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Letters

Story behind the sculpture

Thank you for the well-presented article about my work in stereolithography ("Plastic Math," SN: 8/3/91, p.72). I would like to describe the circumstances that allowed me to do this work.

In 1989 I conceived a project to create sculptures of mathematical surfaces. In order to promote the project, I wrote a proposal for an exhibition that might travel among the science and technology museums of the world. To support the proposal, I rendered convincingly photorealistic computer visualizations of how all of the sculptures (which actually existed only in data form) might look when finished and on exhibit.

As a result of promoting my sculpture exhibition proposal, I began working in April 1990 as a graphic artist to create illustrations using Mathematica for *Mathematica*, 2nd Ed. (Stephen Wolfram, Addison-Wesley, 1990). I have

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with a caption crediting both A. Hanson and myself.

In December 1990, I was awarded an ACM SIGGRAPH Special Projects Grant to carry out experiments in stereolithography. It was through this grant that I was able to build the series of objects, four of which were shown in SCIENCE NEWS.

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