Beckham Digital

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I'm Extremely Merry

Look Out ! - 2019 is on it's way

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Well, here we are again at the end of another year and things are very busy in the Beckham household. We are currently building a brand new web site. One that contains all the necessary security measures that modern browsers demand and that takes time.

It also forces me to look at the content that has been added to our website over the years and to have a bit of a spring clean. There are some old PTE-7 Videos on our site, that will soon be gone.

So, given that I am a little sidetracked at the moment, our December newsletter may be a little lighter than usual.

I have plans next year to boost my Photoshop Creative Cloud content. We have done that this year with Photoshop for Photographers, and also with Layers, Selections and Raw.

However, I would like to look again at Monochrome, Infra Red and Exposure issues are still vital too. Ideas for new subjects are always welcome E-Mail

I will retain a full set of videos on the new website for Photoshop CS-6, but CS-5, CS-4 and CS-3 videos will be archived. They would be available to anyone who wants them, but they will not feature on our website. E-mail if you're interested in these older videos.

We will also look again at Lightroom CC sometime through the year as well, but the big job will be PicturesToExe 10. We expect the new version of this popular software to appear sometime in the new year and testing should begin shortly.

It's my intention to record a complete new set of tutorials once we see what PicturesToExe 10 brings us. Starting with a What's New in PTE 10, quickly followed by our popular Quick Start Guide . Videos for PicturesToExe 8 and 9 will still be available on the new website, but as I said above, PTE-7 videos will be archived.

The new web site will have a quick and easy Newsletter sign up box, which we have not had before. When anyone adds their email address in to the box. An automatic email response is generated for the user to click and validate their request. It's a confirmation to show everything worked fine. I've tested it and it does.

It's all fairly standard stuff that you have probably done many times before. So, if you receive an email from Beckham Digital that

you were not expecting, you'll know everything is safe and secure and it's just us busy working on the new site.

Ps Filter Effects - Video

I've always been a sucker for Photoshop filters. They were the very first thing I experimented with in the very early days of Photoshop about 25 years ago. We still have those same filters in Photoshop today, but did you know that those filters were an added extra back in the early days. From what I recall, they were expensive too.

This is a technique that we can create with just the filters that come as a part of Photoshop, so there's no filter costs here. This was the idea of a friend of mine from those early days of Photoshop, Barry Colquhoun. So, if he happens to see this video he'll know that I'm still giving him credit from all those years ago. He called it DRIE and the letters stood for something, which I have now forgotten.

There are no rights or wrongs with filter effects, but generally speaking start with a fairly bold subject. Images that contain fine detail are less likely to be successful, but that is a generalisation, there are always going to be some exceptions.

We always need to consider image size and resolution when we add filters. Adding filters and textures to a high resolution image and then reducing the size, doesn't always work so well. Even the image above is suffering a little from being shown too small on this page. So, for you to see it a bit larger, click to view the image on Flickr

