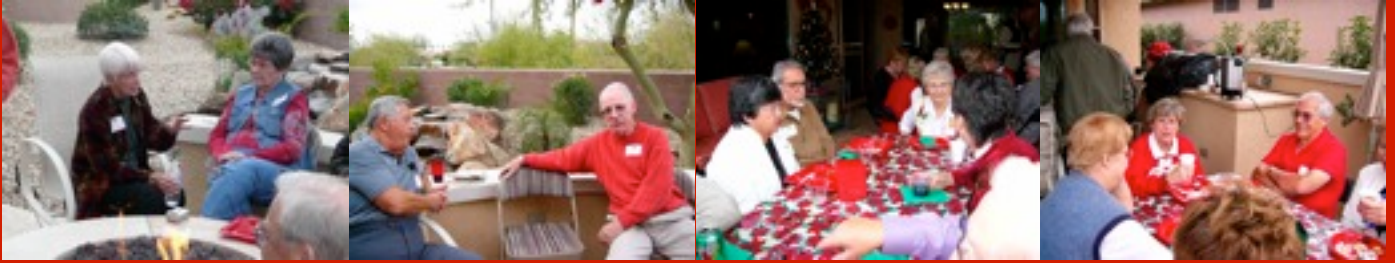


Grand Mac SIG Newsletter



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December 21 Meeting 4:30 PM Pima Room

The Mac SIG December meeting will feature information on
MacScan:Anti-Spyware/Security Software

What Mac users like best about their Macs are safety and security. But using our Macs recklessly can result in problems. MacScan isolates, detects and removes spyware, keystroke loggers, and trojan horses for Mac OS X.

Our December 21 meeting will be devoted to this anti-spyware privacy/security software and will be facilitated by Marty Schwerin.

MacScan has given our Mac SIG the following door prizes: MacScan 30-day demo CDs, a full retail copy of MacScan, and a User Group Discount Code for our members. Thanks, **MacScan!** Hope you can join us!



Mac SIG Holiday Open House

We hope you can join us for the fourth annual Mac SIG Holiday Open House, to be held on Saturday, December 5, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the home of Joyce Kloncz at 20140 N. Portico Way.

We'll provide the liquid refreshments, if you'll bring either a plate of hors d'oeuvres or holiday goodies. To get some ideas on numbers, please RSVP at mac@grandcomputers.org or call 623-215-2397. Please come!

Trip to Scottsdale Apple Store Cancelled

It was difficult to get a reservation for our Mac SIG to go to the new Apple Store in Scottsdale. After our initial contacts, they then indicated they were busy getting ready for holiday sales and couldn't commit at this time. We're sorry about this cancellation.



Welcome New Mac SIG Members

Welcome to these new Mac users since our November newsletter: Janice Nolan, Sam Valenti, and Donna Weisheit.

There are 175 Mac users on our list to date, up 28 new Mac users since May.

We send informational emails to 215 Mac users, many of whom are couple emails.

There are 1019 members in the Grand Computer Club. The 175 Mac members are 17% of the club.



MAC CLASSES TO BE OFFERED IN THE GCC CLASSROOM IN JANUARY

Our Mac instructors are thrilled that starting in January we can begin teaching most of our classes at times other than 4:00 & 6:00 PM. The January schedule is being fleshed out now, and it looks as though we will be offering Mac classes on Mondays and Wednesdays (all day) every other week. We will also have the classroom on one Friday morning each month, to accommodate classes that require three sessions.

Classes will be offered at 8, 10:30, 1:00 & 3:30. We will continue to offer some 4:00 PM classes in the open space room for classes that are smaller in attendance.

Art McCall has already purchased the six new iMacs and has installed the new software on them, so they will be ready to put into the classroom in early January, before class registration.

How to Buy a Mac or a PC

The Grand Mac SIG will present "How to Buy a Mac" at the December 10 GCC Coffee Chat at 8:30 AM in the Hopi Room, Chaparral Center. This will be part of a presentation covering both PCs and Macs. Our portion will cover the six types of Macs available: iMac, 3 laptops (Mac Book, MacBook Pro, MacBook Air), Mac Mini, and Mac Pro. Then various options for increasing the processor, hard drive, memory, etc., will be given. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

All Sun City Grand residents are invited to the GCC Coffee Chats.



LapWorks Meeting Photos

Pictured below and to the left are photos from our Mac SIG November meeting on LapWorks, which is a firm that specializes in laptop ergonomics & laptop desks and stands. Some lucky attendees took home some nice door prizes!



