

SAYRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY TIPS

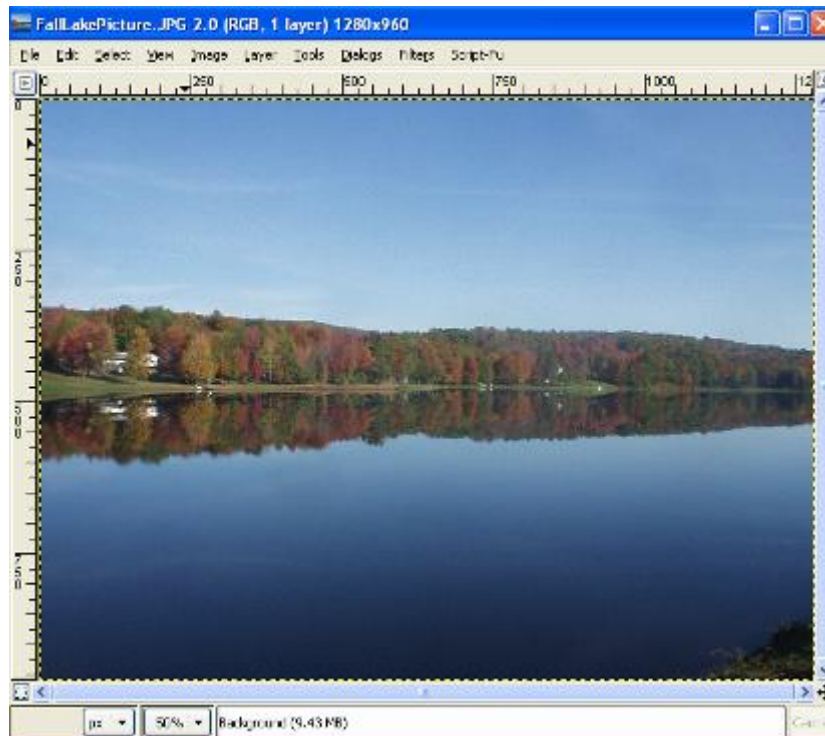
GIMP: CONVERT A PHOTO TO A WATER COLOR IMAGE

Purpose

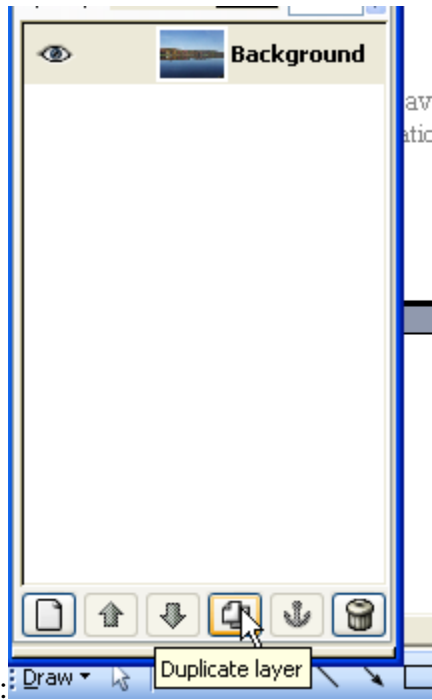
This handout is to introduce you to how to use GIMP to convert an image to a water color image. This effect helps soften the image and make it appear to be a painting versus a photograph without the mess of paint!

Directions

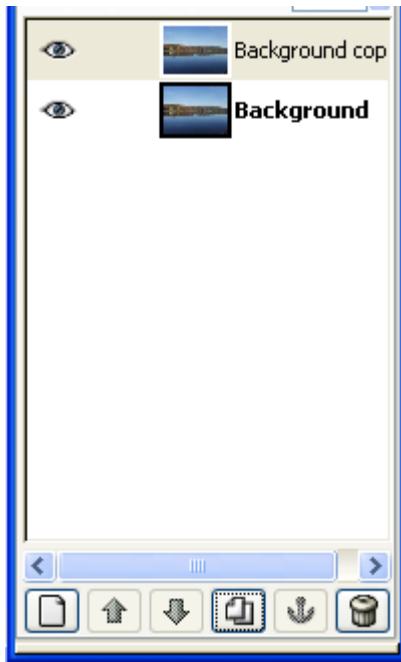
GET IMAGE → **Open** up an Image in **GIMP** – see the following example:
This is where I live...




