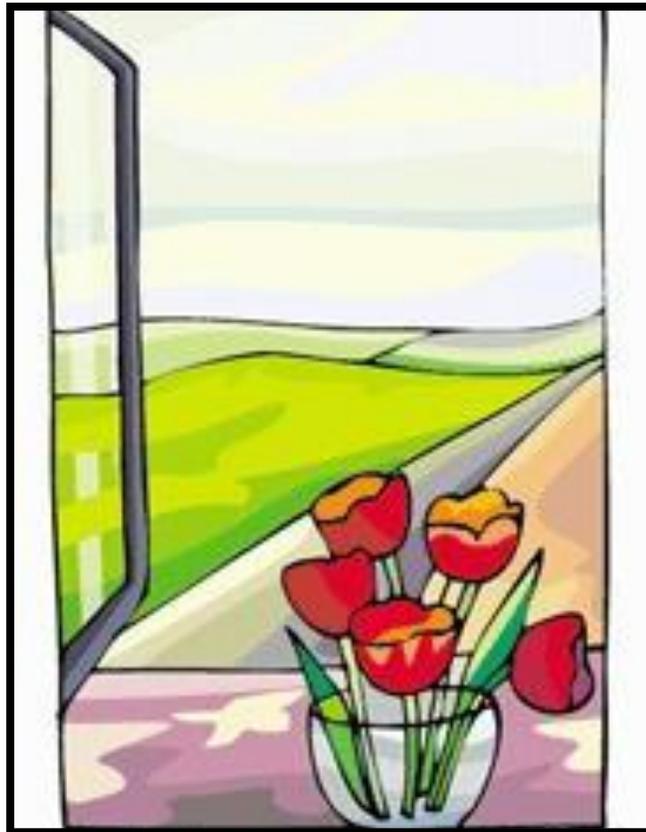




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New Memberships & Renewals

CKCS Memberships

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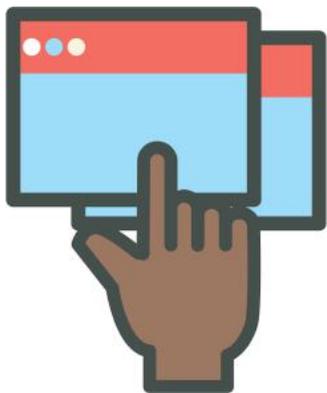
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How to register online: CKCS Classes & Workshops



Visit the [CKCS store](https://www.ckcs.org/store) and click on either **Classes** or **Workshops** on the blue menu at the top of the page. Choose the course you want to take and check out on the secure website using your credit card or PayPal account. Here's the CKCS Store website: www.ckcs.org/store. Instructions on how to use the online store are on a link at [ckcs.org](https://www.ckcs.org). You can use any valid credit card or PayPal account to pay for your class, workshop, or CKCS membership fee. A PayPal account is *not* required to register and pay online.



Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all CKCS classes and workshops are taught using the Zoom app.

If you don't have Zoom on your Windows 10 PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device, page 21 of this newsletter tells where you can download the latest Zoom versions.

Pages five and six contain the spring class and workshop schedules.

While visiting the CKCS store website, here are your options:

Membership – Join CKCS by clicking on the Membership link. Choose among these options:

- Regular Individual Membership – 1 year
- Regular Individual Membership – 2 years
- Regular Individual Membership – 3 years

After you make a membership choice, you'll be asked to enter the name you want to appear on your CKCS membership card. You can pay by credit card online.

Classes via Zoom – Register and pay online by credit card or PayPal. (Click on a link for a specific class to get more details about that class.) Students will receive a Zoom link via email for each class before the class begins. The link will be sent to the email address you provide when you register.

Workshops via Zoom – Register and pay for CKCS workshops by credit card or PayPal. (Click on a link for a specific workshop to get more details about that event.) Students will receive a Zoom link via email for each workshop before it

begins. The link will be sent to the email address you provide when you register.

Register by Phone

If you prefer, registering for classes and workshops or joining CKCS by making a phone call is still an option.

Call CKCS at 859-373-1000 and leave a message. Include your name (spell it), the course you want to take, and a phone number where you can be reached. **DO NOT leave credit card information on voice mail.**

Class/Workshop Pricing

Unless indicated otherwise, classes cost \$48 for CKCS members, \$60 for non-members.

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

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

Spring Classes & Workshops

Dates	Course	Overview	Times
Wed. Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 & Mar 3, 10	Advanced & Independent Digital Imaging Using Corel PaintShop Pro for Windows	During this pandemic and using Zoom for classes, the structure of the Advanced/Independent Digital Imaging Class will be a little different. Students are encouraged to work on their projects at home and bring their questions and projects to share with the class. The instructor will discuss, provide tips, and share students' work with the other participants for discussion. The instructor will also demonstrate various projects for the students to work on in the class or at home. These projects will then be shared with students at the next class. This class is geared to those who have some experience with digital imaging programs and using ZOOM. Programs used will be predominantly Corel PaintShop Pro and FastStone. Other programs may be adaptable. Class	10 A.M.– Noon
Thur. Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Mar 4, 11	Getting the Most Out of Your iPad	Learn how to use the built-in Apple apps on your iPad. Personalize and organize your apps, take better photos, and organize them. Acquire information about settings, learn the secrets of the keyboard, emailing, and texting with animation. Get tips on using the Calendar, Notes, Reminders, and Books. We will look at FaceTime if time permits. Participants should bring their fully charged iPad updated with the latest operating system and know their Apple ID and password. Class	1–3 P.M.
Mon. Feb. 8, 15, 22	How to Take Sharp Photographs CKCS members: \$36; Non-CKCS members: \$45	Learn how to take photographs in focus and well exposed. The instructors will demonstrate the correct way to focus and stand and breathe when taking a photograph. Because many cameras do not have the settings selected for optimum performance, the instructors will help students correct their camera settings. Have a camera with a fully charged battery, the camera manual, and a note pad. Class	1–3 P.M.
Tues. Feb. 16, 23 & Mar 2, 9, 16 & 23	Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone	Requires an iPhone—any version. Learn essential (and hidden) functions 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 have their iPhone fully charged and know their passcode, Apple ID, and Apple password. Class	1–3 P.M.
Mon. Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	Basic Beginning Photography 101 CKCS members: \$44; Non-CKCS members: \$55	Learn your camera's essential functions to improve your photography skills. You will learn how ISO, shutter speed, and aperture affect your photographs and how to control your camera settings. The instructors will use video and lecture 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 note pad to class. Class	1–3 P.M.

Spring Classes & Workshops

<p>Mon. Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 & Apr 5</p>	<p>Basics Every Mac User Should Know</p>	<p>Basic Mac computer skills that students should know will be presented. These skills include using the Safari browser, basics of using the Pages word processor, Mac keyboard shortcuts, backing up one's data, using email and the Messages app, changing settings on your mouse, trackpad, and more. Using the techniques taught in this class, you will be more productive using your Mac. Class</p>	<p>10 A.M.– Noon</p>
<p>Tues. Mar 16</p>	<p>Is Windows 10 Driving you Crazy?</p>	<p>In this workshop, students will learn how to change the Start Window to make it less confusing. Also, they will learn how to change the appearance of File Explorer. A free program will be demonstrated that changes the Start Window, making it look like the Windows 7 or XP Start Window. Workshop</p>	<p>9 A.M.– Noon</p>
<p>Mon. Apr 5 & 12</p>	<p>Foundations of Photography: Lenses CKCS members: \$32; Non-CKCS members: \$40</p>	<p>This course will present a very detailed study on how lenses work, the different types of lenses, and what to consider when buying a new lens. Class</p>	<p>1–3 P.M.</p>
<p>Tues. Apr 6</p>	<p>Making a Photo Book Using Shutterfly</p>	<p>You will learn how to prepare pictures for a photo book, transfer pictures to the Shutterfly workspace, and then organize the images from the front to the book's last page. Finally, we will go through ordering the book and applying coupons to reduce the price. (This program is on the Internet so that it will work on both a Windows PC and Macintosh computer.) Workshop</p>	<p>1–4 P.M.</p>
<p>Thur. Apr 8</p>	<p>Using Facebook on a Windows PC</p>	<p>Learn how to maintain a Facebook account on a computer. We will explain how to use the Profile and Home pages. 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. Students should plan to watch the Zoom presentation on a different device like a smartphone or tablet to leave their computers available to practice the activities on their own Facebook account. Workshop</p>	<p>1–4 P.M.</p>
<p>Tues. Apr 13</p>	<p>Using Your iPhone Camera to the MAX</p>	<p>Using apps already on the iPhone, students will learn techniques to take better pictures and fix them by cropping, lightening or darkening, or adding filters. They will learn how to take videos, time-lapse, and panoramas. Students will also learn how to create albums and learn several ways to share their photos with others. Have your iPhone fully charged for this workshop. Workshop</p>	<p>1–3 P.M.</p>
<p>Mon. Apr 19, 26 & May 3, 10, 17 & 24</p>	<p>Adventures in Photography</p>	<p>This class will include instruction in white balance, Depth of Field, aperture, shutter speeds to blur motion, and how to stop motion. The instructors will show how to photograph close up with the lens students already have and demonstrate close up and microphotography techniques with other lenses. Students will learn how to use standard filters correctly (polarizers and ND – neutral density). The instructors will also introduce infrared photography with the student's camera using filters provided by the instructors. This six-week course will spend alternating weeks on Zoom and in the field shooting photos. Students should have a basic knowledge of their camera. Students need to have their camera with a full battery, an empty memory card, the camera manual, and a note pad. Class</p>	<p>1–3 P.M.</p>

Spring, Where Art Thou Hiding?

