From the Desk of Gail Wellington

This is not deja vu; it is not even an old issue of Amiga Mail. It's Gail Wellington, back in CATS and enjoying the privilege of sharing a few thoughts with you again.

Having been singularly focused on CDTV for over two years, it is wonderful to be able to spend more time on the broader picture of Amiga developments. I am enjoying using an Amiga 3000 running Release 2.0 of the operating system and using many of the wonderfully sophisticated programs you have been developing. I especially enjoy the more extensive uniformity of user interface which makes it easier to get up to speed on an application, the ARexx tricks to customize applications to make them more convenient for me, the performance improvements that are a result of more efficient coding of key functions and more extensive use of multitasking, and many of the other improvements. The best analogy I can use is to say that while I was nurturing ‘‘the Baby’’ from infancy to its first steps in the world, Amiga has gone from an adolescent that was still awkward in some areas, to the graceful, adult ballerina that we all dreamed of at the Lincoln Center launch. You are all to be congratulated!

The majority of my tasks are still CDTV related. The ‘‘Baby’’ still has some growing to do but now that its has gone mainstream, there are more people to help nurture it (as happens with any special project, CDTV has been turned over to the various divisions of Commodore for ongoing sales, marketing, support and development). Over the coming months you will see many new tools and techniques for CDTV developers. You may also see some of the relevant CDTV developments made available for Amiga multimedia applications.

Very shortly, you will see the first release of a formal CDTV Developers Reference Manual. Special mailouts will continue as needed in the form of materials to be added into the manual. If you do not receive these mailouts, but wish to, you must complete a questionnaire indicating your interest in CDTV. Contact CATS administration or your country support manager to receive this.

It has been an exciting two years and after a suitable breathing space, I look forward to another special project. Meanwhile, I am enjoying getting caught up on all the new developments. My favorite thing? Well, simple pleasures are sometimes the most enjoyable. I think the thing I like best is not having to wait for all the icons to be displayed before I can click on one. Now why didn't we do that sooner...

Best regards, and thanks for continuing to support Amiga (and CDTV) with your work.

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