

MacsWest Oct 23rd 2020
Zoom Intro &
What's New from Apple

Happy Friday and thank you all for coming to our October 23rd MacsWest Zoom meeting

Our Featured Speaker today is Deb Fisher who will show us some of the apps and techniques she uses to make Cards on her Mac, but more on that later.

In the area of Old Business, October 19th has come and gone. That was the day that nominations for Computers West Board Members closed. Since no additional nominations were received, it appears that all that's left is a vote which will happen via Rec Center website. Stay tuned for more details as they surface.

This will be the Computers West Board for 2021*

We will be voting for our Officers via show of hands at our November 6th General Zoom meeting, so make sure you all join us to make it official. Are there any other questions regarding the elections or for that matter anything else related to the club?

It's been a quiet week for new announcements from or about Apple. We did see more updates to iOS and iPad OS to fix bugs and add some new features mainly supporting the new HomePod mini.*

Apple's new phones are selling well and delivery times are getting pushed back, but that's not surprising.* Also, if you have your sights set on a new Apple Watch 6 you should consider asking Santa sooner than later. Even a few days ago, delivery dates of some popular models and colors were now at Dec 10th or later.

The only excitement in the rumor mill is that Apple will likely have yet another media event, this time in November.* There is talk of new “Apple Silicon” MacBooks and the possibility of a 24” Apple Silicon iMac. This would be great news for our club since we are in need of Big Sur compatible hardware. We’ll see...

I am pleased to say that our Zoom meetings are becoming better attended and people seem to enjoy rubbing virtual elbows, however, no new presenters have stepped up. Remember, this is a club of volunteers. Without members volunteering their time and sharing their knowledge, I’m afraid that the zoom meetings may soon become a thing of the past. It’s easy to volunteer; contact any one of the Board members or Program committee members and we’ll be happy to work with you and you’ll get the satisfaction of knowing that you helped keep the club alive.

Well, that’s enough from me, except to remind you that nominations for MacsWest Board will close at midnight today so if you are still considering, let us know.

Now let me introduce Deb Fisher and turn the program over to her*.

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Welcome to MacsZoom

Computers West Board for 2021

- President: David Morin
- Vice-President: Daniel Bowers
- Treasurer: Karen Flores
- Secretary: Deb Fisher

**Confirmation Vote via Rec Center Website
expected shortly**

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What's New from Apple ?

Apple releases iOS 14.1 and iPadOS 14.1

Includes support for HomePod mini and new Siri and Intercom features.

iOS 14.1 includes:

- HomePod mini
 - Setup and automatically transfer your Apple ID, Apple Music, Siri and Wi-Fi settings to HomePod mini
- Siri
 - Siri suggestions appear in Maps when you ask HomePod for information about a location
 - Web search requests to HomePod can be sent from HomePod to your iPhone
 - Siri can now stop alarms, timers, and media across HomePod speakers
 - Voice recognition support for Podcasts for multiple users in the home
- Intercom
 - Ask HomePod to make announcements to other HomePod speakers throughout your home
 - Intercom to all HomePod speakers
 - Intercom to a HomePod in a specific room or zone
- Other improvements and fixes
 - Add music to your alarms and wake up to your personal song, playlist, or radio station from Apple Music
 - Fixes an issue where stereo pairs can sometimes play out of sync
 - Improves reliability when using Siri to control multiple speakers
 - Optimizes Siri performance

Phones & Watches

- Their new **iPhone 12s** are selling well and delivery times are getting pushed into November but they are also in stores.
- If you have your sights set on a new **Apple Watch 6** you should consider asking Santa sooner than later.

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Rumor Mill

Another Apple Event ?? November 17th

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Any Questions ??

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Deb Fisher: "Cards for all seasons and all reasons"
