



# Gamepuzzles.com Newsletter, year-end 2021

*Warm greetings to all our friends and customers and supporters!*

In this year, our 42nd anniversary of creating, developing and producing our unique collection of playable art – gamepuzzles for the joy of thinking and a celebration of mind – we extend our deepest thanks to all of you who have helped us along the way. You continue to inspire us in our dedication to excellence. For a complete look, please visit our online gallery, <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/> – See our many award-winning designs... something for every age, interest, and skill. Our gamepuzzles are treasured gifts, and the pleasure lasts. See also the many entertainment features and mysteries that you can find and play on our site.

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# WEBSITE UPDATES

## Print catalogs



Read or print out our latest online "print catalog" (right). Its condensed descriptions and small illustrations make for a compact portable reference. Prints fine in black-and-white, too. [www.gamepuzzles.com/catalog/catalog.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/catalog/catalog.htm)

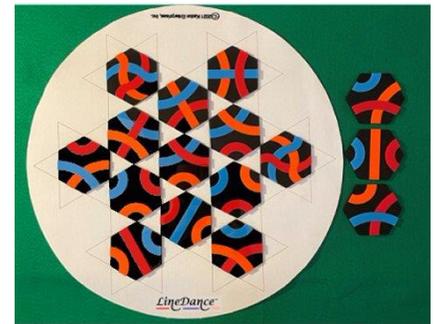
For a fancier version, see our **Shakespearean** catalog (left) with 44 pages of iambic pentameter verses describing our products. [www.gamepuzzles.com/rfcats-2019.pdf](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/rfcats-2019.pdf)



## Newest releases in 2021

- **LineDance™** ...designed *Elijah Allen*

From the moment we first showed it, this lively path-building game was a hit. The 16 all-different tile patterns are based on *Kaliko's* subset of three-color pieces. Hand-inlaid as large (2-inch) acrylic hexagons, LineDance on its leather-like vinyl game mat with star-shaped grid can engage up to 6 players in ingenious strategies. Players' 3 pawns have different color "caps" and travel only on their own color path to reach the other side.. For 1-6 players, ages 10-adult. <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/edgmtch2.htm#LD>



- **Moebius pendant – intriguing mathematical jewelry**

*Designed and hand-assembled by Joe Marasco*

A Moebius strip is a unique geometric phenomenon that's 3D overall, with a single two-dimensional surface. Our exclusive pendant has a 3D-printed track for a closed loop of sparkling beads forming a movable Moebius structure. It shows fascinating math and is a joy to wear.

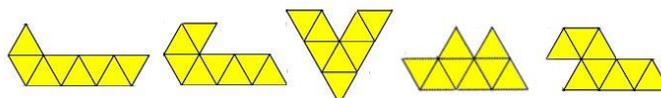
[www.gamepuzzles.com/moebius.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/moebius.htm)



- **Handy-Octs™**

A mere five pieces, each a different octiamond (made of 8 equilateral triangles joined), are your tools for a most satisfying activity: "Imagine it and build it." Form them into countless artistic and recognizable shapes. Relaxing like meditation, it's rewarding with creative results.

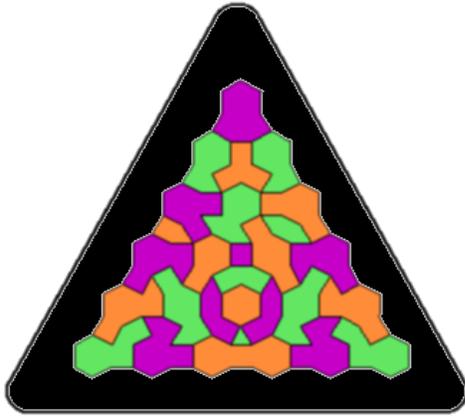
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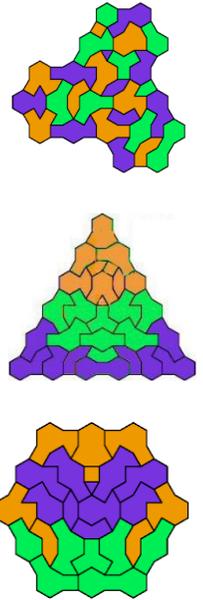
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- **Birds and Bees<sup>™</sup>**



Created by our dear, long-time friend, math professor Andy Liu, this sweetheart of a puzzle with 28 tiles is made of combinations of hexagons, squares, and equilateral triangles. The birds and bees (and a couple of worms) appear in opposite, mirror image pairs, with 14 other symmetrical shapes. They nestle on a special, famous periodic grid. Build countless designs in and out of the triangular tray. The solution shown at left happens to have all the matched bird pairs on opposite sides as well. The beautiful

symmetries at right are by our good friend and puzzle expert, George Sicherman. Three grid cards and a nice little workbook are included. It even plays two unusual games for two players. The three colors divide into groups of 9, 9, and 10 pieces. [www.gamepuzzles.com/tiling4.htm#BB](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/tiling4.htm#BB)

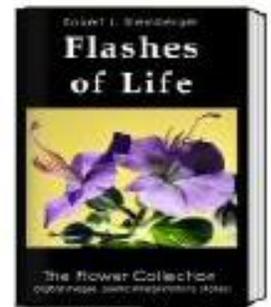


## Noteworthy and special

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- *Flashes of Life—The Flower Collection* is a gorgeous book of photography by Bob Steinberger, with haikus by Kate Jones. A museum-quality coffee-table book to treasure forever. A perfect gift.