After a February that many of us would like to forget (snow, snow, and more snow and then cold and more cold), where is spring? Like a Japanese bullet train speeding down the rails, spring is around the next curve.

Warmer weather is coming. If the folks at NOAA (the agency that runs the National Weather Service) are correct, the next three months could be even warmer than normal.

The long-term forecast map shown below indicates central Kentucky has a 55 to 60 percent chance of enjoying a warmer than normal March, April, May.

The forecasters also predict a wet spring for us. Central Kentucky has a 50 percent chance of above average rain over the same period.

A Stormy Spring In Store?

What about severe weather? As AccuWeather writes, "Severe weather can occur during any month of the year, but the peak activity usually falls during the months of March, April and May." In fact, AccuWeather predicts all of Kentucky, southwest Ohio, southern Indiana, central and southern Illinois, almost all of Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, and several other states are targeted to have a higher than normal severe thunderstorm risk during March through May.

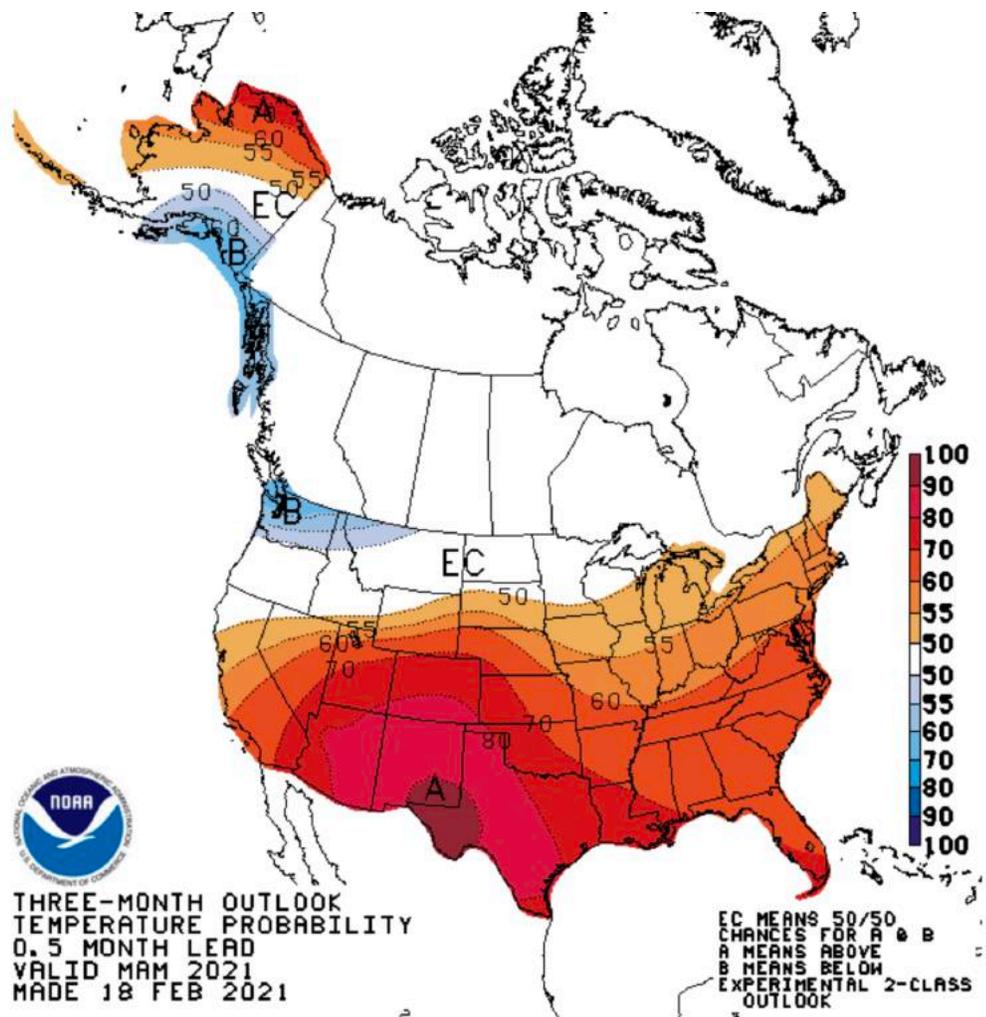
AccuWeather's lead long-range meteorologist Paul Pastelok cites La Niña as one major factor. He says the water temperature in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean during February 2021 was quite similar to the pattern witnessed in February 2011.

You might remember that spring 2011 was an extremely active severe weather period. AccuWeather writes it was "one

of the most active springs in recorded history, especially April with over 700 tornadoes, but it was a later start to that tornado season."

You may remember it was one year later, in March 2012, that the West Liberty-Salyersville tornado struck. Wikipedia writes, "The outbreak was the second deadliest in early March for the U.S. since official records began in 1950." You may remember one of The Weather Channel's chief meteorologists even predicted severe weather and possible tornadoes in Kentucky at that time.

We're hoping for a much quieter spring 2021 with no severe weather. But after a very blustery, snowy and cold February, most of us welcome above-normal temperatures predicted to head our way.



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Honolulu, HI Weather Conditions

70° PACIFIC HEIGHTS STATION | CHANGE

Weather Underground Weather Stations

TODAY

HOURLY

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CALENDAR

HISTORY

WUNDERMAP

6:14 AM HST on February 23, 2021 (GMT -10) | Updated 23 seconds ago



Today's temperature is forecast to be **COOLER** than yesterday.



<p>TODAY TUE 02/23 HIGH 80 °F 20% Precip. / 0.00 in Sunshine and a few clouds. High around 80F. Winds E at 10 to 20 mph.</p>	<p>TONIGHT TUE 02/23 LOW 71 °F 6% Precip. / 0.00 in A few clouds. Low 71F. Winds ENE at 10 to 20 mph.</p>	<p>TOMORROW WED 02/24 HIGH 80 71 °F 8% Precip. / 0.00 in Partly to mostly cloudy. High near 80F. Winds E at 15 to 25 mph.</p>	<p>CORONAVIRUS AS OF TUE 02/23 Honolulu County Confirmed cases: 12839 Deceased: 165 View on WunderMap Coronavirus Preparedness Source: Hawaii Department of Health</p>
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<p>PRECIPITATION</p> <p>20%</p> <p>Dry conditions will continue.</p>	<p>POLLEN</p> <p>Low</p> <p>Grass Pollen</p>	<p>AIR QUALITY</p> <p>Good</p> <p>Air Quality Index 32</p>	<p>UV INDEX ▲</p> <p>Very High</p> <p>Daytime UV 10</p>
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Several CKCS members have asked me what I use for the home page on my Macs and when using Safari on the iPad. The answer?

Weather Underground. I've mentioned this before, but it bears repeating. If you're looking for a neat weather website, this is it.

There's a search blank on the upper right-hand corner of the page (it's not shown in this screen grab) where you can type any zip code to get current conditions and the forecast for that city.

You get access to local weather stations in that locale. I normally use the Belleau Wood/Veteran's Park Weather Station because it's closest to my home. If that's not working, it normally defaults to Cassidy Elementary.

Here's the [website](#) to access a generic Lexington station. If you want one closer to your home, after typing in your zip code, click on **CHANGE** (next to the station name) at the top of the page.

iHelp is March 6



Join us via Zoom

Email your tech questions by March 5 for your Apple devices (iPhone, iPad, iPod touch & Mac).

