

Grand Mac SIG Newsletter



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Welcome Back, Mac Users!

Our first fall meeting for the Grand Mac SIG will be
Monday, October 20, at 5:00 PM in the Pima Room at the Chaparral Center.
The topic will be "How to Use Skype" presented by Art & Gale McCall



Please join us for our first fall meeting of the season of Grand Mac SIG. Our topic will be "How to Use Skype." Have you heard about this telephone software?

Skype lets you make free calls over the internet to anyone else who also has the service. The download is free, it's easy to use and works with most computers. It is Leopard compatible. If you have the latest Mac OS X 10.5 then you can use Skype with confidence. If you and your friends, family, or business contacts are using webcams, you can also make free video calls. You can also make local, long distance and international calls to phone and cell phones at great rates too.

Art and Gale use Skype to call their family and friends nationally and internationally and will be sharing how they use Skype and how you can get set up to use Skype.

MAC MANIA

Saturday, October 18 - 9AM-4PM

Join the Grand Mac SIG on Saturday, October 18, at 9AM for Mac Mania! This all-day event showcases Apple software. You're invited to come for all sessions or come for those that interest you. Sessions run 30 minutes with 15 minutes for questions and answers. The topics chosen for the event include:

9:00AM: Leopard: Managing Mac Accounts
(Art McCall)

10:00AM: Apple Address Book
(Sharon Hoobler)

11:00AM: Apple Mail
(Nancy Eckart)

12:00: iWork: Pages, Keynote, Numbers
(Joyce Klencz)

1:00PM: iPods & iTunes
(TBD)

2:00PM: iPhoto
(Sharon Hoobler)

3:00PM: iWeb
(Gale McCall)



From the Mac Facilitator

Welcome back to another year of Mac fun! Your group of Mac volunteers has planned an interesting year of classes, seminars,

and events. We start with **Fall Registration** on October 4 (see below). We encourage you to sign up for our fall classes. If you are not yet back at Grand, you may register on-line.

Oktoberfest will be on Saturday, October 11, and the Macs in the Open Space Room will have short demos of fun things you can do on a Mac (see below).

The **Computer Club Coffee Chat** on Thursday, October 16, will feature “**How to Buy a Mac,**” presented by our Grand Mac SIG.

A new event this year is **MAC MANIA** on Saturday, October 18. Every hour on the hour starting at 9AM, there will be a 30 minute synopsis of Apple software with an added time for questions and answers (see page 1). We encourage you to join us at these events.

Grand Computer Club October 16 Coffee Chat “How to Buy A Mac”

Join the GCC for its first fall Coffee Chat. The GCC set up this opportunity so residents in Sun City Grand can learn more about how to use their computers. The Grand Mac SIG has been invited to present at the October 16 Coffee Chat which runs from 8:30-10:00 AM at the Apache Room in the Chaparral Center. The topic will be “How to Buy a Mac.” See page 3 for more info. If any of your friends have wondered about the advantages of using a Mac, invite them to join us on October 16.

Normally Coffee Chats will be the second Thursday of the month, but the GCC has decided to set the October Coffee Chat at a later date to accommodate our members returning to SCG.

FALL REGISTRATION OCTOBER 4

Sun City Grand Computer Club (GCC) is again offering a potpourri of fall classes and we encourage you to register. Registration will open at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 4, and can be done either at the Computer Club or again online at www.grandcomputers.org

A list of Mac classes is available on page 5 and on the the calendar pages 6-9. Questions can also be addressed to 320-532-7127 (until October 4) or email us at scgmacsig@mac.com.

You are also encouraged to go to the Grand Computers web site to see descriptions and prerequisites of Mac classes by accessing the Education link.

If you wish to register on-line, a full page of instructions is listed on page 10. You will need your CAM number and your password to do register online. If you have forgotten your password, email membership@grandcomputers.org



Oktoberfest

The Sun City Grand Computer Club (GCC) and the Grand Mac SIG will be participating in Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 11, 2008, at 9:00 AM at the Chaparral Center.

The GCC and Grand Mac SIG will have numerous computer demonstrations. We will also have a display of "Made on a Mac" items.

Mac computer demos include:

- Writing Family Newsletters
- Comic Life & Preview Fun
- Making Greeting Cards
- Making Business Cards
- Making a Photo Collage
- Making a Scrapbook Page
- Mac Maintenance
- Photo Corrections

These demos will run throughout the day, plus information will be given about our Grand Mac SIG.



Computer Coffee Chat

For All Sun City Grand Residents



Thursday – October 16: 8:30-10AM

Apache Room, Chaparral Center

“How to Buy a Mac”

Join members of the Computer Club in an informal get together over coffee, tea and nibbles to discuss the many uses of a computer in all of our homes. This month’s topic will be **“How to Buy a Mac,”** presented by the Grand Mac SIG, the Grand Computer Club’s Special Interest Group for Macs.

Have you ever wondered about the mystique of owning a Mac? Have you seen Apple’s commercials and wondered if their claims of ease of use are true?