While not a new release, its magnificence deserves repeated mention: [www.gamepuzzles.com/flashes.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/flashes.htm)



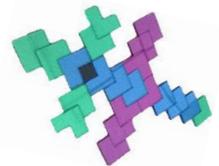
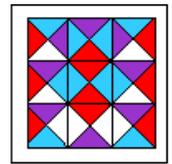
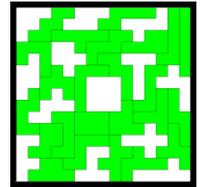
- *World's best music—The Caranza Collection*. Caranza is the stage name of Patric Hale, a phenomenal Meistersinger who has achieved both tenor and baritone mastery of 12 genres of music in 7 languages, with moving emotional sensitivity and blow-you-away power of delivery. He has a repertoire of hundreds of recorded songs, available on 25 CDs, ranging from Elvis, Sinatra, Tom Jones and Billy Joel to Broadway tunes, German songs, Italian and German opera, and more. Visit our showcase of the entire collection, listen to selected samples for free, and order his CDs to enrich every day of your life.

[www.gamepuzzles.com/Caranza/caranza.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/Caranza/caranza.htm)



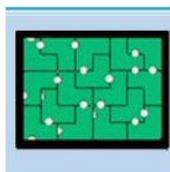
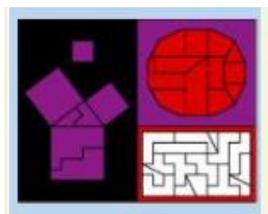
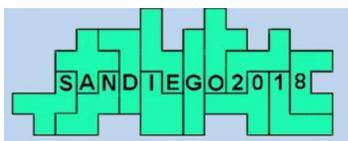
## New discoveries for old friends

- **Diamond Rainbow<sup>™</sup>**— Wonderful patterns emerge as you rearrange the 24 diamond-shaped tiles and 6 single triangles, inside and outside the tray. This six-pointed star was solved by Kathy Kendrick. See more designs here: <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/edgmtch3.htm#DR>
- **Sextillions<sup>™</sup>**—36 acrylic pieces include all the shapes of 6 squares joined ("hexominoes"). This solution, by Doug Caine, has all the white pieces completely separated, not even touching by corners. See more designs at <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/polycub2.htm#SX>
- **MiniMatch-I<sup>™</sup>** makes an appearance two years in a row with a non-matching symmetry. Of necessity, the four hand-inlaid colors are unequally distributed as 8, 8, 10, 10 triangles. This oddity of evens allows successful solutions for many matching and symmetrical challenges of the 3x3 array. See more designs at <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/edgmtch5.htm#Mim1>
- **Twenty-Tans<sup>™</sup>**, created by our own Hans Weidig IV, has almost limitless solutions inside and outside of the oval tray. At right we show one example of eight squares constructed across the middle. See more designs here: <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/tiling.htm#TwT>
- **Vee-21<sup>™</sup>** can create many designs inside and outside of the tray with its 21 V-shaped tiles in 3 luminous colors. A top favorite! See more designs at <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/polycub2.htm#V21>



## Vanishing species

We are offering limited-edition puzzles while supplies last. These are hard puzzles created for Gathering4Gardner and International Puzzle Party events, and a few from our archive of rare samples. Several wonderful puzzles shown here are still available in very limited numbers. See detailed descriptions and ordering information here: [www.gamepuzzles.com/limited.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/limited.htm)



## 25th Anniversary editions

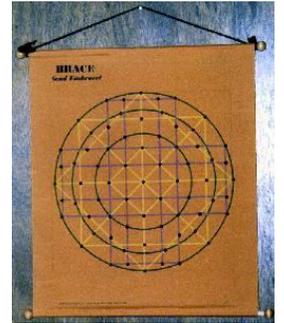
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We're celebrating these games on the 25th anniversary of our first publishing them. They have been continuously in print, 1996-2021. By 1995 we had introduced a great variety of styles and themes of both games and puzzles. In 1996 we moved closer to the genre dearest to Kate's heart: Gorgeous geometrics. See their stories in our historical notes, [Gorgeous geometrics](#).

