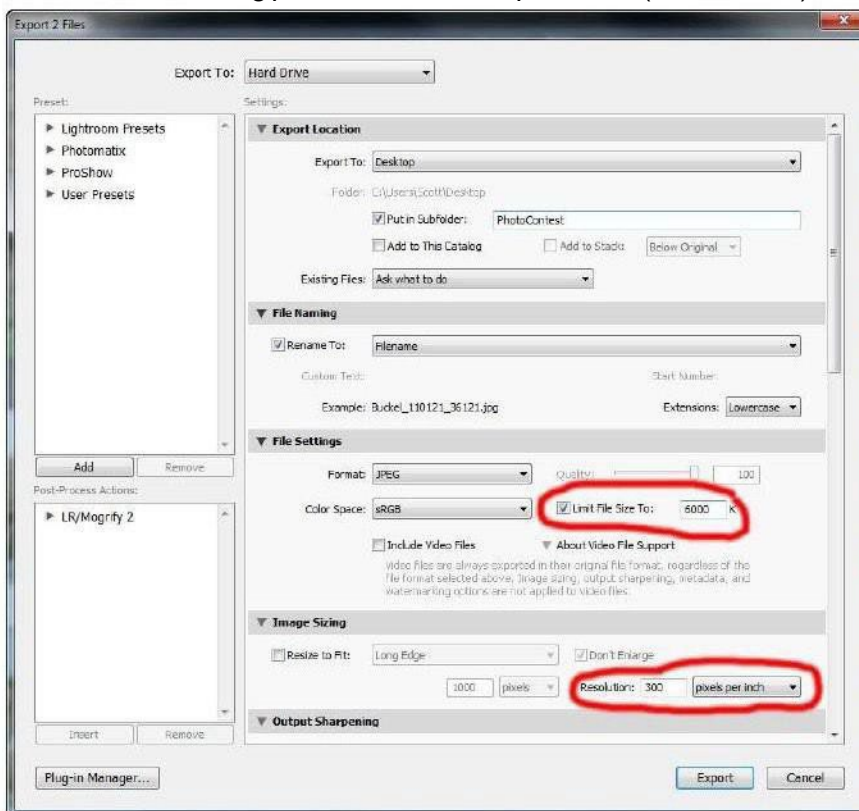# Preparing Your Entry for the FeatherFest Photo Contest

Due to the needs of The Daily News, there are some very specific format needs for possible publication of your photo. Photos must be in JPEG format at 300dpi, and not larger than 10MB. To ensure the highest quality of your image, you should not reduce the size of the image and use a minimal amount of cropping.

These requirements can be verified and modified using several different computer applications such as Lightroom, Photoshop, Photoshop Elements and GIMP. GIMP is a free open-source image processing program while Photoshop is not. A number of different applications can be used to set the resolution and size the image, and most will use similar steps as described below. If you have questions about getting your images ready for submission, feel free to send an email to FeatherFestPhotoFest@gmail.com.

Using Lightroom:

1. Optimize your images within the rules.
2. Select the images for submission.
3. Click File → Export
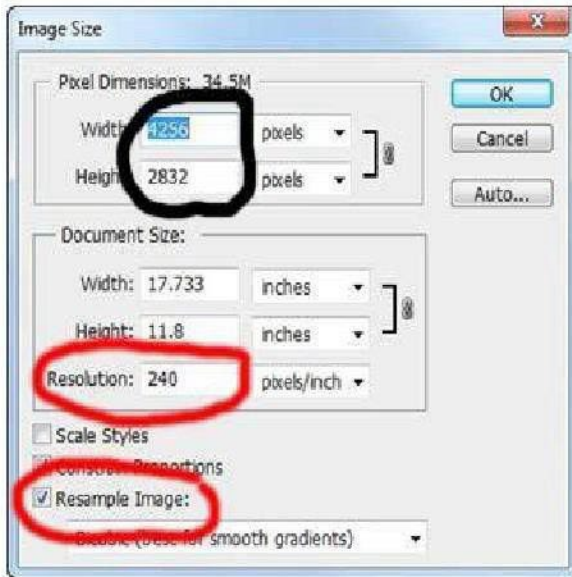4. Make sure the following parameters in the Export Menu (circled in red):

