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## **Procrastinating?**

f you've been waiting for exactly the right moment to sign up for a spring CKCS class or workshop, the time to register is now. Some classes and workshops are filled, but there is still room in others.

You can register and pay online, by phone, or in-person at the CKCS Resource Center at 160 Moore Drive.

For the entire class and workshop list, visit here. (Keep scrolling down to see the entire list.)

> For instructions on how to register, visit here.

### **Monthly SIG Calendar**

ave you attended a monthly special interest group meeting recently? These are sessions that normally tackle a specific topic such as getting more out of your camera settings, Joe's monthly photo contest,

Windows 10 tips you didn't even know, the popular Pages word processor/desktop publishing app for Mac, iPad, and iPhone or word processing secrets for Windows that could put a smile on your face.

SIG	Meets When?
<u>Amateur</u> Photographer's <u>Club</u>	<b>Thu., Feb. 3, 10, 17, &amp; 24</b> @ 10 A.M. via Zoom (until further notice)
Mac & iPad	<b>Thu., Feb. 10</b> @ 7 P.M. via Zoom (until further notice)
<u>Windows 10</u>	No Meeting
<u>Word</u> Processing	<b>Tues., Feb. 15 @</b> 7 P.M. via Zoom (until further notice)
Digital Photography	Tues., Feb. 22 @ 7 P.M. In Person Only Masks required.



### **President's Comments**

**Mother Nature Shouts:** Kentucky Shivers In Snow, Cold fter an incredibly warm December, Mother Nature is shouting at us! Heavy snowfall (9.9 inches officially recorded during one event at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport in January), single digit temperatures and high winds...

Visit here to read entire column.

#### **Tech Night**

#### **Smartphone Apps** To Get You Around Lexington

It is downright amazing what you can do on your smartphone with just

a few apps: Pay a

of U.K. athletics...

CKCS downtown parking meter, get a replay and schedule

Visit here to read entire column.

## Wordle!

A New Word Game Sweeps the Nation Not since the Sudoku craze hit the U.S. and Canada in the late 90s has a word game become so popular, so fast. It's a Web-based game designed by ...

Visit here to read entire article.

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### Award–Winning Photos

See two photos that won first place on page 39 in the Digital Photography SIG's January Photo Contest. Kudos to both Carolyn Nichols and Jan-Landers Lyman for their entries in the category, relaxation.

#### **Dr. Fixit & iHelp Rescheduled**

Because of the inclement weather, the Dr. Fixit and iHelp Saturday session has been rescheduled for Feb. 12 at 10 A.M. No session will be held Feb. 5.

#### **Not-So-Ordinary Headlines**

Mom Discovered Toddler Had Spent Nearly \$1,800 On Her Phone When the Packages Started Arriving (Source: The Washington Post)

Camel Beauty Contest Rocked By Botox Scandal (Source: Associated Press)

#### **Duck Duck Go Plans for 2022**

ou probably know that DuckDuckGo, the company that appears to be fanatic about privacy, provides a:

- Search engine that doesn't track or . remember your searches.
  - Mobile web browser for both iOS and Android phones and tablets.
  - Fire button on the iOS and Android browsers that quickly erases all of your browsing data and tabs with just one button. Visit here for more details.



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If you need a Zoom link for a SIG or meeting, visit page 26. It contains many links for various CKCS Zoom sessions. Zoom links for classes and workshops will be mailed to students before their session starts.

- Editor, Kurt Jefferson











## CKCS New Members and Renewals

From Dec. 22, 2021, to Jan. 21, 2022

Submitted by CKCS Board Member Ben Rice

**New Members** 

**Beverly Fortune** 

Barbara Groves

#### **Renewing Members**

Sterling Duvall

Maryfrances Gross

Maria Han

Barrie & Jane Hart

Margaret Jeffiers

Bruce Klobeke

John Layton

Glenn I. Moore

Larry Neuzel

Carolyn Nichols

L. Edwin Paulson Jr.

Gary & Sharon Seckman

**Phyllis Spiker** 

Mary K. Tri

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Refreshment Center Jim Hughes CKCS WORKSHOPS & CLASSES: REGISTER BY PHONE, ONLINE OR IN PERSON

## **Registration Is ongoing**



## **Class/Workshop Pricing**

Unless indicated otherwise, classes cost \$48 for CKCS members, \$60 for non-members. Pricing for individual classes is shown above on the schedule in this newsletter.

Workshops cost \$24 for CKCS members, \$30 for non-members.

CKCS members receive a 20% discount on all class and workshop fees.

## **Registration Steps** Students are enrolled on a first–come, first–pay basis.

 Register by Phone: Call 859-373-1000 to register via credit card only. Phone: Mon. – Thurs. 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Do not leave credit card details on voice mail.

• Register Online: Visit <u>www.ckcs.org/store</u> and click on either Classes or Workshops on the blue menu at the top of the page. Choose the workshop or class you want. Register and pay by credit card. Before registering, please visit the CKCS <u>home page</u> and read the Store Registration Guide first. (The link is below the store link.)

> • Register in Person: 160 Moore Drive, Suite 107, Lexington Visit CKCS: Mon. – Thurs. 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.



# **CKCS Spring Workshop Schedule**

Workshops	Descriptions	Date & Time		
Protect Your Privacy With a VPN on Your Mac (Zoom only) (Workshop)	<b>Protect against snooping eyes</b> on your Mac by choosing a VPN - that's tech jargon for an app called a Virtual Private Network. When you connect to the Internet (public Wi-Fi or your home Wi-Fi network) using a VPN, your connection is secured in a tunnel where it's protected from prying eyes. This workshop will help you find the right VPN for you and show you how it protects your online presence.			
Protect Your Privacy With a VPN on Your iPad (Zoom only) (Workshop)	<b>Protect against snooping eyes</b> on your iPad by choosing a VPN - that's tech jargon for an app called a Virtual Private Network. When you connect to the Internet (public Wi-Fi or your home Wi-Fi network) using a VPN, your connection is secured in a tunnel where it's protected from prying eyes. This workshop will help you find the right VPN for you and show you how it protects your online presence.			
Welcome to Monterey, the New Mac Operating System (Zoom only) (Workshop)	<b>Monterey: Apple's latest</b> Mac operating system is here, and during this workshop, you will become comfortable with the new features. This workshop will introduce you to changes, new features, and options available in macOS Monterey. It will help you decide whether you want to upgrade to Monterey.			
Get Much More Out of Pages for Mac (Zoom only) (Workshop)	<b>You will be surprised</b> by how much you can create using Apple's Pages for Mac – the word processor and desktop publishing app. First, students will learn Pages basics, including wrapping text and text boxes. Pages is a powerful app – once you know the basics and understand how to make it work for you.			
Flash Photography (In Person at CKCS) (Workshop)	<b>Interested in improving</b> your photographs by learning simple techniques using your camera's built-in flash or an external flash? In this workshop, you will learn when to use your flash and how to use it to enhance your photography. You will learn to use a flash to take natural-looking pictures of people and fill-flash for more natural-looking everyday photography. We will demonstrate how to use your flash in portraits, group photography, and daily photos. You will have a chance to practice these techniques. If you own an external flash, bring it to class.			
Making a Photo Book Using Shutterfly's Revised Program (In Person at CKCS) (Workshop)	<b>Using the new Shutterfly Program,</b> in this workshop, the attendees will learn how to prepare pictures for a photo book, transfer pictures to the Shutterfly workspace, and organize the pictures from the front to the last page of the book. Finally, we will go through ordering a book and applying coupons to reduce its price.			
Posing Individuals, Couples and Groups for Pictures (In Person at CKCS) (Workshop)Learn to take better photographs of individuals, couples, and groups. You will learn how to decide if a photo should be full length; cut off at the waist, head, and shoulders; or a headshot. How to pose a person or arrange a group of people, choose the right lens, or how to properly use a flash will be covered and practiced in the workshop. Weather permitting, this workshop will be held outside.				
Workshops cost \$30 for non-CKCS members and \$24 for CKCS members.         Registration Is ong           Workshops typically are one-day sessions, lasting several hours.         Students are enrolled           Prices for classes are shown below – under each class listing.         Students are one first-pay           Scroll down for me         Scroll down for me		l on a basis.		

registration details.

