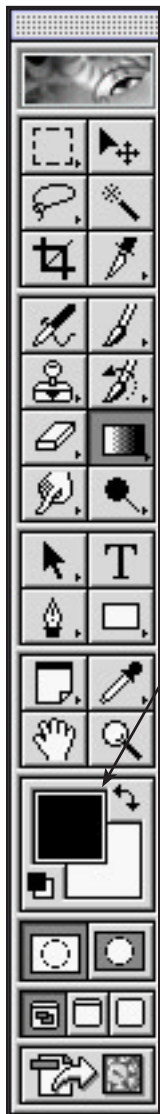


## Using a Layer Mask to fade one image into another



1. Select the Gradient tool
2. Select the gradient shown above. foreground to *transparent*. Make sure it has transparency or this will not work.
3. Make the foreground swatch on the toolbar black.
4. Make sure the layer you want to blend is the active layer and click on the Layer Mask icon at the bottom of the Layers palette.
5. Working from the outer edges of your image in towards the center, use stroking motions to fade the edges of the photo and reveal the image underneath.
6. If you want to make parts visible again simply repeat the process using white as the foreground color
7. You can use a painting tool to paint black or white onto the layer mask. Everywhere you paint white, your picture will show, everywhere you paint with black, it will disappear.
8. You can work on the layer mask, or the actual layer. To switch back and forth, click on the thumbnail of the layer or the mask. The symbols to the left of the thumbnails tell you which is selected. A brush symbol means the layer is selected, a square with a circle inside means the mask is selected.

