



# South Bay Apple MUG Macintosh

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*A Monthly CUPFUL for South Bay Apple Mac User Group Members*

*Wishing you good health, prosperity and happiness this year!*

## Wed. January 25 Meeting on Zoom

The General Meeting will begin at 6:30pm with our Q & A session. The main presentation will begin about 7:15pm, after any club announcements.

Jim Pernal will discuss the latest Mac Operating System Ventura (13.x). The presentation will include the requirements for using this system, how to upgrade, why you should upgrade, and finally a few of the new features in the system with some demos. Will discuss the new stage manager, passkeys, system settings, new supplied apps, among others.

## Instructions on using Zoom...

- 1) A Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to everyone who is signed up on the club's email list (everybody@sbamug.com).
- 2) To be added to the mailing list, follow the instructions at <https://www.sbamug.com/our-sbamug-email-group/>
- 3) When you receive the Zoom invitation email, save the link to your calendar so that on the day of the meeting, you can find it more easily.
- 4) To join the Zoom meeting, click on the link provided in the invitation email. This will allow you to install the free Zoom app. The meeting invitation will also include a meeting ID and password, which you may need.

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## Slate of Officers Voting Results

- ❖ Proposed Slate of Officers received 32 YES votes. No one voted against the Slate.
- ❖ Congratulations to member JD Donigan, the winner of the drawing for an Apple Gift Card!

# Welcome to the SBAMUG!

(South Bay Apple Mac User Group)



Members, friends and colleagues are invited to attend our monthly meetings, usually held the last Wednesday of the month. Annual membership entitles you to receive this online monthly newsletter, plus more benefits (see website).

***\$35 annual membership waived in 2023.***

Visit [sbamug.com](http://sbamug.com) to become a member.

Meetings held virtually via Zoom unless specified.

## SBAMUG Virtual Meeting Format:

**6:30-7:15 p.m.** Question & Answer Session  
*Everyone welcome, beginners encouraged!*

**7:15-8:00 p.m.** Announcements & Presentation

## Membership-related Information & Questions:

Contact CW Mitchell at  
[cwmitchell@sbamug.com](mailto:cwmitchell@sbamug.com)

- for information about membership, dues, and benefits
- if your name is misspelled or the expiration date is incorrect on your membership card

### It's EASY To Renew!

Look for renewal letter in the mail. Sign and date the form and return it with payment\* using the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

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**Programming:** Kent McDonald

**Server Director:** Dave Nathanson

**Newsletter:** Nancie Silver

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## Other Meetings:

- Tuesday (6 days after last Wednesday) - SBAMUG Core Group, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Contact CW at [cwmitchell@sbamug.com](mailto:cwmitchell@sbamug.com) or send email to [info@sbamug.com](mailto:info@sbamug.com) for core group Zoom meeting invite.
- 3rd Thursday every other month - InDesign User Group, 7:00 p.m. at various locations in LA area, [laidug.com](http://laidug.com)
- Last Saturday each month - Northrop Grumman - Ham Radio & Computer Swap Meet, 7:00-11:30 a.m. Meet at SE corner of Marine/Aviation Blvd, Redondo Beach (visit [w6trw.com](http://w6trw.com) to see if swap meet is cancelled due to Covid-19)
- Los Angeles Portable Users Group: Mac OS X, iPhone, iPod, MacBook, etc. at [lapug.org/](http://lapug.org/)

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## **SBAMUG January 2023 Shareware**

Well, a happy new 2023 year to you all.  
Six items this month.