# **CKCS Spring Class Schedule**

Classes	Descriptions	Date & Time
Digital Imaging Using Corel PaintShop Pro for Windows PC (In Person at CKCS) (Class) (\$60 for non-members; \$48 for CKCS members)	<b>You will learn to enhance pictures</b> using this digital imaging program. Discover how to crop, brighten, lighten, and generally clean up your photographs for better presentation. The program used is Corel's Paint Shop Pro. Students will also learn how to properly scan their old pictures and slides so they can be enhanced. In addition, students will learn more about using text with their images, working with layers, straightening their photographs, and using scripts to create various presentations, such as color-sketch or charcoal-sketch of their pictures. You will also learn how to restore old photos. You will learn how to take someone out of a photo and put them in another one. Students will learn how to create a collage with several pictures	Wednesdays: March 23, 30. April 6, 13, 20 and 27. 1 – 3 P.M.
Getting the <u>Most</u> Out of Your iPad (In Person at CKCS) (S60 for non-members; \$48 for CKCS members)	<b>Students will get a basic understanding</b> of various functions of the iPad and will feel more comfortable using it. At the end of the course, students will know how to arrange, nest, download, and delete apps; send emails and texts; take better photos; make albums; and send pictures.	Wednesdays: Feb. 9, 16, and 23. March 2, 9, and 16. 1 – 3 P.M.
Computer Basics for Windows 10 (In Person at CKCS) (Class) (\$60 for non–members; \$48 for CKCS members)	<b>Learn the fundamentals</b> of using a Windows 10 computer. Learn to use various aspects of the Microsoft Word Processing program, including manipulating text and inserting graphics into a document. Basic filing and file management are introduced. The final class of this course deals with the basics of email and the Internet.	Thursdays: March 17, 24 and 31. April 7, 14 and 21. 10 A.M. – Noon
Organizing Your Files for Windows PC (In Person at CKCS) (Class) (\$45 for non-members; \$36 for CKCS members)	Have you ever created a file and saved it, only to discover you can't find it later? We will look at several strategies that can be used to organize your files, making them easier to find. We will spend time learning techniques for moving files and folders on your computer and external storage devices.	Tuesdays: March 15, 22 and 29. 10 A.M. – Noon
Intro to Photoshop Elements for Windows PC (In Person at CKCS) (Class) (\$60 for non-members; \$48 for CKCS members)	<b>You will learn to use</b> Photoshop Element's cropping tools and do basic photo enhancements including quick fixes, cropping, cloning, spot healing, redeye removal, levels, and adding borders. We will also discuss photo considerations before printing, introducing layers, converting images to black and white, enhancing and restoring old photos, adding text, using brushes, graphics, adjustment layers, templates, special features, filters, and creating a slide show.	Mondays: Feb. 28. March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4. 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.
Equine Photography (In Person at CKCS) (Class) (\$45 for non-members; \$36 for CKCS members)	<b>Discover how to take stunning pictures</b> of horses and other animals. Kathy Davis will teach this class. She's an equine photographer with years of experience. Davis will show her photographs and videos to instruct the class on ways to capture great photos of horses. <i>Two classes will be in the classroom, and</i> <i>one will be on location with horses to practice the techniques.</i>	Mondays: March 14, 21 and 28. 1 – 3 P.M.
Workshops cost \$30 for non-CKCS members and \$24 for CKCS members.Registration Is ongoing.Workshops typically are one-day sessions, lasting several hours. Prices for classes are shown below – under each class listing.6Registration Is ongoing. Students are enrolled on a first-come, first-pay basis. Scroll down for more registration details.		

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Workshops	Descriptions			
Using Facebook on a Windows PC (In Person at CKCS) (Workshop)	<b>Learn how to maintain a Facebook account</b> on a Windows computer. The Profile page and Home page will be explained. How to find friends, make a post, edit and respond to posts, prioritize news feeds, check privacy settings, unfriend and block friends, and delete and deactivate your Facebook account are some of the features covered.	Tuesday April 19 1 – 4 P.M.		
Making Personal Note Cards and Greeting Cards Using Microsoft Word (In Person at CKCS) (Workshop)	<b>Learn to save money</b> by creating original and personalized note and greeting cards using Microsoft Word! You will be taught to set up a notecard page, add graphics from the Internet and/or your own photos, set up templates, make sets of note cards or individual cards, and file them for future use. This workshop is an opportunity to engage your imagination and creativity and to have fun. Card stock and a starter-kit folder of graphics for note cards will be provided. In addition, each student should bring a thumb/flash drive loaded with photos to create their note cards.	Thursday May 5 10 A.M. – Noon		
CKCS Spring Class Schedule				
Classes	Descriptions	Date &		

		Time
Basic Beginning Photography 102 (In Person at CKCS) (Class) (\$55 for non-members; \$44 for CKCS members)	<b>You will learn the essential functions</b> of your camera to improve your photography skills. You will learn advanced techniques for the ISO, shutter speed, and aperture settings; how they affect your photographs; and how to control your camera's settings. The instructors will use video and lectures to demonstrate how to operate the camera. There will be specific photography assignments to practice using these settings and an opportunity to get feedback and ask questions to improve your skills. Students need to bring their camera with a fully charged battery, the camera manual, and a notepad to class.	Mondays: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7 1 – 3 P.M.
Getting the <u>Most</u> Out of Your iPhone (In Person at CKCS) (Class) (\$60 for non-members; \$48 for CKCS members)	<b>Learn essential (and hidden) functions</b> of your iPhone. Learn how to download apps, move them, nest them and delete them. Learn how to get better photos with your phone, organize your pictures, and send them in text and emails. Texting messages and using Siri will also be covered. Participants should bring their (fully charged) iPhone and know (or bring) their passcode, Apple ID, and password. Requires an iPhone – any version.	Tuesdays: Feb. 8, 15, 22. March 1, 8 and 15 1 – 3 P.M.
Adventures in Photography (In Person at CKCS) (Class) (\$55 for non–members; \$44 for CKCS members)	<b>You'll learn about</b> white balance, depth of field, aperture, and shutter speeds to blur and stop motion. The instructors will show how to photograph close up with the lenses students already have and demonstrate close–up and micro photography techniques with other lenses. Students will learn how to use standard filters correctly. The instructors will also introduce infrared photography with the student's camera using filters provided by the instructors. This five-week course will spend alternating weeks in the classroom and outside shooting photos. Students should have a basic knowledge of their camera. Students need to have their camera fully charged, an empty memory card, the camera manual, and a notepad.	Mondays: April 25. May 2, 9, 16 and 23. 1 – 3 P.M.
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## Fast February Facts Tidbits You May Not Know



ebruary is remembered for Valentine's Day and freezing temperatures in much of the northern hemisphere, but did you know February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language?

**February comes** from the Latin word "februum," which means purification.

February is the only month of the year where you can go the entire time without a full moon or a new moon.

#### Famous people born in February:

Elizabeth of York (1466) Nicolaus Copernicus (1473) Mary I of England (1516) Galileo Galilei (1564) Anne, Queen of Great Britain (1665) Peter III of Russia (1728) George Washington (1732) William Henry Harrison (1773) Abraham Lincoln (1809 in Larue County, Kentucky) Charles Darwin (1809) Charles Dickens (1812) Frederick Douglass (1818) William Tecumseh Sherman (1820) Jules Verne (1828) Buffalo Bill (1846) Thomas Edison (1847) Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867) W.E.B. Du Bois (1868) Sir Ernest Shackleton (1874) James Joyce (1882) William Frawley (1887) Jimmy Durante (1893) Norman Rockwell (1894) John Ford (1894) Babe Ruth (1895) Clark Gable (1901) Charles Lindbergh (1902) John Steinbeck (1902) Ansel Adams (1902) Ayn Rand (1905) Jimmy Hoffa (1913) Rosa Parks (1913) Jackie Gleason (1916) Dinah Shore (1916) Lana Turner (1921) Hal Moore (1922 in Bardstown) Lee Marvin (1924) Sidney Poitier (1927) Martin Luther King (1929) Joanne Woodward (1930) James Dean (1931) Johnny Cash (1932) Elizabeth Taylor (1932) Carole King (1942) George Harrison (1943) John Grisham (1955) Steve Jobs (1955) Prince Andrew, Duke of York (1960)





**Did you know February** is National Bird Feeding Month, National Hot Breakfast Month and National Pet Dental Health Month?

Unique Feb. holidays

**On Feb. 1 we celebrate National Freedom Day,** Ice Cream for Breakfast Day, National Dark Chocolate Day, and National Baked Alaska Day.

**Groundhog Day is Feb. 2.** We also celebrate National Ukulele Day and National Tater Tot Day on the second.

**National Golden Retriever Day** and National Carrot Cake Day are Feb. 3.

Feb. 4 is National Homemade Soup Day. Enjoy!

**Super Bowl Sunday** is the first Sunday of the month.

**National Pizza Day** is on Feb. 9, while Inventor's Day is Feb. 11.

Valentine's Day is Feb. 14.

Feb. 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Feb. 20 is Love Your Pet Day and World Day of Social Justice.

**In case you're wondering,** Feb. 27 is International Polar Bear Day and in Canada, Anti–Bullying Day.

February is the seasonal equivalent to August in the southern hemisphere.

For more than 40 years, February has been Black History Month.

**In Feb. 1964,** the Beatles made their first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show* airing on CBS–TV on Sunday nights.

Were you born on Feb. 29? The odds of being born on that date are 1 in 1,461. Babies born on a leap day are called "leapers" or "leaplings." Notable Feb. Dates

Feb. 10, 1841: Britain passes an Act of Union uniting upper and lower Canada into the United Province of Canada with a single parliamentary–style government.

The first woman to earn a medical

degree in the U.S. is born in Feb. 1821 near Bristol, England. As a young girl, her family moved to the States. In 1847, she became the first young woman in America to attend medical school. Her thesis on typhoid fever, published in the *Buffalo Medical Journal*, was the first medical article ever published by a female medical student in the U.S. Blackwell was a moral reformer in both the U.S. and U.K., promoting the education of women in medicine.

Feb 4, 1861: The U.S. Army arrests Apache Chief Cochise in Arizona after he had joined his father-in-law in a long series of retaliatory raids on white ranches and settlements. This triggered the Apache Wars, lasting a quarter of a century.

On Feb. 3, 1943, the U.S. Army transport ship Dorchester is struck by a German torpedo and rapidly begins to sink in freezing water. The History Place writes when it became obvious there were not enough life jackets, "in an extraordinary act of heroism," four U.S. Army chaplains removed theirs. They "handed them to frightened young soldiers and chose to go down with the ship while praying."