5. In the File Settings submenu, limit the File Size to 10,000K.
6. In the Image Sizing submenu, set the resolution to 300 pixels per inch.
7. In the filename submenu, set the filename to be the same as the title of the photo. *You should **not** include your name in the filename or title of the photo.*
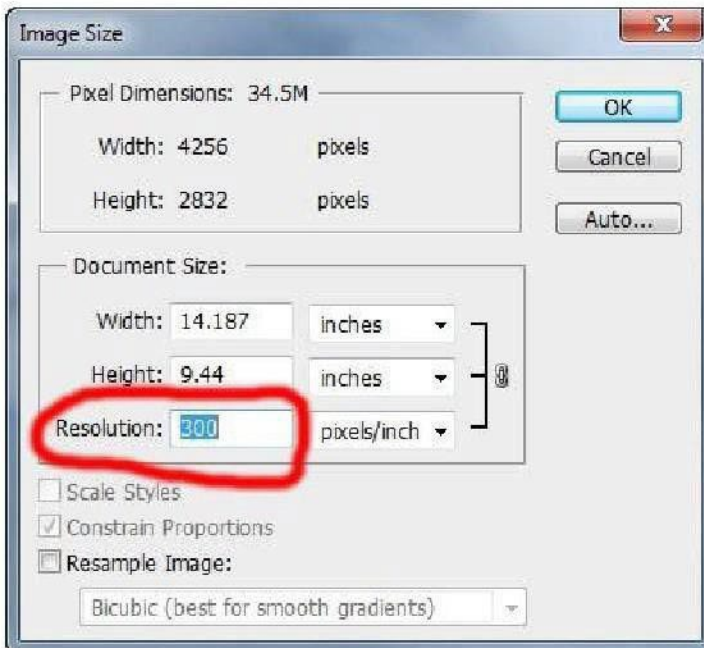8. Then click Export.

   It is a good practice to export your images to a folder that can be set in the Export Location submenu.

   If you want to do this multiple times, you can also save these parameters as a preset.

Using Photoshop:
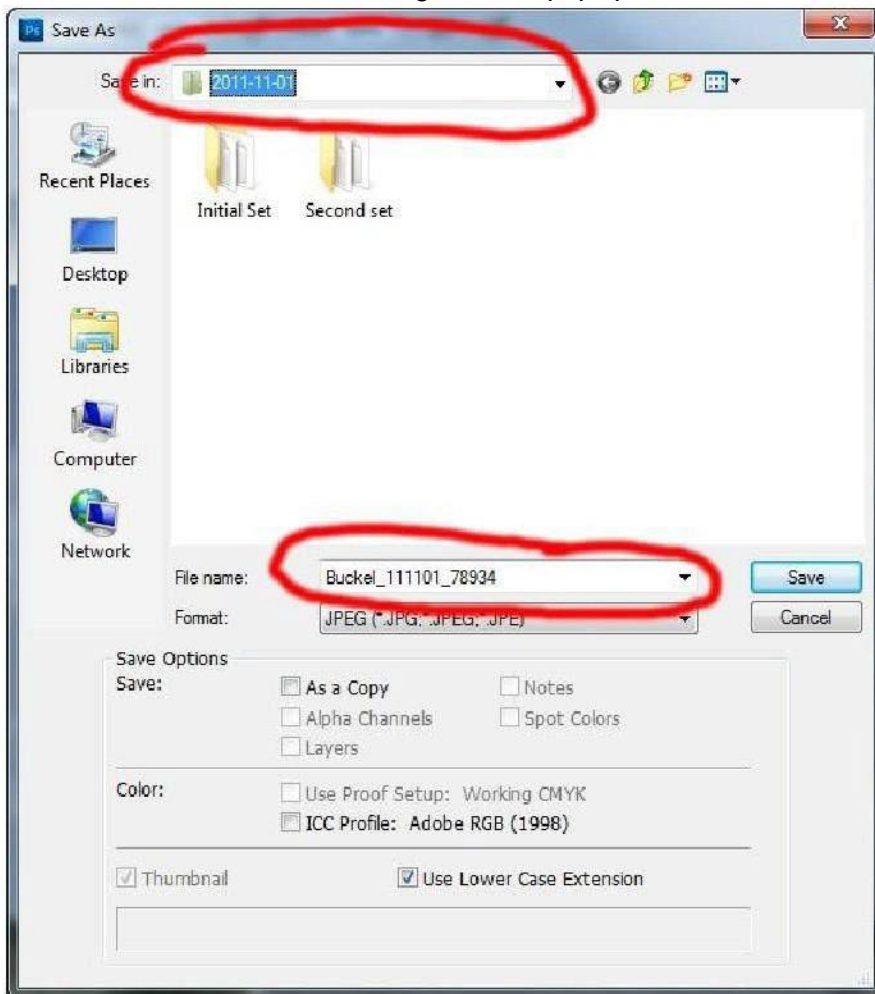
1. Optimize your image within the contest rules.
2. Check to determine the size and resolution of the image, click Image →Image Size and the following menu will pop up:
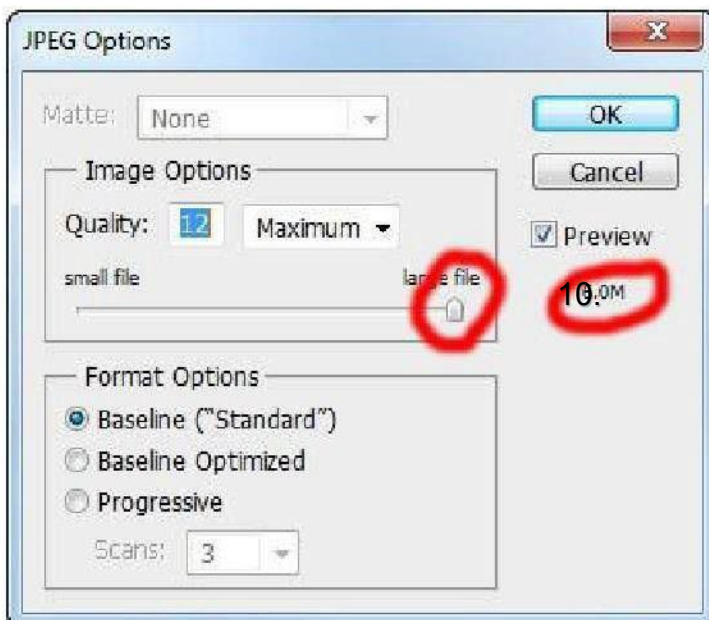