- **Brace™/ Nine Men's Morris**

Brace was invented by Alan Kross-Vinson and fit our design ideals superbly, with its artistic grid, multiple games, non-violent themes, and potential even for puzzles. In its first form we styled it as a screen-printed canvas tapestry, with the classic Nine Men's Morris board on the back. Later we also crafted its deluxe wood version. In 1998, Brace won a place on *Games Magazine's* list of the year's 100 best games.

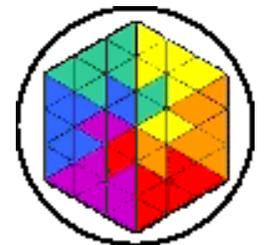
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- **Diamond Rainbow™**

Created by Anneke Treep of The Netherlands, the 24 diamond-shaped tiles plus 6 single triangles have every combination of the 6 main rainbow colors. Diamond Rainbow has been one of our most popular sets for 25 years, beloved by all ages. It makes endlessly diverse, wonderful shapes and patterns, both in and out of the tray.

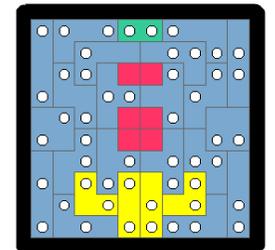
See more: <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/edgmtch3.htm#DR>



- **Fill-Agree™**

25 tiles of sizes 2 through 4 squares (the smaller members of the polyominoes family), each with two holes in all different positions, plus six single squares, create many interesting patterns in 2D and 3D, easy and difficult. Transparent colors give a sense of stained glass, a puzzle plus ever-changing decorative art to display on its easel.

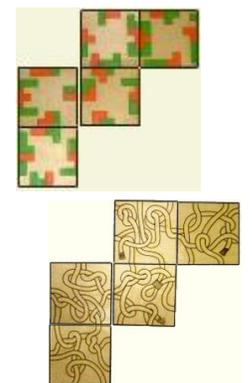
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- **Fractured Fives™**

Five squares imprinted on one side with partial pentomino shapes on each edge, and on the other side with tangled ropes. Match either side to join the squares into pentomino shapes with complete pentomino images or connected ropes on matched sides. One of our most venerable sets, created in 1986 on cardboard and made in limited quantities in 1996 for collectors, still as a paper set. A deluxe wood version, laser-engraved and hand-painted, came along in 2011; we will celebrate that one in 2036. That deluxe version (shown) is the form available now, in felt pockets. Yes, it's also a game for two players.

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## 25th Anniversary editions – *continued*

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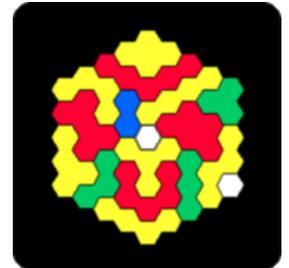
- **ROMBIX® JR.** ...developed by Kate Jones

This acrylic set, inspired by Alan Schoen's Rombix, has just four shapes, each in four colors: a single rhomb, a square, a chevron (pair of rhombs), and a "boot" (paired rhomb and square). These four pieces also form a small octagon in a mathematically interesting way. The variety of [pretty patterns](#) they can make is astonishing—they are a natural for creating kaleidoscopic symmetries. <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/esspoly2.htm#RBJ>



- **Hexnut™ JR.** ...designed by Kate Jones

Shapes made of hexagons joined are known as *polyhexes*. Hexnut Jr. is a small hex ring with all the shapes of one to four hexagons in size, plus a selected quartet of fives. Its booklet is full of variations and other puzzle figures to solve. Symmetry shapes abound. Suggested for ages 8 to adult. [www.gamepuzzles.com/esspoly.htm#HNJ](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/esspoly.htm#HNJ)



- **Hexnut™ II**

Daring to go big, this bigger brother showed up 9 years after our original Hexnut set (1987). Its 82 different pieces, each consisting of 6 hexagons, including one with a hole in the middle, are sized to its kin and form a splendid hexagon in their own grand tray. After a quarter century of our making it, there are now many fearless solvers around the globe who have conquered it. Congratulations to them all. When you order, suggest a color. <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/esspoly2.htm#HN2>



- **Mini-Iamond Ring™**

Nine pieces, the polyiamonds sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5, fit into their circle in 15,140 ways—yet only two of those solutions can separate all the colors! Form a huge number of other shapes outside the tray, from easy to exceedingly tricky. Try it, you'll love it.