Winterlude: Between Feb. 11 and 20, Canadians are invited to vote for their favorite ice sculptures. Teams of two sculptors from Canada's ten provinces are given 20 hours to sculpt 15 blocks of ice to create a work of art inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic spirit, a celebration of the 2022 Winter Games.

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Sources: Holidays Calendar, History Place, Wikipedia, TheFactSite

## **President's Comments**



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(9.9 inches officially recorded during one event at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport in January), single digit temperatures, and high winds are slapping us back into reality.

What's next? Locusts?

Okay. I don't want to even go there! But February is when ice storms have traditionally hit central Kentucky. (Anyone out there remember 2003?)

Now is a great time to remind everyone about the CKCS Inclement Weather Policy.

When CKCS classes, seminars, workshops, or SIGs are scheduled and there is bad weather, such as snow, ice, high winds, etc., our policy about canceling the class or SIG is left to the discretion of the class teacher or SIG leader.

When there is bad weather, many times the roads in the city become reasonably clear by mid-morning or afternoon and an instructor might decide to continue with a class. It is the member's/student's decision as to whether the roads they travel are safe enough for them to use and to determine if they should attend or miss a class or event.

Check your email in the event of a cancellation. Call the office to hear if there is a recorded message about an upcoming inperson SIG.

For CKCS office workers, if Fayette County Public Schools are called off because of weather, it is up to the individual office worker to decide whether they will be at CKCS or not.

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#### **Spring Classes Are Starting**

We have nine classes and nine workshops beginning this month.

It may be called spring session, but it sure feels like winter. Makes one wonder what fall session will bring us. Maybe we shouldn't go there.

Hopefully, we got most of the snow out of the way in January.

I know it doesn't work that way, but surely we have already exceeded our average

winter snowfall.

It's a great time to stay indoors and learn something new. This session continues through May.

I guess that's why it's called the Spring Session. We have classes and workshops starting in each of those four months.

By the way, it's not too late to sign up. You can read the descriptions in this newsletter, but also check out the new feature on the website Classes Calendar.

Just click on the title and a pop-up screen will give you the description of the class or workshop.

#### **Back to Normal?**

It feels like business is back to normal. Sort of.

I think that's because last year we could get a vaccine. Most of our members fall into that age category of having the highest percentage of being fully vaccinated.

At CKCS, we are still taking preventative steps by requiring masks for events held at the Resource Center, in addition to doing Zoom sessions allowing students to stay home.

Be sure to check your class or workshop to see if it's being held in-person or via Zoom.

Stay safe and warm!



Editor's note: As Brooke recalls, we saw well above normal temperatures in Kentucky during the last month of 2021. December 10-11 will go down in history as the time frame for the deadliest tornado in Kentucky history. As all of us are painfully aware, an EF-4 tornado devastated western Kentucky cities such as Mayfield, Dawson Springs, Princeton, and Bremen. That storm took the lives of 58 people in several states. The twister, which was covered in heavy rain, tracked on the ground for an incredible 166 miles. Another tornado caused severe damage to aircraft at the Danville Airport, which is located near Junction City. This screen grab is from an iPhone using the app RadarScope, showing the Jackson, Ky., radar returns during the early morning hours of Dec. 11 as storms pounded central Kentucky.

# **Tech Night** Mark Your Calendar: Feb. 14 at 7 P.M. •Zoom Only•

## Smartphone LEX-centric Apps

#### Story starts on page 1

### **By Brooke Thomas**

t's downright amazing what you can do on your smartphone with a few apps.

Pay a parking meter in downtown Lexington, get a replay and schedule of UK Athletics, find walking tours in Lexington and other cities, check out an eBook or audiobook from your local library, find out live precipitation measurements, see what's happening on Nicholasville Road by viewing live traffic cameras, and report a pothole.

**SMARTPHONE** APPS **YOU NEED TO DISCOVER**. **JOIN US** FEB. 14 AND **FIND OUT WHY!** 

These are only a few of the things you can do with this array of apps.

Joe Dietz and **Brooke Thomas** will demonstrate these apps at the **February Tech** Night.

All the apps will have a Lexington focus, but many have universal uses

These apps are free and can be used on both iPhone and Android phones. You just need to download them from the appropriate app store. You can do that before Tech Night if you want

Key Ring is the app for loyalty cards and savings while shopping. Get rid of all those loyalty cards you carry around with you.

UK Athletics has free live audio, exclusive video, interactive social media, and all the

GPSmyCity has thousands of self-guided walking tours and travel articles in 1,000+ cities

scores and stats surrounding the game.

around the world are included in this handy app.

Kentucky Mesonet provides real-time weather information from its network of stations across the state.



PayByPhone allows registering and paying for your parking in seconds, to extending it without having to return to your vehicle, and reminders of when it ends.



The YMCA of Central Kentucky app provides class schedules, social media platforms, fitness goals, and in-club challenges.



Connect to Lexington Public Library resources and your account directly on your smart phone. Search for e-books and e-audio books to download to your smart phone.



to follow along with the demonstration.



## **DuckDuckGo in 2022: More Products, More Features**

#### Story starts on page 1

Maybe 2022 is the year when more Americans finally take Internet privacy seriously and they choose to use DuckDuckGo or similar products. DuckDuckGo is prepared for that trend as many of us review the search engines that endlessly track us, our Internet security settings, and online privacy in general.

The mobile DuckDuckGo browser is hot.



DuckDuckGo has big plans for 2022. In addition to its popular search engine and mobile browsers, the company is introducing Email Protection, a free email forwarding service that removes trackers in your email. You don't have to change your email provider to use it. In addition, the company's App Tracking Protection in the Android app blocks third-party trackers such as Google and Facebook. Also, look for DuckDuckGo to begin providing tracker blocking which prevents embedded Facebook content from tracking its users. Mac and PC users will get a new DuckDuckGo standalone web browser in 2022. It will allow users to perform internet searches or install cookies.

#### downloaded browser on iOS behind Chrome (which ironically tracks and collects a substantial amount of data about its users) and the most downloaded app on Android in major U.S. markets.

It's now the second-most

## 27 million Americans (9% of the population) now use the DuckDuckGo search engine.

DuckDuckGo says its search engine is now averaging more than 100 million searches every day. The company says 27–million Americans (9% of the population) are now using DuckDuckGo.

With the huge growth of VPNs (virtual private networks) and password managers, along with more and more of us giving up on the Google search engine (track, track, track...), maybe 2022 is the year when many of us resolve to take serious steps to keep our data private.

## "We believe online privacy should be simple and

accessible to everyone," is the simple statement DuckDuckGo makes in its December blog. The company known for its strong privacy stance, along with its white duck on an orange background logo, has big plans for this year.

You might have read in this newsletter last month that DuckDuckGo intends to release a **stand–alone web browser** for <u>Mac</u> and <u>Windows</u> in 2022. DuckDuckGo describes the upcoming browser this way:

No complicated settings, no misleading warnings, no "levels" of privacy protection – just robust privacy protection that works by default, across search, browsing, email, and more. It's not a "privacy browser"; it's an everyday browsing app that respects your privacy because there's never a bad time to stop companies from spying on your search and browsing history.

The new desktop browser will also contain the popular Fire button already in the mobile browser, allowing users to erase history, browsing data and other information with one click. The company says it's added more features to Fire:

This year we added new animation options to the Fire Button so now instead of burning your data, you can choose to flush it down a virtual drain or watch it get blown away! In addition, some other app improvements we made this year include adding a "Fireproofing" prompt so you have the choice to keep certain sites logged in between burns, a new setting to change font sizes on web content, simplifying the search bar (so there aren't two search bars when on our search pages), and speeding up loading time on Android.

In 2022, look for other DuckDuckGo features such as **Email Protection.** This is a free email forwarding service that removes hidden trackers in your email. (You probably aren't aware, but there are <u>dozens of trackers</u> embedded in your email messages.)

App Tracking Protection in the Android app on your phone or tablet blocks third–party trackers such as Google and Facebook, which are constantly monitoring users. In a year–end blog in December, DuckDuckGo mentioned that users of its App Tracking Protection are dumbfounded by just how much tracking goes on – on their mobile devices.

**Tracker blocking** which stops embedded Facebook content from tracking its users.

Finally, DuckDuckGo has already improved its <u>popular</u> search engine:

We revamped our search results page to give it a more simple and modern design, and continued to refine and improve our local, maps, and directions results. Some other improvements we made include a new translations instant answer, revamped definitions and weather answers, custom date range filtering, more filters on images, and improvements to advanced search. You can expect even more search improvements in the coming year.



## Wordle: A Phenomenon

Story starts on page 1 By Kurt Jefferson

Not since the Sudoku craze hit the U.S. and Canada in the late 90s has a word game become so popular, so quickly. It's a Web-based game designed by Brooklyn software engineer Josh Wardle for his partner, writes *The New York Times*. He named the word game Wordle as a play on his last name.

Writing about the game, *The Washington Post* headlines a story, *Wordle Is Our New Drug.* The subhead reads, *Five letters. A rush of dopamine. The new word game soothes the covid blues.* 

Much of what's a success in this life is about timing.

It appears Wordle is a big hit because it's the right word game at the right time.

