

Sizing an Image for DCC (or CICC) Competition:

The projector used at DCC has a resolution of 1024 pixels by 768 pixels; thus all images projected must fit into a box with those dimensions. Thus to compete in our competition (as well as CICC competitions), you must reduce the size of your image. Here's how!

Resizing an image in Photoshop Elements:

1. After making all other changes you plan to make with the program (color saturation, lighting, sizing, etc), finish with the following steps:
From the menu select Image/Resize/ Image size.
2. Check "Constrain Proportions" and "Resample Image"
3. Enter 72 ppi as Resolution.
4. For a horizontal image, enter 1024 pixels as Width; the Height will automatically be adjusted.
5. For a vertical image, adjust the Height to 768 pixels; again the Width will automatically be adjusted. If Height is greater than 768 pixels, reduce it to 768 pixels (which will also reduce Width).
6. Click OK. The image on the screen will appear much smaller (I then re-sharpen my images by clicking on Filter / Sharpen / Unsharp Mask on the tool bar at the top of the screen).
7. Click on Save As.
8. Name your image, make sure it is in JPEG format, and check "As a Copy." Click on Save.
9. The next screen is entitled JPEG Options. Notice the projected Size of the image at the bottom of the screen (the first part of this is the size). The attached document shows the screen. You can change this number by moving the slider under "Image Options" back and forth.

Move it until the size comes as close to the maximum size allotted (without going over). Click OK.
10. When I click to close the window, a dialogue box appears which asks: *Save changes to the Adobe Photoshop Elements document (----.JPG) before closing?* I click "NO". This leaves my original the way it was and keeps an extra resized copy in the folder. Your image should now fit the entry requirements for the contest.