Making a ClarisWorks Slide Show

A good slide show will do the following:

Make a good impression
Get your meaning across
Present good structure for a complex content

Procedures:

1. Open a ClarisWorks DRAWING document.
2. Select DOCUMENT from the FORMAT menu. In the blank where it says "Pages across", fill in the number of frames your slide show will take. Click OK.
3. Select PAGE VIEW from the VIEW (or Window) menu.
4. Select PAGE SET UP from the File menu. Click the sideways picture (landscape) for a landscape page.
5. Click at the small mountains at the bottom left to resize the screen so that you can see the entire page.
6. Select TURN GRID OFF from the OPTIONS menu.
7. Select EDIT MASTER PAGE from the OPTIONS menu.
8. You are now ready to create the BACKGROUND. The background will show up on every frame of your slide show, so it should not detract from the message. Select the rectangle tool. Drag with the mouse to form a big rectangle to cover the entire page. Apply desired color to the rectangle.
9. Rules of thumb:
   Choose a pleasant background color and graphics objects.
   Choose the big size for text display.
   Use different text styles to differentiate the sequence and importance.
   The most important information should be placed at the most conspicuous location.
   Do not use graphics which are irrelevant to the content.
   Do not jam a screen with too much text information.
10. Turn off the Master Page editing. Unselect EDIT MASTER PAGE from the Option menu.
11. Now, you can design your slides, screen by screen. Use color to your benefit.
12. To play the slide show, select SLIDE SHOW from the VIEW (or Window) menu.
13. Check the boxes (and make sure there are X's in the box) for the following items: Fit to screen, center, fade, loop, and advance, ....
14. Make sure there is no X in the box next to SHOW CURSOR.
15. Choose background and border colors to match your design.
16. Click Start to see the slide show.
17. Press Q to quit the slide show at any time and change what you want. Click Start to see it again.
Challenges:

a. Make a slide show with self-running QuickTime movie. Choose Auto play to run the QuickTime movie automatically.

b. Make animation with the slide show. Choose Advance every 0 seconds.

Evaluation of the slide show:

Is the purpose of the slide show clear?
Does the main idea in each screen catch the audience's eyes?
Is the text readable?
Are the screens too crowded with information?
Do the graphics enhance or detract from the presentation?
Do text and graphics presented offer a reasonable layout?
How many layers of information were presented?
Do the graphics match the contents presented?
Do the colors used in the presentation generate pleasant effects?
What is the overall quality of the presentation?
What else can you do to improve the slide show?