We will discuss the following strategies for buying a Mac computer:

1. What to buy, what you’ll need, plus other interesting tidbits about owning a Mac, whether it’s an iMac all-in-one or a laptop
2. How to set up your new Mac with lots of support for you
3. Leopard, the latest release of Mac OS X, which is loaded with features, i.e.
 - Safari - Apple’s web browser
 - Mail & Address Book - Apple’s easy-to-use email system
 - iCal - Apple’s calendar program
 - Time Machine - Apple’s backup system
 - iChat - Apple’s video conferencing & instant messaging
 - Boot Camp - Apple’s system for allowing you to run Windows on a Mac
4. Apple’s built-in software, iLife, which includes iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD, iWeb
5. We’ll also discuss support for learning about your Mac, from Grand Mac SIG classes, to one-to-one instruction from our own Mac SIG members, to Apple’s 123 on-line tutorials, to “one-to-one” (personal training at the Apple Store)
6. Plus plenty of time for your questions

Grand Computers Coffee Chat
Thursday, October 16: 8:30-10 AM
Apache Room, Chaparral Center



Green Apples Tech Talk To Meet Twice a Month



Here's a way to have your Mac questions answered by Mac SIG volunteers. Green Apples is a tech time at which you can bring your Mac problems or questions and we will try to solve them for you. Laptops are welcome as well. This has been a very successful outreach for our Grand Mac SIG and we invite you to join us. If we can't answer your questions, we will find someone who can!

Green Apples meets the second Tuesday, beginning October 14, and fourth Wednesday, beginning October 22, from 3:00-4:00 PM in the Open Space Room at the Computer Club at the Chaparral Center.

Yearly Schedule Grand Mac SIG Monthly Meetings

October 20: Skype (Art & Gale McCall)

November 17: iLife Holiday Cards and Letters

November TBD: Field trip to Apple Arrowhead

Saturday, December 6: Holiday Open House for Grand Mac SIG

December 15: iPods

January 19: What's New in Technology? (Arnie Gelb, Facilitator for GCC New Technologies)

February 16: Podcasts

March 16: Garage Band

April 20: Photoshop Elements 6.0

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MAC CLASSES: Fall, 2008

Class Name	M: Mon., T: Tues., W: Wed.; Th: Thurs.; F: Fri.	Time	Instructor
Apple Address Book	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience November 3T December 4Th	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Sharon Hoobler Sharon Hoobler
Apple Mail	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience November 4M December 5F	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Nancy Eckart Nancy Eckart
AppleWorks Database	Prerequisite: Basic word processing skills January 14W	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Art McCall/Joyce Klonecz
AppleWorks Spreadsheet	Prerequisite: Basic word processing skills January 12M	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Art McCall/Joyce Klonecz
AppleWorks Word Processing	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience December 17W	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Art McCall/Joyce Klonecz
Beginning Macintosh Skills	Prerequisite: None October 13M & October 15W November 24M & November 26W	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Peggy Boike Peggy Boike
Bento Database	Prerequisite: Basic word processing skills January 13T	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Joyce Klonecz
Digital Photography for Macs	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience October 23Th & October 24F	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Geoffrey Buxton
Digital Scrapbooking	Prerequisite: Photoshop Elements December 9T & 10W & 11Th & 12F	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Sharon Hoobler
Digital Scrapbooking Workshop	Prerequisite: Digital Scrapbooking Oct. 17F & Nov. 21F & Dec. 19F & Jan. 9F	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Sharon Hoobler
Hard Drive Maintenance	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience November 19W	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Art McCall
Introduction to Macintosh	Prerequisite: Proficiency with a mouse October 27M & October 29W December 1M & December 3W	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Joyce Klonecz Joyce Klonecz
iChat	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience Ability to access an account before class with either: MobileMe - old .mac (www.me.com) AIM screen name (https://myscreenname.aol.com) or Gmail account (www.google.com) November 18T December 16T	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Marty Schwerin Marty Schwerin
iDVD	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience December 2T	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dan Jacob
iPhoto 8	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience November 5W & November 6 Th & November 7F	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Sharon Hoobler
iWeb	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience November 20Th	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Gale McCall
iWork Keynote	Prerequisite: Basic word processing skills December 8M	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Joyce Klonecz
iWork Numbers	Prerequisite: Basic word processing skills January 7W	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Joyce Klonecz
iWork Pages	Prerequisite: Basic word processing skills November 10M	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Joyce Klonecz
OS X Leopard Seminar	Prerequisite: Familiarity with OS X Tiger October 30Th & October 31F	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Art McCall
Photoshop Elements 6.0	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience November 11T & 12W & 13Th & 14F	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Sharon Hoobler
Print Shop 2.0	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience November 12W	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Joyce Klonecz
Reunion 9.0	Prerequisite: Intro to Mac or equivalent experience January 5M & January 6T	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Sharon Hoobler

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Grand Mac SIG Fall Calendars

Below and on pages 7-9 are the fall/winter calendars for the Grand Mac SIG. Included on these calendars are the Grand Computer Club membership meetings and board meetings, Grand Mac SIG meetings, registration dates, special events, and class dates. You might print this out and post it somewhere so you'll be aware of our events.