### **Coollector Movie Database 4.20.8:**

Catalog your videos and DVD/Blu-rays.  
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taste. Where stored, and loans recorded.  
Mac OS 10.9+ \$13.99 [https://  
www.coollector.com](https://www.coollector.com)

**Itsycal 0.13.4:** Tiny calendar for your  
menubar. Works with Mac Calendar app. If  
you want, it will display appointments. Free.  
Mac OS 10.14+.  
<https://www.mowglii.com/itsycal/>

**Macracker 7.12.1:** Latest update of this  
Mac/I device database. Only minor revisions  
this time, but they point out the latest Mac  
OS release details have been added, and  
devices added on the vintage and obsolete  
product list. This might be a reason for those  
who say they don't need this app, because  
they know what they have. Free. Mac OS  
10.12+ <https://macracker.ca>

**PerfectTablePlan 6.2.1:** Use to create a  
seating plan for your wedding, party, or  
event. Import guest lists. Mac OS 10.13+  
\$29.99 <https://www.perfecttableplan.com/>

**PerfectViewer 1.0.1:** Tool to open and  
convert Wordperfect documents. Includes  
graphics. \$4.99 Mac OS 10.14+ Mac App  
Store

**Usenapp 1.25.4:** Newsreader/Usenet client  
for Mac OS. Search engine. While no longer  
as popular as they used to be, these groups  
are still on the internet. Several other clients  
have been dropped and do not support  
today's Mac OS's. Here is one that still gets  
updates. Mac OS 10.11+ \$26.00  
<https://www.usenapp.com>

See you at the January meeting on Zoom.

Jim Pernal, PD Editor

## ***Interesting Reads***

**An Annotated Field Guide to Identifying Phish** - What better way to start 2023 than with an interesting article about phishing.  
<https://tidbits.com/2023/01/16/an-annotated-field-guide-to-identifying-phish/>

**New Mac mini and MacBook Pro Models Powered by M2 Pro and M2 Max** - Apple unveils its new M2 Pro and M2 Max chips and the Macs they power.  
<https://tidbits.com/2023/01/18/new-mac-mini-and-macbook-pro-models-powered-by-m2-pro-and-m2-max/>

**Mac Mini vs. Mac Studio Buyer's Guide** - Read about the Pros and Cons of each in this article.  
<https://www.macrumors.com/guide/mac-mini-vs-mac-studio/>

**Apple Highlights iPhone's Privacy Features in Short Film Starring 'Ted Lasso' Actor** - Apple released this short film to celebrate Data Privacy Day on 1/28/23.  
<https://www.macrumors.com/2023/01/24/apple-iphone-privacy-short-film/>

**How to Restart Siri Remote and Apple TV Remote** - Sometimes the Apple TV Remote or Siri Remote can become unresponsive or lose its connection to the Apple TV for no obvious reason. Get help here.  
<https://www.macrumors.com/how-to/restart-siri-remote-apple-tv-remote/>

**How to Record Video With Background Music on iPhone** - This article explains how to record a video on iPhone while playing music from any app.  
<https://www.macrumors.com/how-to/record-video-background-music-iphone/>

**Apple's iconic '1984' Super Bowl ad aired on Jan. 22nd 39 years ago** - Check it out!  
<https://9to5mac.com/2023/01/22/apples-iconic-1984-super-bowl-ad-aired-on-this-day-39-years-ago/>

## Apple Releases iOS 16.3, iPadOS 16.3, and macOS 13.2 Ventura with Hardware Security Key Support

Apple's engineers have been hard at work since the holiday break, since it has been barely a month since the last non-trivial update to the company's operating systems (see "[Apple Releases iOS 16.2, iPadOS 16.2, macOS 13.1 Ventura, watchOS 9.2, and tvOS 16.2](#)," 13 December 2022). The company has now released [iOS 16.3](#), [iPadOS 16.3](#), [macOS 13.2 Ventura](#), and [watchOS 9.3](#) with one new feature, a new wallpaper and watch face for Black History Month, a collection of bug fixes, and a dose of security updates. Apple said nothing about updates to tvOS or HomePod Software.

The most notable change in iOS 16.3, iPadOS 16.3, and macOS 13.2 is Security Keys for Apple ID, a feature that allows you to strengthen the security of your account by requiring a physical security key to log in. I'll admit a complete lack of experience with such hardware keys, but the name I hear most frequently is [YubiKey](#), the umbrella name for a variety of hardware keys from Yubico. They're not particularly expensive, and some even let you authenticate with a fingerprint, just like Touch ID.



Using a security key to protect an Apple ID is overkill for the vast majority of Apple users, but for anyone who's a high-value target, it could be a welcome addition. Remember, high-value targets aren't just politicians, high-

ranking executives, journalists, and activists—they also include anyone with access to key systems, which could include lower-level IT support staff.

