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Who's the manager around here?, Seasonal Art Showcase,
Guess the Location, Guess the Staff, and more.

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From the Editor

Happy July! The sun is starting to beam brighter and as temperatures rise in most areas of the world, many of us are starting to enjoy summer. If you're more of an indoor person, I'm sure that you've been cranking your air conditioning and keeping your fans running! As players start to free up some time within their schedules and hop on the network, many of them participated in the several Mineplex community competition events in which the winners earned some great prizes.

For this month's Newsletter, we brought back the Seasonal Art Showcase! Additionally, we included a Staff Management team showcase where we spoke to several members of the team and asked them some unique questions. Lastly, we have our lovely regulars and contests.

If you have any specific inquiries in which you would like to speak with me privately about the Newsletter, the team, an article, or any other concern, you're more than welcome to and can do so by messaging me on the forums. Otherwise, as mentioned, you can always submit comments or feedback through our [official form](#) or on the thread. I hope you enjoy this month's edition of the Mineplex Newsletter!

Have a delightful July!

- Arjun, Newsletter Program Manager

Who's the manager around here?

By Nightys

For the July edition of the newsletter, we've chosen to interview the Staff Management team here on Mineplex! Throughout the article, you'll learn some things about the team they are on, what inspired them to join their team, and much more!

What do you call your mentees? And why that name?

Emilie: "I call my mentees the bunnies after my pet bunny, Goose!"

BlondieBrook: "I call them my cookies! I call them my cookies because when I was younger my grandfather always called me "Brookie cookie" so it's pretty sentimental to me. Also who doesn't love cookies! My trainees are cookie crumbs and my mods are cookies!"

FairestLordHarry: "I call my mentees Warriors, although there isn't really a specific reason behind it; it was just something I came up with a while back."

Mitsoko: "My mentee group is called The Bears! I chose bears because not only are they one of my favorite animals, bears are very intelligent,

strong and care emotionally for others. They're extremely loving. These three qualities I feel best describe my group of mentees, they're all very intelligent and strong individuals. They also care a lot about what they do and care deeply about other people. Now other reason I chose the bears because I get to be the Momma Bear! Momma bears are known to very protective of their cubs which I feel like describes me best! I care deeply for each and every one of my mentees and I am very protective of them. I strive to give them the best and make sure everything goes smoothly for them. Cubs often watch their mother hunt and learn skills so they can survive on their own. It's very close to what I do. When I get a trainee I train them to be the best they can and hopefully get promoted to moderator, I teach them what they need to know so they can be independent, same goes for my moderator mentees as well. Plus I mean you got all types of bears, stuffed bears, gummy bears and I mean come on who doesn't like gummy bears and cute stuffed bears, they're so cuddly!"

What first made you want to be a part of Staff Management? Did you have any aspirations for other teams?

Emilie: “I really wanted to join staff management because I loved the thought of being able to mentor others and help them improve. I considered rejoining my first sr.mod team, social media, but whenever apps opened I told myself that I was going to do something new this time being staff, so I didn’t apply.”

BlondieBrook: “I was very inspired by my mentor Sven 2 years ago when I joined the staff team. He is one of the most kind hearted people I’ve ever met. During Covid quarantine was very hard for me and Sven was very understanding of this and we shared a lot of special moments together. Being inspired by Sven, I wanted to do the same to mentees of my own. Another team I was interested in was the Events team. Being on the event assistance team I always looked up to them. I’m glad I get to pursue both passions being on Event Assistance and Staff Management!”

FairestLordHarry: “When I first joined the staff team, I wanted to join FM (FN at the time) and eventually QA and I

didn't have any plans to join StM until I became an MA (since I wanted to try something new as I had been doing the same staff-related work for a while at the time). After a month or two of being an MA, I knew that StM could be a good fit for me as I really enjoyed working more closely with not just my mentees, but other StM/MA members and the rest of the staff team as well.”

Mitsoko: “When I first got promoted to moderator I knew there were so many possibilities for sub teams and senior mod teams. At the time I was inspired by my own mentor Zach or some of you might know him as Zdemon98, I loved the work that he did, he was awesome. Back when I was a trainee I used to be extremely shy and I just wanted to break out of my shell and meet new people as well as help the mentors out with their work. Originally when I first became a trainee I was looking into going into QA, but I didn’t end up pursuing it because when I became a mod, I fell in love with the idea of Mentoring assistance and I especially loved the fact that I could interact with mentees and help them on their journey. I knew from the moment I became a moderator I wanted to be a MA. Now Staff Management, well that was my dream. After I got MA my

goal was to get on Staff Management because I loved the idea of being the mentor and teaching staff members. Seeing Toki and all the Mentors throughout the years really inspired me, especially those that taught me, such as Zach with trainee/mod to Ryan and Brenden with Mentoring Assistance.”