3. If the number in the Resolution box is not 300, then make sure that the Resample Image box is unchecked. Be sure the pixel dimensions are all greater than 1800 pixels. If the resolution is 300 pixels/inch, skip to step 5.
4. Enter 300 into the Resolution box and click OK.

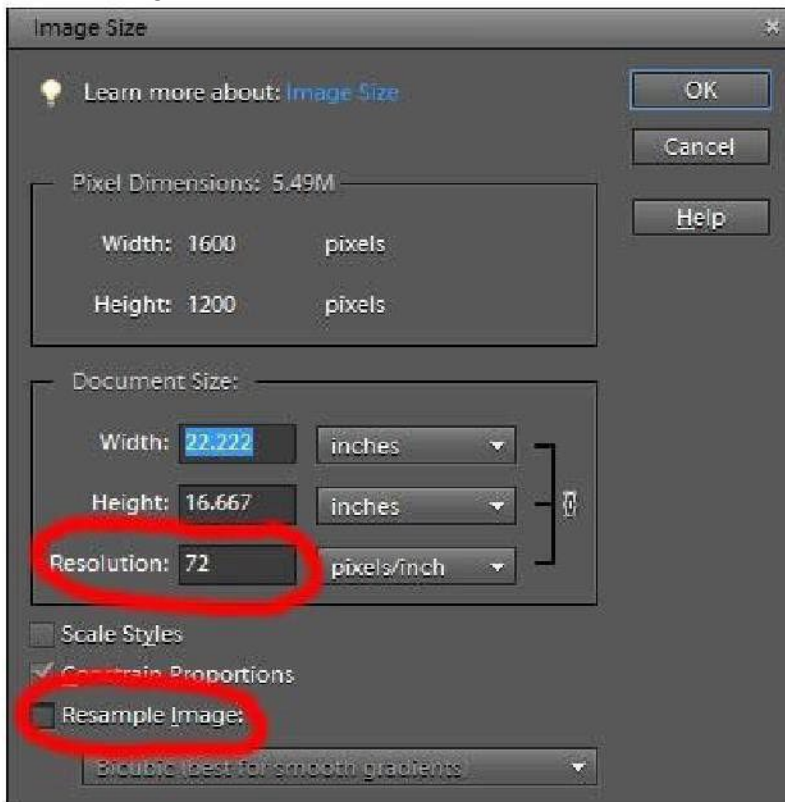5. Click File →Save As and the following menu will pop up:

5. Change the filename to be the same as the title of the photo or save it to a different location. Then click Save. *You should __not__ include your name in the filename or title of the photo.*

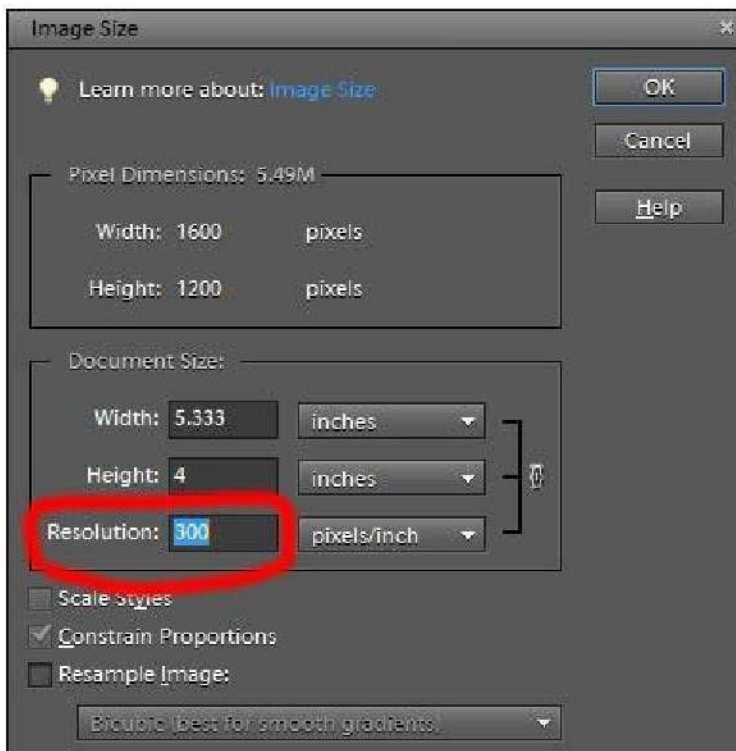6. Once the Save button is clicked, the following JPEG Options menu will pop up:

Check to make sure that the number below the Preview Check box is less than or equal to 10.0M. If the value is greater than 10.0M, slide the Image Options Slider until the number is less than or equal to 10.0M. Then click OK.
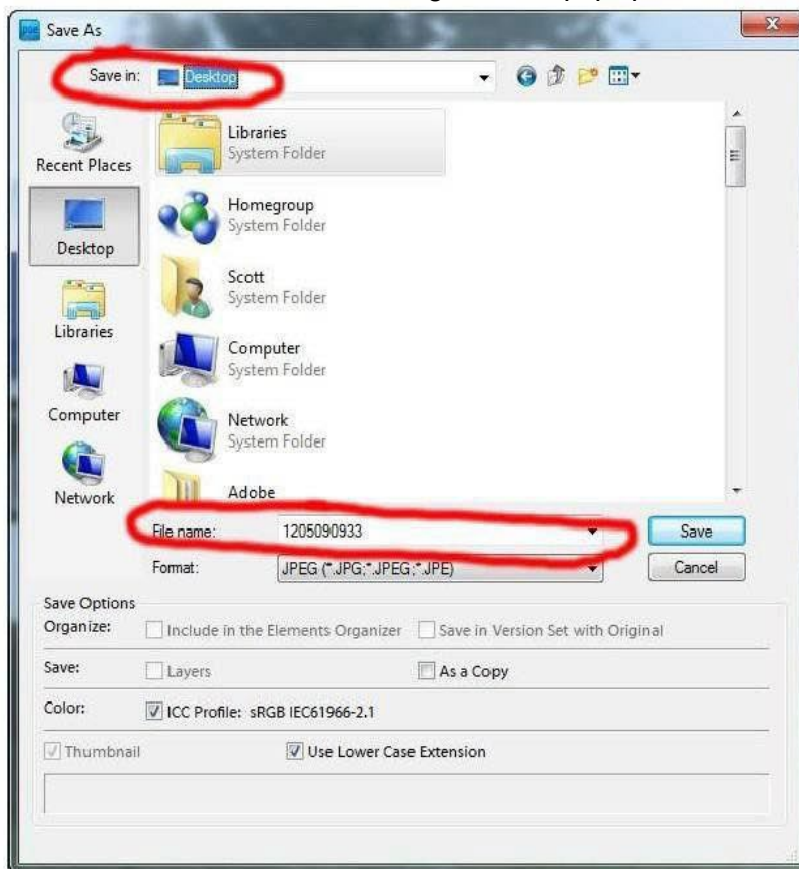
Using Photoshop Elements:

