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GEOPLUS GETS A FACELIFT WITH NEW FEATURES

Rave reviews are pouring in about the revamped GeoPlus program. We gave the Community Leaders a sneak peak last week and now GeoPlus members are taking advantage by snagging tools like the cool CGIs from our new online library.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the program, GeoPlus gives you even more utilities, features and opportunities to take your homestead to the next level.

"Looks great!" wrote Becky, a SoHo Community Leader. "I really like the info listed down the left side. It's clean, simple and easy to navigate. And, CGIs with additional space? You've been reading our minds! I give it a big GeoPlus thumbs up."

Our new GeoPlus still includes the freedom of 10 megabytes of space, the ability to use subdirectories to manage your files, the convenience of a personalized URL, the rewards of double GeoPoints and the free trials to get great Internet products and services, but you also get FREE options like:

- *A library of great new CGI's featuring a variety of counters, a simple survey, a clock, Add-A-Link, an upgraded guestbook and many more new gadgets for your home pages

- *The ability to update your billing options at the click of a mouse

- *A powerful new GeoPlus Manager to keep on top of your current account status. The GeoPlus Manager was part of a special Community Leader contest to name our GeoPlus admin page. Several people submitted the name, but the first one was Bryan of West Hollywood. Congrats and thanks to all of our CLs for helping us critique the new GeoPlus program.

- *Direct access to the GeoCities File Manager from the GeoPlus Manager

In addition to those great features, the new GeoPlus provides you with the option to purchase expandable disk space above the initial GeoPlus 10 megabytes in five-megabyte blocks and the option to have us help you secure a custom URL (www.anything.com).

To find out our more about the new GeoPlus or to sign up for this service, please visit <http://www.geocities.com/geoplus> .

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VOTE: FLASH FOR CASH!

The "Flash for Cash Photo Contest" voting booth is now open for business! Browse the finalists in five categories and cast your vote for

who should win \$500. That's a total of \$2,500 up for grabs thanks to the folks at Storm Easy Photo.

Thanks to everyone who submitted a photo (or two or three...), we will be showing our appreciation by putting up an additional gallery of YOUR photos next week.

Go find out what fine photographers your fellow homesteaders are by visiting <http://www.geocities.com/contest/flash/>. And, by the way, it should be noted that in the "Funny/Outrageous" category - the action taking place is the preliminary trials of the Turtle Hurdles for the 1998 Animal Olympics. Well, either that -- or a mean game of leap frog. Don't forget to vote!

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"PEOPLE" LIKE US

GeoCitizen Steve Schalchlin and his home page (<http://www.geocities.com/Broadway/1173>) will be featured in People Magazine next week for his inspiring "A Life of Survival Featuring A Songwriter With AIDS" site.

"They did an interview and also took photos," Steve reports. "They'll talk about the musical (Last Session) but the reporter was REALLY interested in the Web page. So, be on the lookout."

Another GeoCitizen in the news is surrealist painter J. Alden Kingston. He was recently featured in two Vancouver publications, but you don't have to find an out-of-town edition... just visit his home page at <http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/3061>

If your GeoCities home page has been featured in the news, please contact us at news@geocities.com

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JOIN THE GEOKIDZ CLUB!

We all want a safe spot for our children to play and The GeoKidz Club is the perfect place. Enchanted Forest Community Leader Melange has been busy providing an HTML Center, games, message forums, a members' gallery and many more features for both parents and children to enjoy. The GeoKidz club is always growing and expanding, so visit <http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/3696> often...and make sure to say hello to our virtual dog!

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SUMMER IS THE PERFECT SEASON TO...

Write about your college! OK, it might sound strange, but stick with us...this is going to be fun. Don't you wish that when you went away to college someone had opened your eyes a little about what your school was really like or what kind of challenges you would actually face?

This is your chance to re-ignite those college memories, whether it was last year or last decade. All you have to do is design a page about university life and send it to us at collegepark@geocities.com. We will select cool pages to create a college catalog for prospective students to learn about college life and your academic institution.

Frat party warnings are OK, but show some school spirit and brag about your college! For a few examples that we found in our Featured Pages, please visit:

<http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/5014/Uni.html>
<http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/3802/index2.html>

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ALL ABOUT AUTOS

Hey Auto fans ... take a drive through the new GeoCities Car Center. Whether you're in the market for a new set of wheels, looking for expert advice, or just want to get the latest auto and racing news, we've got it from our friends at Auto-By-Tel. Check it out today at:

http://www.geocities.com/MotorCity/auto_center.html

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ENJOYING THE RIDE: GEOGUIDE

The GeoGuide is now served up on more than 100,000 pages day! And, it's not too late to win that computer, or a digital camera. To enter The Great GeoGuide Sweepstakes, please visit:

<http://www.geocities.com/homestead/geoguide/> and put a Java or GIF GeoGuide on your page.

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GEOCITIES IS STYLIN!

Drop by our newest neighborhood Fashion Avenue. Take a tour through the world of high fashion. Get weekly fashion and beauty news, browse through some great home pages, share tips and advice with fellow GeoCitizens, and while you're there don't forget to stop by the Avon Beauty Counter at:

http://www.avon.com/shopping/drill.cgi/D?a=login&f=geo_avon and order your favorite products online.

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EXPLORE PLANET DIRECT

A while back we told you about an exciting new feature that will bring even more visitors to your GeoCities Web site. Since then, Planet Direct, one of our sister companies, has launched its enhanced and expanded personal Web service, featuring powerful, easy-to-use features and content relevant to you, your interests and your community. Visit <http://my.planetdirect.com> and you could win cool prizes like a BMW Z3 roadster.

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FEATURES

-- The SoundOff section is growing by the second. Visit <http://www.geocities.com/SoundOff/> and speak out on Mike Tyson's punishment, the truth behind Roswell, exploring Mars and more!

-- Are you keeping track of who is visiting your home page and when? Get a GUESTBOOK at http://www.geocities.com/homestead/guest_book.html and start learning more about your guests.

-- Chat this way <http://www.geocities.com/BHI/newchat.html>. We've introduced new chat rooms into 10 neighborhoods and will soon be rolling out more new chat features. We have new HTML-based chat and personal chat rooms on the horizon. Tell us what you think -- send e-mail to chat@geocities.com with your comments about the new chat environment.

-- Do you think your site deserves fame and fortune? Then apply for the Featured Page Program. Featured Pages are highlighted on the main page of every neighborhood and are eligible for our Enhanced GeoRewards program, where you can earn GeoPoints for drawing traffic to your site. Go to <http://www.geocities.com/homestead/contribute.html> for details, or talk to one of your Community Leaders.

STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

Want to read about the most interesting sites at GeoCities?
<http://www.geocities.com/alist/>

Want to promote your page?
<http://www.geocities.com/homestead/promote.html>

Looking for more traffic?
<http://www.geocities.com/companies/profile.html>

Don't want to get this newsletter anymore?
<http://www.geocities.com/homestead/homeprof.html>
(While you're there, fill out the other stuff too)

Want to reach one of your Community Leaders?
Go to the main page of your neighborhood
Click on the COMMUNITY LEADERS link on the left

Need help?
<http://www.geocities.com/help/>
http://www.geocities.com/BHI/resource_guide.html

Want to provide feedback to GeoCities?
<http://www.geocities.com/contact/>
Anytime. Anything, complimentary or critical.
We want to hear from you.

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