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Maker skills are a powerful thing



More than ever, drawing on maker skills has been a source of empowerment, and in uncertain times, a source of peace as well. For many of us, we have experienced scarcity for the first time in our lives. It has also made us think, that while serious, there are far worse scenarios than COVID. The good thing is that instead of stockpiling your bunker with prepper supplies, for a day that will hopefully never come, you can develop MacGyver like skills that will help you meet any life challenge. Skills that will be used regardless as a source of innovation, inspiration and ability to create.

Cedar Valley Maker Camp

CVM is creating a series of fun maker activities for kids, and families. The most recent activity explains the art, science,



Check the website for new projects over the coming weeks. Next, we will be exploring an introduction to digital design. Once you have a design, families can request access to use the laser, or other digital production tools that can turn your design into a earrings, a key chain or one of a 1000's of other things you can create. [Camp Projects](#)

If you have youth camp ideas or suggestions and/or would like to help facilitate a virtual camp project please contact:

todd@cedarvalleymakers.org

New Resources For Makers



What do you want to learn? What do you want to make? What do you want to teach to other members?

We have been busy building the [resource center](#) on our website. Eventually, we hope to provide quick links to documents, videos, tutorials and project ideas for all of the tools in the space, as well as general information that will help with

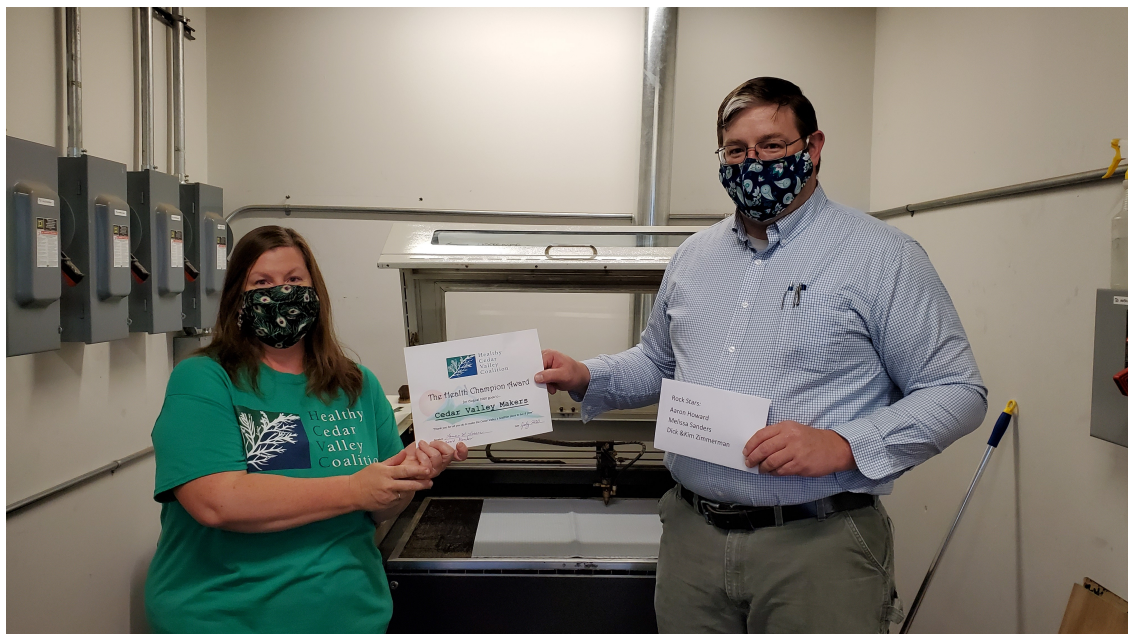
If you have a particular maker skill, or resource to share with the maker community, please let us know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

[email: todd@cedarvalleymakers.org](mailto:todd@cedarvalleymakers.org)

Message for Community Members - Unfortunately, we have postponed larger community workshops for the time being, but there are still opportunities small groups, and families to use the space for learning and community projects.

The Lego League Season is starting soon with both in person and virtual options. John Deere is again offering [team grants](#) and Mentor support, helping to ensure team success. CVM has a table, robots, and a great meeting space to help you get started. To form a team you only need two adult coaches, and a group of interested kids. To find out more, go to [First Lego League](#). If you would like to reserve the meeting space, e-mail: info@cedarvalleymakers.org

We ask people to take sensible precautions of wearing masks and social distancing in the space. The space is large, and not crowded and being both productive and responsible has not been a problem. If you are working with a kid on a project, request free access to the space by e-mailing info@cedarvalleymakers.org.



VanEngelenhoven is shown accepting certificate on behalf of of CVM Members and volunteers that are helping to make and disseminate Personal Protective Equipment.

Community groups can request free access to the space, tools, and expertise. Send us an e-mail telling us about your group, your project, and what you think you will need(space, tools, expertise) <http://info@cedarvalleymakers.org>.

We look forward to seeing your projects.

Support Cedar Valley Makers

It is amazing what a bunch of dedicated volunteers can do, but we only scratch the surface of CVM's potential. With your support we can do much more:

- Become a paying maker space member with a recurring monthly membership of \$40.00 and get full access to the shop and tools 24/7.
- Sign up for a community membership and volunteer to mentor, or help with workshops and events.
- If you have less time then money, consider becoming a friend of CVM. Our goal is to have 150 friends willing to give us a small recurring donation. If that is you, support us through the [Community Foundation of North East Iowa...](#)



Programs and Volunteer Community events:

- To find out more about our community projects and volunteer opportunities or to schedule a tour or an orientation, e-mail info@cedarvalleymakers.org

[The Board of Directors](#)

Our Mission: To promote collaborative learning, creative design, and manufacturing for

events that can forward scientific thinking, learning and entrepreneurial spirit for all members of our community.

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