Unconventional Podcasting:

Free and Open Source Tools For Podcasting in the Classroom

Starter Tools:

Gcast (http://www.gcast.com)

Description: Call a toll free number from any phone and record a podcast of any length.

Application: Record discussion, field notes, reflections, assignments. Download files or keep the rss feed as it is.

VoiceThread (http://www.voicethread.com)

Description: Upload pictures and record audio about the pictures in a digital storytelling format.

Application: Create a space for students to discuss art, historical images, or even graphs and diagrams.

Creator Tools:

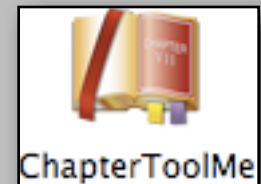**Audacity** (http://audacity.sourceforge.net)

Description: Edit audio files in detail.

Application: Create podcasts. Edit class discussions. Enhance audio from field notes or interviews.

ChapterToolMe (http://www.freemacware.com/chaptertoolme)

Description: Add Chapters, Pictures, and Show Notes to an AAC file quickly and easily.

Application: Create enhanced podcasts of discussions or student projects without having to go through Garageband.

Designer Tools:

Podpress (http://www.mightyseek.com/podpress/)

Description: Create your own podcast feed and host your audio, video and enhanced podcasts online with built in player.

Application: Design your classroom podcast and blog without having to host on an questionable hosting site.