What is your favorite part about being a part of Staff Management?

Emilie: “My mentees are my favorite part of being staff management. I care for each and every one of them and love watching them improve. I also love the feeling of getting a new mentee and anticipating what their personality is going to be like!”

BlondieBrook: “My favourite part of being on Staff Management is seeing the growth of my mentees. From having a terrified trainee during our intro meeting to a strong independent moderator, to being a full fledged senior moderator is one of the best feelings as a mentor. The passion that these staff have to serve the community is very inspiring to say the least.”

FairestLordHarry: “My favorite part about being a part of staff management

is working more closely with Trainees and Moderators and getting to know how awesome people they are.”

Mitsoko: “My favorite part of Staff Management is stats obviously! Just kidding, as great as doing stats and progress reports are, my favorite part will always be being a part of the mentees journey on the staff team. As I mentioned before I just love interacting and teaching the staff. I love being a mentor and having my own mentee group so I can teach and be part of their everyday journey. Staff management is just such a great team in general. Everyone on Staff Management is so kind, intelligent and talented. We’re all a little family who has each others backs with anything, it’s such a great feeling to be a part of.”

You are stranded on an island, you see a rope, a Big Mac, and a jar of dirt. What do you choose and why?

Emilie: “A jar of dirt..to eat”

BlondieBrook: “UMMM THE BIG MAC! I have zero survival instincts so might as well enjoy myself while it lasts! Lay on the beach and enjoy a good burgie as if I was on a McDonald’s commercial.”

FairestLordHarry: “I would take the rope because I could use it as a makeshift fishing rod; a Big Mac wouldn't be a renewable source of food and the jar of dirt would not really help either as I am surrounded by sand.”

Mitsoko: “Hmmm... Big Mac obviously. Nah I would actually choose a jar of dirt, get a Jack Sparrow costume and run around the island chanting “I’ve got a jar of dirt, I’ve got a jar of dirt, I’ve got a jar of dirt and guess what’s inside it!” Obviously I would do it because Johnny Depp/Jack sparrow is amazing and who could resist not quoting his one iconic lines”

What do you like doing in your spare time away from Mineplex?

Emilie: “I’m in college and I genuinely enjoy classes, so that. I also love skateboarding, making art, and going out on the weekends!”

BlondieBrook: “Other than mineplex, I enjoy hanging out with my Siamese cat Dude and supervising him to make sure he doesn't eat my plants (he usually eats them when I'm sleeping). In my spare time I also enjoy studying dentistry! I'm currently a dental assistant

student, and I'm close to graduating. I'm very excited to work in a dental office AHHHHHHH!”

FairestLordHarry: “I am a very tech-savvy person, so I enjoy doing anything technical, but I spend a lot of time coding (mainly in Java and Python, but I have also used other languages like C and C#).”

Mitsoko: “In my spare time away from Mineplex I'm either usually working, drawing or playing games. In the fall I'll be starting college though so it'll most likely be homework sadly xD. I also like hanging out with family and traveling to new places. I love going to the beach so that's another place I like to do :) Another joke I have with my mentees is the fact that I watch too much Greys Anatomy . I've literally rewatched the show two times and there's what 18 seasons??? I swear I have a life even if doesn't seem so LOL”

