

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB
February 25, 2021

We had 14 people in attendance. We had some issues with the link so some members had trouble getting into the meeting.

Sandy reminded us of the www.Rootstech.org free genealogy sessions now in progress. They will also be available for the whole year; almost 900 of them.

Vicky's topic was Simple Photo Edits.

SIMPLE EDITS FOR PHOTOS

- Rotating
- Straightening
- Cropping
- Correcting exposure
- Correcting color
- Sharpening (Clarity)
- Removing Red Eye
- Scaling

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Sophisticated tools
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Sophisticated tools like Adobe PhotoShop or GIMP have a steep learning curve, and the instructions are loaded with a specialized vocabulary. These programs are resource intensive, and don't operate well on underpowered machines.

Adobe PhotoShop is expensive and needs an upgrade with each OS change.

GIMP is free but you need to know how to download safely.

Both Photoshop and GIMP are powerful photo manipulation tools which take time to master. They are overkill for simple editing.

If you are interested in learning more about GIMP, Vicky has a self-help document. <http://getzweb.net/vista/classmaterials/gimp.pdf>

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Photo Apps
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Photo apps that come bundled with your device, be it a smartphone, tablet or PC, are a good alternative to the sophisticated tools. There is no extra charge. These bundled apps tend to have very simple controls. The apps have been continually evolving with each OS update. While only Apple and Microsoft's apps are shown here, Android owners should look to see how their Photos app has evolved.

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iPhone iOS 13

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We watched this video that showed the power of the iPhone Photos App.
<https://youtu.be/wnVGZEKLq6U>

Note Red Eye removal has been added to the current iOS Photo app.

On a smartphone or tablet you currently need a separate app to do scaling, or you can scale as part of sending a file as an email.

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Windows 10 PC

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When you are using a computer, you have the option of using some high-powered programs like Photoshop or GIMP, but don't overlook the Windows 10 Photo App.

Microsoft had some sort of melt down and decided to withdraw all their tried-and-true photo software and replaced it with a stripped-down photos app. When first introduced, the Photos app was pretty useless.

However, the Windows 10 Photo app has been continually been changing since then. It almost caught up to the iPhone in terms of features and ease of use.

Vicky's Demo of the Windows 10 Photos App.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVmpmFuPZUQ&t>

Windows 10 also added a Video Editor to their Photos App last year.

Thanks, Vicky, for all your notes. We look forward to your continuation of this subject next week. Watch your email for your zoom invitation for March 4, 2021 at 9:30 am.

Regards, Sandy McKenny, sec