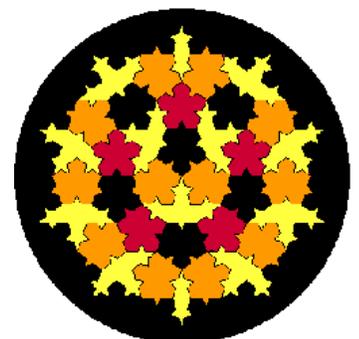
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- **Pentarose™**

One of our most gorgeous art puzzles with a great pedigree: based on research into non-periodic tilings by Sir Roger Penrose (recipient of Nobel Prize 2020 for work on black holes). The 36 fractal-edged pentagons and parts of stars were prototiles in Penrose's investigation, and with our input they became parts of a decagon with intriguingly many solutions. Fascinating to play with, even after 25 years.

<http://www.gamepuzzles.com/pentuniv.htm#PTR>



## 25th Anniversary editions – *continued*

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- **Snowflake Super Square™** ...*a dance of hearts and spaces*

Many people, when they first see this puzzle, are reminded of M. C. Escher's work. It's easy to see why. The tiles are all the combinations of straight, convex, and concave edges, transformed step by step from a regular square. The 36 tiles comprise the 24 permutations of hearts and spaces, plus 12 duplicates, divided into three colors. Suggested ages 12 to adult. See [www.gamepuzzles.com/edgmtch4.htm#S6](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/edgmtch4.htm#S6)



- **Throw a Fit™** ...*invented by Jeff Dender*

The ten different 3-color dice carry all the combinations of how three colors can be apportioned to cover a cube. We've added tricky color puzzles, including a series in 3-D. Build a cube with solid-color faces. The cubes make a good travel game for all ages, easy to pack in drawstring pouch. Custom-made sets have jumbo 1" white plastic cubes as shown at right. For any number of players, ages 9 to adult. [www.gamepuzzles.com/abstract3.htm#T10](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/abstract3.htm#T10)



- **Kolossal Pyramid™**

Wooden balls pegged and glued together looks downright majestic. After a couple of years of arduous labor, the wooden Kolossal in 1989 went into indefinite retirement. Dedicated collectors with long memories can still request a custom set. Allow three weeks for us to make it.

[www.gamepuzzles.com/1986notes-kp.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/1986notes-kp.htm)



- **Transpose™** ...*created by Christopher Clark*

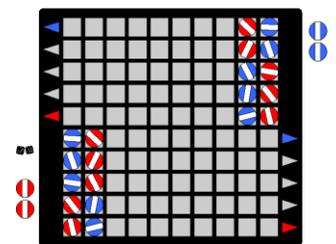
### *Traditional Style*

Lovingly handcrafted, classic wood board by Christopher Clark, its inventor, and 24 stylish wood checkers play 8 different games and a large collection of solitaire puzzles. For 1 and 2 players, ages 10 to adult. [www.gamepuzzles.com/tpwood.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/tpwood.htm)



### *Contemporary Style*

We styled this elegantly inlaid acrylic board with matching inlaid checkers as a contemporary companion to the original traditional wood set. It won first place on *Games Magazine's* list of the 100 best games of 1996. Its dramatic styling makes it an art piece for a wall between gaming sessions. [www.gamepuzzles.com/tpacolor.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/tpacolor.htm)



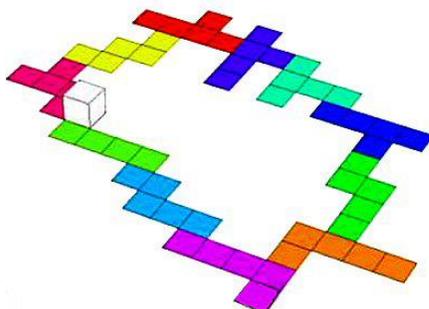
Each board is 15½" x 18" with a tailored fabric carrybag.

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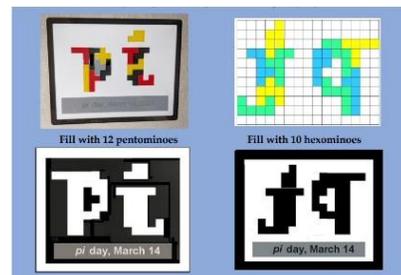
## The 2021 GAPE Award



Our latest Gamepuzzles Annual Pentomino Excellence award was won hands-down by Rick Mabry for his *Pentomino/Hexomino Walk*.



Rick's award included a certificate and a solving challenge (*far right*) of filling "pi" with either the 12 pentominoes or 10 hexominoes.



