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Review:

Corel Paintshop Pro Photo XI

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Price: \$200

Highly Recommended

The low-down: We took a quick look at the trial download of Paintshop Pro in March and now we have had a chance to live with the licensed copy for a few weeks. This alternative to Photoshop Elements offers one-click fixes for the person who can't be bothered, as well as serious editing tools for those who want them. Some of the single clicks work well - noise reduction and high-pass sharpening will be a boon for anyone with noisy or soft images. One-step Photo Fix is a hit-and-miss affair but Smart Photo Fix is an excellent tool - it proposes a set of image corrections in a dialogue box that allows for user adjustment. There is an excellent set of one-click picture frames. The program uses layers, the same as Photoshop, and will be easy to use for anyone who has used Adobe's programs.

Like: Our Nikon RAW files opened instantly in Paintshop and we assume that other camera RAW formats will also open. Of course, this misses the point of RAW, which is to adjust the image before opening in an editing program, but it is still a handy feature. The best feature, and the point at which it defeats Photoshop Elements, is Scripts. These are

automated routines created by the user, like macros in Word or Actions in Photoshop.

Dislike: When an edited file is saved as a JPEG, the compression setting is hidden in another Options dialogue, and even that doesn't show the file size. Choosing Export Optimiser does the job, but that is an odd way to do something as simple as save a file.

Verdict: At this price point Paintshop Pro Photo XI is the photo editor to buy. It has its gimmicks but they don't obscure the serious application underneath. And being a leaner program than Photoshop CS, it is lightning fast, so for the RAM battlers on 512 MB, Paintshop Pro won't keep you sitting around while it does things.

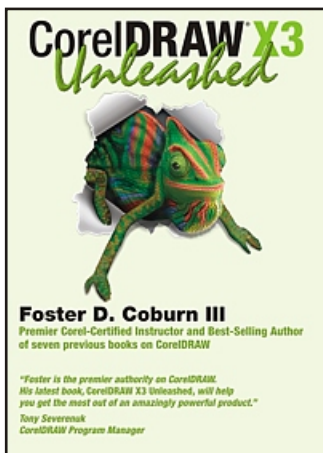
David Mutch our President is revamping our CDU website. This is a time consuming job, but we needed to update, so go and have a look. Anything, any information etc. you may have or can do to help David please let him know. Many thanks David for this work.

As end of financial year time, we thank **Geoff George** for his great work as our Treasurer. Monthly financials and banking all done and up to date and correct.

Corel Down Under MEMBERSHIP Renewals are now due.

Your Membership Renewal forms have either come to you in the post or you were given it at the last meeting, so please return to Geoff George, or the desk at meeting entry. Lance Fishman our Membership administrator told the committee that we have 58 members in total.

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Comments from users -

"I've been a Corel user since version 6 and I've learned everything mostly by trial-and-error and by searching help files. Needless to say, I've had projects that I've spent a whole day trying to do. Along the way, I've missed opportunities to become more efficient because I didn't get formal training and I didn't buy a book...until now. This book is great. It has all the best information on tools I THOUGHT I knew how to use. I honestly thought that I would only need about 10% of what this book had to offer. After all, I'm a long-time, experienced user who just wanted to fill in the gaps. After reading this book, I have more than DOUBLED my knowledge and it was an easy read.

Thanks Foster!"—Heidi Husman

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"I have CorelDraw 12 Unleashed & it is by FAR the best money I have ever spent on any kind of tutorial or class. The video's are just as if you are in a class with a teacher, with the added bonus of being able to watch them again if you missed a step. I am a visual/hands on learner so these are far better for me than a book."—Liz

Following feedback from members the committee at the 2 July committee meeting decided to continue with a door prize as before, free ticket on entry. This months door prize is a 10 pack Verbatim 4x DVD-R 4.7GB Digital Movie Media, in Jewel Case.

BUT the Raffle will go back to being a ticket purchase raffle, \$2 a ticket or 2 for \$5, and we are going to have raffle prizes really good items that we all want or need! Well, this is the plan and we hope you all will think so too!

Below is information about JULY's Raffle Prize.

Digimate 3 USB 2.0 Portable Memory Card Reader with 40GB Hard Drive (Upgradeable at winner's expense)



It allows you to copy digital pictures without a computer, so you do not have to buy many memory cards, or bring a bulky laptop for your next trip.

It reads not only pictures, but also any other files, so you can use it as a portable hard drive. The backlit OLED shows battery level, drive usage, copy progress, and type of memory card.

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- Display copy process rate
- Advanced shockproof system.
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