Email: CKCSihelp@gmail.com



We'll do our best to answer your questions live via Zoom, plus offer tech tips and tricks. Join us!



**The new *iHelp*:
Saturday, March 6
10 A.M. – noon on
Zoom**



Join us for the live March Zoom iHelp session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81333291320>

If you cannot join us in March, please join us on Saturday, April 3, at 10 A.M. via Zoom. Please email your tech questions by April 2 to CKCSihelp@gmail.com

President's Comments

Reflecting on the Past and Looking Towards Summer

Last year at this time, we were so excited about our new big-screen TV.

We were trying to figure out how to use all of its controls.

Was that just a year ago?



Brooke Thomas
president@ckcs.org



Early last year, a crew from Pieratt's installed the new flat-screen TV at the CKCS Resource Center. The large screen offers much better resolution than the ceiling projector that CKCS has used for many years. The computer society had begun using the new TV for classes, workshops, SIG meetings, Tech Night, board meetings and other events before the Covid-19 pandemic struck.

I remember that we were also in a state of denial and were thinking we would be shut down for a month.

In April, we realized we were going to have to do something different. Zoom became a daily word in our vocabulary,

masks became fashion accessories, and social distance became a way of life.

Spring classes (although it feels like winter) have begun, but it's not too late to get in one that starts in March, April, or May.

Be sure to check the schedule. These classes, of course, will be via Zoom. There is still time to register, and you can do so online.

Summer cannot come soon enough. We are in the middle of planning our summer schedule.

These classes and workshops will be held in June and July. At this point we are still planning on teaching in the Zoom mode.

Stay tuned, as only time will tell when we can go back to in-person classes.

Even when we can have in-person classes again, we may find a role for Zoom presentations.

It has become another tool in our teaching tool kit. We will be working on how to incorporate it into CKCS offerings.

Hopefully, this time next year we will be talking about how we survived last winter and how different 2022 is.

Hang in there and have patience. We will get there eventually!



By Brooke Thomas

Bill's Weather 101 For Grownups



**Bill Meck, WLEX-TV
chief meteorologist**

If you watch weather on Lexington's NBC-TV affiliate, Bill Meck needs no introduction.

For everyone else, meet Bill Meck, channel 18's chief meteorologist (also

known as one of the members of 18's weather team who lives and breathes all things weather.)

He is well known for his enthusiasm, understanding, teaching and reporting weather. And Bill is speaking at the March Tech Night via Zoom.

During the last two decades, Bill Meck has provided central and eastern Kentuckians weather forecasting with an award-winning blend of humor, education and accuracy.

Before coming to Kentucky, Bill worked in the Roanoke, Indianapolis, Spartanburg, and Des Moines TV markets.

During that time he's spoken to well over 100,000 Kentucky kids with Bill's Weather 101, which takes the science of

meteorology and makes it simple and fun for students to understand.

He has geared this presentation to adults for Tech Night in March and will include information about the evolution of computers in the weather business.

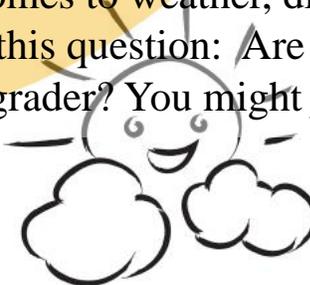
Since coming to Lexington he has become part of the fabric of Lexington and the surrounding counties.

He has emceed numerous events including the Lexington Music Awards, Lakeside Live, The Kentucky Rose of Tralee, various galas, and fundraisers, as well as being a featured reader with the Lexington Philharmonic.

Bill is an Advisory Board member for the Salvation Army and chairs the annual LemonAid Days.

Join us on March 8 for a fun and informative discussion about all things weather-related.

When it comes to weather, discover the answer to this question: Are you smarter than a 5th grader? You might just surprise yourself!



Tech Night Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82109235232>

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Masks, Quilts & Potholders That Are Works of Art

By Kurt Jefferson

Janet Serrenho is an artist. This CKCS member doesn't use her hands to mold clay in her Lexington home. Instead, she uses her hands to create eye-catching works of art on her sewing machines.



CKCS member Janet Serrenho uses one of her portable electric sewing machines, which Singer first introduced in the U.S. in 1921, to work on a face mask for distribution during the pandemic. As shown above, Singer's trademark gold name is stamped on each machine.

All of these creations could be framed and hung on the wall. They're that eye-appealing. Since the coronavirus pandemic, she estimates she's created at least 100 masks. She's given them away – that's right, free – to neighbors, friends from church and volunteers at the CKCS office who in January manned phones to register students for classes. While her Covid masks resemble tiny color-filled paintings, her "big bed" quilts (covering an entire mattress) are giant masterpieces. Serrenho has sold an estimated 40 to 45 of these eye-popping quilts (often used



'Cats on the beach' themed potholder.

to decorate a wall). The Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea sells Janet's quilts and potholders to travelers and locals who stop there. Don't be surprised if you spot one of Janet's quilt creations hanging from the wall at U.K. Hospital, Saint Joseph Hospital – East, and at Kentucky's statewide PBS television network – KET. (All of these sites have displayed Janet's works on their walls at one time or another.)



Two distinctive themes on facial masks – a stream of colorful felines and horses racing one another – are like tiny framed paintings that make regular masks look bland.

Two physicians in Lexington also have displayed her quilts on walls in their homes. There's just something about this colorful beauty on fabric that is comforting to the soul in these stressful times.

Folks are not just embellishing their walls with these masterpieces or protecting their lives with these masks. These fans are becoming converts – they have a connection to these unique works of art.

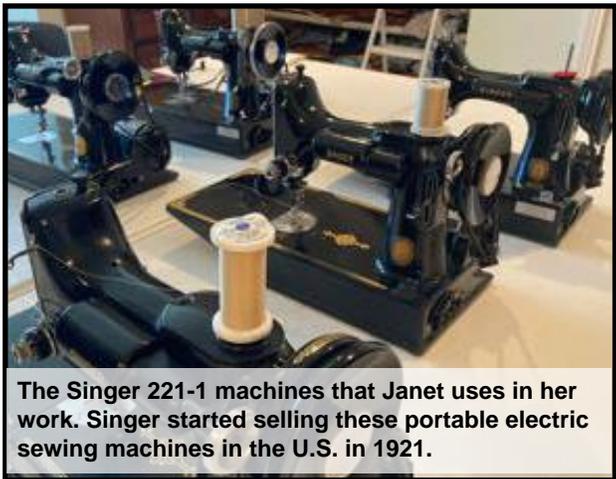


Janet's potholders are her best-selling item at the Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea. She displays one of many potholders she created.

Janet tells how a motorist passing through Berea bought one of her quilts at the Kentucky Artisan Center. After the woman arrived home in Texas, she phoned Janet to let her know the quilt had found a valued spot on the wall of her home.



Janet holds one of her 'big bed' quilts with a coffee motif. Some folks buy them to hang on their walls – providing colorful artwork for their homes. Closeups from her coffee and horse quilts are shown.



The Singer 221-1 machines that Janet uses in her work. Singer started selling these portable electric sewing machines in the U.S. in 1921.

Then there's the story about the waitress in Newport. Janet was eating lunch with a friend at a restaurant there when a waitress was impressed by Janet's mask. She asked if she could buy the mask – another convert struck by the tiny painting posing as a face covering.

Janet uses a series of 1920–era Singer sewing machines to produce her art. She also relies on a decades–old Kenmore sewing machine. Why use these old machines that most of us have never even seen before? Because they provide more precise control than many modern, automated computer–driven machines just cannot reproduce. If you

were to guess how long it takes for Janet to produce these creations from scratch you might be surprised. She says in an average week she spends only three days in her home sewing room.

Janet does nearly all of the work herself, the exception being the giant bed quilts. Janet says she pays a Corbin–area woman who uses a “long–arm machine” to get proper stitching on the back side of the quilts.

How did Janet get her start? She says she helped an aunt who made a beautiful quilt out of red, white, and blue polyester (“awful material,” says Janet) years ago. Janet bought the material for her aunt. Two other pivotal moments in her creation of tiny masterpieces: First, Janet says back in the 1990s she was amazed while perusing the magazine rack in a supermarket. She stopped and stared at the first quilting magazine she had ever seen – nothing but quilting inside the covers. It was as if lightning struck. After that, she was bitten by the sewing bug.

Second, the introduction of a special, very sharp rotary cutter changed everything. For the first time, using a special mat (created with help from the U.S. space program), sewing enthusiasts at home could cut exact sizes easily without the tedious use of scissors.