For more information about classes, go to grandcomputers.org. Then go to the left side bar and select Education>Course Listings>Mac Courses. By clicking on the class name, you will see all the course information, including course fees, prerequisites for classes, class objectives, and course descriptions. If a class is not being offered fall, 2008, it will be indicated at the bottom of the page. Course dates are also listed below.



October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 - 1:00 PM GCC General Mbrship Mtg. Gila Rm. Cimarron	2	3 - 3:30 PM Registration	4 - 9:00 AM Registration
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 - 9:00 AM Oktoberfest 9AM-4PM
12	13 - 4:00 PM Beginning Mac Skills Boike/Kloncz	14 - 3:00 PM Green Apples 3PM-4PM	15 - 4:00 PM Beginning Mac Skills Boike/Kloncz	16 - 8:30 AM Computer Coffee Chat Apache Rm. "How to Buy a Mac"	17 - 4:00 PM Dig. Scrpbkg Wkshp Hoobler	18 - 9:00 AM Mac Mania 9AM-4PM
19	20 - 5:00 PM Grand Macs SIG Pima Room	21	22 - 3:00 PM Green Apples 3PM-4PM	23 - 4:00 PM Digital Photog. Buxton	24 - 4:00 PM Digital Photog. 4PM Buxton	25
26	27 - 4:00 PM Intro to Mac Kloncz	28	29 - 4:00 PM Intro to Mac Kloncz	30 - 1:00 PM GCC Board Mediterranean Room - 4:00 PM Leopard Seminar A. McCall	31 - 4:00 PM Leopard Seminar A. McCall	1

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November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 4:00 PM Intro to Mac Kloncz	27 4:00 PM Intro to Mac Kloncz	28 4:00 PM Intro to Mac Kloncz	29 1:00 PM GCC Board Mediterranean Room 4:00 PM Leopard Seminar A. McCall	30 4:00 PM Leopard Seminar A. McCall	31 4:00 PM Leopard Seminar A. McCall	1
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December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 4:00 PM Intro to Mac Kloncz	2 4:00 PM IDVD Jacob	3 1:00 PM GCC General Mbrship Mtg. Gila Rm. Cimarron 4:00 PM Intro to Mac Kloncz	4 4:00 PM Apple Ad- dress Book Hoobler	5 4:00 PM Apple Mail 4PM	6 2:00 PM Mac Holiday Party
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28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3

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January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 ■ 4:00 PM Reunion 9.0 Hoobler	6 ■ 4:00 PM Reunion 9.0 Hoobler	7 ■ 1:00 PM GCC General Mbrship Mtg. Gila Rm. Cimarron ■ 4:00 PM iWork Num- bers Kloncz	8	9 ■ 4:00 PM Dig. Scrbpkg Wkshp Hoobler	10
11 ■ 4:00 PM AppleWorks Spreadsheet	12 ■ 3:00 PM Green Ap- ples 3PM-4PM ■ 4:00 PM Bento Kloncz	13	14 ■ 4:00 PM AppleWorks Data Base	15 ■ 12:00 PM Fall Session Ends	16	17 ■ 9:00 AM Registration
18 ■ 5:00 PM Grand Macs SIG Pima Room	19	20	21	22 ■ 1:00 PM GCC Board 1PM	23	24
25	26	27	28 ■ 3:00 PM Green Ap- ples 3PM-4PM	29	30	31

Instructions to Register on Line

You can register for classes using any computer with Internet access.

1. Click the [Member Login](#) button on the Home page.
2. Enter your user id and password. Your ID is all 7 digits of your CAM card, and your password is your first name with the first letter capitalized followed by the first 4 digits of your CAM card – no spaces. For example: (ID: 1234-000; Password: Name1234). If this doesn't work, email membership@grandcomputers.org for help.
3. Click on the "Register for classes" link.
4. Select the course you want to take from the list at the lower left. You may need to scroll down to find the course.
5. Read the list of prerequisite skills necessary for the class.
6. Select the class by date and time from the list of available classes. Only classes with open seats are listed.
7. Click the Regular or Laptop box (showing available seats, "0" means none available) to register for the class.
8. For additional courses, continue to scroll and click on those you want. The maximum you may register in is 5.
9. The list at the top of the page shows the classes you are enrolled in. You may need to scroll up to view the list.
10. If you want to change or cancel a class, simply click on the class you are enrolled in to automatically withdraw from it.
11. When you have registered for all classes you want, click the "View Invoice" button.
12. Verify the classes are correct print your invoice.
13. You may pay with PayPal (you do have to belong) or by check or cash at the club room. By PayPal, click the "Pay using PayPal" button and follow the PayPal instructions. Print or save a copy of your PayPal invoice and click the "Return to Merchant."
14. To pay for your classes at the club room click "Done" and do that.

Your seat in the class will not be guaranteed until you pay for it. PayPal lets you pay immediately which will guarantee your seat. If you choose not to pay using PayPal, come to the club room as soon as possible and make your payment to the monitor (bring your invoice number or a copy of the invoice).