Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Stefan - 2011/08/09 14:00

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I rolled a 20....

Gail and Luke Gygax were so nice to me, I am humbled by the experience and by their faith in me to take up this great project to Honor Gary Gygax, the Father of gaming...

http://www.gygaxmemorialfund.com/

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Endar - 2011/08/09 14:19

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wow, Stefan, it's really a great honor to be chosen to make the memorial for the father of Dungeons And Dragons, and probably of all the RPGs.
Congratulation :)

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Dwarf - 2011/08/09 14:27

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Congratulations Stefan,
I know this memorial now to be in good hands. I just wanted to know which city it is you talked about in the video this memorial will be standing.

Greetings,
Dwarf

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Kronos - 2011/08/09 14:43

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Epic! Congratulations Stefan! :)

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by HeroQuestFrance - 2011/08/09 14:46

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Excellent indeed !

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by morgar - 2011/08/09 14:48

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Fantastique, your dream comes true. The power of Riez magic beer maybe...

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by rydendragons - 2011/08/09 15:07

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Gratzs,
You must be so Honored and proud,to be the one to sculpt the grandmaster, the king of kings, the lengend, Gary Gygax. Wow gives me goosebumps,that I am replying to a post from the one that will be weilding the magical chisel itself.

GAME ON

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Harneloot - 2011/08/09 16:01

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Now we have reason to return to Lake Geneva (the original home of Gen Con) on pilgrimage and visit your sure to be amazing creation!

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by monkplayer - 2011/08/09 16:08

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Wow! Stephan what an incredible honor! I watched your video and my mind would be blown too if I was so fortunate to be in your shoes. I'm a noob to DF but a life long gamer and Gary was so influential in the gaming world. Congratulations!

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by LegoRick - 2011/08/09 17:15

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I have goosebumps still from reading your post and watching that video. They made a wise choice, not only because of your talent but also because of your contribution to gaming. I remember going into my local gaming store Ground Zero in Bellevue, Nebraska back in 2000 or 2001 and seeing Dwarven Forge for the first time. I had to have this. I was like 12 years old at the time, and you led me to create some of my favorite gaming memories. Thank you Mr. Gygax and thank YOU Stefan!

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Shadbelly - 2011/08/09 18:45

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I've been to that ground zero. I'm from Glenwood so I go to Omaha and Bellevue all the time. Is that a picture of the tunnel in the old market as your profile pic?

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Arcarius2001 - 2011/08/09 19:15

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I believe the memorial is to go in Donian Park in Lake Geneva, Gary's hometown. The city council unanimously approved space in the park for it.

http://www.joystiq.com/2011/06/23/wisconsin-town-approves-early-plans-for-gary-gygax-memorial/

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Arcarius2001 - 2011/08/09 19:22

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Oh yes, and congratulations Stefan! The project could not be in better hands.

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by LegoRick - 2011/08/09 19:31

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Holy cow! Yes, it is! I took it one day while walking through "the passageway".

This thread really is magical.

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by patoumonde - 2011/08/09 20:09

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Congrats Stefan,

For the gamer in ther artist that you are, this must be very emotional and inspiring. I sincerely wish you good luck on this very important piece you'll make.

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by BrettKing - 2011/08/09 21:05

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Congratulations! I couldn't think of a better choice. I'm sure you'll do him proud.

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Papa Troll - 2011/08/10 04:43

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Very cool news, congratulations!
/Papa Troll

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by DM-GHOST - 2011/08/10 09:44

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Wow congradulations ! that is so awesome for you !

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by smilesby - 2011/08/10 22:12

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Great news, I hadn't been aware of the memorial until reading about it here, and have donated for this excellent cause.

Hope it all goes forward smoothly and look forward to seeing the final result.

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Stefan - 2011/08/11 11:47

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Thank you so much everyone! I feel like I've been given the task of honoring and protecting the Holy Grail in some sort of way...Gary was the father of Roleplaying, an initiator of so many incredible and creative things, and a changer of Lives as was my case...
I started playing D&D when I was around 10-12 years old at summer camp...I didn't know it at the time, but the game would change my Life...in later years around 15 years old I was sent to Art and Design High school in NYC and studied to become an Artist...I met many great teachers, went on to get a Masters degree in Painting from the Hartford Art School, all the while playing Dungeons and Dragons every free second I had...In NYC I went on to have some modest sucess as an Artist and a Teacher but as many young artists had to supplement my income with some sort of other job...thus in 1995 was hatched the Dwarven Forge!
It was a business and creative passion that sort of took over my everyday Life and gave me less and less time for my Art...although I am now making a decent living through Dwarven Forge I often wonder If I had sold my Artistic soul to the devil...or in this case Gary Gygax, ha,ha, I say that in jest of course...and so, all these years later, it seems the Universe has worked it out so that my two worlds will meld together in what I hope shall be an epithany of my Soul...

This project is the most important thing I have ever done in my Life.

I feel that in some way, I was meant to do it, but still cannot believe this has actually been put into my hands...I have been trusted with a most important task, and I move forward with an utmost seriousness and commitment to get it done right. The way Gary would have liked it (not TOO serious) but from my idea, properly reverent to the great Man...

Hope to roll a 20 (again)

Stefan Alexander Pokorny

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by granpappy77 - 2011/08/11 12:56

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Awesome Awesome Awesome- copngratulations, Stefan! I'm glad to see that this monument is being entrusted to such capable hands. Can't wait to see what the results are!

I'll be sure to make my donation soon (and by that, I mean after payday)!

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by Bossman - 2011/08/11 15:55

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Way to go Stefan

I can see Gygax almost as a bishop or high priest in a bishops robe and head gear and in his hand a crooked staff guiding his flock. Hidden in his other hand behind his back, the d20 of mischief!

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Re:Gary Gygax memorial
Posted by granpappy77 - 2011/08/15 14:22

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Payday has come and my donation has been made! Please keep us posted with pics and news!

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