Apart from the addition of Security Keys for Apple ID and support in iOS and iPadOS for the second-generation HomePod (see "[Second-Generation HomePod Supports Spatial Audio, Temperature/Humidity Monitoring, and Sound Recognition](#)," 18 January 2023), these are largely maintenance releases. iOS 16.3, iPadOS 16.3, and macOS 13.2 all fix a bug in the Freeform digital whiteboard app that blocked some drawing strokes created with a finger or an Apple Pencil from appearing on shared boards. Plus, iOS and iPadOS both address an annoying issue that prevented Siri from responding properly to music requests.

You should know about two other iPhone-specific changes. First, to prevent inadvertent emergency calls, Emergency SOS calls now require holding the side button with the up or down volume button and then releasing. It's not quite clear how this differs from the previous behavior, and I don't dare test this for fear of actually calling 911. Nevertheless, visit Settings > Emergency SOS, verify your settings, and read the help text. Second, a new Unity wallpaper honors Black history and culture in celebration of Black History Month. *(Continued on page 5)*



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Beyond those changes, iOS 16.3 fixes bugs that:

- Caused the wallpaper to appear black on the Lock Screen
- Temporarily displayed horizontal lines while waking up an iPhone 14 Pro Max
- Blocked the Home Lock Screen widget from accurately displaying Home app status
- Prevented Siri requests in CarPlay from being understood correctly

watchOS 9.3 supposedly gets “new features, improvements and bug fixes,” but the only thing Apple is willing to describe is a new Unity Mosaic watch face to honor Black history and culture in celebration of Black History Month.

Sadly, it doesn't appear that Apple has changed the requirement to enter a passcode every time an iPhone or iPad tries to back up to a Mac, as we outlined in [“iPhones and iPads Now Require a Passcode on Every Backup/Sync”](#) (11 January 2023)

All the operating systems receive security updates as well. As far as Apple is saying, none of the addressed vulnerabilities have been exploited in the wild.

- iOS 16.3 and iPadOS 16.3: [12 security vulnerabilities](#)
- macOS 13.2 Ventura: [22 security vulnerabilities](#)
- watchOS 9.3: [11 security vulnerabilities](#)

Given that the scope of the changes in these updates is quite small and none of the fixed security vulnerabilities are being exploited in

the wild, you can take a few days or a week to update—there's no huge hurry.

Article by Adam Engst on January 23, 2023

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## Apple Releases HomePod Software 16.3 and tvOS 16.3

Apple's release machine took a break yesterday before unveiling HomePod Software 16.3 and tvOS 16.3 (see "[Apple Releases iOS 16.3, iPadOS 16.3, and macOS 13.2 Ventura with Hardware Security Key Support](#)," 23 January 2023). Those remaining two updates are now available, and while they are usually afterthoughts—and tvOS 16.3 remains one—HomePod Software 16.3 is actually quite interesting.

HomePods and Apple TVs generally update on their own, and I see no reason to prevent that. If you're excited about one of the new features in HomePod Software 16.3, you could give it a nudge to make sure you get it right away.

### HomePod Software 16.3

Although it's unsurprising that [HomePod Software 16.3](#) would include support for the just-released second-generation HomePod (see "[Second-Generation HomePod Supports Spatial Audio, Temperature/Humidity Monitoring, and Sound Recognition](#)," 18 January 2023), it also has improvements that owners of the first-generation HomePod or HomePod mini will also appreciate.

