Members' Night - 28 March 2019

Learning by Doing?

Nearly all of our competition judges have commented, at some point, on visual distractions from the subjects of our entries. Examples are intrusive things such as a twig at the margin of a picture, an overly bright area or a telegraph pole apparently growing from someone's head!

Programs which can be used to change things for the better are Photoshop, paint.net (cloning), Snapheal (Mac only), etc.. Some are available to download at no charge.

Please join John Miller and me and explore of methods to "select and correct" at the next Members' Night. Bring your lap-tops and share your knowledge!

Included could be:

• Selecting areas for local enhancement e.g, sky
• Using gradients in selected areas, e.g. sky
• Working the rectangular marquee and quick selection tools together
• Using CtrlZ or ⌘Z for immediate back-tracking
• Choosing types and sizes of (paint) brushes
• Using a clone stamp for covering distractions or filling gaps
• A discussion: Why do I need a photo editing program when I've got a good camera?
• Plus any other related topics you suggest.

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