The Synchedin Blog <u>writes</u>, "At a time when online games are clamouring for players' attention, striving to upsell and make money or promote addictive behaviours, Wordle is a simple and innocent respite. This creation harks back to a time when online games were solely made for fun, and the internet was awash with similar word puzzles, like Lingo. The absence of devious and underhanded intentions in this game has been welcomed as largely refreshing."

If you've never played it, (as I hadn't before reading an email about it from a *Washington Post* columnist) its popularity might relate to its simplicity.

PopSugar <u>writes</u>, "A simple, daily word-guessing game, Wordle's premise is straightforward. You

have six tries to guess the fiveletter word of the day. After each guess, Wordle will color code the letters of your word. Gray signals those letters aren't in the word of the day. Yellow means the letter is in the word, but you don't have it in the right spot. And green signals that the letter is both in the word of the day and in the correct spot. With each guess, you're meant to strategize based on the letters you've used, the letters you have left, and the color codes provided."

It adds, "The one catch? You can only play Wordle once a day — a cruel yet genius choice that likely plays a large part in why people can't wait to play this game every day. The anticipation is real as ever, as is the desire to guess the word in fewer tries than you did before."

#### So, put simply:

Gray-The letter is not in the word. Orange-The letter is there, but it's in the wrong place. Green-Right letter, right place.

To win, you have to guess the word in six tries. Interested? Here's where you can <u>play</u>.

An entire library of websites has sprung up – telling players about strategies, how to win Wordle every day, and even age groups devoted to the word game.

MSN <u>reports</u> that ten percent of adults in America have played the game. "Seven percent more say they intend to try it. There's a ton of room for that number to grow, too – about two–thirds of the country hasn't even heard of it yet. But Wordle apparently isn't for everyone, since most people who've tried it actually said they didn't like it."

Looking for something? Table of Contents is here.

To that, I say so what if some people don't care for it? Tide may be the best–selling laundry detergent in America, but I prefer a different brand. I don't use Tide and never will.

A licensed therapist in Philadelphia tells *The Washington Post*, "There is research that shows if we intentionally play games for an hour a day, that is very healthy for our emotional well– being."

As far as ages go, the MSN report says **44% of Americans over 55** haven't played Wordle.

Techradar writes, "In the English language, there are approximately 12,500 five-letter words, which means there are roughly that many opportunities to win at Wordle, the wildly popular online word game that's become a daily obsession for millions of people around the world."

CivicScience says Wordle players are more diverse and more apt than other Americans to live in cities.

Google Trends, the website that connects the dots between where people live and words they search using the Google search engine, says interest in Wordle began skyrocketing shortly before Christmas 2021 (Dec. 19).

Right now, Google Trends ranks the places where most people are using the Google search engine for the term, "Wordle."

(#1) Washington D.C.
(#2) Vermont
(#3) Massachusetts
(#4) Maine
(#5) New Hampshire
(#6) Rhode Island
(#7) Connecticut
(#8) Minnesota
(#9) Delaware
(#10) Pennsylvania
(#11) Maryland
(#12) Washington State
(#13) Virginia
(#14) New Jersey
(#15) Wisconsin

#### Kentucky is 20th on the list.

Polygon: How to Crack Wordle - Five Letter

Techradar: How to Win Wordle Every Day

The five states showing the least interest at this moment (Google Trends is constantly updating and changing), are Nevada, Louisiana, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Texas.

And, for the moment, here are the countries where Wordle is red hot, so to speak:

Check out more:

Words To Use First

- (#1) Canada
- (#2) Ireland
- (#3) United Kingdom
- (#4) New Zealand
- (#5) Hong Kong
- (#6) United States
- (#7) Australia
- (#8) Singapore (#9) Spain
- (#10) Israel
- (#10) Islael (#11) Norway
- (#12) South Africa
- (#13) United Arab Emirates
- (#14) Sweden
- (#15) Finland

I've run out of time. Sorry. Wordle is calling and I have to play. Let's see now. I wonder if **SNOWS** would work. Hmmm...

Wordle,

a phenomenon

## Should I Sync? Should I Back Up? Backblaze Answers This One.

**I** f you ask most Mac or PC users what's the difference between backing up their data and syncing it – they'll probably admit they don't have a clue. By now, everyone should know that backing up their most important files and folders is a no-brainer. In other words, just do it! Since Backblaze backs up everything on the machine, a copy is there waiting for me to download if trouble strikes.)

This might also be the time to remind folks to use what's built into their computers. Backup systems have been around a long time – built right into the operating system.

# YOU WILL THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS THE DAY YOUR COMPUTER DIES AND YOUR DATA IS NOT LOST.

But, back to the questions – Should you sync? Should you back up? And, what's the difference?

The popular backup system, Backblaze, <u>gets this comment a</u> lot: "I don't need to back up my data, it's already synced."

## Backblaze provides what it calls this brief refresher on synching your data vs. backing up your data:

**Sync:** These services allow you to access your files across different devices. You can also use sync services to share files with other users, where they can make changes from their computer that will be visible to you from your device.

**Backup:** These services usually work automatically in the background of your computer, backing up a copy of your new or changed data to another location (e.g., the cloud). Most backup services catalog and save the most recent version of your data, and some now offer features like Extended Version History, which you can use to recover files from even farther back in time than the standard 30 days.

Backblaze admits as a backup provider, it might be biased. But the company says if you can only choose one service – to sync or to back up – you should choose the backup.

It's true that some sync services offer version history. (A trail of the same file with different versions where they have been changed or updated over time.)

But that's still not the same as a backup service.

Read the Backblaze article <u>A Case For Backup Over Sync</u> and see what you think.

**Editor's note:** I use Backblaze to back up all the data on my Macs. I also use iCloud Drive, iDrive and SpiderOak Drive. These are different services that complement one another. When I'm working on this newsletter, everytime I update it, I back it up onto an external hard drive using Time Machine. But I also copy a version to iCloud Drive, SpiderOak Drive, and iDrive. Backblaze automatically backs up the newsletter, so I don't have to think about sending it there. Why so many copies? What if iCloud Drive is down and my external hard drive dies? I can still access a copy online using iDrive or SpiderOak Drive. But you'd be surprised how many computer users fail to use them. Should their computer's hard drive (or a newer solid state drive with no moving parts) die, they're up a creek without a paddle.

You will thank your lucky stars the day your computer dies and your data is not lost. It's as close as an external hard drive or the cloud. That's why these services that back up your data are worth their weight in gold. They will save your rear end.

If you own a Mac, use Time Machine. It's built into the operating system. You need an external hard drive. But it's incredibly simple to use. And, if it's really important stuff – say your tax documents you've scanned and completed – or old photos you don't want to scan again – store them using iCloud Drive or another online backup system (iDrive, Backblaze, SpiderOak Drive, etc.)

If you own a Windows 10 PC, back up your files with File History. You will want to use an external hard drive to back up your data (unless you're on a company network). And you'll want to store the most important items using both File History and a cloud backup of your choice (OneDrive, iDrive, Backblaze, SpiderOak Drive, etc.)



Time Machine is the app built into Macs for many years that backs up all of your data to an external hard drive. If you use a Mac and aren't using Time Machine, you should. Period.

## **Netflix Raises Prices Again–Third Time In Three Years** Standard Plan Now Pricier Than HBO Max and Disney Bundle

By Kurt Jefferson

I know there are probably plenty of CKCS members who love Netflix. It has nearly 222 million paying <u>customers</u> worldwide (as of December 2021.) There are 74 million Netflix customers in the U.S.

and Canada alone.

and other shows it carries.)



considering people tend to have around four paid streaming subscriptions, according to recent data from Deloitte.

One Reddit reader writes, Having worked in many corporations for

many years, I believe Netflix will be moving from "Customer Acquisition" to "Customer Retention", which is standard strategy when your growth flattens. They may also target selected groups of customers more aggressively - I believe they are gearing up efforts inside the Baby Boomer segment.

Another Reddit reader writes. *I've been considering dropping Netflix altogether. It's not the price. It's that* more and more shows are defecting and I don't particularly like their original content. I rarely watch it yet I still pay the monthly. Earlier this summer I *dropped down to the lowest level of streaming since* when I do watch it, it's on an iPad in bed. I'll see in a few months if I still want it and go from there.

Yet another Reddit reader chimes in: They must be going for the "all or nothing" strategy. Netflix is big now but they have room for improvement and I can see someone coming out of left field and taking over the market with better selection, pricing, and most importantly, better logarithms for what it recommends. At the moment I get recommended crazy stuff from left field that I have thumbs down or rated as one star in the past. I am using their system correctly and they still can't get their recommendations correct. It may be that the reason I don't watch it much is because they aren't recommending the right stuff.

Netflix expects to add just 2.5 million subscribers this quarter-"slowest start to a new year for the

To many, it is the streaming service to own. There are

prefer Netflix because of its programming (including

Maid, You, Emily in Paris, The Crown, Red Notice, Lupin, Squid Team, Money Heist, Shadow and Bone,

But Netflix is not growing as it once did. Part of the

reason: Netflix has again raised its prices-the third time in three years for customers in the U.S. and

Canada, Ouch. The price for the standard U.S. plan

\$20 a month is more than what many U.S. cable TV

subscribers are paying – and cable companies have

Inflation is the highest it's been in forty years, U.S.

prices for many prescription medicines are obscene

might just have raised its prices beyond what many

(that's the only word that really fits), and Netflix

subscribers are willing to pay. Some are going

been bleeding customers for many years.

jumps \$1.50 to \$15.49 per month. The basic U.S. plan climbs \$1 to \$9.99 per month. And the premium U.S. Netflix plan increases \$2 to \$19.99 each month.

plenty of other options out there, but some folks

company in at least a decade," reports Bloomberg News.

elsewhere.