COPY → Drag Image in Layer Palette to New Icon (makes a copy of the current Image) – see

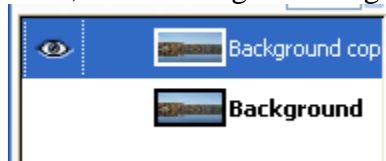


the following:



The following sample screen appears:

Next, hide the original background image by deselecting the  eye icon

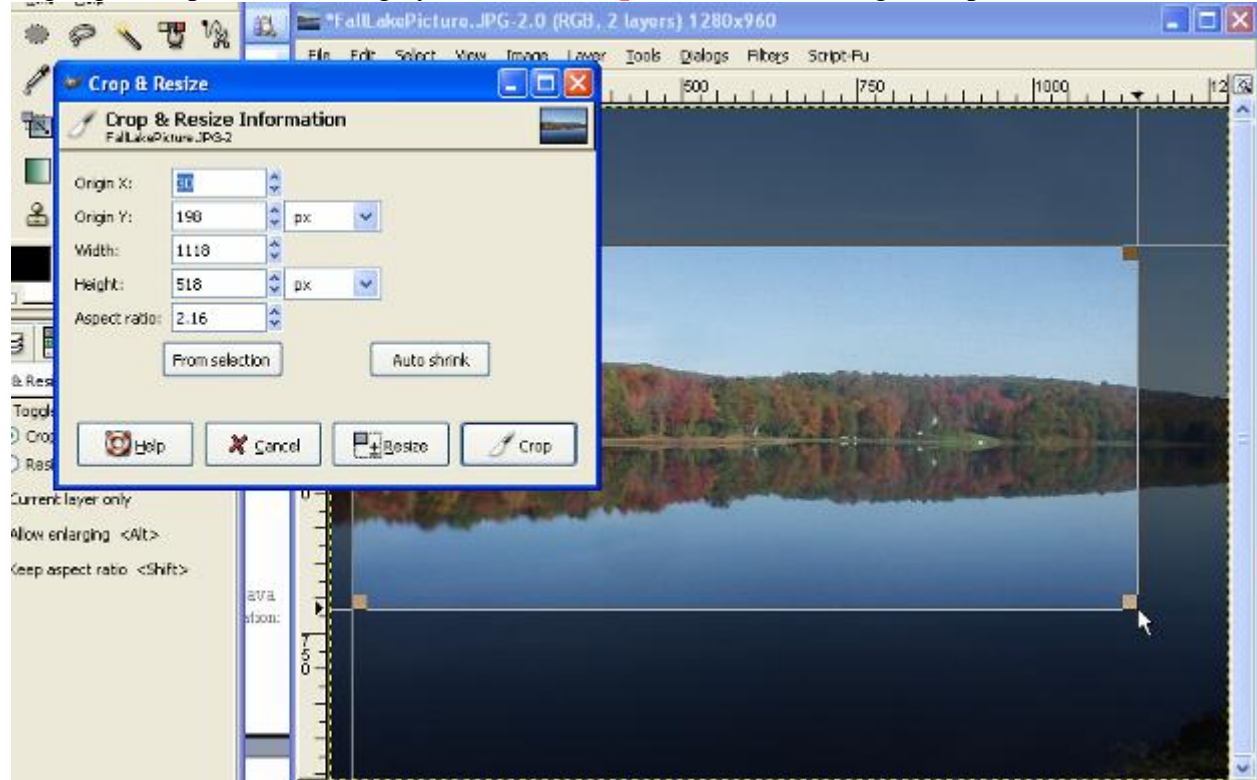


CROP → your Image to remove what you do not need

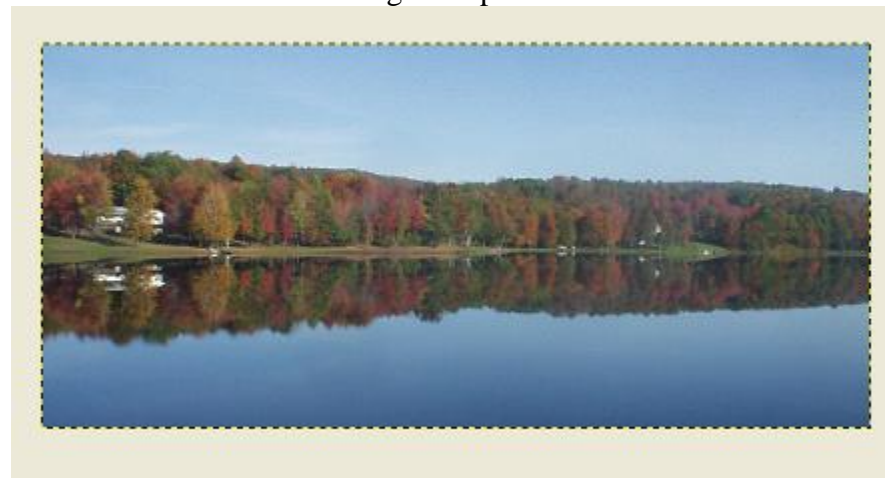


