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A Newsletter From Your...

DENVER APPLE PI
Macintosh User Group

Denver Apple Pi
Mac SIG & Help SIG Meetings are held at
Applewood Community Church
12930 W 32nd Avenue
Golden CO 80401
7 to 9 pm
SEE WEBSITE FOR MAP

2021 Calendar For When We Can Meet Again		
Help SIG	Mar 25	4th Thurs
Mac SIG	Apr 20	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Apr 22	3th Thurs*
Mac SIG	May 18	3rd Tues
Help SIG	May 27	4th Thurs
Mac SIG	Jun 15	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Jun 24	4th Thurs
Picnic	Jul 11?	2nd Sunday
Help SIG	Jul 22	4th Thurs
Mac SIG	Aug 17	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Aug 26	4th Thurs
Mac SIG	Sept 21	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Sept 23	3rd Thurs*
Mac SIG	Oct 19	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Oct 28	4th Thurs
Mac SIG	Nov 16	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Nov 18	3rd Thurs*
Christmas Party	Dec 21	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Dec 30	5th Thurs*

* Different from 4th Thurs of month

On occasion, Applewood Community Church may have shelter obligations. You will be notified by email if DAPi meetings are to be cancelled.

Denver Apple Pi Meeting

March 25, 2021
Thursday, 7:00 pm

Please call Elissa 303-421-8714 or email her at elissamc@comcast.net to let her know if you will attend.

We need to notify Applewood Community Church on how many socially distanced chairs we need to set up. You will need to sign a release for the church, and wear a mask.

Elissa will bring extra release forms to the meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are putting collection of dues on hold until further notice.

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 mail your remittance to the club mailing address: Denver Apple Pi, 6501 Welch Court, Arvada, CO 80004.

COMING EVENTS: TBA

REMINDERS:

Help SIG—Call Elissa to get your name/problem on the list so our DAPi Help people will be prepared. You will need to bring your computer, your own power cord, mouse, and keyboard. Elissa will keep a sign-up list for those asking for help at the Help SIG meetings so members can be helped in a prioritized way. Drop-ins are welcome. Contact Elissa at elissamc@comcast.net or at 303.421.8714. Tom King says if you have questions about Excel for Mac, the spreadsheet software program, bring your questions to the Help SIG meeting. Please call Elissa in advance.

Need help with iPad, iPhone? If you would like assistance with navigating and synchronizing your iPad and iPhone, bring them to the Help SIG meeting. Notify Elissa what help you need, and we will try to get the problems resolved.

NEW APPLE CHERRY CREEK STORE

As of February 22, 2021, the Cherry Creek Apple store has relocated to the north end of Floor 2 next to Nordstrom. The store has a large window overlooking 1st Street that goes east to west along the mall. From 1st Street, you can see this large window with trees visible in the showroom so you can figure out where you need to get to inside the mall.

Occupancy is reduced to the COVID-19 restrictions**, but in-store shopping is again available by appointment** https://www.apple.com/retail/instore-shopping-session/.

https://9to5mac.com/2021/02/22/apple-store-cherry-creek-denver-opening-photos/

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APPLE'S NEXT BIG KEYNOTE COULD TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 23, 2021

This next announcement may announce an updated iPad Pro, AirPods and Apple TV as well as the debut of AirTags, small tracking tiles with Bluetooth connectivity that can be used to find lost items. The March announcement isn't for certain, but those who watch Apple announcements closely predict March 23. The first prediction was March 16, but that was incorrect. This predicted date may not occur either, but Apple has these products in the supply chain. Stay tuned!

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MALWARE DETECTED ON MACS WITH M1 AND INTEL CHIPS

As of February 21, 2021, Mashable says the piece of malware detected on 30,000 Macs "has no evidence yet of harmful payload," and security gurus can't quite pinpoint the malware's motives. Red Canary, a security operations firm where the malware was first discovered, named it "Silver Sparrow." Go to the Mashable link below (copy and paste) for the distribution methods used. Two

types of this malware are for Intel-powered Macs and the other is specifically for Apple's new M1 chipset. Apple has retracted the certificates of the developer accounts used to sign the packages so new Macs will not become infected.

Red Canary in conjunction with other security researchers from Malwarebytes and VMWare Carbon Black say "the malware might be used to deliver second-stage payloads to infected systems."

But *two* different types of malware detected in the three months since the new line's release is still a bit concerning.

The Malwarebytes website says, "Yes, Malwarebytes protects your Mac from Silver Sparrow**."**

https://www.legitreviews.com/security-researchers-warn-of-widespread-mac-malware-called-silver-sparrow_225901

https://mashable.com/article/mac-malware-detected-m1-and-intel-chip-silver-sparrow/

https://blog.malwarebytes.com/mac/2021/02/the-mystery-of-the-silver-sparrow-mac-malware/

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Apple Gives "Product Skills" Classes

If you have purchased a new device from Apple recently, there is probably a class on how to navigate its capabilities. As of this writing, the classes referred to on a Kim Komando website will have expired by mid March 2021. However, in the writer's

opinion, the classes will likely be offered at a later date—virtually. The schedules that were shown were for

- Boulder, Twenty Ninth Street
- Broomfield, Flatiron Crossing
- Colorado Springs, The Promenade Shops at Briargate
- Denver, Cherry Creek
- Littleton, Aspen Grove
- Lone Tree, Park Meadows

Virtual sessions at the above locations were for the Mac, iPhone and iPad. To find out when a live session will be happening, head on over to the Products Skills page and enter your location. You have to hurry, though, as there are only limited spaces available "as a safety measure."
https://www.apple.com/today/collection/product-skills-sessions/ Because the sessions are "virtual," I'm not sure why there are limited spaces as a safety measure.

