Photos to Fine Art:
A Transformation with Corel Painter

Discover how Corel Painter™ can help you transform your photographs into works of fine art that can be printed on beautiful canvas.

Tanya Lux

Do this with Tanya Lux who took on her full time Product Specialist position with COREL in 2002, based in Chicago, Ill.

Painter is the only digital imaging software that gives you the power of over 800 natural media brushes by default — without relying solely on "canned" filters or scripts.

Her background includes years of work as a designer, an art director and software trainer.

This experience has allowed her to work with, and to train on, a variety of design-based software applications.

She has conducted hundreds of seminars and training sessions in the U.S., Canada, and Asia focusing on many design and development topics.

Her experience allows her to bring practical design knowledge to the world of digital art.

"As far as my position with Corel, I'm required to train on and show all Corel products.

"Although they call us product specialists we don't specialize in any one," she said.

"But, I was also a trainer for Metacreations, who originally owned Painter, and was teaching people how to use it back then," Lux said.

She said the only people who show and train on Painter are she and Wes Pack at Corel, so in a sense she is one of the two specialists for Painter.

"We do customized training for people like Disney, The Art Institutes, International Photographic Arts School, Professional Photographers of America affiliate schools and more.

"We also attend large digital shows like Photoshop World, National Educational Computing Conference, Macworld, etc. to hold training classes introducing people to Painter," she said.

Next year the pair is slated to speak at many Professional Photography groups such as the Photography Society of America and Professional Photographers of Indiana with more being added to the schedule daily because of the popularity of Painter.

This program will focus on a variety of natural media techniques and shortcuts for hand painting your photographs.

"You will learn how to blend photo subjects into beautiful painted backgrounds, hand paint hair, skin and fur to reflect photo realism, and how to quickly create sketches and loose paintings that reflect a more artistic attitude," Lux said.

The end result will be a better understanding of Painter's capabilities and an insight into the meshing of the natural world with the digital, she said.

Italian Villa - Before Painter (top) and After Painter (Bottom)

Purple Flower - Before Painter (top) and After Painter (Bottom)