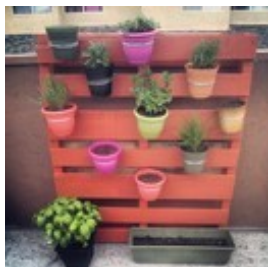




Tip of the Week:

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Do It Yourself (DIY) and the Maker Faire



Vertical Pallet Garden

Tip #23

May 2013



Sashimi Tabernacle Choir



Raspberry Pi is a \$35 computer board developed in the UK by the Raspberry Pi Foundation to promote teaching of basic computer science in schools.

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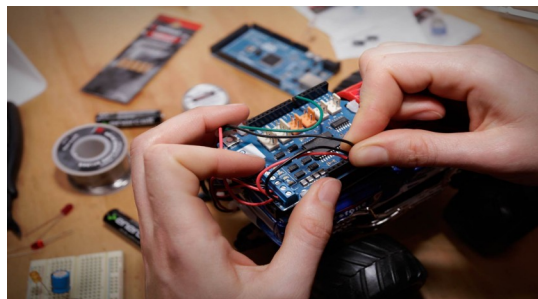
The maker movement is a fast-growing subculture which celebrates and venerates the art of designing and building really cool things. Yearly, in May, the San Mateo Event Center is transformed into a Maker Faire, in which “tinkerers” show off their latest do-it-yourself creations. It has been described as a county fair for clever techno-nerds. The people and projects run the gamut giving talks on all kinds of topics including how to program arduinos and Rasperry Pi’s to operate all manner of devices, to actual creations like a giant talking giraffe, human-sized motorized cupcakes, a drivable Jules Verne nautilus, and this year, even a [Sashimi Tabernacle Choir](#), consisting of 250 animated singing fish and lobsters mounted to a Volvo with over 300 pounds of batteries, 31 custom circuit boards and 5 miles of control system wire!

[Video of Maker Faire 2013](#)

Resources for Makers

There are some great sites that can get you started on making projects in your spare time this summer!

- [MakerBot](#)
- [Thingiverse](#)
- [Pinterest Makerspaces](#)
- [Makerspace](#)
- [Makezine](#)
- [Intelligibles](#)



Libraries are getting into the business of creating maker spaces. Take a look at what’s happening locally and around the country.

- [College of San Mateo Library](#)
- [Wayne State University](#)
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