1. Optimize your image to your images.
2. Check to determine the size and resolution of the image, click Image →Resize →Image Size and the following menu will pop up:

3. If the number in the Resolution box is not 300, then make sure that the Resample Image box is unchecked. If the resolution is 300 pixels/inch, skip to step 5. Please note that the example image is too small for submission to the contest.
4. Enter 300 into the Resolution box and click OK

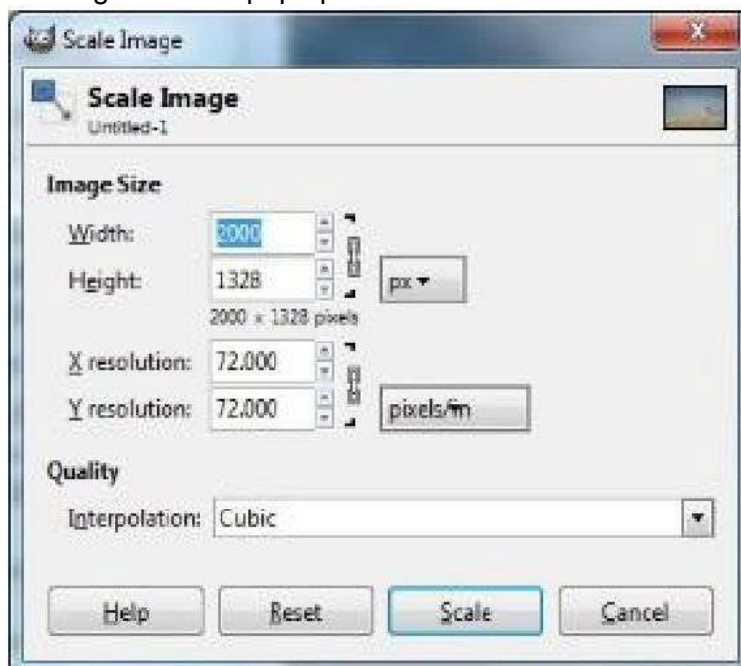5. Go to File →Save As and the following menu will pop up:

Change the name of the file to be the same as the title of the photo. Then click Save. ***You should <u>not</u> include your name in the file name or title of the photo.***

