

# 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](http://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](http://www.adobe.com))
  - GIMP ([www.gimp.org](http://www.gimp.org))
  - ACDSee Pro
  - Paint Shop Pro ([www.corel.com](http://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](http://www.niksoftware.com)
  - Photo Suite – [www.onOneSoftware.com](http://www.onOneSoftware.com)
  - AlienSkin PhotoBundle: [www.alienskin.com](http://www.alienskin.com)
  - Topaz Collection: [www.topazlabs.com](http://www.topazlabs.com)

# Editing Software (examples)

- ▣ Look at individual applications in bundles and suites
- ▣ HDR:
  - ▣ Photomatix [www.hdrsoft.com](http://www.hdrsoft.com)
  - ▣ HDREXpress [www.unifiedcolor.com](http://www.unifiedcolor.com)
- ▣ Portrait:
  - ▣ PortraitPro [www.PortraitProfessional.com](http://www.PortraitProfessional.com)

# Anything Else?

- ▣ Scanner: Silver Fast [www.silverfast.com](http://www.silverfast.com)
- ▣ Improve the optical results:
  - DxO Optics [www.dxo.com](http://www.dxo.com)
  - Piccure [www.piccure.com](http://www.piccure.com)

## Film Effects:

Dxo Filmpack

AutoFX [www.autofx.com](http://www.autofx.com)

## Filter Effects:

Tiffen Dfx [www.tiffensoftware.com](http://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.