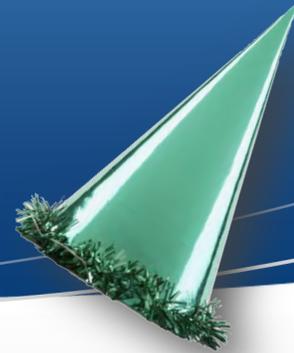# CAMP NEWS

Capital Apple, Mac, Performa User Group

Holiday Party at December Meeting

Our holiday party and corporate annual meeting will take place at **6:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, December 10 at the home of Adam Tomash, 751 High St., West Gardiner. If you need help en route, call Adam at 582-5248.

New Digs for This Office

What can happen in four years' time? Not only election of a new president, but also release of a new version of Microsoft Office. Office for Mac 2008, the successor to the 2004 version, runs native for owners of Intel Macs, allows corporate employees to use the Entourage email client with Microsoft Exchange servers, and saves documents in the new .docx format debuted in Office 2007 for Windows.

You're looking at one of the marquee features of Word 2008 right now: a full-fledged desktop publishing module that goes head-to-head with Apple's Pages. A new Elements bar offers a wide range of handsome document templates, and a slew of new photo styles add lots of pizzazz to your layouts. This edition of CAMP News, for example, is based on the Float newsletter template. The Elements bar also simplifies insertion of charts and WordArt into your documents, and includes the new category of SmartArt Graphics. The Formatting palette first introduced in Office 2001 for Mac simplifies the formatting of charts, photos and text boxes as well as text and has evolved to the point where it is no longer necessary to keep a slew of toolbars on screen.

This is also the most affordable version of Office for Mac ever released. The home and student edition is available to all non-business users (i.e., there no longer needs to be a student in the house) and can be installed on three machines. The prevailing retail price of the home and student edition is about $110–150.

All is not perfect. I ran into several known problems in the course of preparing this newsletter. Still, Office 2008 is a winner. –*Jeff Frankel*

Annual Meeting Agenda

☞ Election of officers and directors for 2009

☞ Yankee auction. Bring a gift item for a fellow member. Need not be computer related.

☞ Potluck dinner. Bring an entrée or dessert. CAMP will supply beverages.

☞ iBank raffle drawing (see below)

☞ "Last chance" raffle drawing from losing 2008 tickets. $100 prize for purchase of computer goods or services. **Must be present to win.**

Thanks to the efforts of Sue Westlake, IGG Software has donated a copy of iBank for raffle at the December meeting!