5. Once the Save button is clicked, the following JPEG Options menu will pop up:

Check to make sure that the number below the Preview Check box is less than or equal to 10.0M. If the value is greater than 10.0M, slide the Image Options Slider until the number is less than or equal to 10.0M. Then click OK.
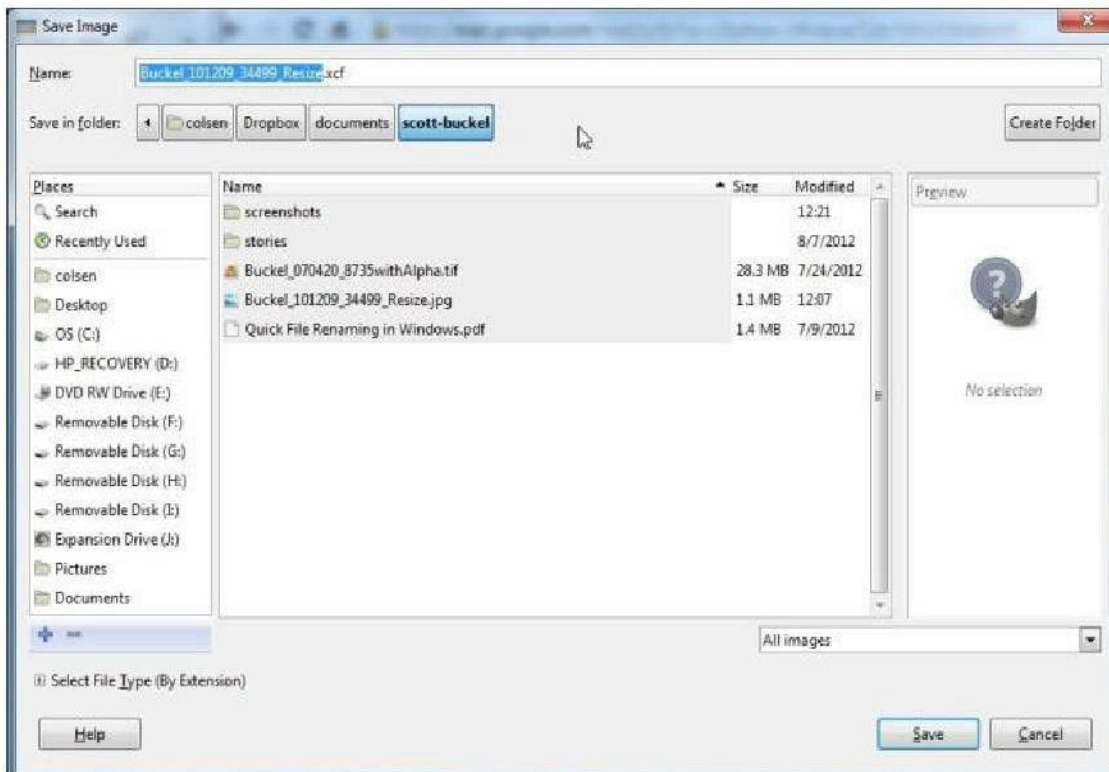
Using GIMP:
1. Optimize your image within the contest rules.
2. Check to determine the size and resolution of the image, click Image →Scale Image and the following menu will pop up:
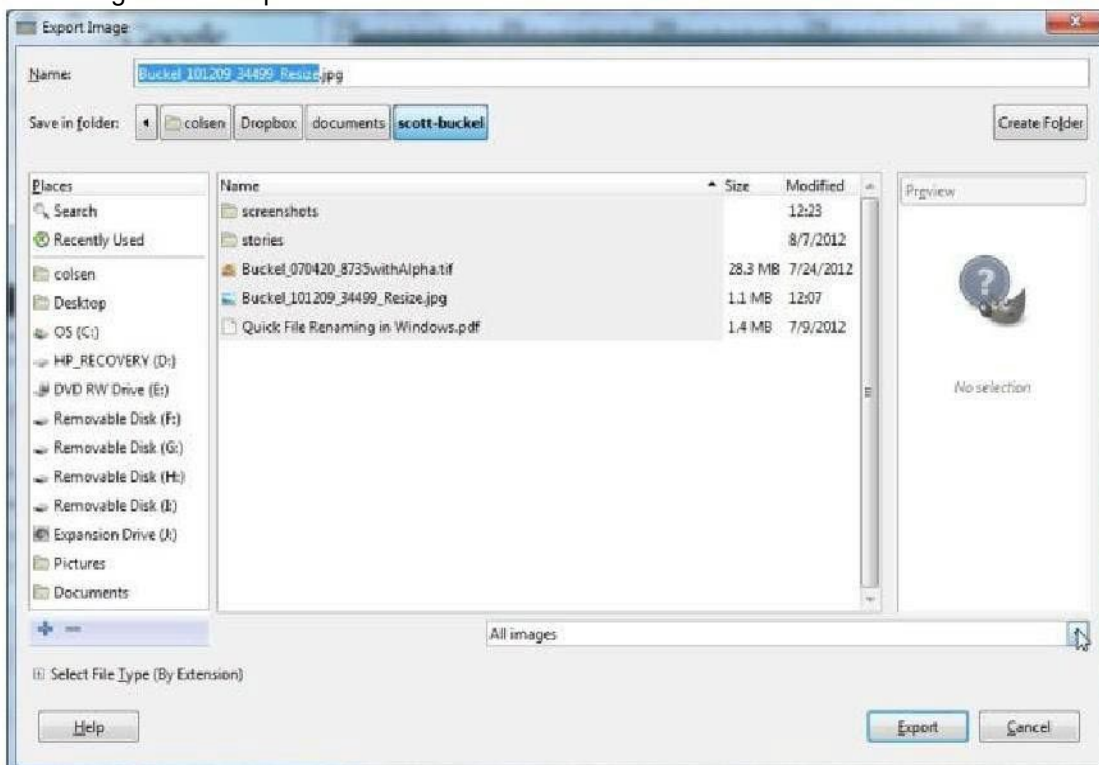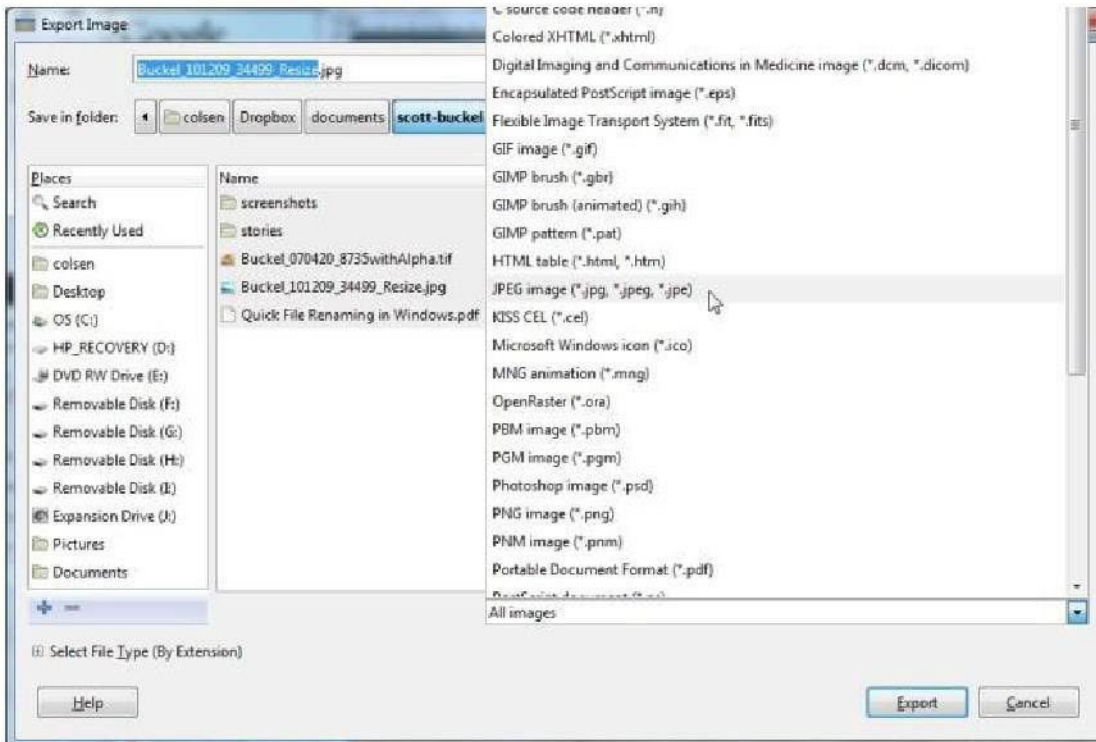
3. Check to make sure that both numbers in the x and y resolution boxes are 300. If the resolution is 300 pixels/inch, click on scale and skip to step 5. Otherwise enter 300 into the Resolution box and click Scale.

