## DENVER APPLE PI
# Calendar

**SIG and Help Meetings are
HELD AT THE CONSOLIDATED MUTUAL
WATER DISTRICT BUILDING
12700 W 27th Avenue
Lakewood
7 to 9 pm**
*unless otherwise noted*
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**MEETING DATES SET FOR
MAY – DEC 2008**

| Mac SIG | May 20 | Tues | |
|---------|--------|------|---|
| Help SIG | May 28 | Wed | |
| Mac SIG | Jun 17 | Tues | |
| Help SIG | Jun 25 | Wed | |
| Mac SIG | July 15 | Tues | |
| Help SIG | July 30 | Wed | 5th Wed |
| Mac SIG | Aug 19 | Tues | |
| Help SIG | Aug 27 | Wed | |
| Mac SIG | Sep 16 | Tues | |
| Help SIG | Sep 24 | Wed | |
| Mac SIG | Oct 21 | Tues | |
| Help SIG | Oct 29 | Wed | 5th Wed |
| Mac SIG | Nov 18 | Tues | |
| Help SIG | Nov 26 | Wed | |
| Mac SIG | Dec 16 | Tues | Party |
| Help SIG | Dec 30 | **Tues** | Not Wed |

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## May 20 — Mac SIG Meeting

**Presenter:** Tom King —"AKVIS Sketch"
*Software for conversion of photos into pencil sketches & watercolor drawings.*
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**Presenters:** Tom King & Jim Awalt —"Bonjour"
*Allows devices (iChat, printers) to automatically discover each other without need to enter IP addresses or configure DNS servers*

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## MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to new Denver Apple Pi Members
    Shirley Cleveland
    Charlie Mettler

May Membership renewals are due for the following DAPI Members:
- Tony Bilello
- Donat Brice
- Barbara Chiam
- Yvonne Herbert

If you receive a snail mail copy of The Seed, your dues are $20 per year.
If you receive an email PDF copy of The Seed, your dues are $15 per year.

You can bring your payment to the monthly meetings or you can send your remittances to the club mailing address:

Denver Apple Pi
6501 Welch Ct.
Arvada, CO 80004-2223

**MacBook Air Lost**
*Submitted by Tony Pizza*
*Appleholics Annonymous*

Be careful if you have a MacBook Air, which, as you've read, is amazingly thin (3/4") and light (3 pounds). A Newsweek technology columnist, Steven Levy, lost his. He couldn't find it, then remembered leaving it on the coffee table with a heap of magazine and newspaper clutter. Holding back the tears, he said: "My wife, whose clutter tolerance is well below my own, sometimes will swoop in and hastily gather the pulp in a huge stack, going directly to the trash-compactor room just down the hall." Ouch.

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## 12 TOP MAC APPS ON THE CHEAP!
*From Listropolis.com/?p=253*

MacHeist has put together a bundle of some of the best software offerings from the Mac community and discounted the whole package. Go to URL above to view. The list includes

➢ Awaken — wakes you to iTunes of your choice or built in alarm sounds
➢ Cha-Ching —fun and easy to use money manager
➢ CoverSutra — handy and attractive way to control iTunes without leaving your current application

➢ DEVONthink Personal — The one and only database for all your digital files
➢ IClip — the premier multiple clipboard & scrapbook for Mac OS X
➢ Overflow — quickly launch apps, open docs, or access folders with simple mouse clicks or keystrokes
➢ Wallet — keep all sorts of data; i.e., grocery list, agenda, WiFi hotspots, serial numbers
➢ Write Room — not MS Word, but provides essential features required to get words on the page
➢ Enigmo — 3D puzzle game
➢ Bugdom 2 —a 3D action-adventure game suitable for all ages with Sam the Snail and the evil King Thorax and his minions



➢ Nanosaur 2 — fly a pteradactyl loaded with hi-tech weaponry



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## MACHELP MEETINGS

Learning the ins and outs of our Macs is becoming even more popular at our MacHelp meetings each month. Jim Awalt and other DAPI members assist members and visitors to get their Macs doing what they are designed to be: user friendly. We have friendly Macs and friendly members. Join us each Wednesday evening at MacHelp (see dates on Pg 1).

