Celebration of Mind 2020
honoring Martin Gardner’s birthday
and last weekend of Md. Renaissance Festival

(1914-2010)

Martin Gardner was one of the most beloved personalities and authors in the area of recreational mathematics, magic, and puzzles. His 70 years of writing, including a quarter century of columns in *Scientific American* magazine, directly inspired the themes of our product line of gamepuzzles by Kadon Enterprises, Inc., made in USA since 1979. Each year around the time of Martin’s birthday, October 21, Celebrations of Mind are held throughout the world, including one special event at Ye Olde Gamery at the Maryland Renaissance Festival.

Each year we offer a little puzzle souvenir to visitors. For this year’s virtual event we present this page. You are welcome to print it out, cut out the four puzzle pieces, and see how many symmetrical shapes you can create with any 2, 3 or all 4 pieces (see one sample below). Pieces can be turned over. Keep them on a square grid, lined up evenly. To learn more about Martin Gardner’s extraordinary and inspiring career, see our website, [www.gamepuzzles.com/gcom2019.pdf](http://www.gamepuzzles.com/gcom2019.pdf)

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**Word Puzzle**

Using just the letters in the name, MARTIN GARDNER, see how many words you can make, of 3 or more letters. “Gradient” is a nice long word, but short words count, too. Can you find at least 50 words? Martin Gardner wrote books and articles for 75 years. Can you find 75 words made from the letters of his name? Have fun, and get your family and friends to help, too.

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Send us your symmetrical shapes. Largest number of solutions received by December 31, 2020, wins a price.