This allowed a more precise cut, the ability to make a cut in faster time, and no more bothersome use of scissors to cut, cut, and cut one piece after another. Janet says scissors just get in the way while the rotary cutter performs the job beautifully.

You need the right equipment to make these works of art. You also need a keen eye when searching through dozens of colors, styles, and sizes of fabric. Janet



Just a portion of facial masks Janet provided for CKCS office workers to wear during the course registration effort.
Photo by Brooke Thomas

says she once spent several days joining friends to visit every fabric shop in eastern Tennessee as she searched for just the right fabric for a future creation.

You never know when Janet will take a diamond–in–the–rough piece of cloth and turn it into a unique mask or quilt – creating a burst of color that will really brighten your home – and your spirits on cold winter days.

• You can reach Janet at: tserrenho@aol.com •

Got A New Kindle? Here's How to Use It

In this age of computer tablets, smartphones, and other high-tech gizmos, one device keeps selling: Amazon's Kindle e-reader. In fact, during the Covid-19 pandemic, many public libraries have seen their online downloads of Kindle books soar.

While the Kindle is still quite popular, many folks have never used all of its features. A [TechRadar article](#) might help Kindle users get more out of their ereader.

The piece tells you how to buy books on your Kindle, how to buy books using Amazon, how to lend Kindle books, and how to download Kindle books.

If you're looking for a new Kindle, check out Tom's Guide's [picks](#) for the best Kindle e-readers.

For another perspective, check out *The New York Times*' [Wirecutter](#) review site. The website selects what it considers the [best ebook reader](#) available today.

And Lifewire offers what it labels "[The 7 Best E-Readers For Seniors in 2021.](#)" Lifewire really likes the Kindle Paperwhite model introduced in 2018.

Amazon has beefed up its Kindle selection, offering models such as the basic Kindle, the Kindle Paperwhite, and Kindle Oasis.

Amazon's [website](#) provides an overview of the different models.



Add this to your "Who knew?" file

Science!

Okay. Now that I've got your attention, how about a science factoid?



While perusing (I just wanted to use that word once in the CKCS newsletter) the Louisville National Weather Service forecast discussion page in late February, I stumbled across this science tidbit. Who knew? I didn't!

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"Here's some fun weather knowledge you can use to impress your friends. Cold rains (close to the freezing mark) are typically more detrimental to snowpacks vs warmer rains. This may seem counterintuitive, but consider this: A very cold rain that falls on a snowpack will cool and freeze as ice within the snowpack. When water goes from liquid to ice, it releases quite a bit of latent heat.

This in turn will warm the surrounding snowpack and make it more conducive for further melting. In comparison, a warmer rain may fall through a snowpack and absorb into the ground before it would have any chance of freezing. It would cause some melting of the snow, but latent heat would not be released in this process (rather, heat is absorbed by the melting snow) and the temperature of the snowpack would remain fairly constant.

The release of latent heat during the freezing process can also be observed in freezing rain events. When absent of any warm/cold air advection processes and heating/cooling sources, the environmental temperature in a freezing rain scenario will gradually rise to above freezing due to latent heat release. This is why we call freezing rain a 'self limiting process.'

The more you know." (Thanks to the NWS.)

Collage of ice, snow and tree damage in a park

ICE STORM

FEB. 11, 2021

KIRKLEVINGTON PARK



While on my daily walk in a nearby park, I took my iPhone to listen to an audiobook about a Maine game warden. As I was “crunching” the snow on ice I decided to snap some photos. Here’s hoping by the time you read this, these photos will be long-gone memories that can be erased as easily as a file from your iPad or a USB drive connected to your computer. Spring? Bring it on!

The Anatomy of a Scam: Puppies and Kittens and Snake Oil Aplenty

During a recent CKCS Tech Night Zoom session, Heather Cleary of the local Better Business Bureau asked if those joining in could name one of the fastest growing scams around the globe.

“If you pay, you will never receive the pet or see your money again.”

The answer surprised me. It might surprise you too. It involves puppies and kittens. Oh. My.

During this coronavirus pandemic, as most of us are stuck inside, adoption rates of dogs and cats have skyrocketed. That’s great news. The bad news is that hucksters are posting photos of puppies and kittens online or in newspapers.

Shysters are also using classified ads or online listings with very low prices for cats and dogs. Sometimes the animals are offered free.

Then the criminals fleece folks intent on adopting one of these adorable creatures.

The animals don’t exist. They’re not available for adoption. Tricksters are preying on the good graces of animal lovers to steal hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars.

After the interested pet buyer bites, the scammer tricks him or her into paying fees for transport, medical bills, adoption, plus carriers for shipping.

The seller normally asks for cash via “money transfer.” Once the buyer pays the money, the scammer demands even more cash.

An organization called petscams.com tracks puppy scams and now has more than. 23,000 fraudulent pet websites listed in its directory.

One sentence on the petscams website stands out: **If you pay, you will never receive the pet or see your money again.**

The Puppy Scammer List also documents websites created by criminals. It points out that snake oil salesmen will often ask where you live before offering details of their location. “Oh, you live in Kentucky? We’re in Maine or Oregon or North Dakota...” They’ll list a location as far as possible away from you to increase the bogus shipping fees.

petscams.com cites one website in particular involved in this mess. It’s supposedly selling Yorkie puppies. Petscams traced the website registration to Panama.

Petscams says the website was set up using a stolen credit card. And pet scams says the people behind the website apparently only intend to use the website domain name for one year. In other words, after they earn a bundle scamming animal lovers, they’ll hit the road and vanish.



The pet adoption scams are so popular that the BBB is urging potential animal adopters to read its website on how to protect yourself from tactics used by the hucksters.

As always, the best place to adopt? Your local humane society. There you will actually see the animal before adoption.

The Anatomy of a Scam: Ransom for My Files

A definition of ransomware appearing in the built-in dictionary on my Mac.



ran·som·ware | 'ransəm,wər |

noun

a type of malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid: *although ransomware is usually aimed at individuals, it's only a matter of time before business is targeted as well.*

In mid-February, I checked my Gmail account as I do several times a day. Lurking in my Junk folder was a mysterious email message that appeared to come from Germany.

The email address used to send the message might be stolen or forged. But the subject is clear:

Payment for your account.

This is a new form of what's called "ransomware." It used to be that criminals would install software on a user's computer and encrypt all the files – basically locking them so the user can't read them. The victim would get his or her data back after meeting ransom demands.

Hospitals and other health care facilities have been targeted in recent years, and these attacks have escalated.

Now scammers are sending emails containing ransom demands – even without installing any software.

That is the gist of the email I received in my Gmail account. So it appeared on both my Macs and iPad.

I'm sharing the message with readers of this newsletter to alert you – should you receive a similar threat.

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Payment for your account

Feb. 17, 2021 at 4:33 P.M.

From: webmaster@dreirad*****.de

To: Kurt

Greetings!

I have to share bad news with you.

Approximately few months ago I have gained access to your devices, which you use for internet browsing.

After that, I have started tracking your internet activities.

Here is the sequence of events:

Some time ago I have purchased access to email accounts from hackers (nowadays, it is quite simple to purchase such thing online).

Obviously, I have easily managed to log in to your email account [email account name deleted].

One week later, I have already installed Trojan virus to Operating Systems of all the devices that you use to access your email.

In fact, it was not really hard at all (since you were following the links from your inbox emails). All ingenious is simple. =)

This software provides me with access to all the controllers of your devices (e.g., your microphone, video camera and keyboard).

I have downloaded all your information, data, photos, web browsing history to my servers.

I have access to all your messengers, social networks, emails, chat history and contacts list.

My virus continuously refreshes the signatures (it is driver-based), and hence remains invisible for antivirus software.

Likewise, I guess by now you understand why I have stayed undetected until this letter...

While gathering information about you, I have discovered that you are a big fan of adult websites.

You really love visiting porn websites and watching exciting videos, while enduring an enormous amount of pleasure.

Well, I have managed to record a number of your dirty scenes and montaged a few videos...

If you have doubts, I can make a few clicks of my mouse and all your videos will be shared to your friends, colleagues and relatives.

I have also no issue at all to make them available for public access.

I guess, you really don't want that to happen, considering the specificity of the videos you like to watch, (you perfectly know what I mean) it will cause a true catastrophe for you.

Let's settle it this way:

You transfer \$950 USD to me (in bitcoin equivalent according to the exchange rate at the moment of funds transfer), and once the transfer is received, I will delete all this dirty stuff right away.

After that we will forget about each other. I also promise to deactivate and delete all the harmful software from your devices. Trust me, I keep my word.

