

LESSON 16A

MORE ON WALLPAPER

Last week we learned how to make Internet pictures wallpaper on our computer desktop. By just right clicking on a picture, you can set that picture as your wallpaper. The only problem is that the first time you set another picture as wallpaper, your original is lost. Here's the fix.

When you create a custom wallpaper, Windows assigns it a default name. For example, if you were to save the cartoon character of me as your default wallpaper, Windows will give it a name consistent with the browser you use. I use Netscape 3.0, and so the name of that cartoon of me is Netscape Wallpaper. If you use Microsoft Internet Explorer, your default custom wallpaper file will be called Internet Explorer wallpaper.

Right-click on My Computer, then open Explore. Click on the Windows folder, then scroll across and look for Netscape Wallpaper or Internet Explorer Wallpaper. Now click on File, then Rename, and give it a new name. I call mine Jeff -- no surprise here. Once you have renamed that individual wallpaper file, it will appear when you bring up the list of available wallpaper BMP files. Right-click anywhere on the desktop and then select Properties. Under the Background tab you'll see a list of available wallpaper files, including any you have given new names to. You can still center or tile the picture, and in Windows 98 you can "stretch" it.

If you want artwork for your desktop that is stunning and gorgeous just go to **www.mikebonnell.com** where you'll find 13 galleries each containing pictures that make fantastic wallpaper. Next to each picture you can select a choice of resolution, i.e. 640 x 480, 800 x 600, or better. At a resolution of 800 x 600 you can fill your desktop with breathtaking artwork.

While we are on the subject of the Internet and your desktop, here's how to make Internet shortcuts to any Web page and keep them on your desktop as shortcut Icons. While in a particular Web site just right-click anywhere on the current page and select Create Shortcut. Now you can go directly from your desktop to that Web site without having to first open your Browser software.

Now that wasn't so hard, was it?