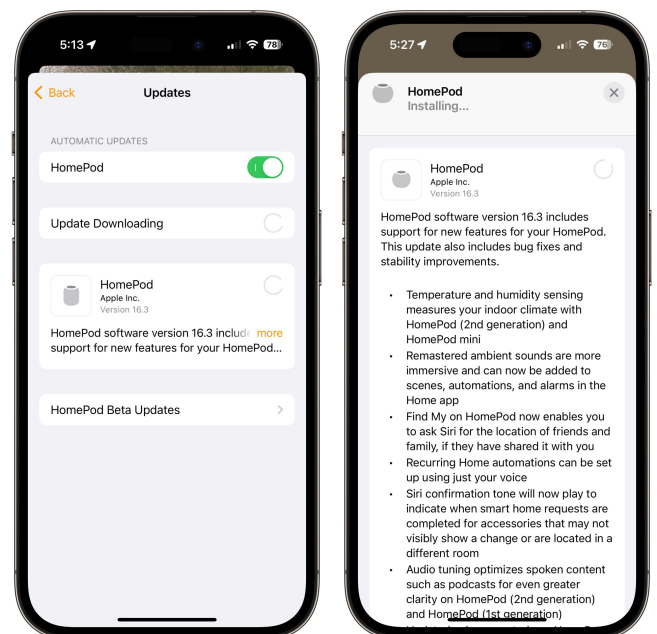
For instance, Apple updated the volume controls on the first-generation HomePod to give you more granular adjustments at lower volumes. Both full-size HomePods benefit from new audio tuning that optimizes spoken content like podcasts for greater clarity.

The remaining changes are focused on smart home interactions and Siri:

- You can now take advantage of temperature and humidity sensing in the HomePod mini and second-

generation HomePod to trigger Home automations.

- Remastered ambient sounds are more immersive, and you can now add them to scenes, automations, and alarms in the Home app.
- Find My on HomePod now enables you to ask Siri for the location of friends and family who share their locations with you.
- You can set up recurring Home automations using just your voice. I haven't had a chance to test this, but I recommend double-checking the results in the Home app.
- HomePods will now play a Siri confirmation tone to indicate when smart home requests are completed for accessories that may not visibly show a change or are located in a different room. Currently, Siri confirms such actions with a voice response.



There are several ways to kickstart HomePod updates. I found that tapping the **⋮** button in the upper right of the iOS Home

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app and then selecting Home Settings > Software Update caused all three of our HomePods to start downloading the update. I presume it would have installed on its own, but I gave it a push by pressing a HomePod tile in the Home app, selecting Accessory Details, scrolling down (or tapping the gear icon) to reveal the necessary controls, and then tapping Update.

### tvOS 16.3

Not a lot to see here, folks. With regard to [tvOS 16.3](#), Apple merely says that it “includes general performance and stability improvements.” It also includes fixes for [10 security vulnerabilities](#). Let it install on its own.

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### iOS 12.5.7 and iOS/iPadOS 15.7.3 Provide Security Fixes

Although Apple doesn’t promise to update older versions of iOS and iPadOS, the company often releases security updates to protect users of devices that can’t update to the latest. To that end, Apple has just released iOS 12.5.7 and iOS/iPadOS 15.7.3.

[iOS 12.5.7](#) addresses a serious security vulnerability in WebKit that could allow maliciously crafted Web content to execute arbitrary code. This vulnerability, which is being exploited in the wild, is the same one that Apple plugged in mid-December for other operating systems (see “[Apple Releases iOS 16.2, iPadOS 16.2, macOS](#)

[13.1 Ventura, watchOS 9.2, and tvOS 16.2,”](#) 13 December 2022, and “[iOS 15.7.2 and iPadOS 15.7.2 Block Exploited Security Vulnerability,](#)” 14 December 2022).

The only reason to delay updating is if you back up your iPhone or iPad to your Mac and are not currently being nagged by a passcode request on every connection (see “[iPhones and iPads Now Require a Passcode on Every Backup/Sync,](#)” 11 January 2023). I don’t know if updating will change that behavior (or if devices running iOS 12 are already experiencing it), but it’s worth waiting until someone can test before proceeding. If you back up to iCloud, I recommend updating to iOS 12.5.7 right away.

[iOS 15.7.3 and iPadOS 15.7.3](#) address five security vulnerabilities, none of which are being exploited in the wild. You’ll want to update, but feel free to wait a week or so to make sure no unexpected problems crop up in online discussions.

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**iOS 16.3 Everything New!**

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Member Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member computer interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner computer interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Devices you use most: \_\_\_\_\_

Current level of Mac expertise:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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