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# Wally Wang's Apple Farm
## "Office Suites for the Mac"
*by Wally Wang*

www.computoredge.com

*[Note from the editor: Both NeoOffice and OpenOffice have been reviewed previously in* **The Seed***. This new review should give some different insights.]*

Almost everyone needs a word processor, but many people also need a spreadsheet and a presentation program as well. When most people think of these three types of programs, they immediately think of Microsoft Office. However, there are a handful of alternate office suites you might want to consider.

For those who don't want to pay anything for an office suite, consider NeoOffice or OpenOffice for the Mac. Both office suites are open source and free, which means you can copy and use them without paying a single penny, although both projects gladly accept donations to help keep the software free and support the programmers working on the project.

OpenOffice is based on StarOffice, a commercial office suite originally developed in Germany, but now supported by Sun Microsystems. If you want technical support you can pay for StarOffice, but if you just want to use the office suite, you can use the free version, dubbed OpenOffice.

Although OpenOffice thrives on Windows and Linux, its progress on the Macintosh has been much slower. OpenOffice originally developed a version that relied on the Macintosh's Unix roots. Instead of running as a native Mac OS X program, OpenOffice runs as a native Unix program, running within Mac OS X. If this sounds convoluted, it is. This basically means that you have to look at the less-than-stellar user interface of Unix to use OpenOffice on a Macintosh.

To fix this problem, OpenOffice is currently developing a native Mac OS X version, but it's not available yet. Since this process has been taking so long, a small band of renegade programmers took a mixture of Java and OpenOffice to create NeoOffice. Although NeoOffice is nothing more than OpenOffice, NeoOffice runs natively in the Mac OS X interface. The only concern with NeoOffice is the warning prominently displayed before you can download the program:

*"Important Warnings for All NeoOffice Users"*

*"Since NeoOffice is developed by volunteers and tested by users, we expect that users will find crashing or other serious bugs. We strongly recommend that you save your work frequently so that if you encounter a crashing bug, you will not lose much data. If you feel that you need software that has been heavily tested, we recommend that you use a commercially supported product like Microsoft Office or Apple iWork."*

While NeoOffice is a great office suite, and tends to work reliably, this warning may frighten off anyone who values their data. Commercial programs may crash just as often as NeoOffice, but the perceived safety of commercial software is enough to justify the cost for some (and give you someone to scream at if something goes wrong).

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## EPSON STYLUS C120 PRINTER REVIEW
By Joyce, joyce@smalldog.com

Sometimes, you just want a printer---no fax, no scanner, no complicated add ons. Just a simple, easy to use, printer. So I scanned the inventory here at Small Dog and then talked with Emily, a member of our fantastic sales team. She recommended the Epson Stylus C120. Bearing in mind that I was down to the wire on printing my taxes and that they HAD to be mailed the next morning, I really didn't want or need a fancy printer, copier, scanner, fax machine. I didn't have time to mess with setting all of that up and I didn't have a lot of money to spend.

I purchased the C120, took it home, read the directions, set it up and had my taxes printed, all in less than an hour. It would

have been less than that, but I spaced out on the "charging of the ink" step. I hadn't pushed the cartridge all the way in and it sat there blinking. I thought the blinking meant that it was charging. But since the directions said the procedure should only take a couple of minutes, it finally dawned on me that I had not done something right. So I back tracked, found the problem and pushed the button again. Yea!

It isn't the prettiest printer, but boy, does it print nice documents. Crisp and clear with no smudges. And FAST! The printer has a low profile and fits nicely on my desk. It comes with a CD that contains the driver you need and installation was quick (Try it on your Mac without it, though–the drivers are in OS X already!). Just remember to pick up a USB cable - I forgot, but luckily I had another Epson at home and the cable worked just fine.

If you are looking for a fast, single function printer - I have no qualms recommending this one. It's a keeper!

