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Software: Picasa

Subject: Soft Focus

Soft Focus

1. Open Picasa
2. Find the photo in the library that you want to tune-up
3. Double click the photo to open it for editing
4. Click on the Effects Tab
5. Click on the "soft focus" tool
 - a. This places a green target on your photo , typically in the middle
 - b. Move this target with your mouse to the area you want to be IN FOCUS
 - i. The size slide will control the area IN FOCUS
 1. Slide the slider left for a very small area
 2. Slide the slider right for a larger area
 - ii. The amount slide controls how "blurry" the rest of the photo is
 - c. Click "apply" to remove the green target from the photo and see the results
 - d. If you do not like the results, you can always "undo" the effect with the "undo soft focus" button
 - e. Don't forget to save the changes you've made to permanently apply the changes before distributing, e-mailing, printing, or exporting the photo

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