

CCCC Notes for Feb. 26, 2008
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How to make Photoshop go faster...

-Reboot your computer before you start a Photoshop session. As you open and close several programs, the computer assigns ram and when the program closes, the computer is supposed to get the ram back. Some work, some don't. When it doesn't it is called BitRot.

-Empty your trash! For some reason, programs s-l-o-w down when the trash is full... Go figure!

-Clean up your (PC) hard drive... Go to Start > Programs > Accessories > System Tools and:

-do a Disk Cleanup (cleans up your temp files and much more. don't 'compress old files'(!))

- then, DeFragment your drive. A fragmented drive slows things down AND your Photoshop's Scratch Disk will suffer!

-things also go faster if you have around 20% (or so) free space on your Hard Drive.

-Close all those 'other' programs. They take up RAM that Photoshop NEEDS.

-If you can, install MORE RAM! 1 Gig is minimum.

In Photoshop...

-Assign the scratch disk to a second internal drive to speed things up. (NOT a partition of the main drive)

-In Properties, (AND, THIS IS THE BIGGIE) change memory usage to more than 50%. I have mine set to 85%.

-Check for updates. There may be an update to make things go better...

Basic Photoshop Setup

-Change the eyedropper from pixel to 3x3 sample. Saves clicking on a stray pixel and getting the wrong color.

Saving your workspace:

-Window > Workspace > Save Workspace

Retrieving your workspace:

-Window > Workspace > select preferred workspace

-Pallet Setup that I prefer:

-Navigator/Histogram/Info

-History/Actions

-Layers/Channels/Paths

Finding Photoshop info on Google...

Remember if you want Santa Barbara ask for "Santa Barbara" or you will get Santa Anna to Barbara Bach and Santa everything else... Also if you want "Santa Barbara" +wharf be sure to add the + sign... If a word keeps popping up you don't want, add a - as in -politics

If we have time, we can 'play a bit'...

We'll start with Layers, Adjustment Layers and Masks if we have time.