CMUG Snippet - changing icons - May 13, 2014

Changing the icon of a file or folder on your Mac!

Why? Mostly, for visual purposes. Makes it easier to spot your folder among the rest of the generic default blue folders in Mac OS. Use customized folders on your desktop and dock for greater visibility. And…..because we're Mac geeks and we like to mess around with stuff like this!

**Here's How to Do It……A Direct Quote from Apple support:

You can create a custom icon for any file or folder. You can use your own pictures to create icons, download icons from the web, or use the icon for another file or folder.

Use your own picture or a picture from the web

1. Copy the picture you want to use to the Clipboard. One way to do this is to open the picture in Preview, choose Edit > Select All, and then choose Edit > Copy.

2. Select the file or folder whose icon you want to replace and choose File > Get Info.

3. At the top of the Info window, click the picture of the icon to select it, and then choose Edit > Paste.

Use an icon from another file or folder

1. Select the first file or folder and choose File > Get Info. Then select the other file or folder and choose File > Get Info.

2. In one Info window, select the icon you want to use and choose Edit > Copy.

3. In the other Info window, select the icon you want to replace and choose Edit >Paste.

Restore the original icon for an item

1. Select the file or folder and choose File > Get Info.

2. At the top of the Info window, select the custom icon and choose Edit > Cut.

http://support.apple.com/kb/PH10847?viewlocale=en_US&locale=en_US

**Here are a couple places to get some cool icons:

A bunch of icons and icon sets to get your collection started:

1. http://mac.appstorm.net/roundups/graphics-roundups/over-55-beautiful-folder-icons-for- os-x/

The iconfactory - duh! Scroll and click through this collection. They have desktop pix too!

2. http://iconfactory.com/freeware/icon