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SIG and Help Meetings are

HELD AT

APPLEWOOD VALLEY

METHODIST CHURCH,

WEST 20TH & ELLIS,

GOLDEN, CO.

7 TO 9 PM

unless otherwise noted



MEETING DATES SET FOR

OCT – DEC 2011

Mac SIG	Oct 18	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Oct 26	4 th Wed
Mac SIG	Nov 15	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Nov 23	4 th Wed
Party	Dec 20	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Dec 28	4 th Wed

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DAPi Recycles

Bring your used inkjet or
toner cartridges to the next
meeting

DAPI Meeting October 18, 2011

7-9 pm

Larry Fagan – Potpourri

**Mail, iCal, Preview, Bookmarks, Weatherbug, Colorpop,
Search Techniques**

New Meeting Location

Applewood Valley Methodist Church
West 20th & Ellis
Golden, Colorado
See Map Page 5

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new member: Carmen Rodriguez

Renewal fees for the following DAPi members are due in October 2011.

Linda & John Lookabill

Mikey Webre

Membership dues for DAPI are \$15 per year and you will receive the monthly newsletter, *The Seed*, via email in PDF format. If you prefer, you can pay \$20 and receive a snail mail copy of the newsletter. You can bring your payment to the monthly meetings or you can send your remittance to the club mailing address: Denver Apple Pi, 6501 Welch Ct., Arvada, CO 80004-2223.



Steve Jobs

February 24, 1955

October 5, 2011

[Steve Jobs] showed a propensity to take other people's concepts, improve on them and spin them into wildly successful products. Under Jobs, Apple didn't invent computers, digital music players or smartphones — it reinvented them for people who didn't want to learn computer programming or negotiate the technical hassles of keeping their gadgets working. *From the Wall Street Journal.*

“Jobs kept his hand in the details and of course had the final say on the strategy. But as CEO he was no one-man band. As personally tied as Jobs was to Apple's products and success, he was no mere autocrat hurling diktats to the serfs. Instead, he recreated the Apple culture as one of an elite squad, a la *Mission Impossible* or the Navy SEALs.” *Galen Gruman, InfoWorld—written Aug. 24, 2011 after Steve Jobs resigned as CEO from Apple*



Steven Levy, *Insanely Great—The Life and Times of Macintosh, The Computer That Changed Everything*, 1995

Book Review by DAPi Member Ken McEntire—“A Fun and Interesting Read”

"I came to Apple to make Macintoshes, and on its worst day, working for Apple is better than working anywhere else" stated Jack McHenry who was "bristling at the implication that the company had lost its soul" regarding Apple's future still being dependent on a continuing streak of successes. "Could it continue?" author Steven Levy asks. Well, that was written 17 years ago. So far, so good.

"Dent the universe"... November 1983, two months before the Mac's famous introduction during the 1984 Super Bowl, Levy met with the group who created the first Mac. "They were groggy and almost giddy from 3 years of creation. They told me that with Macintosh, they were going to '*put a dent in the universe*' [emphasis mine]. Their leader, Steven P. Jobs, told them so. They also told me how Jobs referred to this computer: '*Insanely great*'. "

Author Levy says: "This book is about how technology, serendipity, passion and magic combined to create what I believe is the most important consumer product in the last half of the twentieth century: the Macintosh computer." I would submit that this "most important product of the (late) 20th century" set the stage for our current day communications revolution of instant communication with anyone wherever we are. Who knows where it might go from here? Levy tells the oft-repeated joke in Cupertino: "What's the difference between Apple and the Boy Scouts? The Boy Scouts have adult supervision."

The author paints an interesting picture of how the Mac's creators so many times, "operating with a degree of stealth," had to hide neater, better aspects of their project from the "suits" in management. One instance: two competing teams trying to make the best choice. One team, when they couldn't finish their design, was cancelled. They had superior functions that were costing too much. The other team had secretly been working on better iterations. About that time, management decided this team would get the go-ahead. These neater and better items, heretofore secret from management, became important and got implemented.

iPad-like description ~ 1991, p. 240. Was the iPad predicted circa 1991? The author tells us how Bill Atkinson, one of the Mac's creators, described a device that Alan Kay had previously wanted/predicted in

1971 called the Dynabook. Atkinson called his desired version the Magic Slate. He got just about everything right except that he foresaw handwriting recognition. Who knows, maybe there's an app for that!