Select **Crop**

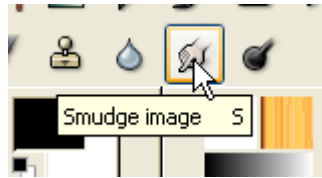
Highlight the part of the Image you wish to **keep** – see the following example:



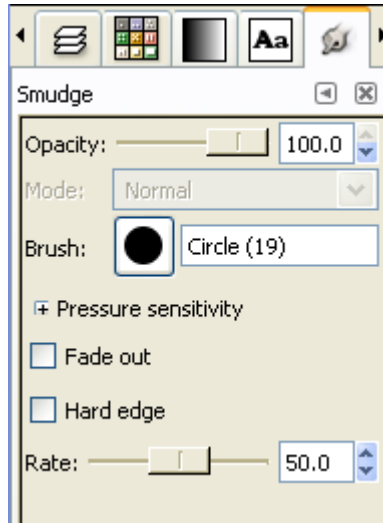
Press enter – see the following example:



SMUDGE PHOTO → Soften the image as follows:



Click on the Smudge Tool – then set the **smudge settings** to



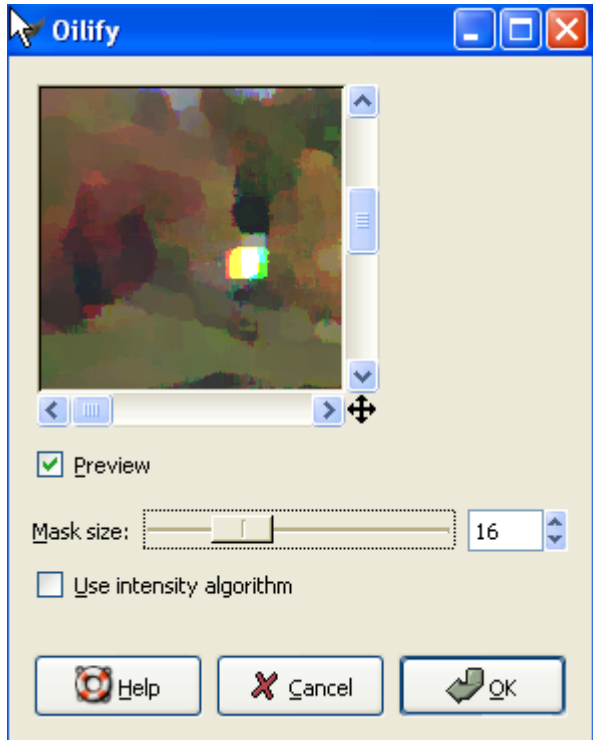
approximately the following:

