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GIMP Photo Editing Software

If you'd like to use photo editing software similar to the tools and options available in Photoshop but don't want to spend the money for either Photoshop or Photoshop Elements, you should definitely try out GIMP.

GIMP is free software available for Windows, Mac, and Linux. It is popular with users of Linux since it can be difficult to get Photoshop to work on Linux and many of the Linux users also support the use of open-source software. I've heard good things about

GIMP over the years, but only installed it on my computer to take a look at the functionality this month to decide if I should recommend it.

I was completely blown away by all of the options available. Cloning and healing tools can be used to remove objects from images.

Images can be lightened or darkened and contrast can be adjusted with levels and curves. Dodging and burning (typical darkroom exposure corrections) tools are also

available.

The history panel allows you to undo edits that you decide you don't want. But while Picasa automatically saves your original, if you choose to save an image when using GIMP, you should choose a new file name to prevent your original photo from being overwritten.

You can download GIMP for your operating system at <http://www.gimp.org/>

Striped Hairstreak (*Strymon liparops*)

This rare butterfly was found on the High Ridge Trail in Rock Bridge Memorial State Park on June 18, 2011.



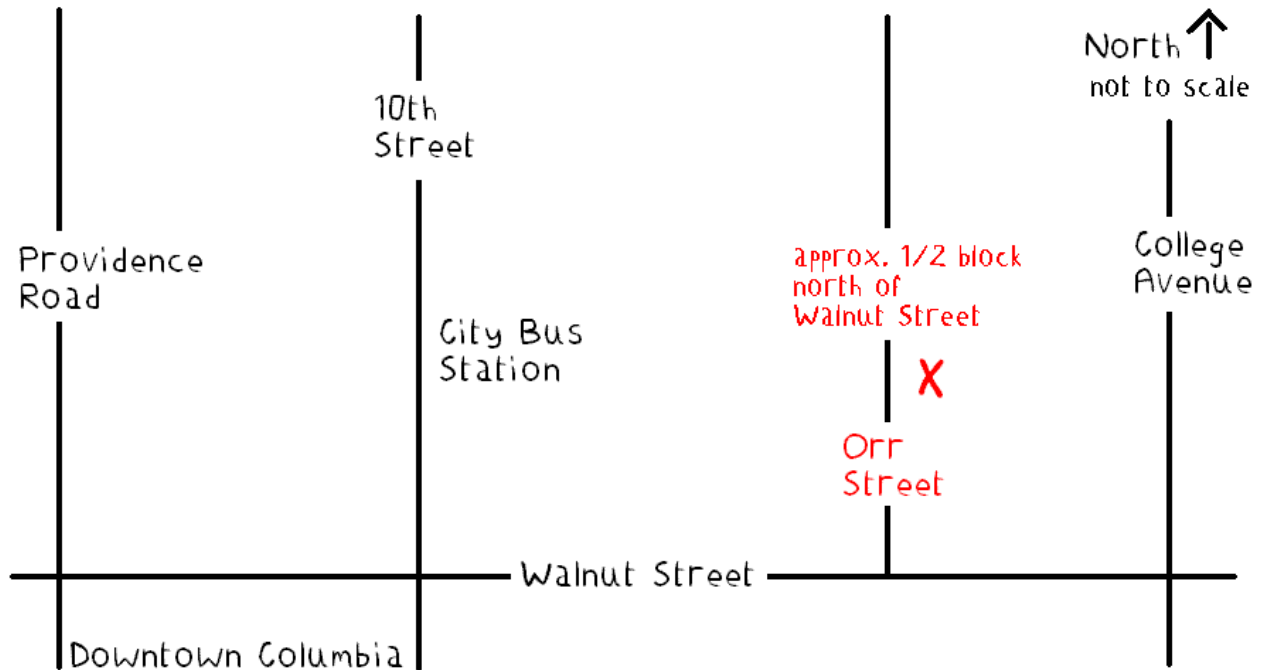
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Artrageous Friday

July 22, 2011

Prices on all prints (including framed prints) have been reduced by 50% to make room for new prints in the fall.



Six-banded Longhorn Beetle (*Dryobius sexnotatus*)

On June 20, I found an attractive longhorn beetle at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park in the parking lot for the High Ridge Trail / Gans Creek Wild Area.

This beetle uses very large, old maple trees in old-growth forests. Entomologists were reporting noticeable population declines as early as 1942.



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Cicadas

Who else is already anxiously awaiting June 2015 when the 17-year Periodical Cicadas will emerge?

If you missed the Saturday morning science presentation *Decoding the Din: Songs, Sex, and Speciation* in Periodical Cicadas by David Marshall you can download the video at <http://satscience.missouri.edu/multimedia.php>.

I have a selection of my cicada images from this summer on my website. They are also available as a set of ten 3" x 4" glossy cards with captions. Any of them are also available as archival matte prints.

<http://donnabrunet.com/pages/prints/cicadas/index.html>

Photograph or Computer Generated Image?

Thought I'd pass along a link to an interesting quiz. Ten images, some are real photographs, others are computer generated images. You need to guess which images were made with a camera.

It's on the Autodesk website - they make software used in architecture, engineering, and entertainment.

<http://area.autodesk.com/fakeorfoto>



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While there is perhaps a province in which the photograph can tell us nothing more than what we see with our own eyes, there is another in which it proves to us how little our eyes permit us to see.

- Dorothea Lange

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