

Grand Mac SIG Newsletter



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November 16 Meeting 4:30 PM Pima Room

The Mac SIG November meeting will feature information on Laptop and Desktop Ergonomics from LapWorks

The November 16 presentation will be from **LapWorks**, a company which provides laptop desks and stands and information about computer ergonomics. As many of us replace our larger iMac desktops and move to laptops, we need to be aware of two issues: 1) heat from laptops and how to deal with overheating problems, and, 2) what we should know about ergonomics when using your computer. This presentation will answer those issues.

LapWorks has also given our Mac SIG the following door prizes for doing this presentation: 3 laptop desks, a keyboard light, an optical mini-mouse and a discount coupon for all attendees. Thanks, LapWorks! Hope you can join us!

Mac SIG Holiday Open House

Mark your calendar now for our 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 Klonecz 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. More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

Trip to Scottsdale Apple Store Date TBD

See the next page for information on our trip to the Apple Store. If you're interested in car pooling, please contact 623-215-2397 or or email: mac@grandcomputers.org



**JOIN THE GRAND COMPUTER CLUB MAC SIG
FOR A TRIP TO THE APPLE STORE, SCOTTSDALE QUARTER**



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**The new Apple
Store located at
Scottsdale Quarter**

Mac SIG Trip to Scottsdale Quarter

The Apple Store has not yet been able to confirm a date for this field trip in November; we will email you when the Apple Store gives us a date. This trip is open to all residents of Sun City Grand. We will meet at the Chaparral Center back parking lot and car pool from there to the Apple Store. Or we'll meet you at the store. Address is 15169 North Scottsdale Road (480) 627-5501.



See and tryout:

- **New iMac**
- **New MacBook laptop**
- **New Magic Mouse**
- **New iPhone 3GS**
- **New Mac mini**

The Apple Store normally opens at 10 AM, but they will open early for our SIG at 9 AM and will give us an overview about all things Apple:

- What's new with Apple?
- What are some of Apple's resources?
- What can the Apple Store do for Mac users?
- What is the Genius Bar?
- What is "One-to-One"?
- Switching from a PC to a Mac? Here's how Apple can help you.

There will be time for browsing the Apple Store after the presentation, and for those interested, lunch follows the tour. We'll choose a restaurant nearby. Lunch is "on your own."

Questions? Call
623-215-2397 or
623-523-7299
or email:
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Opportunities for Mac SIG Members

New “iCal for Macs” Class



Offered Monday, December 14, 6:00 PM

iCal is a Mac personal calendar application that allows you to create multiple color-coded calendars for different categories of events, for example home, classes, clubs, etc. Each is assigned a different color in the upper left of the iCal window. You can view your calendars individually or together. You have a choice of viewing calendars by day, week, or month. You may share calendars on the Web with family, friends, and associates; get notification of up coming events on screen or by e-mail; create and manage a priorities based to-do list. *If you entered the birthday of the people in your Address Book, they will automatically show on your Calendar. Sign-up on line at grandcomputers.org

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.

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. It is believed that \$40 per hour is a fair fee, payable to the tutor.

Remember Green Apples!



Bring your problems to our Green Apples Tech Talk

Green Apples meets twice a month on the second Tuesday and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the Computer Club Open Space Room. Our Mac SIG volunteers will try to help you solve any problems you might have or answer any questions for you *one-on-one*. Laptops are welcome. See you there!



Welcome New Mac SIG Members

Welcome to these new Mac users since October:

Lorraine Christianson,
Kathy Haxton, Ken

Kalbfleisch, Nancy Machczynski, Joe Munoz,
Karen Thompson, Joan Winther, Bill
Beckwith, Donald Bollard, William & Cecilia
Hickman, Ron Schertler, Lyndon Sonju, and

Karl Dusenbury.

There are 172 Mac users on our list to date, up 25 new Mac users since May.

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

There are 1001 members in the Grand Computer Club. The 172 Mac members are 17% of the club.

MAC CLASSES TO BE OFFERED IN THE GCC CLASSROOM IN JANUARY

The Grand Computer Club (GCC) Board of Directors has voted to place 10 iMacs in the classroom for January classes. This will allow Mac classes to be offered at more reasonable times than 4PM and 6PM as we've done for many years.

As you remember, the GCC tried, but not successfully, to secure the classroom next to its open space room.

When the Chaparral Center was built, conduits and wiring were put in the floor of that room for future Grand Computer Club expansion. So the GCC went to CAM to request this space.

This project was given a CI-63 number by CAM and the decision was made by them in September not to allow this space for a Mac classroom.

So the GCC has moved on and are going to try to fit our classes in the classroom. It will be a tight situation as our instructors have wanted to expand the length of our classes to provide a better grasp for our students.

Four of the iMacs from the open space room will be moved to the classroom and six new iMacs will be purchased and installed between the end of fall classes and the beginning of winter classes in January. Purchasing these six iMacs was approved at the General Meeting in May. We will keep you updated on this progress.



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.



iPhone Sharing Session



On Wednesday, October 28, ten GCC members gathered in the classroom for a sharing session on iPhones. They were asked to bring information about their five favorite iPhone Apps. Of course, it was hard to limit this to five Apps as all of us have many more than that we like. So we just all gave suggestions. Two of the participants do not yet have iPhones, but either are considering purchasing one or have an iPod Touch, which is similar to the iPhone, but it does not have a camera or phone on it. We've started an email group of iPhone users, so if you would like to be on this list, email us at mac@grandcomputers.org

October 3 Class Registration



Pictured left are Grand Mac SIG Assistant Facilitator Gale McCall and Mac Technical Director Art McCall with a Mac student at registration. Gale and Art assisted those registering who had questions about Mac classes. Information about Mac classes is in the Mac Class binder, which is always located behind the Monitor's desk in the open space room. The binder has information about each Mac class: number of sessions, course fee, prerequisite, objectives and description of the course. Those interested in taking a Mac class should refer to this binder for additional information or go to grandcomputers.org > Education > Course Listing.



Registration Continues for Mac classes

If you still haven't registered for our Mac classes, registration continues either online or a registrar will be at the Computer Club on Wednesday afternoons to assist you. Our classes will provide you with the expertise to make you a better Mac user and more proficient on your Mac. Upcoming classes in the next weeks include:

- Mac 1: Free Mouse & Keyboarding: November 2 at 4:00 pm
- Mac 2: Apps, Windows, & Apps: November 3 at 4:00 pm
- Mac 3: Macintosh Features: November 4 at 4:00 pm
- Photoshop Elements 2: Layers: November 4 & 5 at 6:00 pm
- Mac 4: Mac Navigation & the Finder: November 5 at 4:00 pm
- Mac 5: Customize Your Mac: November 6 at 4:00 pm
- iWork: Pages: November 9 at 4:00 pm
- iDVD: November 10 at 6:00 pm
- Backup: Time Machine & Others: November 12 at 4:00 pm

Holiday Letters and Labels on November 4 and Skype on November 10 are filled.