Like what you hear? Buy it here:
http://www.smalldog.com/product/70209
 

### Still Use Apple II? We have Old programs
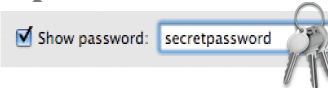*From John Nelson, Denver Apple Pi*

The [DAPI] board decided to put a listing of all the old program disks for the Apple II on the web site. This way anyone who still has and uses an Apple II, Apple II+, Apple IIe, Apple IIc, or Apple IIGS would know that we still have programs available that they could get and use. There are business programs (some of which are now outdated), utilities, games, print shop graphics & regular graphics, Appleworks programs for Versions 1 through 4, and programs for the cp/m and Apple Pascal operating systems. I had to type all the programs into Appleworks, as the files would not convert from DOS 3.3 to ones that could be used in Appleworks. I still have to figure out how to get the cp/m and Pascal programs on the list as they will not list on the printer. These are all in the 5 1/4" disks. Tammy Hanson is working on getting a listing for all the ones for the Apple IIGS. If there is an interest, we may decide to make a list of what Mac programs we have. This is a service for our members and may be a way to get more money for the club.

*Note: If you're interested in the history of the Apple II group, see http://apple2history.org/*
 

## Retrieve forgotten passwords with Keychain Access

*http://www.creativetechs.com/iq/retrieve_forgotten_passwords_with_keychain_access.html*

For a quick tutorial on finding your long forgotten passwords, go to above website. There are 4 steps with screenshots which make it an easy-to-follow tutorial.

A reminder that nominations for the 2008-2009 DAPI board were accepted at the May Board meeting and no additions were offered. However, write-in candidates will be accepted: any member in good standing (dues paid) may nominate him/herself or, with the acceptance of another member, may nominate that member to any of the positions.

The positions are: President, Vice-President of Help, Vice-President of Programs, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman. Board appointed positions include: Seed Editor, Apple II Librarian and Webmaster.

June 14, 2008 MacSIG is the deadline for ballots to be received, either by hand or snail mail, to be counted per our Revised ByLaws.

You are a vital part of Denver Apple Pi; without you we won't exist. We look forward to and value your participation. Although you do not need to sign this ballot, if you are willing to help or wish to be nominated, please DO SIGN your name so we know whom to contact. You may mail your ballot to arrive in our mail by Saturday, June 14, 2008 or bring to the MacSIG meeting by 7:00 pm June 17, 2008.

Your Denver Apple Pi Board        6501 Welch Court, Arvada, CO 80004   303.421.8714

### Official Ballot —DAPI Election of Officers for 2008-2009

| Position | Candidate Vote (X) | Write In Candidate |
|---|---|---|
| President: | Larry Fagan _____ | _____ |
| Vice-President –Help | Jim Awalt _____ | _____ |
| Vice President – Programs | Tom King _____ | _____ |
| Treasurer: | Larry Knowles _____ | _____ |
| Secretary: | Elissa McAlear_____ | _____ |
| Membership: | Sheila Warner_____ | _____ |

Present Appointees: Joyce Etherton—Seed Editor; Wes Schalamon – Librarian; John Nelson, Diana Forest—Webmaster

**Volunteer Helpers for any of these positions are also welcome. Circle any names or positions you could help out with and sign your name below**:
Name: _____

**If you cannot attend the June 17 MacSIG meeting please mail this to be received by June 14 to:**

**Ballot
Denver Apple Pi
6501 Welch Court
Arvada, CO 80004**

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES** are $20.00 per year for a monthly hard copy of the SEED and $15.00 per year for a monthly pdf copy. Fill in the form below or ask for an application to send with your check to the Club mailing address:

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Elissa McAlear:  call 303.421.8714 for information about Apple II, GS and Mac. Email elissamc@comcast.net

**Our website is: <www.denverapplepi.com>**

Macintosh SIG meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Troubleshooter Group meets the FOURTH Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
SEED articles should be mailed to jjetherton@comcst.net, subject: "SEED Article"

**Membership Form:** Date _____

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| Renewal_____ | New _____ | Change _____ |

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Kind of Computer: Apple II ___ GS___ Mac ___ OS _____

**Denver Apple Pi Officers, May '07-May '08**

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|---|---|
| President | Larry Fagan |
| VP (Help) | Jim Awalt |
| Vic President (Mac) | Tom King |
| Secretary | Elissa McAlear |
| Treasurer | Larry Knowles |
| Membership Chair | Sheila Warner |

For further information, call Elissa 303.421.8714
Appointees: Wes Schalamon (Librarian), Joyce Etherton (SEED Editor), Diane Forest (Webmaster)

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If due, **RENEW** or **JOIN today.**
If there is an error or if you have questions,
Call Elissa, 303.421.8714

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