Upcoming May, 2019 Classes

See the ACL website https://agecomputer.org/ for complete class description and future classes.

REGISTER ONLINE (Classes will be cancelled 48 hours ahead if not enough enrollees.)

Photography

Fun with Fonts  (Wednesday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. – $25)
This is an intermediate class to learn how to find, install, and use fonts, and how to be creative with fonts and letters. Basic fonts come with your operating system and applications, but there are many interesting and fun fonts available on the internet. Learn how to fill letters with your images, give letters dimension, drop shadows and bevels, make letters out of photos, and create transparent letters. You will be able to use these images in your photo shows, notecards, photo albums, and more. You’ll learn where to find these resources and determine if they are fonts or images.

Zilker Gardens Flower Photography Field Trip  (Thursday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. – $25)
On this fun field trip we’ll walk through Zilker Gardens to photograph the flowers. We’ll explore several different techniques for shooting flowers, including perspective changes, isolating single flowers, getting soft backgrounds (bokeh blur), using artificial backgrounds, shooting groups of flowers, and lots more. Most of the tips and techniques we’ll try can be done with a phone, but some require at least a compact camera or DSLR that can adjust the aperture. If you are shooting with a mirrorless or DSLR camera, bring a macro lens if you have one.

NOTE: We’ll meet in the Zilker Gardens parking lot at 9:30 on May 9th.

Stopping the Action: A guide to great action photography  (Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. – $25)
What makes a good action shot? Do I want to freeze the action or see some action right in the photo? Where do I position myself for the highest chance of a great shot? There are many things that go into a great action photo. Come learn not only what makes a great action shot but what all goes into it and how to take great ones. The class will be held outside at a park or sports complex where you can get some real time shooting and direction.

NOTE: You must have a DSLR camera or at least a camera that allows you to control shutter speed, aperture and ISO.

Taking Better Phone Photos  (Thursday, May 30 at 1:00 p.m. – $25)
In this class you will learn how to take either your first photo on your phone or your 1000th photo on your phone, but using basic camera skills: composition, lighting, and focus. Learn how phone artistry works. Surprise, no different than your camera. With a little foot movement, lining up the subject, tips on how the shutter works and the size of the lens on your phone, compose some phenomenal photos. We will use some basic editing apps on the phone for fix ups and then upload to our SmugMug site for all to see. All apps used will be “free.”

MS Excel Basics

Microsoft Excel QuickStart  (Thursday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. – $25)
This is an introductory class to learn how to manage spreadsheets with Microsoft Excel. Upon completion you will be able to use Excel to assist with many everyday tasks such as: household/business budgeting, tracking purchases/expenses, maintaining inventories, generating mailing lists, and creating calendars.

Apple Basics

Apple: Back to Basics 101  (Thursday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. – $25)
Start with the Apple computer basics. For example: What is an OS? How can you find the version installed on your MAC? How can you change settings on your mouse pad? How can you use the Safari web browser? What is an App and how to install to an App, Device, Dock, Desktop? What is the difference between using a right-click and left click on the mouse? Hopefully going back to basics will take the mystery out of some of the functions on the MAC.