.com> for \$59.95

Minimum system requirements

CPU: Pentium II 350MHz (Pentium II 500 MHz or Higher Recommended)

Memory: 64 MB RAM (128 MB or Higher Recommended)

HDD Space: 300 MB Hard Disk (or Higher Recommended)

Display Resolution: High Color(16-bit) or True Color (32-bit)

OS: Windows XP/ME/2000/98/NT

Additionally they recommend the following minimum system requirements for editing images 3MegaPixel or over

CPU: Pentium II 600 MHz

Memory: 512 MB RAM

HDD Space: 800 MB Hard Disk 