In addition, Netflix increased its subscriber base by just 18.2 million in 2021. That's a drop of 50% from the year before, writes **Bloomberg** News.

The Verge reports: At \$15.50 per month, Netflix's standard tier now slightly outprices HBO Max (\$15 per month) and the Disney Bundle (which includes ESPN Plus and Hulu for \$14 per month), making it one of the most expensive on-demand streaming options among leading services. If you want 4K, it gets even pricier. That's not an insignificant amount of money,



Folks who keep an eye on the media are watching and waiting to see just how many Netflix subscribers jump ship after vet another price hike. Subscribers are not scrambling to join Netflix as they once did. These never-ending price hikes are only driving away more customers and keeping others from ever joining.

Streamers absolutely love to stream overall high quality shows without ads. But with Netflix raising its rates every year – it makes you wonder if other streaming services are ready to grab a fair share of Netflix subscribers.

As they say – stay tuned.

# TIME MACHINE

#### By Kurt Jefferson

## GOING BACK IN TIME TO REMEMBER THE PAST

Wing–walkers. A missing presidential cat. The suffragette movement. An early stereographic card of Mammoth Cave. Anyone who's interested in history should spend some time reviewing what's here. These are more than nitrate negatives or glass plates. They tell stories. The lives of people who lived back then are frozen in time–in these photos. Turn back the clock courtesy the <u>U.S. Library of Congress</u>.



From the 1920s: John Phillip Sousa (1854-1932), the American conductor and composer, with dogs. Location of shoot and photographer is unknown. — Picture is in photo format (not a negative) at the Library of Congress, Music Division.

During his lifetime, Sousa was known as "The March King" and "American March King" for his American military marches which were performed worldwide.

Sousa was born in Washington, D.C., the third of ten children.

According to historians, Sousa's father was a trombonist in the Marine Band, who registered his son in the U.S. Marine Corps as an apprentice at the age of 13, to stop him from joining a circus band.

Sousa was not only known for his music. He was considered to be one of the best trapshooters in history and was enshrined into the Trapshooting Hall of Fame.

The dogs pictured in the photo apparently belonged to Sousa and his wife, Jane, who were known to own dogs at their home.

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## From 1924: The missing presidential cat is found safe – and returned home to the White House.

Photo shows Benjamin Fink, Navy Dept. guard, holding President Calvin Coolidge's cat, Tyger (also called Tige), after an all-out search began to find the missing cat.

When Tyger disappeared, it became a top local news item as one of the most prominent pets in the nation's capital vanished and searchers began looking for the missing tabby.

Radio stations in the Washington D.C. area reported Tyger's disappearance as searchers combed the area hoping to find the presidential feline.

News reports indicate Fink discovered Tyger roaming around the Navy Dept. building in Washington D.C. and promptly returned him to the White House. News outlets reported the cat was found safe and scurried back to his owners.

The photo is a glass negative donated by Herbert A. French to the U.S. Library of Congress.

Photographer's name is not given.





From 1922, Miss Lillian Boyer (1901–1989), aerial stuntwoman, performs a break–away from a flying airplane. She was famous for her airborne antics – becoming known in the U.S. and Canada as the "Empress of the Air."

Boyer was born in Hooper, Nebraska, and worked as a waitress in a restaurant. As a young woman, historians say, she had a strong desire to fly in a plane. In 1921, two customers in the restaurant invited Boyer to take an airplane flight. On her second flight, she climbed out on the wing and began her career as a well–known aerial performer.

In late 1921, she started five months of aerobatic training with pilot Lt. Billy Brock, a former WW I pilot and barnstormer. Several web pages indicate that during her career, Boyer performed mainly wing–walking in 352 shows in 41 states and Canada. She performed 37 parachute jumps (including 13 into Lake Erie), and clung to moving airplanes by her teeth, ankles and toes. She even scrambled from one moving airplane to another to the delight of cheering crowds attending airshows on the ground below.

Photographer is unknown. Photo is from the Library of Congress with the card tracing: Women Employment 1922; Daredevils; Airplanes, 1922.



Wing-walker Lillian Boyer performs on film the feat that made her famous in the 1920s. Theatre-goers watch as Boyer completes her stunts for The Cline Studios, Pathé News (the major source of newsreels in theatres) and other outlets in the 1920s. Boyer could often be seen in the sky during airshows walking on the wings of a JN-4 Curtiss "Jenny" biplane. By 1927, competition among barnstormers was fierce and they were performing even more dangerous stunts in the sky. The federal government stepped in and adopted laws to regulate the new civilian aviation sectors. The laws included safety standards and restrictions that made it impossible for barnstormers to perform. No known copyright on this screen grab.



Bird's eye view of the city of Lexington, Fayette County, in 1871

Created and published by Ehrgott & Krebs. Lith. of Cincinnati in 1871. Description reads – looking southwest. From the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division.



From 1892: A stereographic card of Mammoth Cave photographed by Ben Hains. Description says Hains was a cave photographer from New Albany, Indiana.

Scientific American writes on the card, "These are pronounced the very best specimens of Subterranean Photography yet produced."

This item is in the Library of Congress stereographic card collection and has no known restrictions on publication. According to <u>Bob Thompson</u>, Hains was a prolific photographer of caves.

Hains died in Oct. 1904 at the age of 39, during a visit to Los Angeles for consumption (tuberculosis). His obituary in the *New Albany Evening Tribune* says he was also a floral and gardening enthusiast who garnered international attention.



#### Middlesboro in Oct. 1935

Plenty of activity on the street in this southern Kentucky city in the fall of 1935. Photographer is Ben Shahn (1898-1969). Photo is a nitrate negative and is from a U.S. Resettlement Administration collection. No known copyright restrictions.



#### From 1900: The 26th Convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association Meets at the Lexington Old Opera House on Nov. 8-10.

This pamphlet is part of the U.S. Library of Congress Rare Collection and Special Collections Division.

Mrs. Philip Snowden is speaking at the Old Opera House on North Broadway at 8 P.M. on Nov. 8.

Madame Rosika Schwimmer will speak in the Old Opera House Ball Room at 8 P.M. on Nov. 9.

Mr. Walter I. Millard, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, will speak in the Phoenix Ball Room at 8 P.M. on Nov. 10.

"The Opera House has been secured, that the many people turned away for lack of room and those who stood throughout the evening, when Mrs. Snowden spoke in Lexington before, may get this last opportunity to hear her before she sails for England..." reads the pamphlet.

This is from a collection of pamphlets, broadsides, and leaflets retrieved by the Library of Congress. No known copyright.



**1899:** Hatfield family pose with rifles, guns, women and children in cabin located in Welch, West Virginia, says a description of this photo made from another print. Photographer is T.F. Hunt. Featured in the "free to use and re-use" section of the Library of Congress photo collection. Copyright status on this specific photo is not evaluated, according to the Library of Congress.



From 1899: Photograph shows Lavinia Russell Baker (also spelled Levina and Levinah in historical records) and her five surviving children, after the lynching of her husband, Lake City, South Carolina, Postmaster Frazer or Frazier Baker, and their daughter, Julia, on February 22, 1898.

The Post Office and Baker family home was burned, and family members were attacked by gunfire as they sought to escape.

Photographer: J.E. Purdy & Co. from Boston.

One photograph; print on cabinet card mount.



From 1862: (But printed later) – Five generations of the Smith's Plantation in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Photographer is Timothy H. O'Sullivan (1840-1882). Photo is from an original glass negative

No known restrictions on publication from the Library of Congress photo collection.



From 1935 (or later): Circus poster showing family of acrobats in action. Published by Erie, Pa. Litho & Printing Co.

Date of poster publication based on the year that the Nelson family joined the Cole Bros. Circus.

Poster is color lithograph.





#### From 1931:

The Marx Brothers, top to bottom, Chico, Harpo, Groucho, and Zeppo, head to shoulders portrait, facing front.

Photograph is from Ralph F. Stitt of the Rivoli Theatre. Cast list for film *Monkee Business* attached to back of photo.

Included in prints and photo division reference aid: Famous People.

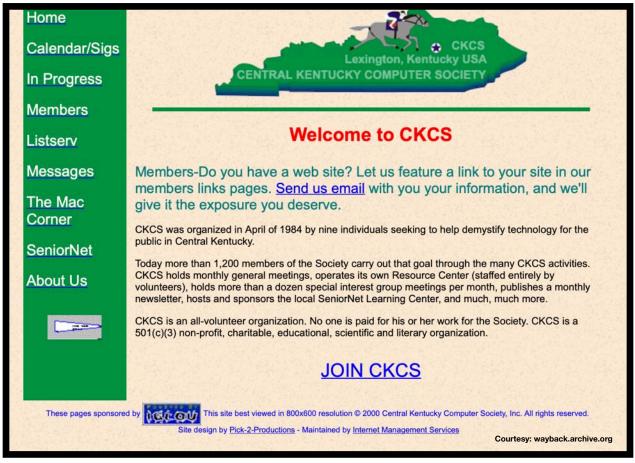
Photo is a portion of the *New York World–Telegram* and *Sun* Newspaper Photograph collection.

