PhotoShop Elements

Modifying the Physical Image Lesson 2

Lesson 2

Improving the Basic Photograph

- · Homework review.
- · Issues with the Wooldridge reading.
- · Guided Edit.
- Contrast and Brightness.
- · Adjusting color.
- Cropping, Rotating, and Straightening.
- Resizing
- · PE and homework.

Lesson 2 Objectives

- Understand power & limits of Guided Edit.
- · Master controls for contrast & brightness.
- Demonstrate color improvements.
- · Show how to use the Crop tool.
- Be able to explain resizing.

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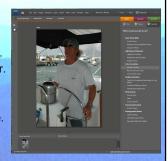
Homework Review

- Issues with PSE printing at home.
- Look at prints that were both assigned and not assigned.
- Questions from the Wooldridge reading.



Guided Edit Tab

- · Recent feature.
- Useful adjustments.
- · View: before & after.
- Smart Fix (Auto).
- Lighting & Color.
- Sharpen not here.



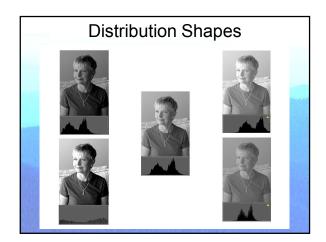
Lighting

Color Cast Removal The second of the second

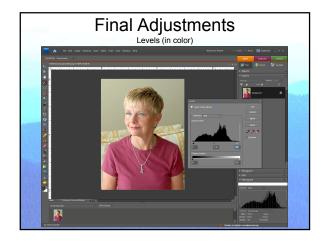
Lighting Enhancements

- Guided Edit OK, but I use the drop down menu: Enhance | Adjust Lighting.
- Lighting is composed of:
 - Contrast.
 - Brightness.
- Understanding the histogram.
- Using the Levels tool









Introduction to Layers

- · Before reading
- · Before adjustment.
- · Clear plastic sheets.
- · More layers later.
- · "Onion peeling."
- Another way to work on an image part.
- Used often.



Adjustment Layer

- Create an adjustment layer for Bob.
- · Correct exposure with Levels midtones.
- · Brush away unwanted area of layer.
- · Return him to the image with Flatten.



Select and Adjust

- · Adjustment layer.
- · Levels.
- · Name Bob.
- Midtones slider.
- · Brush background.
- Sizes 15, 100, & 500.
- Flatten.
- Perform demo.



Improving Color

- Once again we are ahead of Wooldridge.
- Earlier we have dealt with color casts.
- · Hue & Saturation.
- Why color change happens.



Hue & Saturation The state of the state of

Why Color Change Happens

Practical Exercise

- Use Guided Edit on PatVienna.jpg.
- Duplicate the lesson example DedhamFalls.jpg.
 - Levels adjustment
 - Hue & Saturation in color channels
- If time permits, work on other images.

Homework

- Read Wooldridge pages 96 145.
- See what you can do to the poor picture Overexp.jpg. Try Quick Fix and crop off the really bad part.
- Use the same technique to improve PatShadow.jpg.
- Work on your own prints.

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