

Mellon Grant in Support of Digital Art Exhibition

The Internet is an ecosystem unto itself. The recent withering of dot-com companies underscores that not all publications and services translate to the Internet. However, even while the Earthwebs of this world die, the Internet itself continues to grow. Publications and media that realize the Internet's potential continue to be produced and maintained by scores of people who sense the new roles for readers and creators within Internet-based discourse. A key to understanding and making effective use of the Internet is understanding why the media that nurtures the Internet works, and what that media is in relation to other publication formats.

Toward an aim of broadening the understanding of media made for the digital sphere, I am organizing a "show" on digital art in conjunction with Cathy Tedford. The "show" itself will be a web site about art created specifically for exhibition on the Internet. It will point to and explicate "places" such as Adaweb the Walker Gallery's digital art resource, the Contemporary Art Center a digital art project from the Balkans, digital arts projects from the Tate Gallery and MCA Chicago, as well as other writings and posting from artists and web enthusiasts. Along with this web site we would like to bring in artists to speak about working in and with digital mediums. As fate and proximity would have it, there is a lively digital arts scene in Ottawa. I have contacted two artists, Adrian Göllner and Justin Wonnacott, about coming to speak, and thus make the "show" a show. What I would like to request from Mellon is \$1000 for two \$500 honorariums, and another \$200 for lodging and other incidentals. The inclusion of these two artists is critical toward making the web page and exhibition an event. I think if we can get this exhibition in place it will be a very useful effort in raising information literacy for people from across the St. Lawrence University community

Further information on Mr. Wonnacott's work can be gained from a visit to his web site at <http://infoweb.magi.com/~justinwo/index.html>

Further information on Mr. Gollner's work can be gained from a visit to his web site at <http://www.echelon.ca/agollner/>, and information on Artengine, an web page for visual and media artists based in Canada, can be found at <http://www.artengine.ca/html/index.php>