Photo taken between circa 1920 and 1925. The Duncan sisters performed as an American vaudeville duo. The pair became quite popular in the 1920s with their act *Topsy and Eva*.

Photograph shows Rosetta Duncan (1894-1959) on left, and Vivian Duncan (1897-1986). The pair were born in Los Angeles. They made their first important Broadway appearance in 1917.

Publisher is Bain News Service. Digital file from original glass negative.





Aug. 15, 2000: Here is how the CKCS home page appeared more than two-decades ago.

The newly designed website offered the Society's Listserv for group communications, a link to SeniorNet (CKCS was a member for many years), and several other links.

Most Kentucky homes, in 2000, had a desktop PC or Mac, but not everyone had Internet service.

From the U.S. Census describing the nation as a whole: "Forty-four million households, or 42 percent, had at least one member who used the Internet at home in 2000. This proportion was up from 26 percent in 1998, and more than double the proportion of households with Internet access in 1997 (18 percent), the first year in which the Census Bureau collected data on Internet use."

The Census report adds, "In households which have computers, Internet use has rapidly become so common as to make computer availability and Internet access nearly synonymous. In 1997, less than half of households with computers had someone using the Internet. In 2000, more than 4 in 5 households with a computer had at least one member using the Internet at home."

Back in 2000, broadband (high-speed) Internet connections were still a dream for most of us.

Many computer users who had home Internet, were relying on DSL (over a phone connection and a DSL modem at 2400 or 3600 baud rate).

While some had Internet, it was not especially fast, and many websites displayed very few graphics or photos so it wouldn't take an excrutciatingly long time for web pages to load.

I remember searching the Web for a DSL modem string to download for a new Mac laptop I bought. It paid to be tech-savvy since you had to connect and then disconnect from the Internet when you completed your visit. There were plenty of websites devoted to *How Can Two Computers Use One DSL Modem* and *Setting Up Your DSL Modem*.

Decades later, many Kentuckians still cannot get Internet service at home. A Broadband Search <u>report</u> shows 34% of people living in the Bluegrass State have no home Internet.

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## February 2022 CKCS Special Interest Group (SIG) Schedule

Larry Trivette prepared this SIG calendar. Print this page for your refrigerator or bulletin board.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			3 Feb		5 Feb
31 Jan 1 Feb 2 Feb			10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only 7 p.m. Board of Directors via Zoom Only	4 Feb5 FebBecause of the inclement weather, the Feb. 5 Dr. Fixit and iHelp session has been rescheduled for Feb. 12 from 10 A.M. – noon. We hope to see you then.Image: Comparison of the inclement weather, the Feb. 5 Dr. Fixit and iHelp session has been rescheduled for Feb. 12 from 10 A.M. – noon. We hope to see you then.	
7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb
	7 p.m. Windows 10 MIKE SEILER No Meeting this Month		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only 7 p.m. <u>Mac &amp; iPad</u> KURT JEFFERSON via Zoom Only		10 a.m. Dr. Fix-lt In-Person Only iHelp Bring your Mac, iPad, or iPhone problems or questions and we'll try to help In-Person Only
14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb
7 p.m. Tech Night Smart Phone Apps to get You Around Lexington via Zoom Only	7 p.m. Word Processing JERRY HEATON via Zoom Only		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only		
21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb
Wear your mask.	7 p.m. → Digital Photography JOE DIETZ In-Person Only		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only		
28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar
		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only	Wear your mask. <	10 a.m. Dr. Fix-It In-Person Only iHelp Bring your Mac, iPad, or iPhone problems or questions and we'll try to help In-Person Only	

# 2022 *Photo Contest* Topics Digital Photography SIG



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Month	Photo Topic	1
February	Frame a View	
March	Sports: Player Isolation	
April	Musical Instruments	1
May	Transportation	
June	Food	1
July	(1) Cemeteries	I I I
July	(2) Interesting Faces	
July	(3) Farm Machinery	
August	Butterflies/Moths	
September	Celebrations	
October	Bourbon	
November	Three of Something	
December	No Contest (Happy Holidays!)	



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## **Important:**

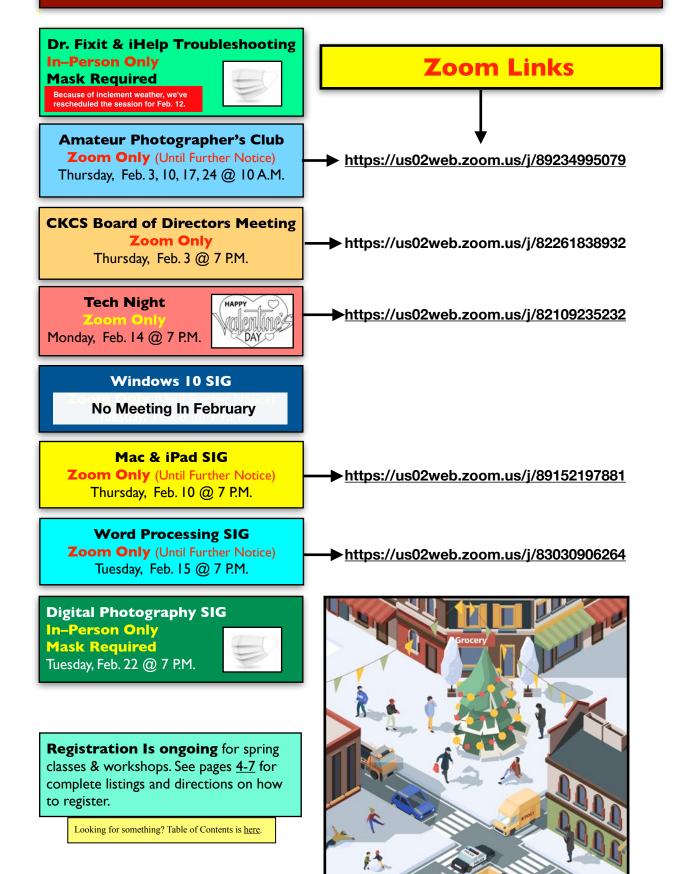
• July contains three topics. You may submit photos for all three. •

• July photos must be submitted as hard copy at CKCS. • No digital photos can be accepted in July.

For all other months, email your photos to **joedietz@aol.com** one day prior to the Digital Photography meeting.

Thanks to all who submitted ideas for the 2022 contests.

## **CKCS Meetings & Zoom Links: Mark Your Calendars**











The meeting Zoom address is here:



Windows SIG

## **Windows Special Interest Group**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

## 7:00 pm

Mike Seiler Windows SIG Leader



## There will not be a Windows 10 SIG Meeting in February.

When we meet, I send a handout to everyone on the Windows 10 Special Interest Group mailing list two days before the meeting. To be placed on this list, send an email to <u>w10sig.ckcs@gmail.com</u>. In the email, state your name, your email address, and the purpose of the email.



# **CKCS SIG Meetings** Mac/iPad SIG

Feb. 10 at 7 P.M. via Zoom – Your Questions Answered

# The ? SIG

**On Feb. 10** (*a*) 7 **P.M.**, we'll take an entire hour and open the **Zoom** session to your questions. You ask and we'll attempt to answer.

Questions must be about the Mac, iPad, iPhone or Apple–related software.

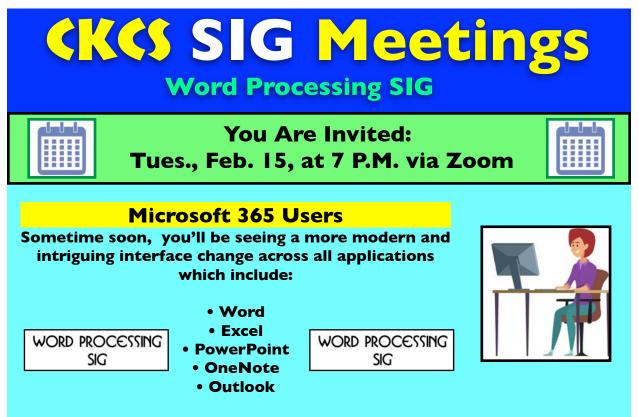




Feel free to email questions ahead of time to <a href="mailto:lextown77@gmail.com">lextown77@gmail.com</a> and we will respond either by email or during the Zoom session.

Zoom session is here.

If there are too many questions and not enough time to answer all of them during the one-hour session, I will attempt to answer via email. If you prefer email help, send your question in that format and we may mention the issue during the Mac/iPad Zoom session.



Since mid–January, I've been using an advance copy, investigating ongoing Microsoft modifications.

I plan to provide a brief overview of significant changes as they might impact our group, as Microsoft introduces these changes.

Examples: The ribbon bar is modernized and slightly rearranged to add new features. This time, it can be re-arranged to suit your personal needs. It appears slightly larger than in the past.

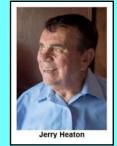
## **Current Word Version**

We will review Mailing section features and learn how to get the most out of them for envelopes, labels, and discuss how to prepare labels – both pages of labels and individual ones.

We will also review several basic Word tools and offer tips on how to get more out of them.

Remember, there will be time for questions during and after my presentation.

Use the Zoom link <u>here</u>. I will open the Zoom door about ten minutes early. Join us in mid-February!