This is a fair deal and the price is quite low, considering that I have been checking out your profile and traffic for some time by now.

In case, if you don't know how to purchase and transfer the bitcoins - you can use any modern search engine.

Here is my bitcoin wallet: (Bitcoin wallet deleted)

You have less than 48 hours from the moment you opened this email (precisely 2 days).

Things you need to avoid from doing:

*Do not reply me (I have created this email inside your inbox and generated the return address).

*Do not try to contact police and other security services. In addition, forget about telling this to you friends. If I discover that (as you can see, it is really not so hard, considering that I control all your systems) - your video will be shared to public right away.

*Don't try to find me - it is absolutely pointless. All the cryptocurrency transactions are anonymous.

*Don't try to reinstall the OS on your devices or throw them away. It is pointless as well, since all the videos have already been saved at remote servers.

Things you don't need to worry about:

- That I won't be able to receive your funds transfer.
- Don't worry, I will see it right away, once you complete the transfer, since I continuously track all your activities (my trojan virus has got a remote-control feature, something like TeamViewer).
- That I will share your videos anyway after you complete the funds transfer.
- Trust me, I have no point to continue creating troubles in your life. If I really wanted that, I would do it long time ago!

Everything will be done in a fair manner!

One more thing... Don't get caught in similar kind of situations anymore in future!

My advice - keep changing all your passwords on a frequent basis

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So there you have it. Obviously, I'm not about to pay a ransom. And my files have not been locked.

Hucksters are sending out these emails worldwide, hoping someone will be terrified and meet their demands. It makes the Nigerian email scams and pleas for help via email (please send money now – John or Mary has been hurt while visiting London or Paris or Sydney or Madrid or...) seem rather tame, doesn't it?



Made in America, Canada, England, New Zealand, or India?

Answers to last month's quiz; Correct answers are highlighted in white below.

Invention • The highlighted nation is where this item was invented, discovered, etc.

YouTube	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Fax machine 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Decimal mark in math	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
First mammal cloned from an adult cell (Named Dolly in 1996) 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Aerial crop spraying	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Iron works 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
JavaScript	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Walkie-Talkie 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Electric car heater	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Zinc mining	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Portable sawmill	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Tupperware 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Lacrosse 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
The Zero 000000	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Instant replay (seen on TV sports)	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
The electric fence	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Bowen technique - Much improved sheep-shearing method	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Credit cards 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Trivial Pursuit	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
USB (universal serial bus) 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Stop sign 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Shredded Wheat 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Electric wheelchair	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Pay toilets	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Ice hockey 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India
Sunglasses 	U.S.	Canada	England	New Zealand	India

How well did you do in our international quiz?

Correct answers are highlighted in white.



March Zoom Links

Join us for the following Zoom sessions on your PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, Android phone or tablet or other device that will run the Zoom application:

CKCS Board of Directors Meeting
March 4 at 7 P.M.

iHelp
March 6 at 10 A.M.

Zoom link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81333291320>

Tech Night
March 8 at 7 P.M.

Zoom link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82109235232>

Windows 10 SIG
March 9 at 7 P.M.

Zoom link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82811157647>

Mac/iPad SIG
March 11 at 7 P.M.

Zoom link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89152197881>

Word Processing SIG
March 16 at 7 P.M.

Zoom link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83030906264>

Amateur Photographers Club SIG
Every Thursday in March at 10 A.M.

Zoom link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89234995079>

Digital Photography SIG
March 23 at 7 P.M.

Zoom link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82232057510>

Zoom links for CKCS classes and workshops will be emailed to students.

Zoom for Windows and Mac can be downloaded from the Zoom Download Center [here](#).

The latest Zoom version available for desktops is 5.5.2.

If you need Zoom for your iPad or iPhone, it's available from the App Store. Zoom is also available for Android phones and tablets through Google Play.

Get More Out of Your Zoom Meetings is available [here](#).

ZDNet has created a *Complete Zoom Guide: From Basic Help to Advanced Tricks* found [here](#).



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From: <https://stocksnap.io>

March 2021 CKCS Special Interest Group (SIG) Schedule

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

Our Resource Center on Moore Drive remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join us ONLINE for selected SIG and Open House meetings.

- **Zoom Meetings:** Click your invitation email hyperlink to join the meeting.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar
			10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom		10 a.m. Dr. Fix-It & Android Help No meeting until CKCS re-opens iHelp Before meeting, email ckcsihelp@gmail.com your Mac, iPad, or iPhone tech questions and we'll try to help via Zoom
			7 p.m. Board of Directors via Zoom		
8 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar	13 Mar
7 p.m. Tech Night Weather 101 for Grownups – Bill Meck, Chief Meteorologist at WLEX-TV via Zoom	7 p.m. Windows 10 MIKE SEILER via Zoom		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom		
			7 p.m. Mac & iPad KURT JEFFERSON via Zoom		
15 Mar	16 Mar	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar
	7 p.m. Word Processing JERRY HEATON via Zoom		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom		
22 Mar	23 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar
	7 p.m. Digital Photography JOE DIETZ		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom		

iHelp: We will be offering tips and tricks and answer your Apple questions on Sat., March 6 from 10 A.M. – noon via Zoom. Send in your questions ahead of time to ckcsihelp@gmail.com.



The next Word Processing SIG Zoom session will be on Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 7 p.m.

During this session:

- ✓ We will talk about printers and offer tips on printing
- ✓ Lets discuss and show some unique thank you notes
- ✓ We will review different ways to copy text and pictures

As always, class participation and questions are encouraged.



Jerry Heaton

SIG leader Jerry Heaton invites members and guests to Join This Zoom Meeting on March 16. Just click on this link.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83030906264>

**We will open the zoom door about
10 minutes early so you may chat with
friends while you wait.
We start promptly at 7 p.m.**





A SPECIAL CKCS OPEN HOUSE FOR MICROSOFT EXCEL OWNERS

Track birthdays, anniversaries and special events. Know how long ago each occurred automatically

In this session you will learn step by step how to create a document to list all your family birth dates. **The best part is that every time you open the document to look at it, it automatically updates the exact age of every family member.** Our Word Processing SIG leader Jerry Heaton, will demonstrate how you build this Excel spreadsheet from scratch.

Best yet when finished, you will have a working draft document in which you only have to fill in family names and birthdates to finish. You may also track dates of deaths and the number of years since that event.

Another part of this document provides the ability to track wedding anniversaries and the number of years the couple is married.

A third section allows you to track important other important events such as when you bought your house or obtained a certain pet, etc., and the years since that happened

It is a bonus if you have a basic knowledge of how to create an Excel spreadsheet and enter formula's , but that's not absolutely necessary. Jerry created his document 30 years ago and finds it is one he refers to several times each month. If you have an Excel spreadsheet you will be happy you attended this free open house session.

This will be a one-time ZOOM event scheduled for March 25, at 7 p.m.

To attend this session, Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89975632304>. The link door will open 10 minutes early.



Windows Special Interest Group

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

7:00 pm

Mike Seiler
Windows SIG Leader



During last month's SIG, I mentioned a Chrome (and Firefox) extension called "Reader View." When activated on an open web page, it will hide all the advertisements and display only the text. In March, I will show you how to install it and demonstrate its built-in functions.

The Zoom link for this meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82811157647>

To receive a link for the handout I will use in this meeting, you need to be on our Windows SIG mailing list. If you want on this list, send an email with your name and email address to w10sig.ckcs@gmail.com



2021 Digital Photography SIG Photo Contests

Photo Contest Topics for 2021

Photos must be emailed to joedietz@aol.com at least one day prior to the monthly meeting.

- **March** - Waterfalls
- **April** – Wildflowers
- **May** - Trees
- **June** – Places of Worship
- **July** – Annual Hall of Fame:
Three topics – Leading Lines, Cloud Formations, Animals That Are Not Pets



- **August** - Vistas
- **September** – Interesting Clocks, Timepieces
- **October** - Leaves
- **November** – Rock Groupings
- **December** – No contest. Happy Holidays!



Digital Photography SIG (special interest group) meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. via Zoom.

The Zoom link to our meetings is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82232057510>

What are you looking at?

By Kurt Jefferson

I don't speak French. In fact, after four years of high school Spanish, I barely speak Spanish. (It's true. If you don't use it, you lose it, especially when it comes to languages.)

But I've stumbled upon a French TV show that is worth your while – even if you're a French neophyte like me.



Let me warn you ahead of time. *Balthazar* is not for viewers with queasy stomachs. It's graphic. But it's well-written and well-acted.