### Pentomino/Hexomino Walk

The video is amazing and a must-see:

<https://lsusmath.rickmabry.org/rmabry/dodec/cube/cubewalk1.html>

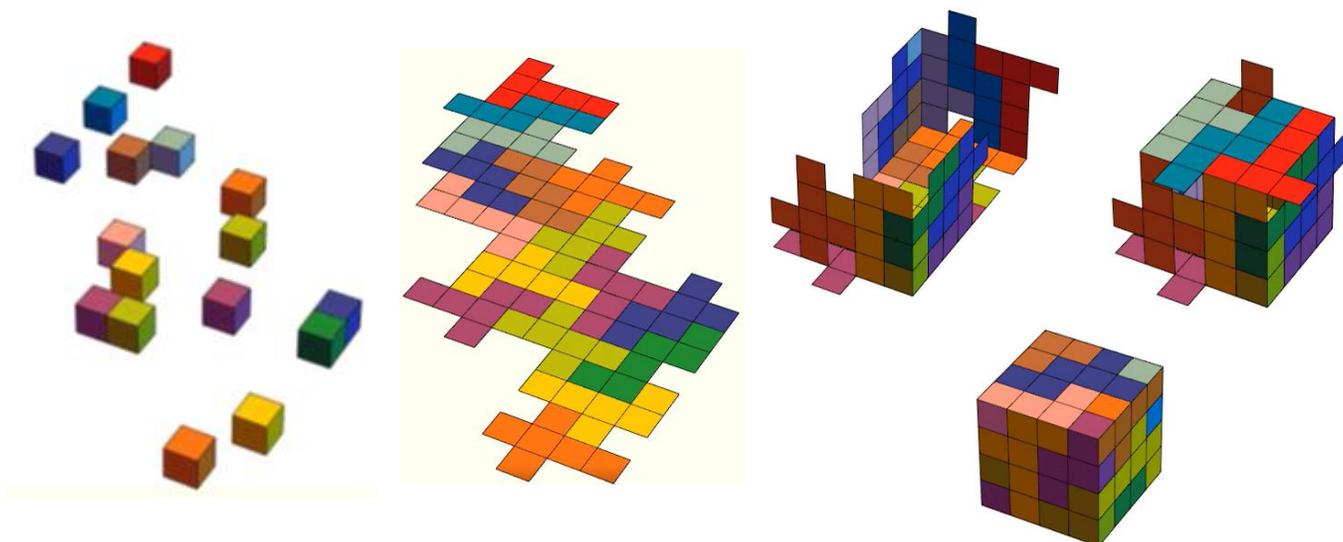
"The walk is comprised of all 11 nets of the cube, overlapping only at pendant vertices. So the path is really a chain of pentominoes — there are  $5 \times 11 = 55$  squares in the path. I wanted no excessive touching between the nets, meaning besides the overlapping at one square (necessitating those to be the pendant ones), I didn't want any edge adjacency between other squares of different nets. It took a while to find such a thing and I cannot claim the approach I took was very elegant. But it's cute enough for now..."

— Rick Mabry

### All the cube nets a'flappin

Here's another complex video by Rick Mabry on the same theme:

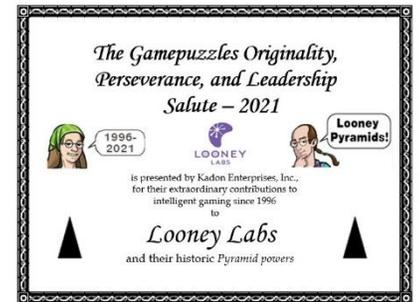
<https://lsusmath.rickmabry.org/rmabry/dodec/cube/Edo4x4.html>



## The 2021 GOPALS Award



Our favorite "hippie" game company, [Looney Labs, Inc.](#), is celebrating their 25th anniversary of creating and making unique and distinctive games, starting with their pyramid variations and creating their famous Fluxx and other card games.



We designed them a special award both for their quarter century of perseverance and for their brilliant innovations as an independent game company. At left, Kate Jones with Andy and Kristin Looney at the presentation ceremony. The award was a 5x5 board with a silver field and 28 rearrangeable acrylic pyramids in 7 colors that also constituted a Sudoku-type puzzle, with no duplicates in any row.

Congratulations, Andy and Kristin Looney, former NASA engineers who found greater meaning in their lives as games creators, and to their team of devoted helpers. You've made the world better, and more fun.

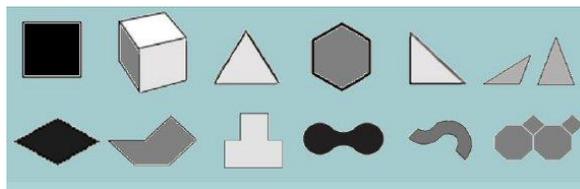


## Distinctions we received this year

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A result of the global pandemic since 2020 was the rapid increase of “virtual” events--conferences, festivals, gatherings, meetings, call them what you will –held on Zoom, Gather, and a proliferation of other programs where attendees could be seen and heard. Kate was invited by several events to give a talk or presentation, from the comfort of home.

- **Gathering for Gardner Celebration of Mind, March 21, 2021.** Kate described polyform puzzles in rhyming couplets with music of Sergei Novikov. Title: *A Periodic Table of Polyform Puzzles*, 24 minutes followed by half-hour interview with host Tiago Hirth.