Move your **mouse** around the **screen** to **smudge** up parts of the scenery – see the following sample:



Filter Watercolor → soften the picture further by:

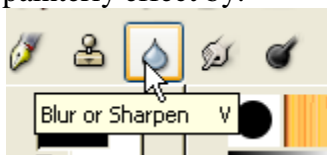
Select **Filter (menu)** – then select **Artistic** – then select **Oilify** - see the following example:



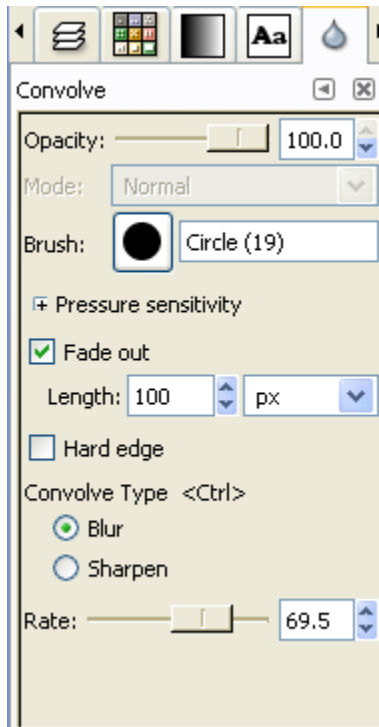
Set the Mask size to @ 16 (again you will need to experiment with the settings to get the desired effect)
Click on **OK** – see the following example:



Blur → add more painterly effect by:



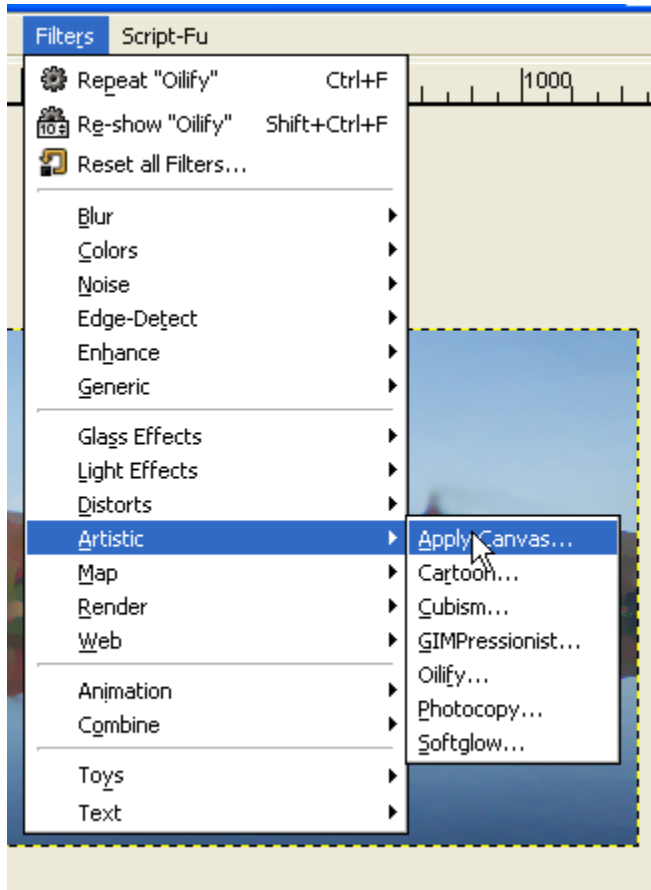
Select **Blur tool** – then use the following sample settings:



Move your **mouse** around the **screen** to **smudge** up parts of the scenery – see the following sample:



Canvas → add a canvas effect by:



Your final work will look like something like this:

