

Looking Good on a Budget
NHLA 2008

Recommended Reading:

Design Basics Index, by Jim Krause. HOW Design Books, c2004. ISBN 1581805012
The Artist's Guide to GIMP Effects, by Michael J. Hammel. No Starch Press, c2007.
ISBN 9781593271213

Software:

Open Source

- 1) Open Office – complete office suite, including a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation package, database and OpenOffice Draw

website and download: www.openoffice.org

- 2) GIMP – full featured pixel-based graphics and photo editor

website and download: www.gimp.org

user manual: <http://docs.gimp.org/en/>

- 3) Inkscape – Vector graphics package

website and download: www.inkscape.org

.pdf guide to Inkscape: <http://tavmjong.free.fr/INKSCAPE/>

- 4) Scribus – Desktop publishing program

website and download: www.scribus.net

Postscript interpreter (**necessary for Scribus to work properly**): <http://ghostscript.com/awki>

instructions & tutorials: <http://docs.scribus.net/>

Scribus Wiki: http://wiki.scribus.net/index.php/Main_Page

- 5) Kompozer – Web page editor (update to NVU)

website and download: <http://www.kompozer.net/>

- 6) AbiWord – full featured, fast word processor

website and download: <http://www.abisource.com/>

Free (closed source)

- 1) IrfanView – Image Viewer and converter

website and download: <http://www.irfanview.com/>

Note – be sure to get the free plugins as well

- 2) Primo32 – PDF printer driver

website and download: <http://www.primopdf.com/>

- 3) FastStone Image Viewer – photo organizer and editor

website and download: <http://www.faststone.org/FSViewerDetail.htm>

Photography and Image Sources

<http://www.flickr.com/creativecommons/>

Creative Commons licensed images – search under “Attribution license”

<http://www.clker.com/>

Royalty free vector clip art – over 15,000 images

<http://www.openclipart.org/>

Open Clip Art Library – over 7,000 images

<http://www.istockphoto.com/index.php>

“Micro stock” photo agency with poster-quality images for \$5 each

<http://www.mpix.com/>

When you need BIG posters – 20” x 30” prints can be made from OpenOffice Draw files at a cost of around \$25 (email me for instructions – use GIMP and Adobe Reader version 8)

Note: Those in attendance who do not have a fast Internet connection may request a free CD-ROM containing the above programs from deifert@hampton.lib.nh.us. The software is known to work properly under Windows XP, with versions of the open-source programs available for both Macintosh and Linux platforms.