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Letter from the Guest Editor

This special issue of *Cartographic Perspectives* chronicles the sessions of the first NACIS Practical Cartography Day, held at NACIS XXI in Portland, Oregon in October of 2001. The long promised write-ups of the how-to tutorials and the informative presentations are contained herein.

We have a total of seven articles and I extend a warm thank you to those Practical Cartography Day participants who took the time to put their presentations into a written format. Some of the immediate impact and nuances of the presentations, made in a hands-on manner on a computer, may be lost but the overall value remains in seeing what cartographers are doing in a practical context.

Three articles come from the session on two- and three-dimensional topographic presentation. David Barnes evaluates the capabilities of ESRI ArcGIS to create relief shading and other basic topographic techniques and also adds

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