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Last Month

Last month, was our annual Pot Luck / Swap Meet and, as usual, it was an evening of great food and great fellowship.

August Program

Microsoft Excel – It isn't just for business!

Betty will demonstrate some of the changes from Microsoft Excel2003 to Excel2007 that make the powerful spreadsheet tool somewhat more user friendly. (Don't be afraid, it's only a ribbon). In addition she will demonstrate 2 of the most powerful functions (of the over 400 available) Vlookup and Pivot tables in addition to a few tips and tricks for the casual user. All to get you ready for the free online version of Office that Microsoft is going to give away with their new version – Excel2010!

We meet at the Federated Church in Sandwich 403 N. Main Street on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm unless noted otherwise. The meeting is a great place to learn about computers and meet new friends. Next meeting is August 20, 2009. Visit our web site at www.scug.org for more info.

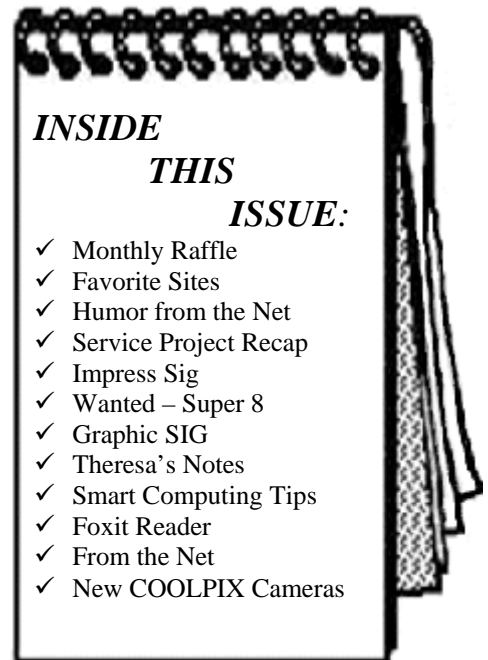
Membership forms are available at:

http://www.scug.org/About_us.htm

Local Business Celebrates 25th Anniversary



The Office Works in Plano is celebrating 25 years in business this year. *Congratulations to a great local business.*



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Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.

Sat 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed

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August Birthdays

8/4 Gerry Black	8/4 John Fleming
8/7 Kathy Weekly	8/12 Nick Scull
8/18 Jerry Grommes	8/20 Linda Coffin
8/24 Dutch Harkins	8/25 John Niemann
8/28 Alice Michalowski	8/28 Evan Bagg
8/29 Hugh McDermott	8/31 Stacey Johnson
8/31 Phyllis O'Connell	

September Birthdays

9/16 Charleen Seville	
9/24 Lorraine Hacker	9/24 Chuck Swynenberg
9/27 Donna Grommes	9/27 Gail Mikyska

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Monthly Raffle

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Wow! You were great last month. The donations were wonderful - enough to have the raffle this month and not buy a thing. And the tickets sales - the best yet! The "buy 5 tickets, get one ticket free" went over very well. The SCUG board told me that I can do that through the end of the year. So I am - the SALE is on!

Thank you to all the donated the nice raffle prizes and thank you to all the ticket buyers. Have I told you all "That you are the BEST?" You are. Santa will be very pleased!

*Debbie Olson
The Raffle Queen*

Favorite Sites

Here is a great place to watch and hear the Apollo 13 crew.
<http://www.wechoosethemoon.org>

Revisiting Chernobyl-25 years later.
<http://timmsuess.com/chernobyl-journal>

Watch this....A real feel good(er).
<http://carolynspreciousmemories.com/Videos/childr-engo-tennernieford.html>

Louise Dieden

Humor from the Net

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, 'Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a Mass for the poor creature?'

Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.'

Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?'

Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

Why Parents Drink

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow that was addressed to 'Dad.' With the worst premonition he opened the envelope with trembling hands and read the letter.

Dear Dad:

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mom and you. I have been finding real passion with Stacy and she is so nice. But I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercing, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than I am. But it's not only the passion... Dad she's pregnant.

Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with

the other people that live nearby for cocaine and ecstasy.

In the meantime we will pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Stacy can get better. She deserves it.

Don't worry Dad. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I'm sure that we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your grandchildren.

Love, Your Son John

PS. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the Report card that's in my center desk drawer. I love you. Call me when it's safe to come home.

Service Project Recap

Local Service Project Recap

For those of you who are new members and those of you who may have forgotten, I'd like to do a recap on a local service project.

In 2006, the Director of Fox Valley Older Adult Services (FVOAS) asked the Sandwich Computer User Group (SCUG) for our help by supplying them with two computers. The request was put to a vote by the general membership and passed. We upgraded two older computers adding ram, increasing the size of the hard drive, installed Windows XP, including appropriate software, donated them to FVOAS and set them up a small computer room. Members of our group installed the local area network and connected them to the internet via cable services. (We are also providing on-going service to the machines if they have any problems.)

