Submitting Images for PDI [Projected Digital Image] Competitions

Resizing Images

When resizing an image <u>ALWAYS</u> work on a copy of your image <u>NOT</u> the original

This is a very brief guide to resizing and adding a border to an Image in Adobe Photoshop Elements. Other imaging software is available. The process will be basically the same.

Before Resizing complete all your Image editing

Images containing Layers need to be flattened
- On the Toolbar click 'Layer' then 'Flatten Image'

Images must be in sRGB Color Profile
To convert color profile to sRGB:
- On the Toolbar click 'Image' then 'Convert Color Profile'
- If the image is already in sRGB color profile then 'Convert to sRBG profile' will be greyed out. If it is not greyed out click on 'Convert to sRGB profile'

Resized Images must be no wider than 1600 pixels and no higher than 1200 pixels
To resize your image:
- On the Toolbar click 'Image' then 'Resize' then 'Image Size'
- Ignore the 'Document Size' box. This is only relevant for printing. Resolution has no effect whatsoever for PDI's
- Check 'Scale Styles' 'Constrain Proportions', 'Resample Image' boxes are all ticked
- Click down arrow and select 'Bicubic Sharpener (best for reduction)

In the 'Pixel Dimension' box
- If you are resizing a Landscape oriented image enter 1600 in the width box. The height will automatically change itself to keep the image in the same proportion. If however the Height should go above 1200 then enter 1200 in the height box. The Width will automatically resize
- If you are resizing a Portrait oriented image enter 1200 in the Height box. The width will automatically change itself to keep the image in the same proportion. If however the Width should go above 1600 then enter 1600 in the Width box. The Height will automatically resize
- Click 'OK' Note: Image will reduce in size on screen. Don't panic. This is normal
- To view your image full screen, on the Toolbar click 'View' then 'Fit on Screen'
- If you wish to add a border to your image go to next step, otherwise save your image as a High Quality JPEG

To add a thin border around your Image:
- On the Toolbar click 'Select' then 'All' This will put the 'Marching Ants' around the Image
- On the Toolbar click 'Edit' then 'Stroke (Outline) Selection'
- In the pop-up box enter 1px or 2px into the 'Width' box
- Click in 'Color' box and choose a color. White or light grey works best. Click OK
- Click 'Location Inside'
- Select 'Blending Mode' to Normal and 'Opacity' to 100%
- Click OK
- On the Toolbar click 'Select' then 'Deselect'
- Save image as a High Quality JPEG