Gale McCall leading the November meeting & giving instructions!

New Features of Adobe Photoshop Elements 8 for the Mac



This new version continues to refine the great user interface and feature set of versions 6 and 7. Mac users will be happy to see this new version on the Mac (skipping version 7). While there is a lot to like in this consumer photo editing app, here are a few favorites:

- Mac users get the full Bridge CS4 app included with all the benefits of Adobe Camera RAW plus the ability to create panos and access to the new Photomerge Scene Cleaner and Photomerge Exposure
- On the Windows side instead of Bridge CS4 there is a new Organizer that works with both Photoshop Elements and Premiere Elements.
- Photomerge Exposure is amazing!

But don't just read about it, Terry White from Adobe [recorded this video](http://terrywhite.com/techblog/archives/3471) of some of the new features. If you can't access the above, go to Terry's blog at: <http://terrywhite.com/techblog/archives/3471>

Sharon Hoobler teaches our Mac SIG Photoshop Elements (PE) classes: PE 1: Basic; PE 2: Layers; PE 3: Photo Correction. The iMacs in the classroom have PE 8 installed for January classes, so she's ready to go with this new software.

Need Help With Your Mac?

We have Mac volunteers who will tutor you!

The following Mac users have volunteered to tutor:

Ann Sawyer: general Mac instruction (533-5357). Available year round.

Art McCall: general Mac instruction and repair (953-3253) October-April.

Sharon Hoobler: general Mac instruction, photo editing (975-9391) October-April.

Dan Jacob: photo editing and iDVD (975-6163). Available year round.

All of these individuals have the necessary experience. It is believed that \$40 per hour is a fair fee, payable to the tutor. If you are interested in being a tutor, email mac@grandcomputers.org about your expertise and we will put your information out to our membership.

Here's another Mac software review, this one coming from Maria O. Arguello, who is the vendor liaison of the Main Line Macintosh Users Group (MLMUG) in Pennsylvania. Grand Computer Club has Print Shop 2 installed on all of its iMacs and will offer a class on how to use Print Shop in winter session.



Product: **The Print Shop For Mac Version 2**

Company: Software MacKiev

Price: \$69.95

Requirements: Mac OS X 10.2 or later; G3/G4 350-MHz or faster or Intel; Memory 192 MB or higher (512 MB recommended)

Test System: Mac Pro Dual-Core Intel, Mac OS X 10.5.5

Rating: 4 out of 5

The venerable The Print Shop for Mac Version 2 from Software MacKiev was the recipient of the Best of Show at Macworld 2005 Boston. It is so versatile and powerful that it hasn't needed an upgrade so far, and I'm happy to upgrade to this version. This one is a Universal Binary for both PowerPC and Intel Macs. I have been using The Print Shop Version 1 for a long time and it is superb for tasks that other apps cannot measure up to because of the way it integrates with Mac-specific apps.

One of my favorite uses is to easily print beautiful labels and customize them with graphics to individualize and memorialize an event. I can get the graphics from iPhoto or from the thousands of photos and fine art images included on a separate Art CD.

Software MacKiev added several powerful and easy-to-use layout tools such as Rulers, Guidelines, Grids and Snap functionality, using both menu items and a layout palette.

There are also new and powerful photo editing tools such as artistic effects, special edges and effects. This doesn't mean that Print Shop is as elegant as or better than iPhoto or Photoshop Elements 6 or Photoshop CS4, but, for the price, the easy-to-use tools and the variety of useful projects make it a good deal for Mac users.

The integration with iLife is commendable. You can reach your photos with ease, as well as your Address Book, iCal, iTunes, and iDVD with iDVD themes.

There are many project types and the plethora of templates for every imaginable occasion. They are organized into Celebrations, Stationery, News, and Projects. Celebrations are subdivided into Greeting Cards, Online Greetings, Gift Tags and Tickets, Banners, and Certificates. The Stationery templates are subdivided into Letterheads, Envelopes, Business Cards, Labels, and Post-It Notes. News has Signs, Postcards, Newsletters, Booklets, and Pamphlets. Projects has CDs and Cases, Calendars, Quick Prints, Photo Pages and Blank Page.

I'm thrilled to be using Version 2. I can't wait to get my hands on Version 3.

Reviewer: **Maria O. Arguello**

Maria is the vendor liaison of the Main Line Macintosh Users Group (MLMUG). Maria is also a member of NCMUG, PMUG, CCPMUG, MUGSNJ, PPUG, Macs@PACS and SJAUG. She is the Apple User Group Regional Liaison for the Northeast United States (CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT).