



September 2020



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Your Membership**

75  
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292  
Community Members

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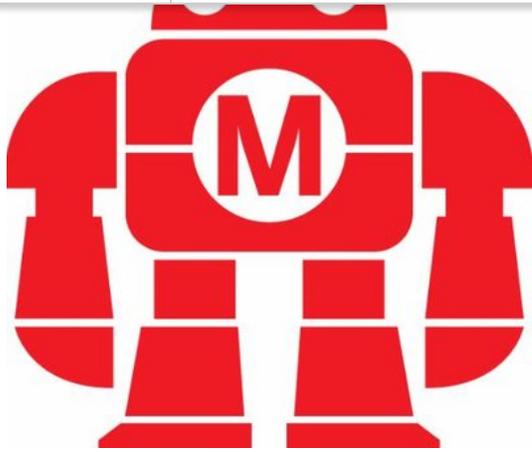
### **Tool Time - It is time to take stock, and plan for 4th quarter tool purchases.**

We want to hear from all members of our community. What tools or capabilities would you like to see added to our Makerspace. [Complete our tool survey.](#)

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### **[Maker Faire Coming March 2021](#)**

*We are in the beginning stages of planning a Cedar Valley Maker's Faire for this coming spring. A Maker's Faire is an inclusive celebration of all facets of making and its*



*virtual and organized for makers to showcase their work, present ideas and connect with other makers. Start planning your project now!!!!*

*Our CVM faire is planned for makers of all ages with an emphasis on K-12 youth makers. Participants will share their projects and demonstrate learning with a short video presentation/showcase. We are forming a planning committee and invite you to participate. Planning committee members will focus on a variety of areas including, marketing, sponsorships, judging criteria, judging, showcase development and setup, outreach. If you're interested in participating in our planning committee please contact Nathan Hoffman or Todd Prusha.*

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**What tool or equipment would you like to learn to use or improve your skills? Send a note to [todd@cedarvalleymakers.org](mailto:todd@cedarvalleymakers.org). We'll look into making a class, setting up an individual training or creating a training video.**

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## **Makerspace to Add Media Lab:**

The Cedar Valley Makers are building a media lab to fulfill our mission, facilitate a digital makerfaire and support other digital programming for the greater Cedar Valley. The media lab will include recording equipment and extend our existing FabLab space, which provides free tool access for community projects or education. The addition of media production tools to our space will allow stronger, safer partnership with other Cedar Valley Organizations during the pandemic. With the addition of the media lab, we will help fill the accessibility gap for high-quality media production and introduce more youth to our community and the digital arts. Do you know of any potential high quality digital

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## Tool Of The Month



**Welding and fabricating has been popular in the space, where we have seen fabricated bases and wooden tops for stools, benches, coffee tables, and a dining table in recent weeks. We have added a metal cutting chop saw to our line up of metal cutting bandsaws. Cuts steel like butter**

### **MCCA14 Metal Cutting Chop Saw 14" 120V**

Cut metal faster and safer. The Slugger 14" saw uses a metal cutting blade to quickly and cleanly cut through various metals. This type of blade creates very little heat and many of the chips created are captured within the tray contained inside the base.

Weekend Project





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## Safety Never Takes a Vacation



Mike and Nathan Hoffman working on a closet door hardware prototype in the machine shop at the space.

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**Access Control:** Access control has been installed. Members gain access to the space



a pin are in the [access control procedure that is linked](#). Doors can be unlocked for community groups and events for scheduled dates and times. To schedule, contact: [info@cedarvalleymakers.org](mailto:info@cedarvalleymakers.org)

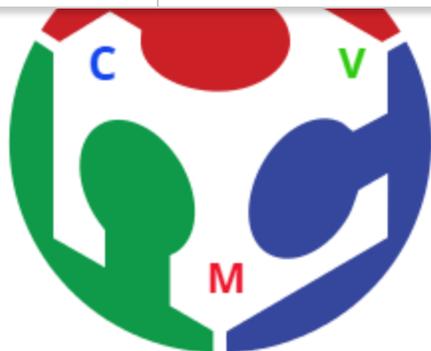
**Member Resources** - We have been updating the [member resource page on the website weekly](#) with guides, tutorials, and manuals. We also have a dedicated group of volunteers that are all too happy to give advice. If you are ready to start a project and would like some assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. [info@cedarvalleymakers.org](mailto:info@cedarvalleymakers.org)

**Volunteers** - If you have time on your hands, and maker skills you would like to share let us know. Even if you have more time than skill, come in to the shop and we can turn you into a super user adept at helping others. Volunteer email: [info@cedarvalleymakers.org](mailto:info@cedarvalleymakers.org)

## 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 than money, consider becoming a friend of CVM with a tax deductible donation. 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...](#)



opportunities or to schedule a tour  
or an orientation, e-mail  
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**Our Mission:** To promote collaborative learning, creative design, and manufacturing for people of all ages and skill levels. We provide education by giving access to tools, machines and training inside our makerspace and by promoting and planning educational events that can forward scientific thinking, learning and entrepreneurial spirit for all members of our community.

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