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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

They only gave me 140 characters to be funny and insightful.  
They tell me what apps I need to purchase.  
They put me in a room and told me my opinion mattered.  
They sold me a nicely packaged empty box.  
They defined the term cool for many...but not for all.  
Because we, we shall have, had, and will always have our April Fools.  
Have a slice of pie on me this April Fools Day.

Enjoy!



Dave Lepek  
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# MY SO CALLED LIFE OF PIE

By Dave Lepek

"Pie, pie, everywhere a pie

Blockin' out the scenery, breakin' my mind

Eat this, don't eat that, can't you eat the pie?"

With all due respect to Ottawa's own "Five Man Electrical Band" - I think they would have rather sung about pie than signs.

Which brings me to my first point, who doesn't love PIE?

Pie has been in my life ever since I can remember—I have never been a cake fan, but who doesn't love a good pie?

In an effort to understand the correlation between the GIMP, Pie and Pi - We interviewed two lucky GIMP Magazine readers about using GIMP, eating pie, and loving life.

Lisa Golladay's pie-inspired artwork, "The Derivation of Pi(e)" is our first GIMP find this month!

**DAVE**

Thank you very much for submitting your artwork to Gimp Magazine's very special Pie-stravaganza. Lisa, If you could sum-up your artwork, "The Derivation of Pi(e)," in one paragraph, what would that paragraph say?

**LISA**

This is how you make a cherry pie from scratch in just 2 months - except we didn't plant the tree - this is how two families make a cherry pie from scratch over a time span of 26 years.

**DAVE**

Love it! Great story and great art.  
What is your favourite type of pie to eat?

**LISA**

Key Lime.

**DAVE**

Yummmmmay! What about your favourite pie to bake?

**LISA**

Cherry!

**DAVE**

Fantastic! What about to use in your art?

**LISA**

3.14159 (it's the part I remember)



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**DAVE**

Oh yes, how could I ever forget that?  
Why GIMP? What are your top 3 reasons for choosing GIMP?

**LISA**

Number one, you know how when you buy a new computer and you have to reinstall all of your software and you're digging through the house looking for CDs and product codes and figuring out how to deactivate registrations and re-activate them and suddenly you notice how really, really easy it is to download Firefox?

Number two, the software you own is version Ultimate 4X15 PRO v.14.255b.2 which won't run on your new computer but because you're a loyal customer you get a special upgrade price of only 150 bucks on SuperUltimate XPRO-9 and look at these exciting new features you don't want and incidentally a feature you use every day is no longer supported?

Number three, I don't mind paying for software. I just hate the rigamarole. And I am astonished that Thunderbird's spellcheck recognizes "rigamarole."

**DAVE**

Lisa you sure know a lot of about Thunderbird, but enough about Cars.

Now it is time for our lightning round called ten slices of pie. Are you ready?

**LISA**

Yes.

**DAVE**

Ideal pie temperature?



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**LISA**  
All.

**DAVE**  
Pie with ice cream?

**LISA**  
Yes, Please.

**DAVE**  
Preferred flavor?

**LISA**  
Depends on the pie. Often cinnamon.

**DAVE**  
Is pie a seasonal treat? (a) yes (b) no

**LISA**  
(b) no

**DAVE**  
Best season for pie? (a) spring (b) summer (c) fall (d) winter (e) all of the above

**LISA**  
(e) unless you're baking in which case (d) to warm up the kitchen

**DAVE**  
Are you eating pie right now? (note: I am...and it's delicious)



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**LISA**

Sadly, no. But I had crawfish etouffee at lunch so that's something. And sadly, Thunderbird's spellcheck does not know "etouffee."

**DAVE**

Should pie be limited to fruits? (a) yes (b) no

**LISA**

(b) no.

**DAVE**

Name me some of your favourite non-fruit based pies?

**LISA**

Aforementioned key lime. Sweet potato (unless you want to argue that a sweet potato is a fruit?) Shepherd's pie. Tamale pie. Boston cream pie, which is neither fruit nor strictly speaking a pie.

**DAVE**

What's the deal with those chocolate pies that initially seem amazing, but then you realize after your first bite - it's just b-grade chocolate pudding - then a wave of disappointment and regret hits...

**LISA**

You poor dear, you need a better recipe for chocolate pudding.

**DAVE**

Any life advice for GIMP magazine readers?

**LISA**

Don't let Dave bring the chocolate cream pie.

**DAVE**

I definitely won't! Thank you so much for your pie, time and love of Gimp art.

Now, onto our second GIMP find! Bill Cox is the artist behind "Donna's Fractal Apple Pie Universe", and we were able to chat recently about his Life of Pie.

**DAVE**

Thank you for submitting your artwork, Bill! What can you tell me about your favourite types of pies?

**BILL**

To eat? My favorite type of pie to eat, is pumpkin pie, made from scratch, with a topping of whipped cream.

To bake? I don't bake pies, myself, but my wifes favorite pie to bake is 'wild apple pie'.

To use in my art? Wild apple pie is my favorite pie to use in my art.

**DAVE**

Why GIMP? What are your top 3 reasons for choosing GIMP?

**BILL**

I find that GIMP is a great program and it gives me the results that I am looking for in my work. Also, it has a great community such as GIMP Magazine, G'mic, and a host of other people that make the use of GIMP both interesting and fun.

I am also a big fan of open source software and Adobe PhotoShop isn't that. I don't like the concept of software rental.



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What are my top 3 reasons for choosing GIMP?

- 1) The results I get are satisfying
- 2) I enjoy using the program and it almost never crashes
- 3) It's an open source program and I enjoy watching and communicating with the community involved in its development.

#### **DAVE**

If you could sum-up your artwork, "The Derivation of Pi(e)" in one paragraph for our readers what would that paragraph say?

#### **BILL**

I see 'Donna's Fractal Apple Pie Universe', as a reflection of how hard she works to create a good apple pie. The look on her face when the crust doesn't turn out correctly. Also, when looking at the central picture of the pie, I see a circle of pie and think of the largest piece that I would be allowed to cut, which would probably be  $\pi/4$  radians.

#### **DAVE**

Quick Questions about pie. Warm or cold?

#### **BILL**

Warm.

#### **DAVE**

With ice cream or without?



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**BILL**  
With.

**DAVE**  
Preferred ice cream flavour?

**BILL**  
Vanilla.

**DAVE**  
Is pie a seasonal treat?

**BILL**  
Yes.

**DAVE**  
Best season for it?

**BILL**  
Winter.

**DAVE**  
Are you eating pie right now?



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**BILL**  
Mmmm, but, no I am not.

**DAVE**  
Should pie be limited to fruits?

**BILL**  
No.

**DAVE**  
Name me some of your favourite non-fruit based pies?

**BILL**  
Boston Cream Pie and Chocolate Cream Pie.

**DAVE**  
What's the deal with those chocolate pies that initially seem amazing, but then you realize after your first bite - it's just b grade chocolate pudding - then a wave of disappointment and regret hits...

**BILL**  
The pie wasn't made from scratch. Always use fresh products with your pie, if you want it to be delicious.



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**DAVE**

Any life advice for GIMP magazine readers?

**BILL**

Try to enjoy the present. Thanks again for your interest, this has been an excellent experience.

**DAVE**

An experience indeed! Pi, Pie and GIMP- the perfect combination. Hope you found this month's GIMP finds tasty!

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**SEND:** \_\_\_\_\_ ■

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