The show premiered in Belgium on the La Une TV network and in France on TFI in 2018.

That year, it was one of the most-watched TV shows in France. It made the top-ten list of TV dramas. To this day, many in France are addicted to the show about a quirky forensic pathologist and an OPJ (Police Captain).

Tomer Sisley plays Raphaël Balthazar, whose wife was murdered a decade ago. The unsolved crime haunts him daily. He's described as "the most gifted forensic pathologist of his generation."

Hélène de Fougerolles plays Police Captain Hélène Bach. She has family troubles of her

own with a wandering husband ("Hélène, you're never home.") and two teenaged kids.

El Figaro writes, "...series not to be missed."

Paris Match gave the main character high praise: "Tomer Sisley is flawless [as an] intriguing and wounded dandy."

I've been watching season one on streaming service Acorn TV. Season 3 premiered stateside on Acorn in early February.

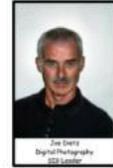
IMDb (Internet Movie Database website) gives *Balthazar* a 7.5 score out of ten: "Facing a series of complex murder cases, new police commander Hélène Bach must learn to work with the brilliant yet exasperating Raphaël, who can make the dead speak like no-one else."

Someone posting to IMDb identified as BobDog7168 wrote in Dec. 2019:

"Our whole family of mystery buffs voted the French production *Balthazar* to have the finest quality writing, production values, acting, and each mystery construction, to be the finest on American TV even though we need to use subtitles. We are glued to the episodes for the full hour (approx) it is on. Clever, intelligent, no police woman needing to prove herself, no plots that anybody can figure out in their sleep, and a Holmes-Like (sic) doctor who doesn't play stupid or obvious. The surprise twists within each episode are smooth and so superior to the U.S. detective / forensic adventure shows on our networks, we can't wait for more episodes to appear on the Acorn Service."

Give it a try and see what you think. Pardon me, I have to watch episode 4. Oui!

Digital Photography Special Interest Group
7 PM, Tuesday, March 23, 2021



What Is Google Photos

And Why Do I Want It?

There are a lot of cloud sharing and storage programs out there and Google Photos is one of them. **Google Photos'** photo sharing and storage service was developed by Google in 2015 and has grown since then. With Google Photos you can store photos, upload, and download photos, edit photos, organize, search and archive your photos. And you can access it from anywhere.

Google Photos can be used on your computer, your iPhone, iPad, Android, or tablet. We will discuss some of these aspects including costs, photo sharing, and how to access it from your different devices.

This month's photo contest topic is "Waterfalls".



Check through your photos or head out and get some new shots! Send your photo to joedietz@aol.com no later than Monday, March 22, 2021.

ZOOM with us at 7 PM, Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at CKCS. Invite a friend.

The ZOOM link to our meetings is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82232057510>.

This site will open a few minutes before 7PM.

Joe's iPhone Tips Reach New Audience

Photo by 50Fish from StockSnap



<https://stocksnap.io/author/25456>



For many CKCS members, Joe Dietz is one of the “go-to” teachers when it comes to Apple’s iPhone. He has taught iPhone classes for years and is a wealth of knowledge about the best-selling smartphone. In February, Joe reached a new audience when he hosted a 50-minute Zoom iPhone session (shown here) at APCUG’s Virtual Tech Conference. CKCS members were welcome to attend the session. CKCS is a member of APCUG – The Association of Personal Computer User Groups. The next APCUG Virtual Conference is scheduled for May 1.

Digital Photography SIG February Photo Contest Winners

**Topics:
Gates &
Doorways**



Kevin responded to our email about this very exotic doorway, which wins first place: "The photo of the main entry to Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood California. It is a unit of the Oscar's ceremony. It was taken with the Konica Minolta DiMAGE A2. f/5.6, 1/50 sec, ISO 100, with 10 mm focal length." Great job, Kevin!



1st Place

Kevin Macnaughton



**Topics:
Gates &
Doorways**



Jan responded to our email about this very unique-looking doorway: "I shot this picture in Black Mountain, North Carolina with my Nikon 700 in the late afternoon. I found this place by accident and I think it was an old winery. I plan to go back down there this summer and explore more. I was born in that part of the country near Asheville but had never been to this place. I really don't remember what the plaque said except something about wine."

2nd Place
Jan Landers-Lyman



Digital Photography SIG February Photo Contest Winners



Carolyn told us by email about her very unique looking photo taken in downtown Lexington: "This photo, taken on my iPhone 8s at Victorian square, was during one of my visits to downtown Lexington. Periodically, I go downtown, pay to park, and ramble around looking for photo opps.. I am particularly interested in architecture, historical sites, signs, parks and gardens and street art! Victorian Square provides several of these opportunities!!"

Great photo, Carolyn!

**Topics:
Gates &
Doorways**



3rd Place
Carolyn Nichols

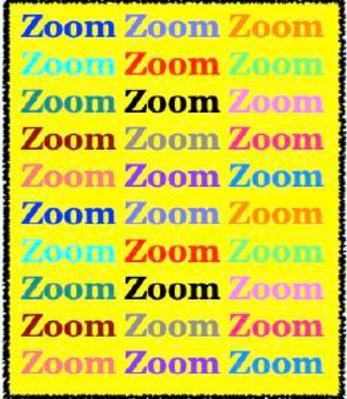
March Mac/iPad SIG

Browser extensions

- What are they?
- How do you use them?
- Where do you get them?
- Can they enhance my Web browsing?



Join Us via **Zoom**
March 11 at 7 P.M.



Zoom link to join

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89152197881>



**Join the Amateur Photographers Club
SIG every Thursday at 10 A.M.**



You need the Zoom app to participate.

To request an invitation, email:

boone.baldwin@gmail.com

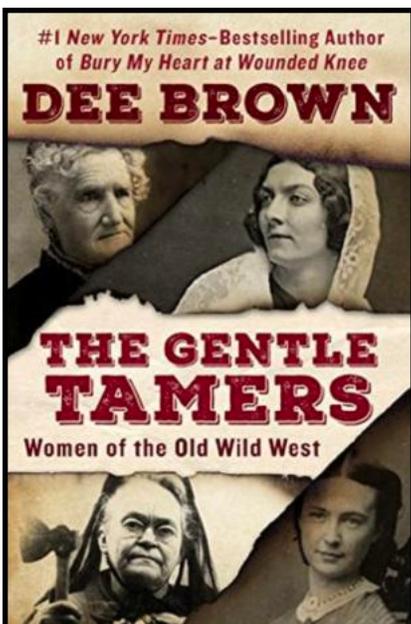


Spring Into a Good Book!

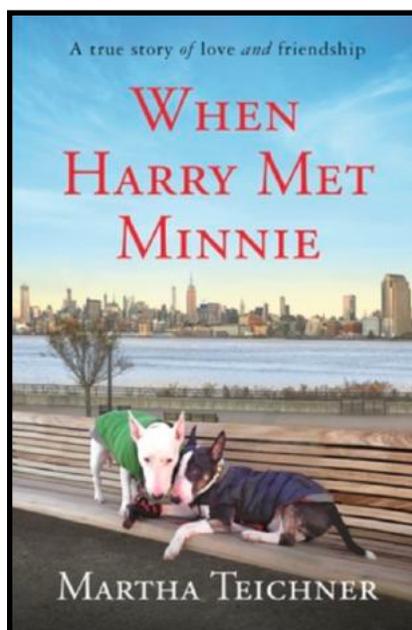
Plant a Mental Garden With Your Reading



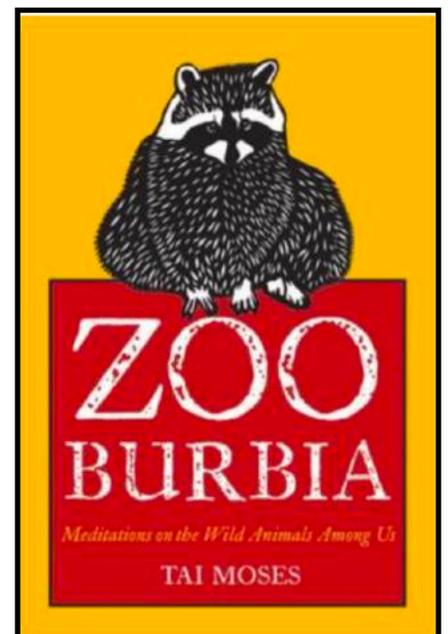
Some Books To Consider This March



*The Gentle Tamers:
Women of the Old Wild West*
by Dee Brown



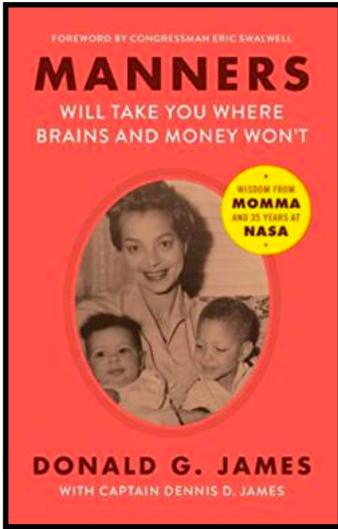
*When Harry Met Minnie:
A True Story of Love and
Friendship*
by Martha Teichner



