

PHOTOEDITING AND SOFTWARE SUITES

Or

The Many, Many Ways to Spend Your
Idle Time

Why This Discussion?

- ▣ Provide a broad overview of options available.
- ▣ Discuss how various programs are used.
- ▣ Provide a starting point for interest group discussions.

In-Camera Perfect Photos (the good-old days)

- ▣ If you selected the film for it's response curve, grain, speed, type...
- ▣ If you selected the developer for it's characteristics.
- ▣ If you selected the paper for it's contrast, finish, whiteness,...
- ▣ And then did dodging, burning, cropping, ...
- ▣ And might just "push" ...

The Darkroom Sequence (translated to modern tech)

- ▣ 1. Put into development container – Organizer
- ▣ 2. Process – Editing Software
- ▣ 3. Printing - Getting ready for display

Organizing Options

- ▣ Considerations:
 - ▣ 1. Does it suit your needs?
 - ▣ 2. Does it match your work style?
 - ▣ 3. Does it match your photographic style?
 - ▣ 4. What is the learning curve?

- ▣ We all enjoy our photography in different ways.

Organizing Options (examples)

- ▣ 1. Just use operating system file management.
- ▣ 2. Camera manufacturer's software – if you anticipate tracking relatively few images.
- ▣ 3. Picassa (Google) – Organizer and editor that is adaptable for stand-alone software.
- ▣ 4. ACDSee Pro (acdsee.com) and After Shot Pro (Corel) – Image management with image enhancement options.
- ▣ 5. Lightroom (Adobe) – Organizer and editor that can use stand-alone and most plug-ins.
- ▣ 6. PS Elements, Photoshop, & Adobe software – not all plug-ins accommodate both PSE and PS.

Editing Software

- ▣ Plug-ins need the original application; Stand-alones can be run on their own. If advertised as both, it can be used either way.
- ▣ The terms filters, effects, enhancement, *et al* tend to be used interchangeably with photo software.
- ▣ Almost all reputable companies offer some form of trial use so you can evaluate before buying.

Editing Software (examples)

- ▣ One application does it all (almost):
 - Photoshop & Photoshop Elements (www.adobe.com)
 - GIMP (www.gimp.org)
 - ACDSee Pro
 - Paint Shop Pro (www.corel.com)

- ▣ Suites (may operate as stand-alone, plug-in, or both). Sometimes available as individual applications not just as a suite.
 - Nik – www.niksoftware.com
 - Photo Suite – www.onOneSoftware.com
 - AlienSkin PhotoBundle: www.alienskin.com
 - Topaz Collection: www.topazlabs.com

Editing Software (examples)

- ▣ Look at individual applications in bundles and suites
- ▣ HDR:
 - ▣ Photomatix www.hdrsoft.com
 - ▣ HDREXpress www.unifiedcolor.com
- ▣ Portrait:
 - ▣ PortraitPro www.PortraitProfessional.com

Anything Else?

- ▣ Scanner: Silver Fast www.silverfast.com
- ▣ Improve the optical results:
 - DxO Optics www.dxo.com
 - Piccure www.piccure.com

Film Effects:

Dxo Filmpack

AutoFX www.autofx.com

Filter Effects:

Tiffen Dfx www.tiffensoftware.com

AutoFX

THE END

- ▣ This is not an attempt to have a complete list of current products.
- ▣ Please be aware that installing/ uninstalling multiple programs to your computer can cause it to operate slower.