

Présentation d'une nouvelle rubrique du répertoire Ménéstrel, sur le vitrail

Presentation of a New Topic: Stained Glass (abstract)

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The aim of this webpage is to provide an inventory of online resources in order to help research in the field of stained glass. Special attention was given to images because one of the most difficult problems in this particular field is to find high quality photographs.

Our list is a starting point and therefore not complete. Most of the web-based resources concern French stained glass, but we will try to make it more satisfactory in a near future. We focused on official databases (initiated by government or local institutions, etc.) but included, with the authorization of the authors, some personal websites that can be used without copyright problem.

For the moment, an topographical organization (and not an institutional one) seems more appropriate since the number of scholars in this field is very limited.

According to the Ménéstrel guidelines, we tried to provide an analysis of each website with standard information such as a table of contents of the resource, the name of the provider, the language, some advice for searching (in case of databases), the quality of images and credits (for photographs), etc.

Stained glass cannot be restricted to iconography, so we tried to mention other topics such as the names of glass painters, but we did not have enough time to cover subjects like materials (glass, lead...) or tools.

Despite a limited current research debate in this field we are convinced that stained glass is worth a webpage dedicated to it.