

Computer Design Workshop – Week 12

Project: Photo Editing, Creative self-portrait

Using a digital camera, take a face shot of each student. Load the students' photo onto their computer and have them save it into their folder.

Students will use this photo of themselves for today's project. It is important that when working with their photo, that they keep the original clean, in case they need to refer back to it. So, after opening it (Toolbar > File > Open) into their Artweaver program, they should duplicate the image (Toolbar > Image > Duplicate), work on the duplicated image and close the original.

Now students should be ready to begin.

Begin by using the Lasso tool to carefully outline their entire head and hair. Go all the way around and stop where you started. You will then see the marching ants around your portrait. Immediately copy (Toolbar > Edit > Copy) and then open a new 640x480 canvas. Paste your selected portrait onto the blank canvas (Toolbar > Edit > Paste).

You'll have something similar to this now..



It is important to save your progress at this point in case you mess up and need to reopen this stage to start new. Toolbar > File > Save As > (locate your folder) and click "Save".

At this point, let your imagination take over.

Use a variety of tools to create your art. Add to your portrait with images such as hats, jewels, etc.. Do not cover your face with too much art, but add to it in a creative way. Use the paintbrush and other tools to add style to your art. Also consider using a scene such as a tropical Hawaiian beach as your background or using as gradient as in my final example. Just have fun!! :)



A couple things to help you out..

Adding a Background:

To add a gradient or an image to your background, you should first add a new layer.

Toolbar > Layer > New Layer. Then in your layers window, simply move that layer below the layer with your portrait, so that now it is in the background and not covering everything up.

Turing and Flipping Images (objects) around:

If you've added little images to your portrait such as a hat, jewelry, etc.. you may want to adjust their size and turn them on certain angles for better display. To do this, you need to use the transform tool under "Edit".

Toolbar > Edit > Transform > (then choose scale, rotate, skew, flip, etc..)

Print these out: Toolbar > Print with Preview > Page Setup > Landscape > OK > Print

Then do the write up about this project in MSWord. Include project name, techniques used, what you made with techniques, name and date.