

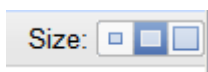
Tips on Using Picasa

A major benefit of using an image storage service, such as Google's Picasa is that it will allow for almost unlimited storage. That permits the Guild pictures to be 'full size' allowing for great detail when you want to see a pattern or weaving 'close up'. If you're using a slow, dial-up connection, be sure to see the Dial Up considerations at the end of this document.

Getting Started

When you click the link on [Past Events Pics](#), you will see a screen similar to the following. If your PC prompts you about ActiveX controls, tell it OK.

The screenshot shows a Picasa Web Albums interface. At the top, there are navigation links: [Gmail](#), [Calendar](#), [Documents](#), [Photos](#), [Reader](#), [Web](#), and [more](#). On the right, there are links for [Blog](#), [Help](#), [Sign In](#), and [Sign up for Picasa Web Albums](#). The main header includes the Picasa logo and the text "Web Albums" with a [View Order](#) link. Below this, the gallery title is "jerry's Public Gallery » Woodstock Weavers Guild - March 2008 ...". A search bar contains "Community Photos" and a "Search Photos" button. The main content area features a large thumbnail on the left and a grid of smaller thumbnails on the right. The large thumbnail shows a colorful woven textile. Below it, the text reads: "Woodstock Weavers Guild - March 2008 Meeting & Color Study Group", "Photos: 43 - 15 MB", "Mar 6, 2008", and "Unlisted". A description follows: "Weather FINALLY allowed us to hold a meeting. We learned all about 'Sett', had a good lunch at Vaughn's Chicken place, followed by our Color Study at the Fold." At the bottom left of the gallery, there is a "Download Picasa" link with the Picasa logo. The right side of the gallery has a "Size:" control with three buttons (small, medium, large) and a "Slideshow" button.



Near the upper right corner of the screen are 3 size buttons. These determine the size of the thumbnail pictures you view. The default is 'medium'; the 'large' size allows you to see some detail of the images.

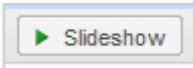
A single left mouse click on an image will enlarge the single picture for more detail as shown below.



Then a click on the 'magnifying glass' near the upper right corner of the screen will 'enlarge' the image to its' full size. If you position your mouse cursor inside the image, the pointer will change to an up-down/left-right arrow. Hold your left mouse button down and you can 'slide ' or pan the full size image to a portion you want to see.

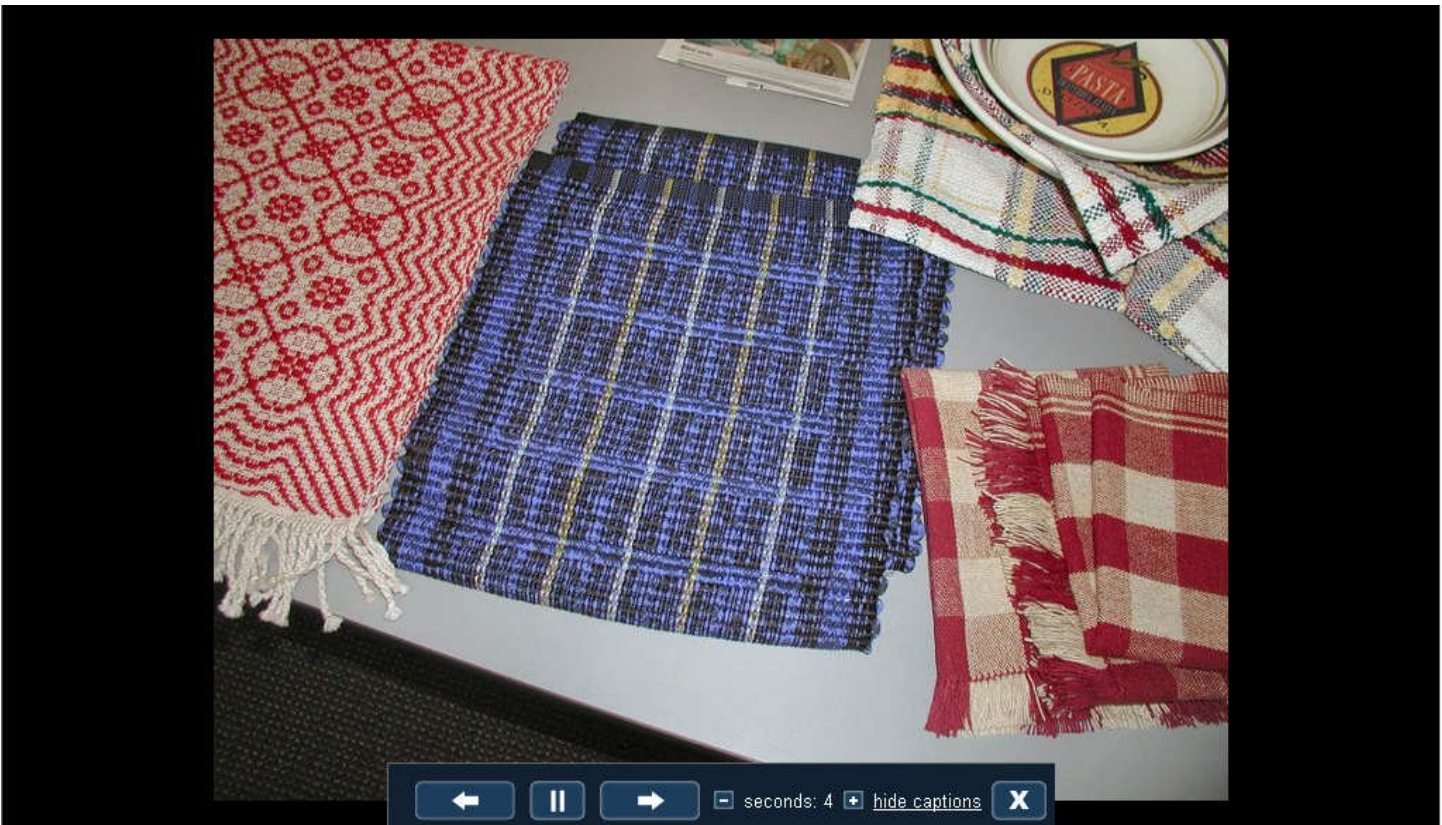
You can also right click the image and do a 'Save As' if you want to store a copy of the image on your PC for later viewing or printing.

Clicking on the 'View Album' button will return you to the main thumbnail screen.



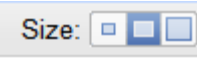
Clicking the 'Slideshow' button near upper left of the main thumbnail screen will produce the screen below. This will display each image in turn automatically. You can change the length of time each image is displayed. And, you can quit the slide show by clicking the 'X' button or by pressing the ESC key.

If you move your cursor completely out of the image area, the navigation panel will disappear. Moving your cursor back into the image area will restore it.



Dial Up Considerations

Unfortunately, if you need to use a dial-up connection, this process will be SLOW. So, when you first click the [Past Events Pics](#) link, and Picasa begins to 'display'

the images, make sure you click the  'large' size button, so that you will see the larger thumbnails first. Should you let the medium size thumbnails all display and then click the 'large' size button, all the images will have to reload a larger size which takes a lot more time.

Problems or Questions?

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