One of our members then volunteered to teach the seniors how to use the computers. After meeting with the administrators of FVOAS she wrote a computer curriculum to meet their goals which were to have the seniors be able to communicate with their family and friends through e-mail. In the fall of 2006 she started with Basic Computer Skills and How to Use Yahoo! Mail. During the summer we met with a volunteer sample or beta student and ran through the class with her before doing any further scheduling. It was so successful that in January of 2007 an Exploring Explorer 7 class was added, and in 2008 a combination Computer Navigation/Open Office Writer class was added.

In the Basic Computer Skills class we cover areas like correct terms for components of a computer station, how to use a mouse, and how to access Yahoo! Mail. They learn how to sign in, receive mail, scroll, open a message, delete a message, reply to a message, forward a message, compose or send a message, how to print a message and how to make

and use an address book etc, In Exploring Internet Explorer 7 they learn about domain names and internet addresses, how to use the Google tool bar, how to conduct Boolean searches and all about the Explorer tool bars. They practice their skills doing a local area internet scavenger hunt.

In Open Office Writer/Computer Navigation we teach about all the editing options and saving and retrieving files in Open Office Writer along with how to make a file, file addresses, organizing your files etc.

A schedule of classes is published in the FVOAS newsletter, and in the local newspaper. Interested seniors contact the center to sign up for the classes. The instructor called each person to determine which class they were able to take, scheduled them, and called them a week before the class met to remind them of the date and time. The classes are weekly from September thru May.

We submitted this project to the 10th Annual APCUG Jerry Awards, sponsored by Microsoft Mindshare, Corel Corporation and AMD and won second place which paid \$750. That money went back into the project and we were able to replace the old monitors with wide screen LCD's, which are much easier for the seniors to view, new printers and replaced the older refurbished Pentium 3 computers with newer refurbished Pentium 4's.

I am proud to announce that the member who has been very instrumental in organizing and keeping this project going has just finished teaching her 100th student. Thanks go to Roberta Dykstra and all of her efforts she has put into helping others.

The next time you are talking to someone about our Users Group and they ask what we do, share this story with them. Because it's not what can the group do for me, it's more about what we can do for others.

Jerry Grommes

Impress SIG

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There were seven people at the August Open Office Impress SIG. We discussed how Impress can be used to create a presentation using text and photos or for creating an animated photo album. Photos and text can appear on each slide with sounds or animation.

Impress will open and edit Microsoft Power Point presentations.

Jerry Kell

Wanted – Super 8

WANTED

Does anyone have a Super 8 Video Camera and/or adaptor that I can borrow or buy? I have some video tapes I want to transfer to CD and my camera broke. HELP!

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Graphics SIG

June Graphics SIG

The Graphics SIG was held at Roberta's house with 7 people present. We discussed the importance of using more secure passwords involving 7 characters or more, upper and lower case letters, numbers and punctuation. We also touched on using a password program such as KeePass.

We talked about the different links or features Google has to offer such as Web, Images, Videos, Maps, News, Shopping, Gmail and More after you've typed in your subject in the Google search box one time.

Joan brought an example of 3D pictures taken by a photographer at a Lyon's Farm event and then uploaded to Flickr on the Web.

We talked about Windows Live in general and Windows Live Photo Gallery in particular, which is now part of Windows Live Essentials. With Windows Live Photo Gallery you can organize your digital photos in several ways, use the information bar to identify and caption pictures and, edit, publish, print and even burn DVDs. We experimented with burning a DVD. We also talked briefly about using Live Mesh, a new segment Microsoft is using to synchronize all your personal hardware.

Roberta Dykstra

Theresa's Notes

Theresa's Notes:

We had 34 members in attendance at the July meeting, our potluck supper. The food was wonderful and what a great variety. We also had a very nice raffle and would like to thank all who brought items for the raffle. We did not have anyone sign up for treats in August so if anyone would like to bring treats it would be appreciated.

Theresa Bagg



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Smart Computing Tips



Smart Computing Tips

As a member of the Smart Computing User Group Program, you are welcome to reprint these tips in your user group's newsletter.