Although *Insanely Great* describes the people (in many cases geniuses, certainly characters in the adventurous sense) who created the Mac, it is about the way the GUI (graphical user interface) changed the way the world accesses and manipulates information.

Darlene, a DAPi member, brought this book for loan to club members. Call Elissa at 303.421.8714 to check it out.



LibreOffice

<http://www.libreoffice.org/download/>

LibreOffice is a free software office suite developed by a nonprofit organization The Document Foundation as a fork of OpenOffice.org and is a leading competitor of the MS Office suite of business productivity applications.

OpenOffice was developed in the late 1990s and called StarOffice; it was managed by Sun Microsystems as an open source project, but when Oracle acquired Sun in 2009, questions arose as to whether the project would continue. The key OpenOffice developers defected from Oracle and began the new fork of OpenOffice called

LiBreOffice. This suite of applications looks like, runs like, and reads and writes Open Office.org's OpenDocument file formats. True to its new name, LibreOffice has liberty from oversight from Oracle.

LibreOffice is available for Mac OS X (Intel and Power PC). There are six applications: Writer, Calc, Impress, Draw, Base and Math.

Those who have large MS Office files may find migration to one of these new formats unsatisfactory says the InfoWorld review. On the other hand, if you don't have many files, it shouldn't present too many unworkable transfers from one suite to the other.

[InfoWorld review and comparison](http://www.infoworld.com/d/applications/open-office-dilemma-openofficeorg-vs-libreoffice-716?page=0,0)

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PAGES '09 SUGGESTS CORRECT SPELLINGS

http://www.macosobserver.com/tmo/article/pages_09_escaping_into_spelling_suggestions/

Melissa Holt has another tip for iPages '09 users: to check the spelling of a word, begin typing your word and then hit the "Esc" key. A menu of words will present itself and you can select the proper spelling. To get rid of the menu, you hit the "Esc" key again.

An observer's comment says: In Snow Leopard, this also works on Bean and TextEdit, but not MS Word.

Another TMO observer's comment: It also works in 10.6 Mail if you hit "option+Esc."



DVDs of DAPi Meetings

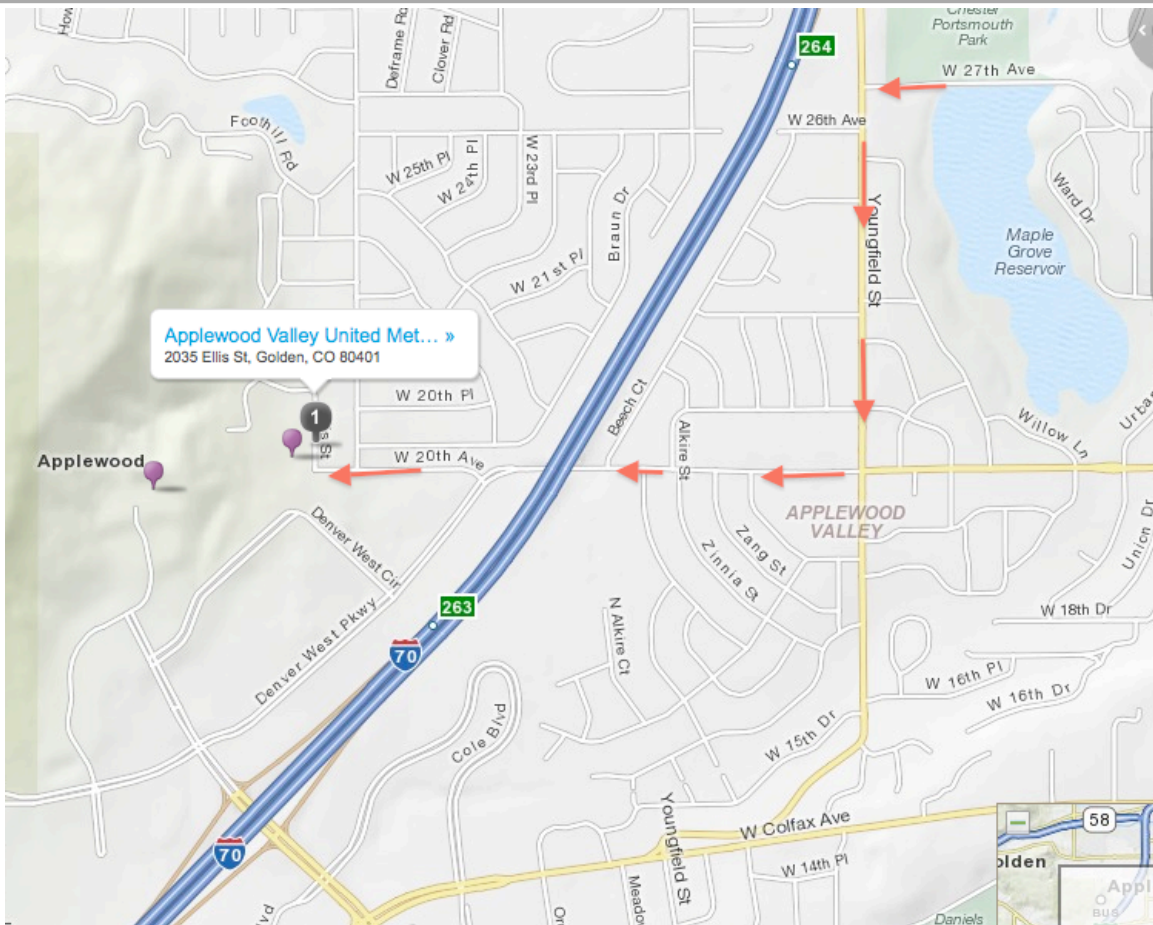
Listed below are 2011 meetings for which DVDs are or will be available. To purchase a copy, email Jim Awalt at awaltjw@yahoo.com so that he can have it available for you at the next meeting. Cost per DVD is \$1.