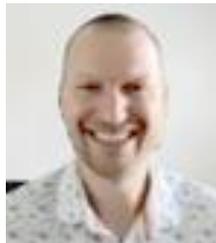


[www.youtube.com/watch?v=74v8eqn23Mk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74v8eqn23Mk)



- **Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Rubik's Cube!** Dr. Kristof Fenyvesi, founder of the Experience Workshop of the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, created a video in honor of the Cube's 40th Anniversary, in coordination with the Hungarian embassy in Japan and the Tokyo Science Agora. Kate's 6-minute PowerPoint tribute was in rhyme. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFNVtDh7abg>

- **The International Symmetry Festival** was hosted from Sofia, Bulgaria, on July 9-12, 2021. Kate was invited to give a 12-min. presentation on Kadon's wonderfully symmetrical puzzle sets... online, of course, from home in Maryland. Her talk was titled *Sweet Symmetries, a gallery of gamepuzzles – math as art*, and was delivered at 3:45 a.m., to fit the time zone in Bulgaria. See a view of Zoom attendees and the slide show of the symmetrical images, including the little rhymed stanzas of description, here:



<http://www.gamepuzzles.com/sweet-symmetries.htm>



- **Math Poetry** appeared in several math events, and Kate was happy to contribute lines. The **Bridges conference** invited “Fib” poems, with line lengths of 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8 syllables (the Fibonacci sequence). The **National Museum of Mathematics** in New York sponsored a limerick festival. Here is one of each by Kate:

### *Limerick for John Horton Conway*

There once was a mischievous thinker;  
With the Game of Life he would tinker.  
It irked John Conway no end  
That his fame would depend  
On dead or alive or a glider or blinker.

### *Fib for Bridges 2021*

Play  
The  
Music  
Joyfully  
For hundreds of hearts,  
Bridging the world with math and arts.

## Other website features

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- Our **Search index** is a useful page for finding games by type or by special category, cross-referenced from our regular sections. Some unique items are listed only here, not found elsewhere in our website.

[www.gamepuzzles.com/search.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/search.htm)



- **Archives**— you can still track back to see what's been happening with us for the last 42 years by browsing through our archives, especially the annual newsletters that sum up our year's doings. Here's the Archives index: [www.gamepuzzles.com/archives.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/archives.htm)

- **Blooper Bounty**— Each year we add new features and surprises, new products and new activities to the website. Here's a standing offer — a bounty to the first person to find and tell us of any bloopers we made! A separate gift for each mistake found. Email:

<mailto:kadon@gamepuzzles.com?subject=BlooperBounty>

- **Children's Stories**— Charming original tales, some interactive, by authors Warren Fahy and Robert Vermillion. Grown-ups like them, too! Illustrated.

[www.gamepuzzles.com/stories/childs.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/stories/childs.htm)



- **What You Can Buy for \$25 Dollars** — this playful "Chinese menu" page of 12 special items has some surprising goodies for the price-conscious game and puzzle lover. Check it out:

[www.gamepuzzles.com/buyfor25.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/buyfor25.htm)

- **Entertaining features**— All our interactive, online-playable games, amusements, and interesting features are listed here, some with hidden links to make a game even out of finding them:



[www.gamepuzzles.com/website.htm#icons](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/website.htm#icons)

[www.gamepuzzles.com/resource.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/resource.htm)

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[www.gamepuzzles.com/faq.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/faq.htm)

[www.gamepuzzles.com/website.htm#amuse](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/website.htm#amuse)

[www.gamepuzzles.com/kadon.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/kadon.htm)

- **Mini-Quiz**— 8 installments to date of tricky questions to figure out, with the answers sneakily concealed right before your eyes. Send in your solutions and win a prize. All questions remain open, and solvers' names join the winners' list.

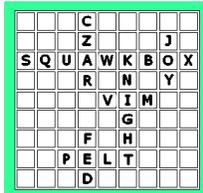
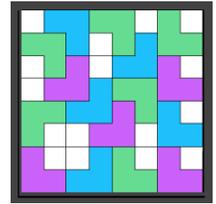
➤ Quiz archives: [www.gamepuzzles.com/quizarch.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/quizarch.htm)

➤ Current quiz: [www.gamepuzzles.com/quiz8.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/quiz8.htm)

## Our challenges open to the World *(you may win a prize)*

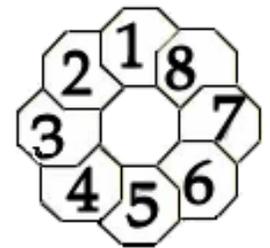
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- **Arc Angles™** – form one closed matched loop of all 25 tiles, with minimum enclosed area. [www.gamepuzzles.com/pentuniv.htm#AA](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/pentuniv.htm#AA)
- **The 25-Holes Challenge** – fit thirteen Vee-21™ tiles (V-trominoes) rigidly into their tray, leaving 25 empty spaces. Solution shown here has only 16. [www.gamepuzzles.com/25holes.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/25holes.htm)