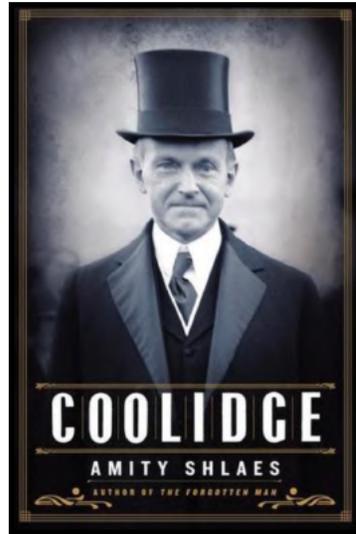
*Zooburbia:
Meditations on the Wild Animals
Among Us*
by Tai Moses

Book covers courtesy: goodreads.com

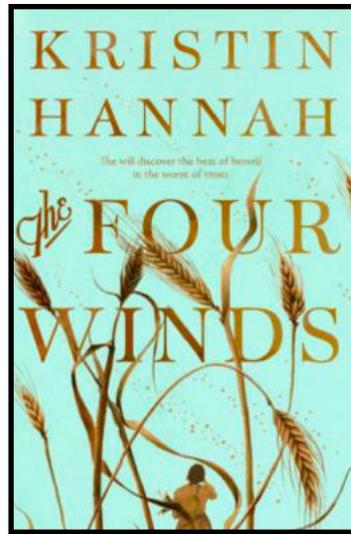
Spring Is the Season to Get Into the Reading Habit



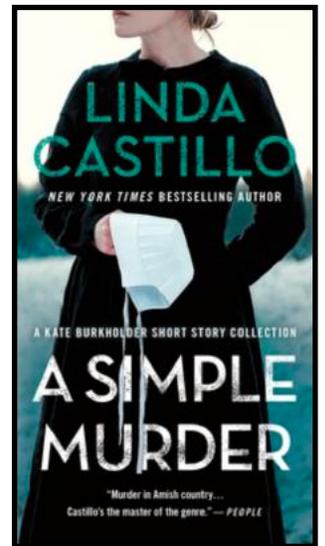
Manners Will Take You Where Brains and Money Won't: Wisdom From Momma and 35 Years at NASA
by Donald G. James



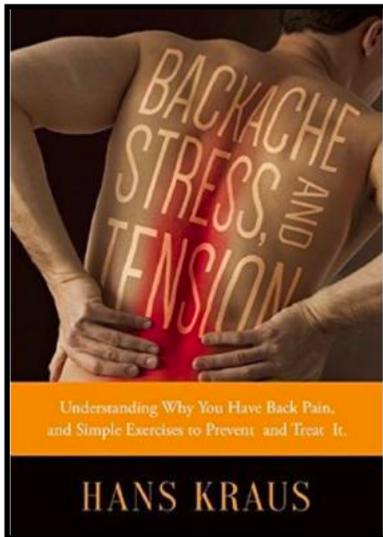
Coolidge
by Amity Shlaes



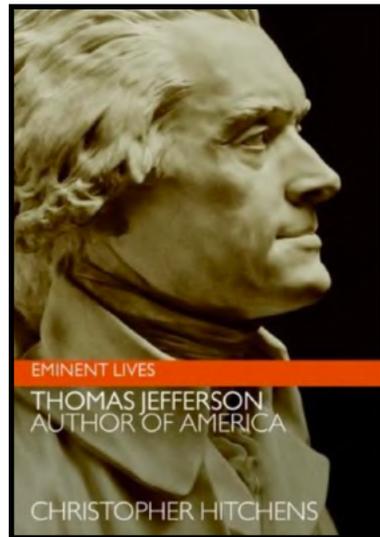
The Four Winds
by Kristin Hannah



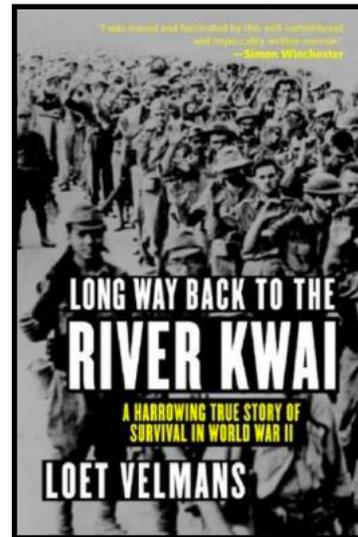
A Simple Murder
by Linda Castillo



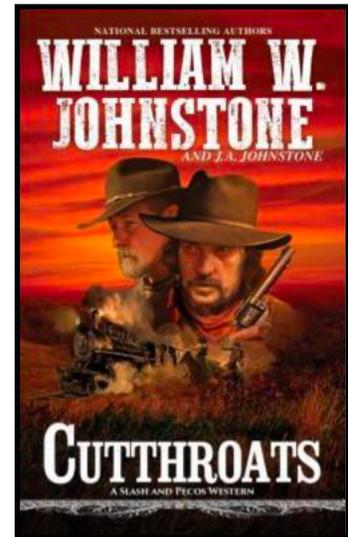
Backache, Stress, and Tension: Understanding Why You Have Back Pain and Simple Exercises to Prevent and Treat It
by Hans Kraus



Thomas Jefferson: Author of America
by Christopher Hitchens



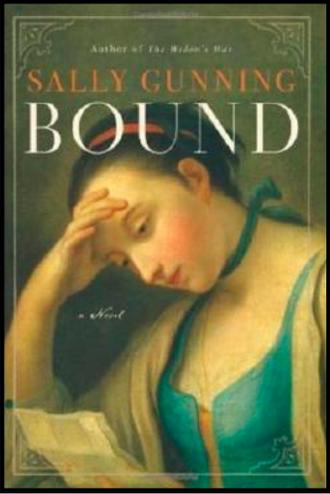
Long Way Back to the River Kwai: A Harrowing True Story of Survival in World War II
by Loet Velmans



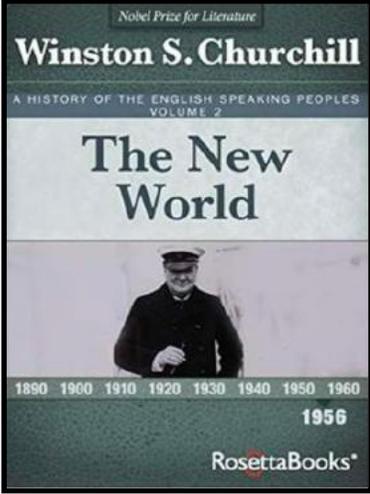
Cutthroats
by William W. Johnson & J.A. Johnstone