When the missing month presentations are processed and available, a note will appear in *The Seed*.

Presenter	Date	Subject
Steve Sande	January 2011	Fun and Useful Things to do with an iPad, Internet Security for Apple Users
Tammy Hanson	February 2011	Backing Up Your Computer
Charles Mettler	March 2011	Bento – A More Than Conventional Database Application
Jeff Gamet	April 2011	<i>Not yet available</i> Podcasting, iChat, FaceBook Security,
Nancy & Larry Fagan	May 2011	Blue (Green) Screen Techniques for Videos
Jeff Gamet	June 2011	iLife '11, (iPhoto), the App Store and
Craig Lewis	July 2011	Lightroom — Photo Editing
Ken Gagné and Jeff Gamet	August 2011	<i>Not Yet Available</i> Kansas Fest—Apple II Computer Expo; OS 10.7 Lion and The Mac Observer (TMO)
Tammy Hanson	September	<i>Not Yet Available</i> Keynote

ANOTHER USEFUL KEYSTROKE SHORTCUT

When you have many windows open on the desktop and you want to return to just one of them, click F9 and you can see all the open windows. Click the one you want and continue. (This is a toggle, so to get out of it, click F9 again.)



New location for Denver Apple Pi Meetings

Applewood Valley United Methodist Church
2035 Ellis St., Golden, Colorado

The map above directs you to the new location from our old location at the Consolidated Water District at 27th and Youngfield. The distance from the old to the new is only 1.5 miles.

After you turn right (west) onto W. 20th Avenue from Youngfield, you will drive under I-70. There will be a small green sign on the right directing you to W. 20 Avenue to the right, or Denver West Pky. **BE SURE TO ENTER THE TURNING LANE TO THE RIGHT TO STAY ON W. 20TH AVE.** It is about 0.3 miles to Ellis Street which is just past N. Eldridge. Turn right (or north) to the parking lot which is lighted. Enter the parking lot and look for the DAPi sign at the entrance where our meeting will be held.

Please note: If you normally rode the RTD to the old meeting location (and there doesn't appear to be an RTD bus that stops near our new meeting place), Tom King has offered to pick you up at the Consolidated Water District location or at McDonalds and transport you to the new meeting location. Call him at 303.423.5661 to make arrangements.

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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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Our website is: www.denverapplepi.com

Macintosh SIG meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Troubleshooter Group Mac Help meets the FOURTH Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

SEED articles should be mailed to jjetherton@comcast.net, subject: "SEED Article"

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