

Grand Macs SIG Newsletter



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March 17 Meeting to Feature iChat and Mail 5:00 PM, Pima Room, Chaparral Center

iChat and Mail

Marty Schwerin will give a presentation on how he uses iChat with his family. Many of us Mac users have wanted to learn how to use iChat with our families and friends and here's a great opportunity to get starting doing just that!



Here's what Apple says about iChat:

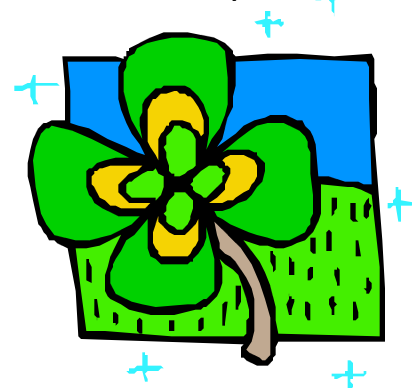
Filled with cool new features, iChat turns any video chat into an event. Video backdrops, Photo Booth effects, photo slideshows, Keynote presentations, even movies on your Mac — you can share it all using iChat. iChat works with AIM, the largest instant messaging community in the U.S. You and your buddies can be either AIM or .Mac users. Text, audio, and video chat whether your buddies use a Mac or a PC. Sign in with your AIM account, and all your buddies appear in your iChat buddy list.

Our Grand Macs SIG meeting will also cover some new aspects available in Mail, Apple's email program.

Here's what Apple says about Mail:

Mail for Leopard features more than 30 professionally designed stationery templates that make a virtual keepsake out of every email you send. Ever email yourself a reminder that gets lost in your inbox? Mail lets you write handy notes you can access from anywhere. Now you can set up a new Mail account in one easy step. Just enter your current email address and password and let Mail do the rest. Mail works with the most popular email providers, like Gmail, Yahoo! Mail, and AOL Mail, automatically configuring those cryptic server settings for you.

Join us for an interesting Mac meeting on March 17 at 5:00 PM at the Pima Room in the Chaparral Center.





Welcome New Mac Users

As you know, all Grand Computer Club memberships are dropped at year-end. We were at 140 Mac users in December and are now back up at 136, 15% of the Grand Computer Club membership. Welcome to five new Mac users since February 1: Joe and Janet Pallavicini, Ronna Riff, Janet Steinwand, and Bill Wall. We welcome each of you and encourage you to join us at our general meetings on the third Monday of the month at 5:00 PM and at Green Apples on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday at 3:00 PM.



Another Successful Grand Macs SIG Program

Ron Mackey is shown addressing the 50 Mac users who attended the February 18 meeting which featured Ron's demonstration of Leopard and its uses with Pages and iPhoto. His presentation was beneficial to all of us.

At our January 21 meeting, there were 56 in attendance, both of which are all-time highs for our Mac SIG meetings.

It is our intent to provide our Mac users with current relevant Mac topics. We hope we have fulfilled this goal.

Mac Winter Class Update

The following classes are not filled and will remain open until the time of the class. Go to grandcomputers.org > Education > Class Schedule and scroll down to the Mac classes to see availability. You can register on-line or go to the Computer Club to register. You'll need to remember to bring your CAM card and know your password.

Mac Classes

- Adobe Photoshop Elements (Prerequisite: Introduction to Macintosh)
Mar 18T, 19W, 20Th, 21F at 4:00 pm
- Comic Life (Prerequisite: Introduction to Macintosh)
Mar 12W at 4:00 pm
- Digital Scrapbooking (Prerequisite: Adobe Photoshop Elements)
Apr 1T, 2W, 3Th, 4F at 4:00 pm
- Hard Drive Maintenance (Prerequisite: Introduction to Macintosh)
Mar 6Th at 4:00 pm
- iDVD (Prerequisite: Introduction to Macintosh)
Mar 13Th at 4:00 pm
- iWork: Keynote (Prerequisite: Basic word processing skills)
Mar 10M at 4:00 pm
- iWork: Pages (Prerequisite: Word Processing)
Mar 3M at 4:00 pm
- Reunion 9.0 (Prerequisite: Introduction to Macintosh)
Mar 4T, 5W at 4:00 pm



Sharon Hoobler is shown teaching one of the two sections of Address Book this winter session. This was a popular class and required the Grand Macs SIG to schedule a second session in February.



A Message From the Grand Macs SIG Facilitator Joyce Klonecz

This has been an exciting year for our Mac users! Our membership is up to 15% of the Grand Computer Club. Remember when we were just 1% of the Club?

Our number of classes has increased and we've had to add additional sections to some classes.

We've lobbied and successfully were able to convince the GCC Board of a need for two new iMacs in the Open Space Room and a new MacBook Pro laptop, which we are able to use at our meetings and our classes. We thank the GCC Board for its support.

We've added new instructors Dan Jacob and Peggy Boike to our teaching ranks and are always looking for more.

The support you've given to our SIG has been most impressive and it is appreciated. We thank you for your support and always encourage you to give input on what you want to see happen in our Grand Macs SIG. Contact us at mac@grandcomputers.org

Intro to Mac Class



The Mac SIG offered two sections of "Intro to the Mac" classes this winter. We have found that the skill level of the students attending this class is very diverse, so in the photo above, you can see six volunteers who sat in on the class and provided one-to-one assistance for students. Thanks to Ed Roney, Jack Gosset, Esther Rye, Geoffrey Buxton, Sharon Hoobler, and Marty Schwerin, all standing, left to right in the photo. Joyce Klonecz was the main instructor for the class.

Beginning Mac Skills



"Beginning Mac Skills" is a new class this winter. This class is for students who are new to the Mac and who need preliminary skills before moving to the "Intro to the Mac" class. Peggy Boike is shown going over basic computer info using a Keynote slide show. Students began to understand such terms as operating system, OS X, hard drive, internet, etc. Gale McCall then took over and went through using the mouse, click and drag, desktop, and many more Mac features.

Address Book



Another new class this winter was Address Book. Sharon Hoobler is shown going over basic features of Address Book, including how to make labels and envelopes. She also covered the new Leopard features in Mail. We needed to add another section to this class as the first class filled rapidly.

Our March 17 meeting will cover some of the above topics in Mail as well.