

# Grand Mac SIG Newsletter



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## March 21 Mac SIG Meeting Scanning Basics & Intro to iPad



4:30 PM Apache Room

### Scanning Basics & Intro to iPad

Art McCall and Doug Ralston will be the presenters at our March 21 Mac SIG meeting. And since both of our topics are topics common to both Mac & PC uses, we invite our PC friends to join us!

Art will go over some scanning basics that will help you when you need to scan photos or documents.



Although each scanner or all-in-one printer/copier/scanner may be a little different, there are some basic

instructions which are common to all units. Art will cover those basics.



And how many of you have been thinking about buying an iPad? Many of us, I'm sure. Doug Ralston has taught 4 sections of the iPad

class for the Grand Computers Club since January and he's going to give us a quick intro to the iPad and why he considers it to be a great investment.

Treats will be served, of course! Bring your PC and Mac friends and neighbors to join us.

February 21 Mac SIG Meeting Featured  
"MobileMe" by Mike Hernandez  
from MacMedia

Sixty-three Mac SIG members and their guests attended the February 21 Mac SIG meeting. The program for the afternoon was given by Mike Hernandez of MacMedia. His topic was MobileMe the "cloud" service for our Macs. Photos from that session are on the next page.



MobileMe keeps your mail, contacts, and calendar information in the cloud and uses push technology to keep everything in sync across your iPhone, iPad, Mac, and PC. Mike gave us tips on how to best use MobileMe. Thanks, Mike!

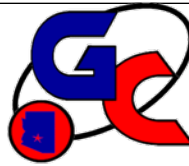
Welcome New  
Members



Mac SIG welcomes twelve new Mac users in February: Jack Ballard, Barbara Eszenyi, Jack Graves, Jim Hoobler, Lisa Jerpak, James Kelso, Lexie Kupers, Patricia Martinez, Ken McCreadie, Peggy Mills, Dan Powers, Steve Weinstein

We are now at 175 members in our Mac SIG! Last year at this time we had 155 members. There are 958 members in the GCC, 18% of whom are Mac users.

Please encourage your fellow Mac users to renew their Grand Computer Club membership, which is \$10 until September 30 and renewable now at the Grand Computer Club for 2010 (or online at [grandcomputers.org](http://grandcomputers.org)).



GCC Volunteer  
Dinner

The March 18 Grand Computers Club Volunteer Dinner honors the many volunteers who help with instructing classes, registering students, monitoring in the Club room, being a SIG facilitator or co-facilitator, etc.

Is there any way you would be interested in volunteering? Monitoring, instructing, working during registration?

Contact us at [mac@grandcomputers.org](mailto:mac@grandcomputers.org) if you would like more information about the Grand Computers Club.

This year again the Mac SIG will be doing the decorating for the Volunteer Dinner. If you would like to help us, let us know at the above email address. The theme this year is St. Patricks Day.



Green Apples Meets Twice a Month

Don't forget our Green Apple sessions which meet the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday at 3:00 PM. Bring your questions and problems and hopefully your Mac volunteers will solve them for you one-to-one. Laptops are welcome!



February 21 Mac SIG Meeting  
MobileMe by MacMedia



Note: Dear Mac SIG users: Below is another in our monthly articles from AUG - Apple User Groups.

## Gravity TAGS: Fingertip Information Connections - a review by Tom Piper, appleJAC Mac users group, Jefferson City, MO.



As I acquire more information and get more involved in this busy world, I need more tools to keep track of my diverse activities. Topical folders and specialized titling have long been my organizational technique, but the volume and scope of my data has exceeded my ability to keep everything straight. In a word, I need help!

A new program from Gravity Applications called Tags had provided me with an innovative way to get back in control of my computer's contents. This company points out that every day we deal with thousands of

documents, emails, photos, contacts, videos, web links and others. The rigid file/folder structure on a computer, designed to mimic the real world physical equivalent, is no longer efficient. While specific applications exist to manage, sort, find and consume specific file types such as iTunes for music, iPhoto for photos, Mail for emails, and Safari for the web, what has been lacking is a comprehensive way to associate different types of files to one another in an intuitive way, without creating duplicates.

Tagging is a superior way to associate files to one another by using keywords, rather than rigid folders. You can tag files and folders in the finder, emails in Mail, photos in iPhoto, bookmarks in Safari and much more, directly from within the application. Files of different types can be associated to one another with ease and without creating duplicates. Just imagine always finding all the files you need instantaneously, and finally being well-organized again!

The concept is simple . . . just assign a keyword(s) to any file that will be used later to gather associated information. The assignment technique is simple, from within the document you are working on, just press control-spacebar (or whatever you assign) to bring up a "tag box", type in your keyword (or select it from favorites or recently used, and close the box (click the circle-x in upper left corner). If the file(s) has already been created, then go to the desktop, press control-spacebar, then drag-and-drop your selected file(s) into the tag box, and assign a keyword. You can do this with folders as well as pictures in iPhoto, songs in iTunes, messages in Mail, and others.

Retrieval of associated (by keyword) items is done by simply pressing option-spacebar, which pops up the Search box, then enter the keyword for which you want to review files, and, presto, they all appear in a neat vertical drop-down list. This is as easy (and powerful) as using Spotlight (command-spacebar) with the added benefit of having an associated topic.

You can get more information from <http://www.gravityapps.com/> and buy a Single License (one machine) for \$29, or a Family License (up to 4 machines in a single household) for \$49. This is a terrific concept that has empowered a new level of organization for me. Do you need a better tool to control your computer information?

