

SchoolHouse Mac is a non-profit, K-12 teacher's Mac user group, formed in response to a need for help using the Macintosh in the classroom and in response to a need for more programs, art, ...everything!, to use with it. We've been gathering public domain and shareware programs, tools to use to develop more, and lots of art and information for over a year now.

So far, we've collected 3500 files on over 400, 800K disks which we are selling for \$4.00 per disk (\$6.00 to non-members). In collecting these files, we've made an effort to discard those which don't work or are not appropriate for school use. Every third issue of the Teacher's Mac, contains SchoolHouse Mac's latest catalog. (Check the next chapter for shipping and ordering information.)

We also want to encourage programs and teachers to continue developing good education programs by encouraging payment of shareware fees.

Special focuses and continuing effort include developing Classroom ClipArt resources, continuing the 10 X 10 series, utilizing HyperCard in the classroom, developing templates, lesson plans and electronic books!

## Benefits

Members of SchoolHouse Mac will receive the two catalog issues of Teacher's Mac™, which will contain our most recent catalog, the diskletter and approximately 1000k of the best material and programs we have gathered in the previous months. Members will also receive mailings keeping them informed of events.

## Membership Dues

Membership dues are \$12.00 a year. Or membership is included in the \$24 subscription fee of The Teacher's Mac™ which is published six times a year. A sample issue is available for \$5.00 (Both the sample and the issue would become part of your first year if you choose to subscribe.) Send inquiries, subscription requests, etc., to SchoolHouse Mac at the address listed at the end of this chapter.

## About Teacher's Mac™?

Teacher's Mac™ is a user group "diskletter".....an informal, electronic publication created by the SchoolHouse Mac K-12 Teacher's User Group.

Teacher's Mac™ is a "diskletter" in the sense that is a newsletter on a disk. Putting a newsletter on a disk makes it possible to send out lots of useful programs and other files along with the newsletter and keeps expenses down.

Teacher's Mac™ is informal because it's primary focus is presenting information, ideas and how-tos from a variety of sources including BBSs, other user groups, and teachers. We are not as concerned with polish as we are with getting as much of the enormous amount of information available to you as possible and with generating more. We can include resources from a variety of sources because we are a non-profit user group charging you a distribution and membership fee.

We should also point out that we are not as concerned with the latest thing and the most up-to-date equipment as we are with the most USEFUL material. While we have material of interest to "Techies", we are teachers first.

Teacher's Mac™ is electronic in that it is not available in paper form, rather it is available on an 800 k disk (or selected BBSs) along with up to 1100k of programs, information, lesson plans, how-tos, art and so on. Suggestions and directions for the programs included on the disk are written up in "This Month's Programs" as needed.

Included programs and other material are found or developed by teachers in their own efforts to use Macs in the classroom. The content will vary from issue to issue, but one thing is definite, teachers will find useful programs and information with every issue.

We also hope that Teacher's Mac™ will serve as a collection focus, inspiring teachers to share their ideas and plans for using the Mac in the classroom with other teachers. Teacher's networking with teachers can generate lots of ideas.

Approximately 1100k of material is included on an 800K disk by compressing the files. An easy to use extractor is included on each disk along with printed instructions. (Note: Be sure to move the files to your hard drive before extracting. The 800K floppy does not contain enough extra memory for the process.)

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