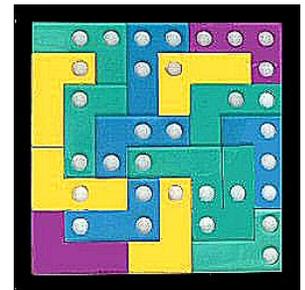


- **The Alphabest Challenge** – use the 26 letters of the alphabet once each to form a crossword puzzle in the smallest grid. Sample shown has 81 squares. Beat 42 squares and win a prize. [www.gamepuzzles.com/alphabest.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/alphabest.htm)

- **Ochominoes™** – place a maximum of tiles in a row so that each adjacent pair is symmetrical. Can the two ends also match? [www.gamepuzzles.com/tiling.htm#Och](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/tiling.htm#Och)
- **The Octo Clock** – arrange 8 numbers as a clock face to meet goals... [www.gamepuzzles.com/g8-clock.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/g8-clock.htm)
- **The Maximum-Squares Challenge** – arrange the 16 Chasing Squares™ tiles to form 24 or more "traceable" squares. Exceed 25 and win a prize. [www.gamepuzzles.com/tiling3.htm#CS](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/tiling3.htm#CS)
- The **Mini-Quiz** series – we've published 8 so far, all still open. No one has fully solved Quiz No. 6, though one player came close. We are curious and curiouser... [www.gamepuzzles.com/quiz.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/quiz.htm)



- **Rhombiminoes™** – find a new solution to connect all pieces of the same color... [www.gamepuzzles.com/polycub3.htm#RO](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/polycub3.htm#RO)
- **L-Sixteen™** – build a double maze of connected holes and continuous flagstones. Sample at right. New solutions win a prize... [www.gamepuzzles.com/L16-holes.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/L16-holes.htm)
- **Ten-Yen™** – minimum and maximum perimeters of one color enclosed by the other two. This challenge is still open for new solutions. [www.gamepuzzles.com/ten-enc.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/ten-enc.htm)
- **Triangle-8™ Sprouts** – form 25 sprouts or prove that 24 is the maximum possible. [www.gamepuzzles.com/t8-20.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/t8-20.htm)
- **Trio in a Tray™** – separate all three colors, and completely separate (not even corners touching) any two colors. [www.gamepuzzles.com/ty25-trio.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/ty25-trio.htm)
- **Vee-21™: the Three-Color Problem** – the search for more solutions of maximum color separation. [www.gamepuzzles.com/3color.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/3color.htm)



See also our formal Contests page,  
[www.gamepuzzles.com/contests.htm#Kadon](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/contests.htm#Kadon)

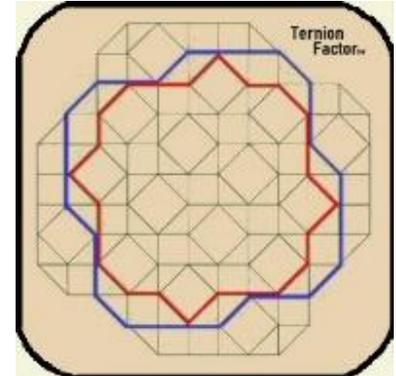
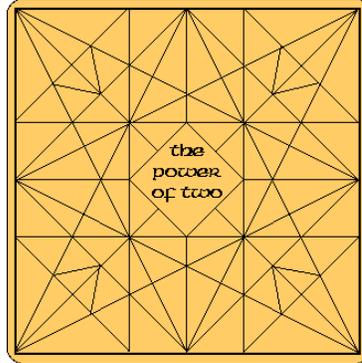
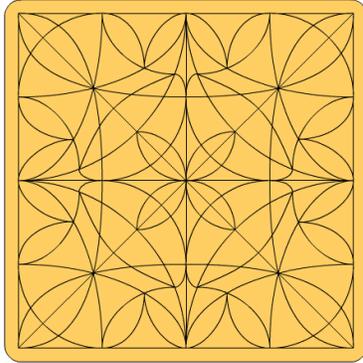


## IN THE MEDIA

### Videos on YouTube

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- Game designer and close friend Arthur Blumberg has created video tutorials for three of his abstract games:

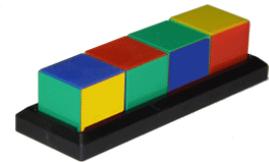


- **Endpoint™** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2\\_5aZyAQJ90&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_5aZyAQJ90&feature=relmfu)
- **The Power of Two™** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ca8TNdQn-ZY&t=3s>
- **Ternion Factor™** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0JZA2fPCOA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0JZA2fPCOA)