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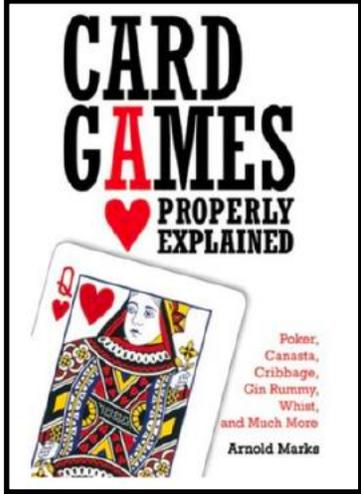
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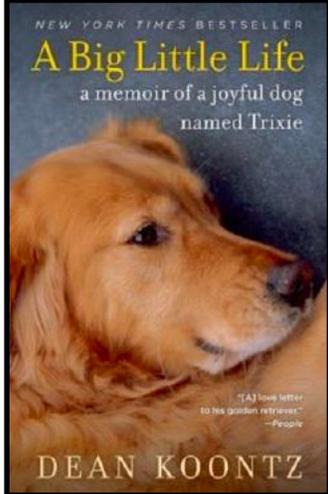
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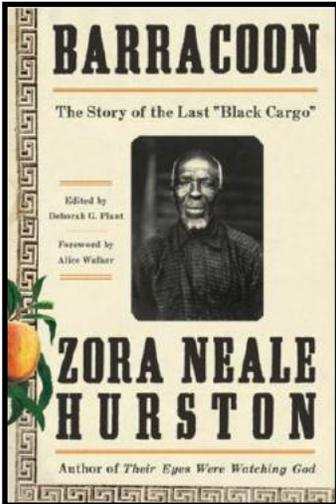
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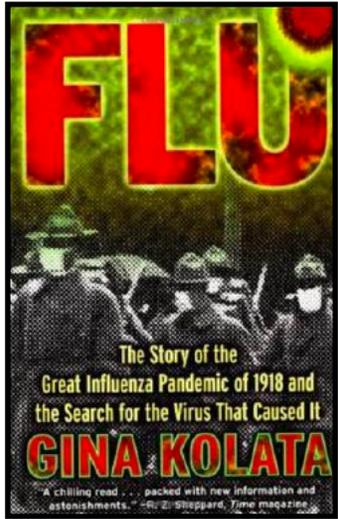
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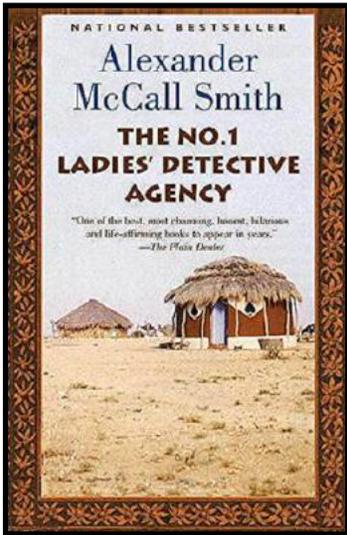
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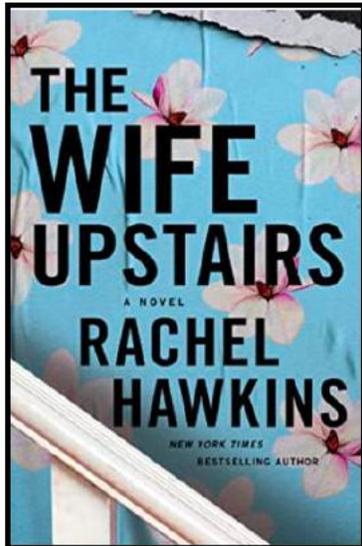
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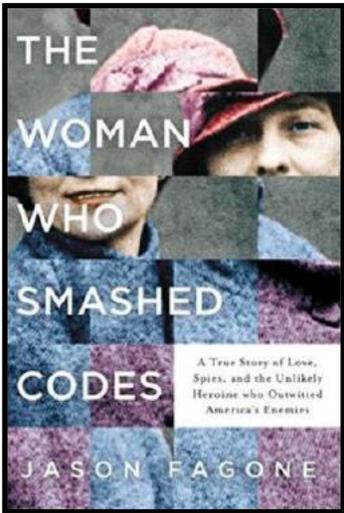
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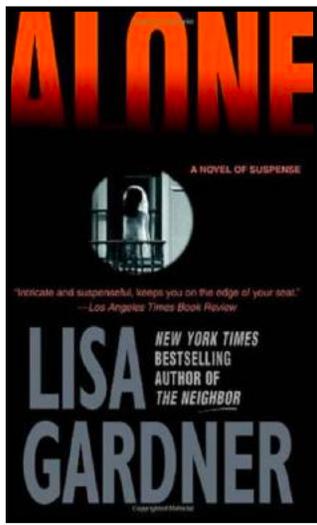
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Who's Got **No** Power? This Web Site Tracks Outages Nationwide

“Millions of Americans Without Power From Sprawling Winter Storm writes *The New York Times* as it describes cold weather conditions that “tend to arrive just once in a generation.”

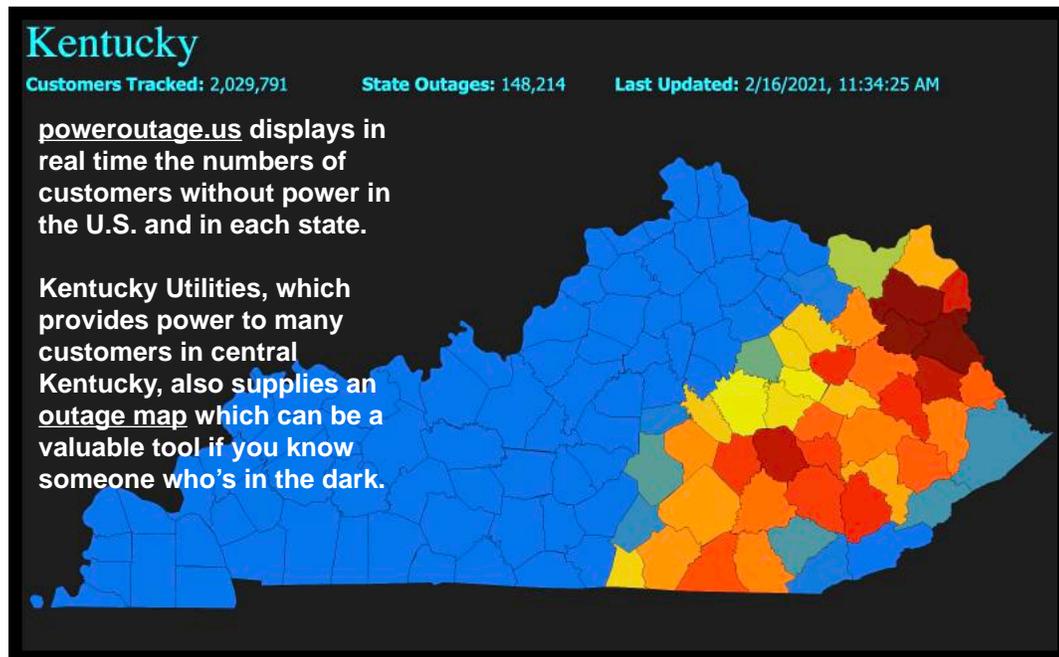
“The Southern Plains has been transformed into southern Siberia due to brutally cold Arctic air that has toppled century–old records,” according to the [AccuWeather](#) website.

“A Historic cold outbreak” is the phrase *The Washington Post* uses to describe record cold that hit southern and central parts of the U.S. in mid–February.

Brutal temperatures added insult to injury as freezing rain and high winds cut power to millions. As I type this, more than 146,000 Kentuckians are in the dark. It's ranked as the fourth–hardest–hit state without power behind Texas, Oregon and Louisiana and ahead of Oklahoma.

Customers served by twelve power companies in Kentucky are now impacted including:

- Kentucky Utilities
- Big Sandy RECC
- Blue Grass Energy Cooperative
- Clark Energy Coop
- Kentucky Power
- South Kentucky RECC.



In central Kentucky, folks living in these counties are impacted:

- Clark – 808 residents without power
- Madison – 3,339
- Garrard – 1,430
- Montgomery – 1,844
- Lincoln – 3,156

In the old days, we were left in the dark when it came to power outages. We didn't know who was impacted, how many people were without

“Temperatures across the middle of the country plummeted to lows not felt in a century or more, with measurements of -14° in Oklahoma City and -31° in Norfolk, Nebraska,” adds *The New York Times*.

power, or when the power might be restored. That's where the Internet is a valuable tool. A website called [poweroutage.us](#) shows in real time how many power customers are without electricity.



VIDEO LINKS



What's My Line? – Best Contestant Ever

You Bet Your Life – Spunky Old Lady vs. Groucho (1954)

What's My Line? – Contestant is a nun

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Abbott & Costello – Jonah and the Whale

Best Mary Tyler Moore Bloopers

Bob Newhart Outtakes – Part 1 of 2

MTM Enterprises – Gag Reel

Golden Girls Bloopers

18 Golden Girls One-Liners

8 Rose Nylund St. Olaf Stories to Start Your Day

One-Liners We're Thankful For –Golden Girls

Hollywood Squares & Paul Lynde – Best One Liners

Emanne Beasha on America's Got Talent (2019)

'New Zealand's Got Talent'

Kadie Lynn on America's Got Talent

Car Mechanic sings on Britain's Got Talent

'Ireland's Got Talent'

16 'Got Talent' Auditions Worldwide

Filipino Auditions ('Got Talent')

Australia's Got Talent

India's 'Got Talent' Dance Duo

Britain's Got Talent

America's Got Talent

Nine-year-old on 'Holland's Got Talent'

Deaf Singer Shines on 'America's Got Talent'

13-year-old Jeffery Li on 'America's Got Talent'

