

**2002 ARLIS/NA-VRA Joint Conference
2001 Nancy DeLaurier Writing Award:
Recipient's Remarks**

I would like to formally express my thanks and appreciation for being awarded the 2001 Nancy DeLaurier Writing Award for my website, "Copyright and Art Issues" <<http://oregon.uoregon.edu/~csundt/cweb.htm>>. Needless to say, I am truly touched and thrilled to be this year's recipient. I am grateful to all who were part of deciding to select me for the honor, especially committee members Jenni Rodda and Mark Pompelia, as well as the VRA Executive Board.

"Copyright and Art Issues" came into being to help my students find their way to basic copyright resources while I was teaching Visual Resources Fundamentals here at the University of Oregon in 1996. It was clear to me in deciding to create a Web-based resource that this would be a much more efficient way to manage information than merely assembling a bibliography of print resources on paper. In other words, this was a good example of how technology could and should be working for us.

The impetus for continuing the site after the course ended was admittedly somewhat selfish. I liked the fact that resources were so easy to access from one place so I thought, why not keep it up as a personal reference and add new links as they became available? What is most interesting to me is that over time the site attracted many other users through the magic of the World Wide Web. I am pleased to know that this simple resource has become a valuable reference tool beyond anything I could have imagined.

I am equally pleased to receive an award named for my mentor Nancy DeLaurier. It was through Nancy that I started writing for the *VRA Bulletin* (in one of its earlier incarnations) and teaching the now legendary summer "Slide Camp." We have indeed come a long way through the years. I am proud to be affiliated with an organization that has truly flourished and is now recognized as a leader equal to or even surpassing some of our peer organizations. I hope that this momentum continues and I know it can under very able leadership and direction.

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