Image Galleries

About

Digital Commons Image Galleries provide a prominent place for faculty, students, and staff to showcase collections that are visual rather than textual in nature. Galleries can include collections of visual content including photographs, artwork, and other scanned images, making them an integral part of repository content. Metadata can be associated with images to enhance searching and retrieval.

Guidelines

Scope of Image Galleries

Digital Commons Image Galleries are best used to display a group of selected images. They are not intended to be the comprehensive archive for an exhaustive collection. Digital Commons Image Galleries are generally to be used to create an online exhibit of visually oriented materials. They are not a suitable platform for social sharing of images, even if the images are of university functions. Images of conference attendees will be displayed with Conferences and Events.

File Types

The Image Galleries support the popular file types including .jpeg, .gif, .tiff, .bmp, and .png.

Size of Images

Ideally, images should be displayed at no more than 470 pixels wide with height adjusted to maintain the aspect ratio.

Metadata

Although Digital Commons cannot embed metadata into the images themselves, metadata can be associated with uploaded images in order to enhance access.

How to Contribute Content

If you, your academic department or institute, or student organization have appropriate

content for a Digital Commons Image Gallery, contact us at digitalcommons@kent.edu. Please have a title in mind for your gallery. University Libraries will discuss options for gallery design with you and will design the gallery set-up with you. We may ask image creators to sign a Permission to Display Faculty Artwork or Permission to Display Student Artwork form. In most situations, our Digital Commons Team will upload images for you, using content and metadata that you provide. Options for display include Slideshow and Content Carousel displays, as well as default grid and list views. External web site links can be included in the sidebar of your image gallery.

Examples

The Borowitz Collection Gallery is an example of a Digital Commons Image Gallery hosted by Digital Commons @ Kent State University Libaries: http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/borowitz/

Here are links to examples of Image Galleries from other institutions, each using a different type of visual content display:
Art – Terry O'Day Gallery - http://commons.pacificu.edu/todayg1/index.html
Archival **Scans** – Oregon Wine History Project – Amity Vineyards Archival Documents - http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/amity_docs/
Photographs – Cal Poly Public Affairs Image Gallery - http://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/pao_img/