

# Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter December 2008

#### **Vellum Acquires Ashlar's Products**

Vellum Investment Partners LLC has assumed selected assets and liabilities of Ashlar Incorporated. This has been a longer process than anyone imagined.

Ashlar-Vellum will become a DBA (doing business as) of Vellum Investment Partners rather than Ashlar Incorporated. The only significant change that you as our channel partners will probably notice is that our bank accounts and wire transfer information will change immediately and copyright notices will change soon.

Vellum Investment Partners is a limited liability company owned 100% by Robert and Julie Bou. Check out our website at <u>http://</u> <u>www.vellum-partners.com/</u>.

#### Preview Pane in Graphite<sup>™</sup> Open Dialog



A preview pane has been added to Graphite's Open dialog box in

## **December Sale**

Ashlar-Vellum is offering a 30% discount on all orders placed through December 19th. Your standard margin applies to the sale price. Discounts do not apply

to training or shipping. An email was sent to customers except to those in restricted areas. Let's close some sales!



build 844 or higher. A thumbnail is now generated as part of the save process, therefore old files will have to be opened and saved again before they will appear in the preview window. Similar technology will be added to Cobalt, Xenon and Argon in a future version.

# Q4 *Design Explorer*

The fourth quarter user newsletter, The *Design Explorer*, is in production and will be sent out to customers and prospects shortly. In addition to two new

success stories and news about the acquition of Ashlar-Vellum by Vellum Investment Partners, there are also detailed instructions on eliminating the "Wrong Entity on Sheet" error in Graphite SP1.



### Cobalt™, Xenon™ & Argon™ SP1 Released

Service Pack 1 for Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v8 was released this month. This new service pack includes: • Mac Intel optimizations • Lightworks support for multicore now on

- for multicore now on Mac
- SpaceMouse support now on Mac
- Materials and colors per face
- Document thumbnails for Finder
- Hundreds of user requested enhancements and bug fixes



#### Welcome Alyona



Ashlar-Vellum is pleased to welcome Alyona Vysotskaya to our graphics and web development team. She is completing a degree in hospitality management and has previous experience as a web master. She is a highly creative person that enjoys interesting people. We're glad she's joined us.

#### **New Success Stories**

Two new success stories are in the works and should be on line later this month.

Sculptor Robert Perless used Graphite to conceptualize, develop and produce the *Dream Weaver* work of art for the Howard Cheney Technical High School in Connecticut. He says about Graphite: "It gives me the control to produce an explicit, precise drawing when I have to, and when I don't, it gives me the ability to be creative and lateral, and just dream about where I'm going with the particular concept."

Canadian product designer,

#### Graphite SP1 Hot Patch 3 Released

Hot Patch 3 for Graphite v8 SP1 was released this month. This hot patch includes:

- Preview pane in the File>Open dialog box
- Document thumbnails for Finder and Windows Explore
- A dozen user requested enhancements and fixes

### **Holiday Hours**

The Ashlar-Vellum administrative offices in the U.S. will be closed December 22nd through January 2nd. During this time, orders placed through our website will be processed by our European office and registration codes sent to you via email. Shipping of physical materials will resume on January 5th.

Requests for demo codes will also be monitored and fulfilled. Technical support will be handled as usual through our website.We wish you a blessed holiday season.



Jean-François Jacques, used Cobalt to create the award winning On-Track Electrical Airport Scooter, winning the 2008 Palm enRoute Grand Prize. He tells us: "With Cobalt's comprehensive tools we can create any shape, but its real strengths are the user interface, the intuitive approach and the pleasure it is to use. These things are fundamental, the real spirit of the software."



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