Here's how to sign up:

When you are on the Product Skills page, Click on the Choose a Location link.

- Input your state.
- Locate one of the several store options in your area.
- Select a store and click Apply.

If any sessions are coming up, they will be displayed on the page. Clicking on the Details link, you can get more information on the session. You can see what time it starts and what it is all about.

In the Getting Started with Mac session, you'll "Learn how to navigate your Mac, set up system preferences, and explore the latest

features of macOS. Whether you're brand new to Mac or just need a refresher, you'll discover the basics and a few of our favorite tips," Apple explains.

To join a session at your chosen time, click on the Sign up button. You might be asked to sign in with your Apple ID, and if there are still spaces available, you will get a notification that says, "you're in." Apple will send you an email with instructions on how to join and you can add it to your calendar.

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APPLE INFORMATION WEBLOGS: THE ECLECTIC COMPANY

If ever there was a more inclusive Apple information website (blog) other than Apple itself, I don't know what it is. Actually, it's lots of websites from The Eclectic Light Company: see links below. I can't vouch for its effectiveness in solving any problems, but it is inclusive! This reference was from *TheMacObserver*. Note the divisions include:

- Apps for Big Sur only,
- Apps for Mojave and later (not High Sierra or earlier), and
- Apps for Macs (running El Capitan, Sierra, High Sierra Mojave or Catalina.

https://eclecticlight.co/about/
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https://eclecticlight.co/mac-problem-solving/
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HOW TO TAKE A SCREENSHOT OF AN ENTIRE WEBPAGE ON YOUR iPHONE
https://www.komando.com/smartphones-gadgets/screenshot-entire-webpage-iphone/778510/

Taking a screenshot of a single page that is visible on our Apple devices is something most of us can do. However, taking a screenshot of a multipage document is now possible. Kim Komando gives instructions:

- **Open Safari browser**.
- Go to the website that you want to capture.
- Take a screenshot like you normally would, by simultaneously pressing the **side button** and **volume up** (or on older phones with a home button, press the **top button** and the **home button** simultaneously).
- Once the preview snippet pops up in the lower left-hand corner, tap on it to edit.
- Above the image, you will see options for Screen and Full Page.
- The current view will be on Screen but tap Full Page.
- A preview of the entire page will be displayed.
- If you are satisfied, tap Done.
- **This screenshot will be saved as a PDF-format file, *not an image*. You must choose a new location to save this item: in your phone's folders or in iCloud. After it has been saved you attach it in an email to share or sent it through a messaging service.**

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VERIZON TELLS USERS TO TURN OFF 5G TO SAVE BATTERY, REGRETS IT

In an effort to be helpful, Verizon accidentally stuck its foot in its mouth on Sunday (February 28, 2021), and then furiously backtracked.
https://gizmodo.com/verizon-tells-consumers-to-turn-off-5g-to-preserve-batt-1846376859

5G phones require more bandwidth and more power. If your cell phone seems to have faster battery drain using your new 5G phone, Verizon told users: "Are you noticing that your battery life is draining faster than normal?" Verizon wrote in the tweet. "One way to help conserve battery life is to turn on LTE. Just go to Cellular > Cellular Data Options > Voice & Data and tap LTE."

With 5G, you get exponentially faster download and upload speeds—but do you really have 5G? It's complicated. For a lengthy but comprehensive explanation of 5G, go to https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/what-is-5g/ In this Digitaltrends article, writer Christian de Looper writes: "What is 5G? Everything you need to know."

Other 5G providers including AT&T, T-Mobile and Huawei, have been dealing with this same situation but have handled it a bit more tactfully.

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COVID-19 PASSPORTS? – NOT YET

New York City is testing the "Excelsior Pass" during events at Madison Square Garden and Barclays Center. The Excelsior Pass uses secure technology to confirm if a person has gotten vaccinated or has had a recent negative COVID-19 exam result. It functions similar to a mobile boarding pass for air travel. Individuals can use an app or print out the pass to present at a venue. The pass is equipped with a secure QR code that is scanned to confirm whether the individual has been vaccinated or had a recent COVID-negative test.

Through the pilot program, participants voluntarily share their health status that's protected by encrypted technology. No other personal information or medical data is shared.

The European Union is conflicted over so-called passports for people vaccinated for COVID-19—might lead to discrimination, division. LA Times, March 3, 2021.

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Figure 1. Sent in by Tom Stevens

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Mac SIG meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Troubleshooter Group Help SIG meets the FOURTH Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. unless a holiday necessitates a change. Seed articles should be mailed to jjetherton@comcast.net, subject: Seed article.

Membership Form

Date _____   Renewal   New ☐ Change

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone(s)_____

Email _____

Kind of Computer: Apple II _____   GS _____   Mac _____   OS _____

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