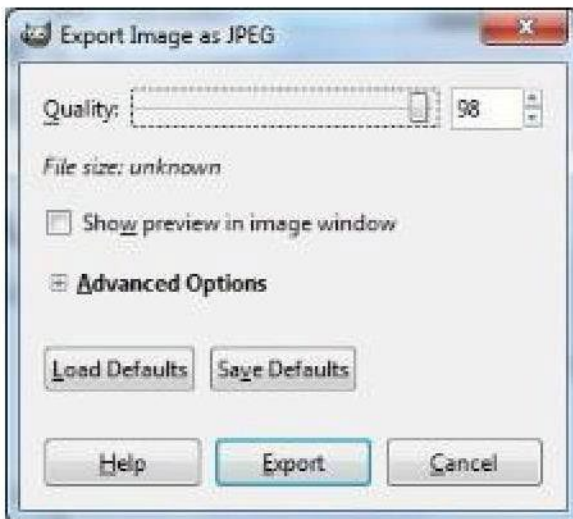4. Click File → Save As and the following menu will pop up:

Change the name of the file to be the same as the title of the photo then click Save. **You should _not include_ your name in the filename or title of the photo.** Then click Save. Next click File →Export and the following menu will open:

5. Click the down arrow to the right of the field and the following menu will appear:

7. Click JPEG image and then click Export and the export image menu will appear. Adjust the size of the image by watching the File Size, and then click on Export:

We hope you found this tutorial useful. Thank you for participating in the FeatherFest 2025 Photo Contest.

Good luck!