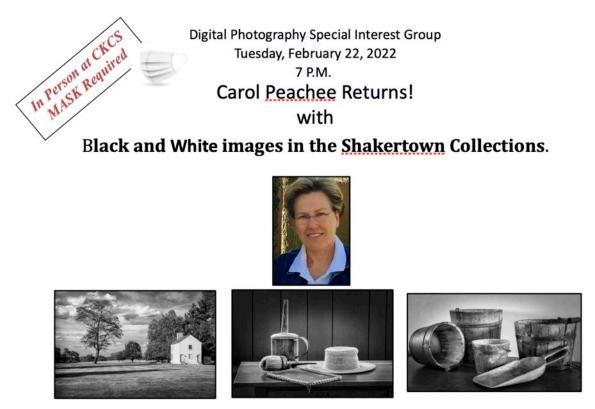


Word Processor SIG Leader



# **CKCS SIG Meetings**

## Digital Photography SIG



Many of you have expressed interest in taking (or making) black and white images. Join photographer Carol <u>Peachee</u> as she presents Black and White images in the <u>Shakertown</u> Collections and explains how she achieved her results. Carol, you should recall, has done a couple presentations for us. One was **The Birth of Bourbon**: the other was **Kentucky** Barns.

Carol is the author and photographer of several earlier books: *Birth of Bourbon: A Photographic Tour of Early Distilleries, Straight Bourbon: Distilling the Industry's Heritage, Kentucky Bourbon Country: The Essential Guide* and *Kentucky Barns.* She is currently working on several other projects that she will share with us on this night. Check her website: <u>www.carolpeachee.com</u>

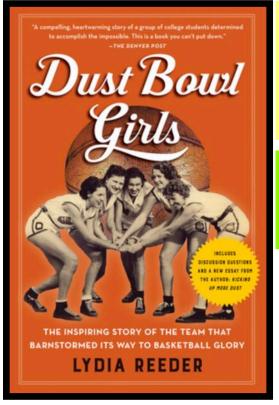
Photo contest – **Frame a View** –Take some new shots or search your archives to find some interesting shots! Send your photo to joedietz@aol.com no later than February 21, 2022.



Join us at CKCS at 160 Moore Drive at 7 PM, Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Invite a friend!

We will be meeting in-person wearing masks!

## **Book of the Month**



Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story of the Team That Barnstormed Its Way To Basketball Glory

by Lydia Reeder

Published: Jan. 2017 4 /2 star rating on <u>amazon.com</u> 3.75 star rating on <u>goodreads.com</u>



Cover: goodreads.com

## What Readers Are Saying:

**This is an amazing story** of grit and determination. What these young women and the coach and families had to do just to get them into school, practice, travel to games and eat and stay warm should make every modern-day pampered athlete stop complaining. The obstacles, suffering and sacrifices everyone associated with The Girls is described with compassion and determination. Thanks for including photos that clearly show how far the game has come since the 1930's.

– Jim Knapp (Source: <u>amazon.com</u>)

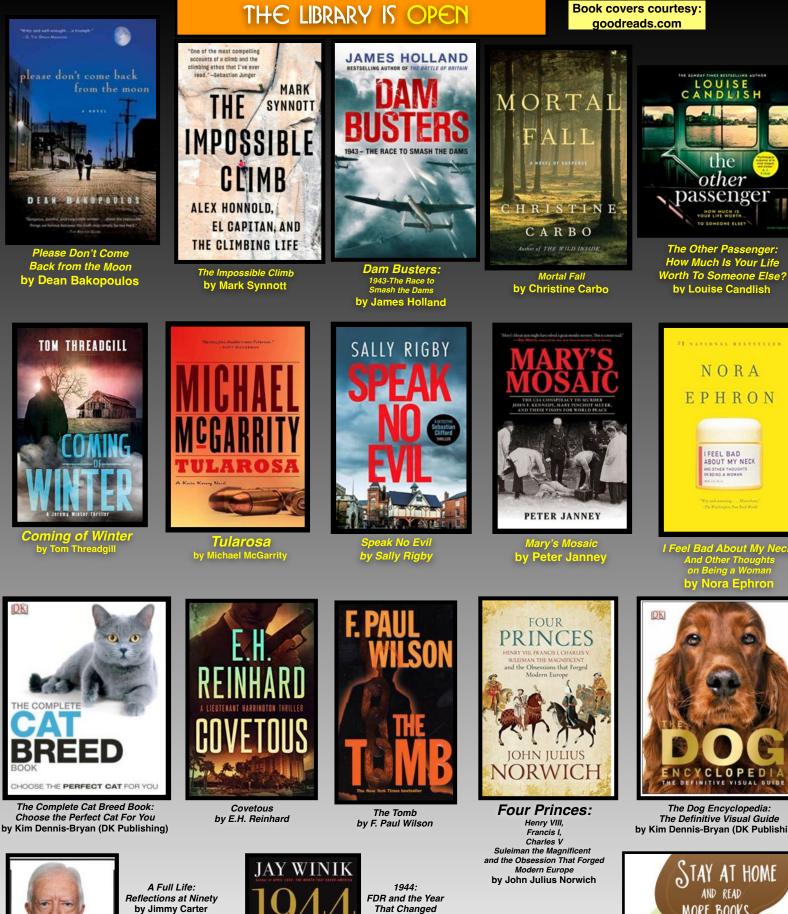
As soon as I saw the cover and description for Dust Bowl Girls, I knew I had to read it. Both of my parents are from Oklahoma and still maintain close ties to the state. While my parents grew up in Ardmore, my grandfather lived for a while in Durant, and several of my relatives are buried there. Dust Bowl Girls details the extraordinary success of the women's basketball team from Oklahoma Presbyterian College in the midst of the Depression. With incredible dedication and commitment, Sam Babb, the school's basketball coach, traveled all over rural Oklahoma to recruit women to play on his basketball team. Babb offered them an education in exchange for playing basketball at a time when many families were barely scraping by.

- Cindy Burnett (Source: goodreads.com)

The women of Oklahoma Presbyterian College should be admired for succeeding against tall odds during a time dominated by drought, crop failure, depression and sexism. Good for them for their skill and hard work, and good for a large portion of society for celebrating excellence these days, regardless of chromosomes. Nowadays when most of us cheer for USA women in ice hockey or soccer or root for a WNBA basketball team, our interest can be traced to infancy with players like those at OPC.

– R. Crawford (Source: <u>amazon.com</u>)

**Oklahoma Presbyterian College**, in Durant OK, in the year 1931 is far removed physically, culturally, and temporally from the leafy and refined campuses of the seven sisters colleges of the 1890s and 1900s which I more often read about. But a thread that links the different experiences of the students of two different eras and places is a shared passionate interest in basketball. And they also have in common a determination to play the game despite disapprobation from authorities who fear that the sport is unsuitable for women, that it will render them into sexless tomboys, or that delicate feminine nerves will shatter under the strain of intense competition. – Emily (Source: goodreads.com)



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History by Jay Winik

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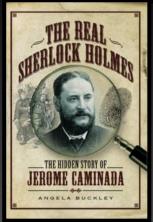
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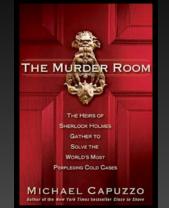


## Cold Winds, a Great Book, and a Hot Drink To Enjoy

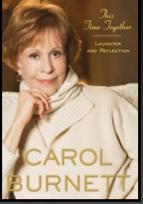
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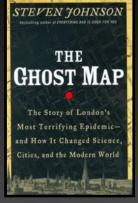
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The Murder Room: The Heirs of Sherlock Holmes Gather to Solve the World's Most Perplexing Cold Cases by Michael Capuzzo



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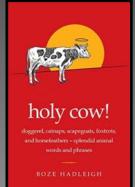
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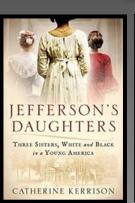
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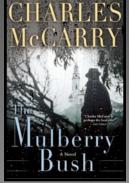
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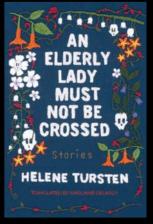
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The Romanovs 1613—1918 by Simon Sebag Montefiore



The Mulberry Bush by Charles McCarry



An Elderly Lady Must Not Be Crossed by Helene Tursten

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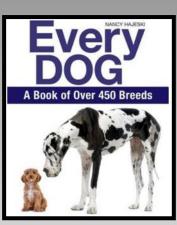
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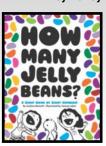
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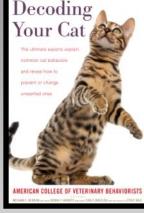
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Every Dog: A Book of Over 450 Breeds by Nancy Hajeski





Decoding Your Cat: The Ultimate Experts Explain Common Cat Behaviors and Reveal How to Prevent or Change Unwanted Ones by American College of Veterinary Behaviorists

How Many Jelly Beans? by Andrea Menotti Illustrated by Yancey Labat

# What Are You Looking At?

### By Kurt Jefferson

he year is 1958 as we drop in on the Larkins, a large family living in the rural countryside outside Kent, England.

The Larkins include Pop, Ma, and their six children. Critics have called this a "feel-good period family drama."

In early 2022, this sort of TV show or streaming fare is almost **non existent.** 

Violence, explosions, and storylines that seem to be taken from news headlines are the norm. Police dramas, family sitcoms with laugh tracks, and scoundrels and lawbreakers appear to be standard TV programming.

Enter The Larkins. This is worlds apart from what you'll see on most American broadcast TV. And it's fun. **If you need escapism from masks**, **Covid, and gloomy headlines**, this show will give you a healthy dose.