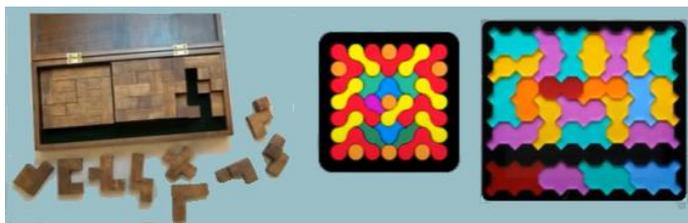
- **Happy 40th Birthday, Rubik's Cube** – To celebrate Rubik's Cube's 40th year, Kate put together a 6-minute tribute video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFNVtDh7abg>



- **Instant Insanity™** – This classic cube puzzle has been a mind boggler since the early 1900s. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFCJPaE\\_2hU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFCJPaE_2hU)



- **For the G4G Foundation's 2020 Fundraiser** – Descriptions in rhyme of Kadon's beginnings and a few bestsellers: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvQcEnS--tg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvQcEnS--tg)



- **Hexdominoes** – one game, thousands of solutions! Enjoy beautiful music by Sergei Novikov as you watch Hexdominoes transitioning into different solutions. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hY7\\_ooRaGUI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hY7_ooRaGUI)



## See us on Social Media

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- **Kadon Enterprises, Inc. official gamepuzzles Facebook page**  
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## Kate's Blogs and Social Media

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- Blogspot, <http://kates-takes.blogspot.com>
- Puzzlady's journal, <https://puzzlady.dreamwidth.org/>
- Facebook, [www.facebook.com/puzzlady](http://www.facebook.com/puzzlady)
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## Our domains

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- [www.gamepuzzles.com](http://www.gamepuzzles.com)
- [www.hexdominoes.com](http://www.hexdominoes.com)
- [www.thelifeofgames.com](http://www.thelifeofgames.com)
- [www.polyformpuzzles.com](http://www.polyformpuzzles.com)
- [www.tactilegraphics.us](http://www.tactilegraphics.us)
- [www.playable-art.com](http://www.playable-art.com)



## GATHERINGS

### Celebration of Mind

During the last weekend of the Maryland Renaissance Festival, we hosted our annual Celebration of Mind honoring Martin Gardner's birthday, October 21. We included a complimentary handout highlighting our latest puzzle, Handy-Octs, with all purchases. Record crowds of visitors learned about Martin Gardner (1914-2010), recreational math, polyform puzzles, strategy games, playable art, problem-solving, and our motto, the joy of thinking.

[www.gamepuzzles.com/rf2017gardnercom.htm](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/rf2017gardnercom.htm)



### Virtual events

Many conferences and gatherings had to be cancelled throughout the year for health and safety reasons. We were invited, instead, to several online meetings via Zoom and Gather, to give presentations and interviews. See those stories on page 10.

## ON THE ROAD

- After having to be cancelled in 2020, the 2021 season of the **Maryland Renaissance Festival** ran on weekends from August 28 to October 24, 2021, in Crownsville, MD. Organizer: [Maryland Renaissance Festival](http://www.marylandrenaissancefestival.com). It was a most welcome and enthusiastically supported refuge from worldly miseries. Folks did bring their masks, as most booths in Revel Grove required it to step inside; others, including Ye Olde Gamery, recommended it. A wonderfully good time was had by all. Filmmaker Michele Schultz recorded an hour and a half of [making the rounds](#) of the festival, with visits to several booths and impromptu interviews with festivalgoers. See her visit to Ye Olde Gamery starting around 37:00.
- The German Christmas Village in Baltimore at the Inner Harbor took place again this year after being cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. Visitors were delighted to see us again and enjoyed playing with us and finding perfect Christmas gifts..
- After 17 months of cancelled shows, we were happy to participate again in our favorite art shows in Fall 2021, in Akron, OH; Richmond, VA; and Gaithersburg, MD. Even with masks on, it felt great to be active again in person with our customers and to know they were happy to see us again. It was a fine Christmas shopping season.
- Kate's 2022 schedule includes several outdoor art shows in Florida from January to end of April. See our calendar for the latest updates, and visit our booth if we're in your area. <http://www.gamepuzzles.com/showlist.htm>

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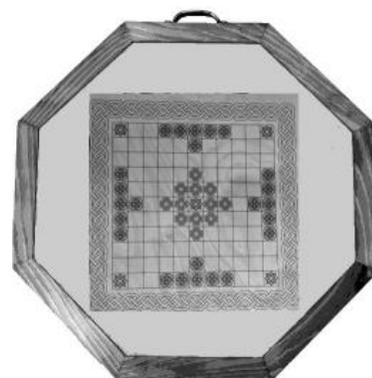
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Richard Jones ..... *Fine woodcraft of board and frame*  
Kate Jones ..... *Editing*