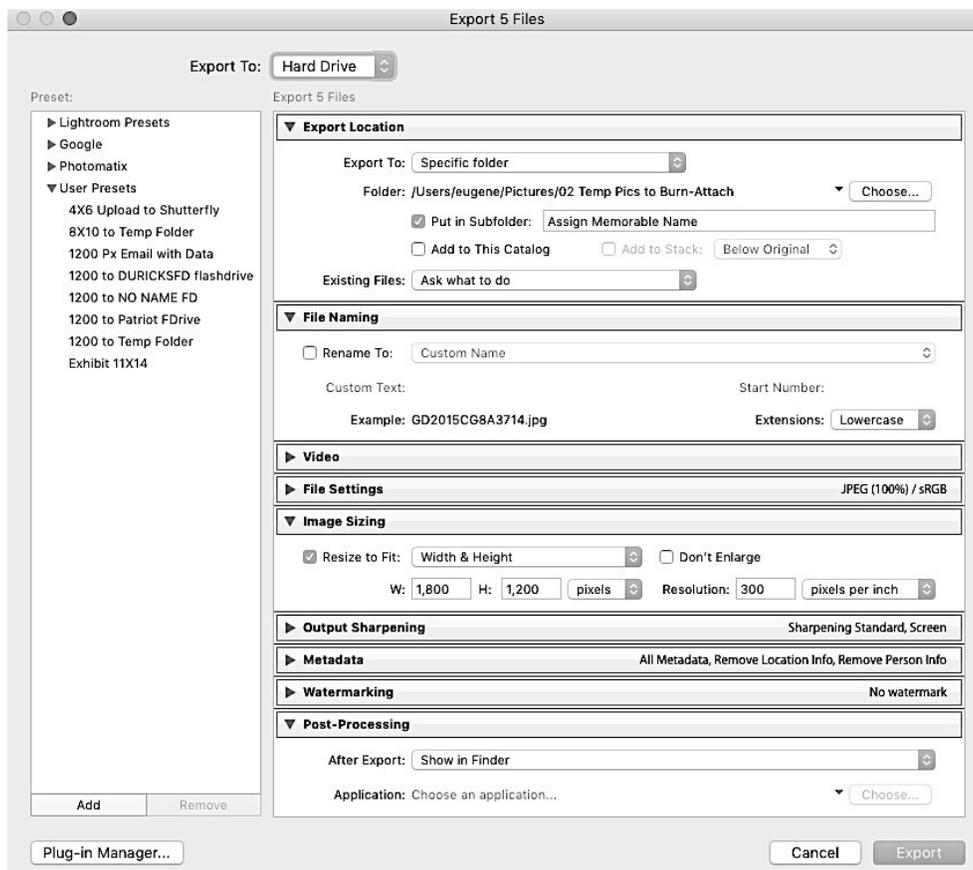# How to Resize an Image in Lightroom Using "Export"

- Most websites won't accept large images.
- Making images smaller will actually make them look better, if done correctly.
- Some websites (Facebook) will down-size images for you, automatically lowering the resolution and quality of those images
- **The image Resizing Process using "Export"**
  1 Select the images you want to export out of Lightroom then click on the Export Button bottom of the screen.

Figure 1: Export from Library Module

  2 The Export Window will come up that looks like Figure 2 below

Figure 2: Export Window

3   **Export Location - Destination:**
1. **Export To:** Select "Specific Folder" from dropdown ("Desktop" works well too)
2. **Choose…** the Destination folder for the exported photos using **Export To pop-up menu (**Dropdown arrow displays previous folders used for Exporting)
3. A Flash-drive can also be selected in this step (must be attached to PC).
4. **Note:** Consider setting up a temporary folder ("Temp Exports") indicating these are files to be deleted after use.
5. **Optiona**l: Select **Put in Subfolder** to have photos sent to a subfolder within destination folder. Type the name for the sub folder (will display last sub-folder used).
6. **Existing Files**: Choose **Ask What to Do** if a file with the same name already exists.

4   **Image Sizing** — refers to the pixel dimensions of the photo.
1. **Resize to Fit**: Sets a max size for the width or height of photos which determines how many pixels the photos have & specifies the fineness of detail.
2. Can be set in inches, centimeters or pixels
   - **Width & Height** – Resized to fit within retaining original aspect ratio.
   - **Dimensions** - Applies the higher value to the longer edge of the photo and the lower value to the shorter edge regardless of the photo's original aspect ratio.
   - **Long Edge & Short Edge**: Applies the value to the long or short edge of the photo and uses the original aspect ratio of the photo to calculate the other edge.
   - **Megapixels** – Sets the number of megapixels & resolution (in dots/inch) of the exported photo.
   - **Percentage** – Sets from zero to 100% of image
3. **Don't Enlarge**: disregards settings that would enlarge the photo.
4. See some sample sizes below:
   - **4X6 Print** – Dimension 4"x6" at 300ppi, format JPEG, **1200 x 1800 pixels**
   - **8X10 Print** – Dimension 8"x10" at 300ppi, format JPEG, **2400 x 3000 pixels**
   - **11X14 Print** – Dimension 11" x 14" at 300ppi, format JPEG, **3300 x 4200 pixels**
   - **Full Resolution Master** – uncheck Resize to Fit, format TIFF/PSD or JPEG quality 100
5. **Export Button –** Click on when done filling out fields