Chuckle along as Pop, Ma and the kids live their lives in a time before social media, before daily news reports of shootings, and decades before the awful Covid pandemic.

James Jackson of *The Times* in London writes, "The jollity of the voracious Larkin family is undeniable, bursting with enough warmth to power an entire country village," with the publication awarding it four out of five stars, according to Wikipedia.org.

Helen Daly of *Radio Times* <u>writes</u>, "The Larkins isn't necessarily anything revolutionary, but nor would you want it to be. If you want action, intensity and a convoluted plot so hard to follow you get a headache, this isn't it. But what it is is a joyous, comforting and homely show which feels like you're getting a big old hug."

In *Decider*, Joel Keller <u>wrote late last year</u>, "People are excited about the return of The Waltons this year, despite the fact that the original series debuted almost 50 years ago. Why? Because that gentle kind of family



drama — or dramedy — just doesn't exist on TV anymore. But before The Waltons arrived on TV, there was The Larkins, a family from the British countryside that weathered good and bad times together. A new version of the series, based on a novel series by H.E. Bates, has arrived on Acorn TV."

Carol Midgley <u>writes</u> for *The Sunday Times*, "People (like me) who argue that TV reboots tend to be pale caricatures of their much-loved originals were forced to eat their words over All Creatures Great and Small and Poldark. Now here's another revival that doesn't embarrass the forerunner. I'm not sure that we needed a remake of *The Darling Buds of May* but we got one and, amazingly, it's rather good."

After watching episode one, I asked myself, "What did I just see?" It was so different from any program I've watched in years. And, yes, I enjoyed it. I actually chuckled.

Some critics are blasting The Larkins because it doesn't even deal with real issues of the 1950s, such as the National Guard escorting African American students into Central High in Little Rock (along with never-ending discrimination), the Cold War, President Truman telling the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission to build a hydrogen bomb, and other 1950s news headlines.

True. But The Larkins is fiction. It's pure escapism. And, yes, it's a jolly good time.





# VIDEO LINKS



#### Music

Hit Songs From the Roaring 1920s

Top 30 Greatest Songs, 1930-39

Best of 1940s Music

Greatest Songs of 1950s

Top 100 Classic Country Songs of 60s, 70s & 80s

Greatest Hits of Charlie Pride

Most Popular Song Each Month In the <u>50s</u>, <u>60s</u>, <u>70s</u>, <u>80s</u>

Worldwide Hits 1956-2019

<u> Greatest Hits - America</u>

Greatest Hits - Chicago

<u>All-Time Greatest Hits</u> -Neil Diamond

<u>Instrumentals of the 60s</u> - The Horse by Cliff Nobles & Co.

Soulful Strut – Young Holt Unlimited

Greatest Hits 1960s

Top 200 - 1970s Songs

To Sir With Love - Lulu

<u>Day By Day – Godspell</u>

Lazy Day – Spanky & Our Gang

Come Saturday Morning – The Sandpipers

It's All In the Game - Tommy Edwards

Cara Mia – Jay & the Americans

It's Gonna Take a Miracle - The Royalettes

<u>Hello Stranger – Barbara Lewis</u>

California Dreamin' – Mamas & Papas

<u>These Boots Are Made For Walkin'</u> -Nancy Sinatra

<u> Downtown – Petula Clark</u>

Don't Sleep In the Subway – Petula Clark

For the Love of Him – Bobbi Martin

Over You - Gary Puckett & the Union Gap

<u>Walk Away Renee – The Left Banke</u>

Suspicion - Terry Stafford

Bobby Goldsboro Sings His #1 Song, Honey

Roy Orbison's Greatest Hits

Pieces of April - Three Dog Night

#### Silent Films

The 30 Best Silent Movies

Think Silent Films Are Boring?

Some of Harold Lloyd's Most Amazing Stunts & Best Silent Comedy Gags

Movie: Safety Last - Starring Harold Lloyd (1923)

#### Game Shows of the Past

<u>To Tell the Truth – Dec. 1961</u>

<u>The Object Is... – March 1964</u>

<u> The Match Game – July 1964</u>

Shenanigans Game Show with Stubby Kaye (1964)

Concentration – Sept. 1963

Name That Tune - with George Dewitt

Desi Arnaz on What's My Line

#### **Mixed Collection**

<u>Mama Dog Who Lost Her Puppies</u> Was Heartbroken Until She Got Kittens

25 Most Beautiful Horses On Planet Earth

**Official Trailer: The Larkins** 

From Canada: Republic of Doyle, Season One, Episode One

Drone: Kentucky In Fall

15 Most Extreme Weather Events Caught on Video

15 Most Dangerous and Incredible Roads

15 Most Scary Bridges You Don't Want to Cross

Top 15 Unusual Rides and Attractions

Easy Science Experiments To Do At Home

181-Year-Old Abandoned Southern Farm House Packed With Antiques

<u>Untouched Abandoned 1950s Family Home</u> Found Kid's Room Filled With Old Toys

Drone Trip USA

Road Trip West Coast USA

NBC Peacock Collection - (1950s-1970s)

The History of CBS Logos. ABC Logo History

## Rescheduled: Mark Feb. 12 on Your Calendar: Join Us For iHelp & Dr. Fixit



Mask required.

Because of the recent freezing rain/sleet/snow, the Feb. 5 session of Dr. Fixit and iHelp has been moved to Feb. 12. Join us from 10 A.M. – noon on that date for troubleshooting help on your Windows PC, Android tablet along with Apple Macs, iPhones and iPads. See you then.



Mask required.

**Rescheduled:** On Feb. 12 (instead of Feb. 5), volunteers at CKCS will help with your new (or old) device or computer.

If you need help getting up to speed with that new iPhone, iPad, Windows PC, Mac, or Android tablet you got for the holidays, we're happy to help.

iHelp assists and troubleshoots iPhones, iPads and Macs.

Dr. Fixit helps out with Windows PC issues and Android phones and tablets.

It's open to CKCS members and non-members.

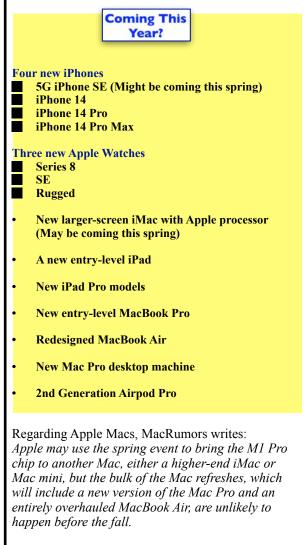


## Reports: Apple Preparing "Widest Array of New Hardware Products in Its History"

#### By Kurt Jefferson

f reports are on target, Apple is about to unleash more new hardware items this fall than at any other time in its history. MacRumors <u>reports</u> Barron's Mark Gurman writes in his *Power On* newsletter that Apple is set to launch "the widest array" of new devices in company history.

#### Gurman predicts:



MacRumors provides a complete products guide — <u>Everything</u> <u>We Expect To See in</u> <u>2022 and Beyond</u>

## New products coming from Apple?

The guide provides a wealth of detals about predicted Apple product releases coming this year.

In the first half of this year, MacRumors offers these <u>tidbits</u>:

Apple is rumored to be developing a new version of the iPhone SE with 5G and an upgraded processor.

Apple is developing a fifth–generation iPad Air that will be similar to the sixth-generation iPad mini. Apple is developing a high–end version of the Mac mini which will feature additional ports and a more powerful Apple silicon chip.

Apple is working on a 27-inch iMac that will be sold alongside the 24-inch model, and this iMac could be called the "iMac Pro."

Apple is developing a thinner and lighter version of the MacBook Air that will have thinner bezels than the current model.

Check out MacRumor's products <u>guide</u> for additional Apple products that might be introduced.





A Mac mini M1 desktop computer from 2020, along with an Apple trackpad, and Kensington trackball, used to create this newsletter.

A newer, high-end version of the Mac mini desktop might be on the way this year. Apple watchers predict the company will introduce the "widest array of new hardware products in its history" in 2022. Predictions include everything from four new iPhones to three new Apple Watches to new Mac laptops and desktops. From all appearances, this will be a year filled with new Apple product releases.

## Digital Photography SIG Photo Contest for January

Topic: Relaxation



## First Place Tie: Carolyn Nichols & Jan Landers-Lyman



#### Winner: Carolyn Nichols

We emailed Carolyn and asked her to tell us about her award-winning entry:

"My photo is taken of two dear friends, Brenda and Dave. They make an annual pilgrimage to Key West, Florida, in their wonderful RV, and spend the cold months basking in the sun. I visited them there in 2019 to enjoy some of those benefits. This photo was taken during that visit. This is the beach near their park. I wanted to remember this special time with them. I had a memorable visit and hope to go back again! Photo taken with my trusty iPhone 8 Plus."

**Congratultions, Carolyn!** 





#### Winner: Jan Landers-Lyman

Jan describes her winner:

"This is a special photo for me and my family. It reminded me to savor such precious moments. It was taken in Lexington in our backyard the summer of 2007. This is our daughter Denise and our grandson Wyatt on a Saturday afternoon. They were just chilling out and enjoying life and family time. I used a Canon Power Shot 850, an oldie but goodie. This was just a sweet moment of time with a mother and child just swinging in the hammock, it made my heart happy and still does."

Great job, Jan!