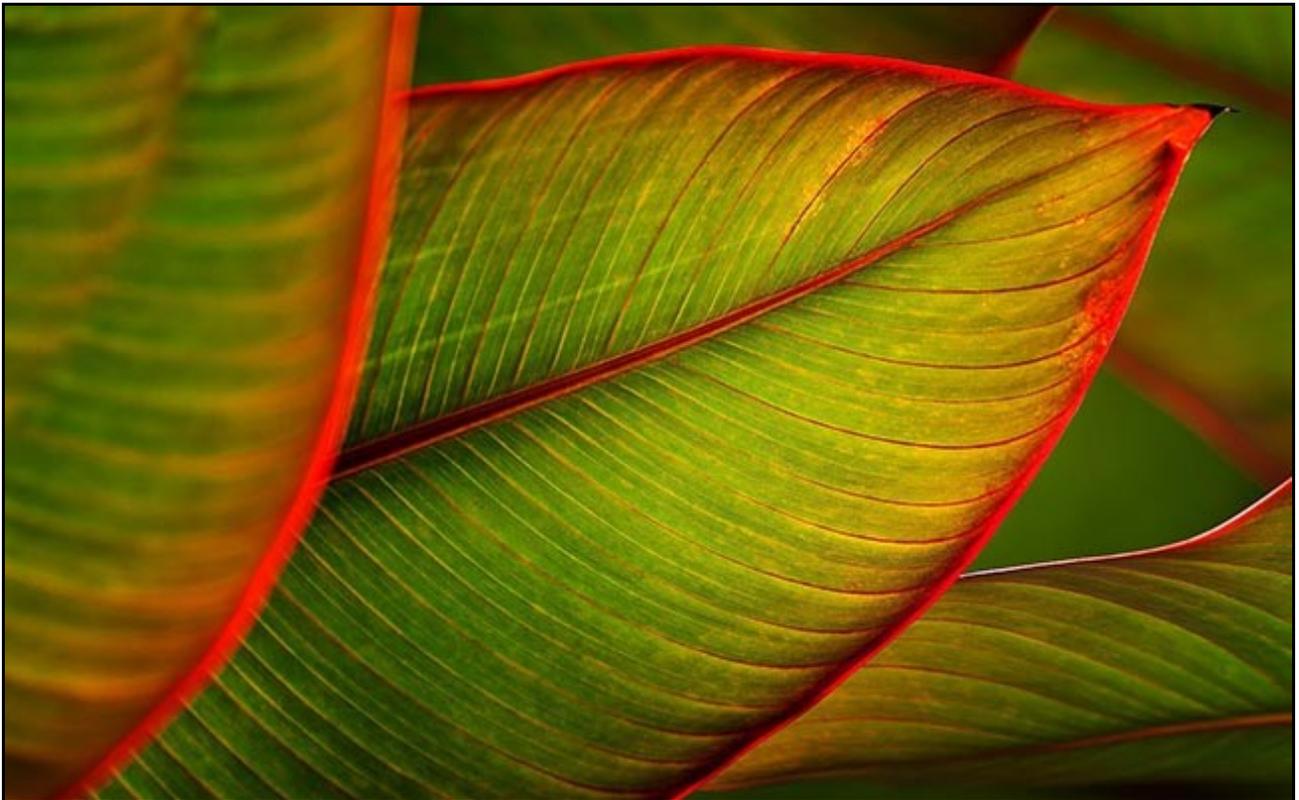## PicturesToExe as HD Mp4 Videos

 Over the fairly recent past, we have seen some pretty rapid changes to the Size and Aspect Ratio of the slide shows we were used to. 1024 pixels by 768px was all our software and computers were capable of only a few years ago, but look where we are now.

16:9 AR is now the standard at HD resolution of 1920*1080. Looking back I feel a little embarrassed that it took me so long to see that the goal posts had moved. The trouble with such rapid change is that it can make earlier shows we made look rather dated. It's like looking at one of those old TV shows that are poor quality and don't now fill our TV screens. Is does date them pretty obviously.

I have stopped making executable files with my slide shows and with the rebuild of our website I am glad that I retained all the project files and images for some of the older presentations I've made. This has allowed me to convert all the PicturesToExe slide shows that I am preparing to put into the new website into HD Mp4 videos.

What I like about a 16:9 Aspect Ratio Mp4 videos is the universal nature of them and the fact that they comfortably meet the image quality needs that I demand for any presentation I make. Every one of them has been created at 60p and you may want to try one of my older shows as a 60p Mpf Video. It's called **Botanical Artistry**.

This slide show did receive an award in an Audio Visual competition and it contains subtle bits of movement, about 4 minutes in towards the end of the sequence. You will find the links below, but if you choose the YouTube option, make sure you set your YouTube Quality to 1080p. It's worth another view even if you have seen it before, because this time you can view it as a 60p HD video and consider the quality.
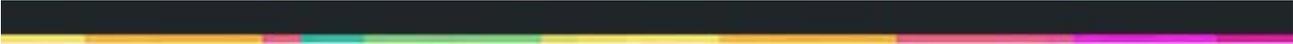
You can download it from my website HERE

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Remember, you can download a trial version of PicturesToExe and try before you buy. Try it HERE

Merry Christmas and a happy new year

PS. For anyone having difficulty getting onto our forum at
www.beckhamdigital.com.au
I have logged the fault and I'm trying to get the boffin's to apply a little urgency. Normal service will be resumed asap.

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