Lightroom Slideshow Workshop

If you want to work on a slide show at the meeting there are a couple of things you will need to do in advance to save time.

1. Choose the photos you want to use in your slide show. This is probably the hardest part! Many people try to include too many images which bores the heck out of viewers. Whittle it down to essentials. Perhaps you have a favorite subject and want to present your best images of it. Maybe you have highlights from a trip or an event that you want to show. Maybe you’d like to produce a photo essay on a topic you’re interested in. Keep it at less than 50 images for now. You can always expand it later. 50 should give you roughly a 6 min. slide show.

2. Your chosen images need to be in a LR collection (not a Smart Collection).

If you don’t know how to create a collection: In the Library module, on the left side below the Folders panel is the Collections panel. There are several ways to create a Collection.

 a. Highlight all the images you want to put in a collection. From the drop down menu “Library” choose New Collection. Or, click on the + sign in the Collections panel. Dialog window will ask you to name it. <Inside a collection set> should be unchecked. <Include selected photos> should be checked. Click ‘create’. The collection will show up in the list in the Collections panel.

 b. Click on the + sign in the collections panel. Dialog box asks you to name the collection. Any photo you have highlighted at the time will start the collection. Now you can drag whatever images you want to include from the preview thumbnail to the collection name in the list to build the collection.

Note: Creating a collection does not move your photos from their folder location, it simply tags them as being part of the collection so they are easily found for viewing as a group.

3. If you want titles or captions to show up in your slide show you must add these to the metadata in the library module. Look for the Metadata panel on the bottom of the right side. For each image, type in a title and/or a caption. This can take quite a bit of time. Not every image needs to be titled or captioned. It is up to you.

4. If you want to have music accompany your slide show, you must have the files on your computer. Consider how long you want your slideshow to be and how many minutes your music lasts. For example: Two 3 minute songs will give you a 6 min. slideshow.