- **Get Home Quickly:** Whether you're searching a Web page, halfway through a long Word document, or checking out the latest numbers in an Excel sheet, in order to get to the very beginning of the information you're looking at, you can press CTRL-HOME. This will instantly return you to the start of any page without you scrolling your mouse or pressing an arrow key until you get to where you need to be.
- **Faster Than Wireless:** When you purchase a wireless router, be sure it has extra Ethernet ports that support Gigabit Ethernet, which is the fastest Ethernet standard available. Wired Gigabit Ethernet speeds are even greater than the fastest wireless standard, 802.11 Draft N. Having multiple Ethernet ports will allow you to make a wired connection to devices in addition to wireless connections. If you want to connect a wired network device (one that doesn't include built-in wireless capabilities) to your home network, an Ethernet port and an Ethernet cable will ensure you can still integrate it into your network.
- **Avoid Evil Twins:** Free municipal and college Wi-Fi hotspots are popping up everywhere, and data thieves are taking advantage of them to lift your information. Hackers establish open networks with official-sounding names, such as SeattleFreeWiFi, and then monitor those networks and access users' information at will. Beware a public network unless you can confirm its SSID (Service Set Identifier; its public name) or you are at a reputable business with Wi-Fi access and only that network is within range.

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Foxit Reader

Foxit Reader: A Short Review

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A Worthy Alternative to Adobe Reader

When one of my clients was concerned about hacker threats to Adobe Reader last winter I went in search of alternative software. I found the free version of Foxit Reader at <http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/reader/>

It's well worth a look! Here are just some of the advantages:

Small Size. The file is about one-sixth the size of the latest free version of Adobe Reader and takes seconds to download and install. The small footprint is great for older computers or those short on hard drive space. There is also a U3 version for flash drives.

Speed. It starts up fast and runs fast. No delays while splash screens load. Printing is also speedy.

"No surprises." Foxit Reader will remind you of Adobe Reader—same interface, menus and toolbars so the transition is painless.

Open multiple files in tabbed format. If you like the ability to open several web pages on tabs in Mozilla Firefox you'll like the tabbed format of Foxit Reader as well. View several PDF files at a time and switch between them easily by clicking the tabs.

Mark up and leave comments on PDF documents. You can insert text boxes with comments right in line with text in the PDF document or draw arrows and graphics or highlight text. This is very helpful, especially when you are collaborating on a document with others.

Take it for a test run. You will not be disappointed.

From the Net

You could have heard a pin drop

When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by George Bush.

He answered by saying, 'Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return.'

You could have heard a pin drop.

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There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying 'Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?'

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: 'Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?'

## *You could have heard a pin drop.*

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A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, 'Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?'

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied 'Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German.'

You could have heard a pin drop.

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## **Subject: New Credit Card Scam**

Snopes.com says this is true.

<http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/creditcard.asp>

This one is pretty slick since they provide YOU with all the information, except the one piece they want.

Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & Master Card Telephone

Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

One of our employees was called on Wednesday from 'VISA', and I was called on Thursday from 'Master Card'. The scam works like this: Caller: 'This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona?'

When you say 'No', the caller continues with, 'Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?'

You say 'yes '. The caller continues - 'I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1- 800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security.'

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number... 'Do you need me to read it again?'

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, 'I need to verify you are in possession of your card'. He'll ask you to 'turn your card over and look for some numbers'. There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, 'That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?' After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do, and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account. VISA is reissuing us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the

scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a 'Jason Richardson of Master Card' with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

*Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing each other, we protect each other.*

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## New COOLPIX Cameras

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### **NIKON INTRODUCES FOUR NEW COOLPIX CAMERAS OFFERING SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE, DESIGN AND INNOVATION**

*Nikon Continues to Lead in Innovation with a New Touch Camera and First Compact Digital Camera with Built-in Projector\**

**MELVILLE, NY (Aug. 4, 2009)** – Nikon Inc. continues its tradition of innovation, design and performance with the introduction of four new COOLPIX Style Series compact digital cameras. Building on the success of Nikon's previous touch-screen models, the ultra-stylish COOLPIX S70 features an enhanced interface and organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display technology for a new user experience, housed in a stylish camera body. The COOLPIX S1000pj features the world's first built-in projector, which enables consumers to share their images and videos in an all-new fun way. Additionally, the COOLPIX S640 and COOLPIX S570, leaders in speed and affordability, respectively, complete the new smarter, cooler, simpler COOLPIX line.

#### **Built-in projector and new touch controls**

“These latest Nikon COOLPIX digital cameras reflect hallmarks of the COOLPIX line: performance, design and innovation,” said Bill Giordano, general manager marketing, COOLPIX for Nikon Inc. “With new features such as a built-in projector and new touch controls for viewing, shooting and zooming, these COOLPIX cameras will appeal to users of every level.”

The Nikon COOLPIX cameras incorporate Nikon's world-class NIKKOR lenses, delivering accurate detail and brilliant color, as well as Nikon's EXPEED™ digital image processing concept, which ensures high-quality pictures with stunning color and sharpness. A new enhancement to

Nikon's Smart Portrait System that helps create beautiful portraits includes an all-new Skin Softening feature designed to both smooth and even skin tones. Other COOLPIX features include Vibration Reduction (VR) Image Stabilization, minimizing blur that may appear in pictures, even in low-light or unsteady conditions; and Scene Auto Selector, which automatically recognizes the shooting situation and adjusts camera settings accordingly.

#### **NEW COOLPIX S70 FEATURES SUPERIOR STYLING AND OLED TOUCH-SCREEN INTERFACE**

Built on the success of Nikon's previous touch-screen models, the COOLPIX S70 features Nikon's newly developed 3.5-inch Clear Color Display and a new generation of touch-screen controls that offer an enhanced shooting and playback experience. In addition to its photographic technology and stylish dual-texture design, the S70 captures stunning HD video at 1280 x 720 pixels (720p).

New to the COOLPIX line, OLED technology offers the benefits of vivid color reproduction, sharp contrast and the absence of afterimages. The capacitive touch-screen provides an immediate response at the lightest touch of the display for a fun and intuitive feel to every camera operation. For example, using the Touch Shutter feature, users can have a completely "button-free" experience and focus on and photograph a subject by simply touching it on the camera's display. The touch-screen also makes viewing and retouching images more fun and efficient. With the swipe of a finger, users can scroll through images and use a pinching motion with two fingers to zoom in or out on displayed images, switching between thumbnail and full screen views. Additional new touch-screen controls include on-screen sliders for adjusting brightness and Scene Effect Adjustment, which offers controls specific to the scene mode in use.

The COOLPIX S70 features 12.1 megapixels; a 5x wide-angle Zoom-NIKKOR lens; ISO 6400\*\*\*; 5-way VR Image Stabilization System; Subject Tracking; Scene Auto Selector Mode; Nikon's Smart Portrait System and an ultra-stylish design.

The S70 will be available in September 2009 for \$399.95 MSRP in a choice of colors and textures including Red & Red, Champagne & Beige, Black & Black, or Champagne & Light Brown.

#### **NEW COOLPIX S1000pj FEATURES WORLD'S FIRST BUILT-IN PROJECTOR, YOUR PERSONAL THEATER ON THE GO**

Providing consumers with new exciting ways to share images, the COOLPIX S1000pj transforms photo-sharing into a multimedia experience. With the touch of a button, users can project images and videos as large as 40 inches, and with the camera's unique slideshow function, playback pictures with music, effects and creative transitions. Additional features of the S1000pj include: 12.1 megapixels;

a 5x wide-angle Zoom-NIKKOR glass lens; ISO from 64-6400\*\*\*; a 2.7-inch wide-angle LCD display; 5-way VR Image Stabilization System; Subject Tracking; Scene Auto Selector Mode; Nikon's Smart Portrait System and movie mode.

The COOLPIX S1000pj will be available in Matte Black, in September 2009, for \$429.95 MSRP.

#### **NEW COOLPIX S640 IS SLEEK, FAST AND FULLY-LOADED WITH ENHANCED SPEED CAPABILITIES**

For consumers who never want to miss a moment, the all-new COOLPIX S640 is Nikon's performance leader in the S-Series lineup. High performance features include ultra-fast auto-focus, the fastest start up time in its class\*\* of a mere 0.7 seconds and short shutter release time lag. Additional features of the S640 include: a slim, stylish all metal body; 12.2 megapixels; a 5x Wide Angle NIKKOR lens; ISO from 100-6400 at full resolution; a 2.7-inch Clear Color LCD Display; 4-way VR Image Stabilization System; Subject Tracking; Scene Auto Selector Mode; Nikon's Smart Portrait System and movie mode.

The COOLPIX S640 will be available in September 2009 for \$249.95 MSRP and will be offered in various colors including: Calm Black, Velour Red, Precious Pink and Pearl White.

#### **NEW COOLPIX S570 OFFERS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AT AN ECONOMICAL PRICE POINT**

Where style meets simplicity, the new COOLPIX S570 is ideal for entry-level consumers looking for a carefree shooting experience. The S570 features 12.0 megapixels; a 5x wide-angle Zoom-NIKKOR glass lens; ISO 3200 at full resolution; a bright 2.7-inch LCD Display; 4-way VR Image Stabilization System; Scene Auto Selector Mode; Nikon's Smart Portrait System and movie mode.

The COOLPIX S570 will be available in September 2009, for \$199.95 MSRP and will be offered in various colors including Black, Red, Blue and Pink.

\*Among compact digital cameras as of August 4, 2009 (according to research conducted by Nikon Corporation).

\*\*Among compact digital cameras equipped with optical 5x zoom lens and optical vibration reduction as of August 4, 2009 (according to research conducted by Nikon Corporation).

\*\*\*setting is available only for image sizes of 3M (2048 x 1536) or smaller