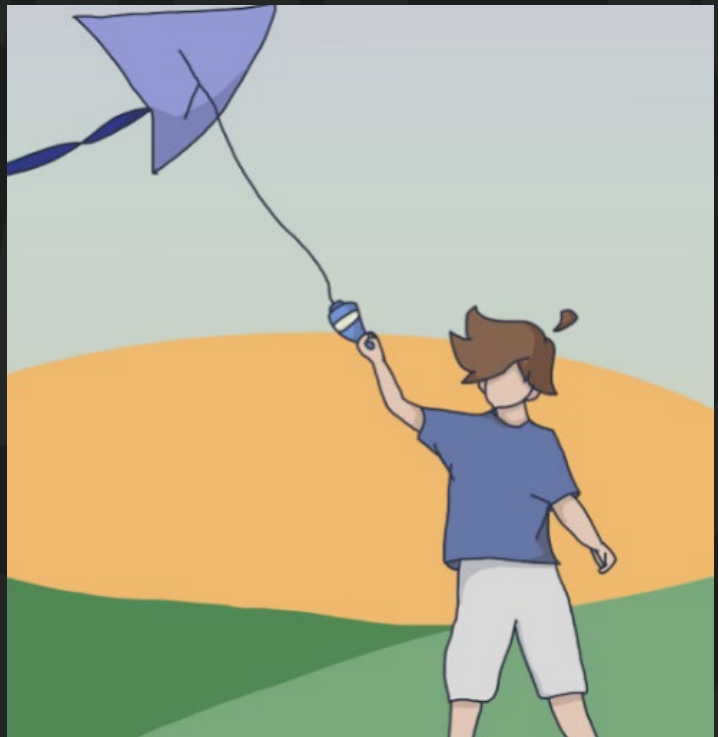
I would like to thank all of the amazing Staff Management members for participating, and hopefully you'll see them around in game!

Seasonal Art Showcase

By **maevestarbaby**

Mineplex is full of many creative artists working with different mediums, styles, and their own individual visions. Sprinkled throughout the forums and the Mineplex Discord are amazing examples of photography, digital and traditional drawings, animations, and a wide range of other types of art. The Seasonal Art Showcase aims to show the diverse work of a few community members in each article to - as the title suggests - showcase their skills and stories through some of their recent pieces, hopefully also inspiring others along the way.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy this month's showcase of different styles and moods of digital artwork with a hint of astrophotography.



By **Slxzh**



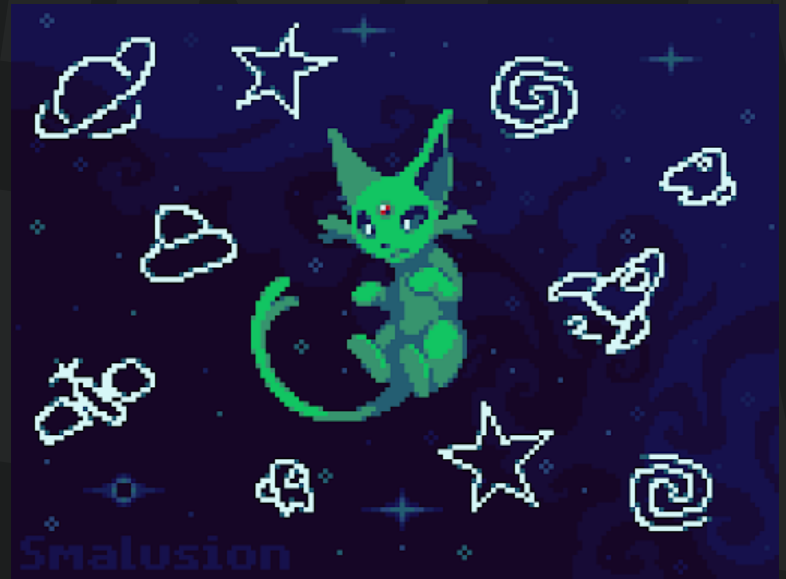
By neotheater



By Cepheus



By Smalusion



By rosmeme





By TheArrowsShadow

A big thank you to everybody that agreed to showcase some of their work! To those of you who create, keep on sharing! If you like what you see, keep an eye on the Arts & Banner Showcase on the forums, as well as the #art-club channel in the Mineplex Discord. There, you can find various pieces from different artists—some of which were shown here. The same channels and threads are also waiting for you to share your work, whether that's paintings, sculpting, photography, or anything in between.

Guess the Staff Member

By joshuart

This July edition of the Newsletter brings on the heat with our next Guess The Staff game! For those of you who are unfamiliar with how this works, a staff member is chosen at random each month. Your job is to guess who the staff member is! We've provided a short description as well as a few hints to help you out. Feeling stumped? Take a look at mineplex.com/staff/!

Description of the Staff Member: This staff member loves playing Cake Wars and enjoys watching anime! They are also fascinated by Computer Science and enjoy eating pasta. Also, they describe themselves as sarcastic and love to eat sour candy.

Hint #1: This staff member is a leaderboard player.

Hint #2: This staff member's username is a mix of two older usernames that they used to have.

Does this staff member sound familiar to you? Take a guess here:

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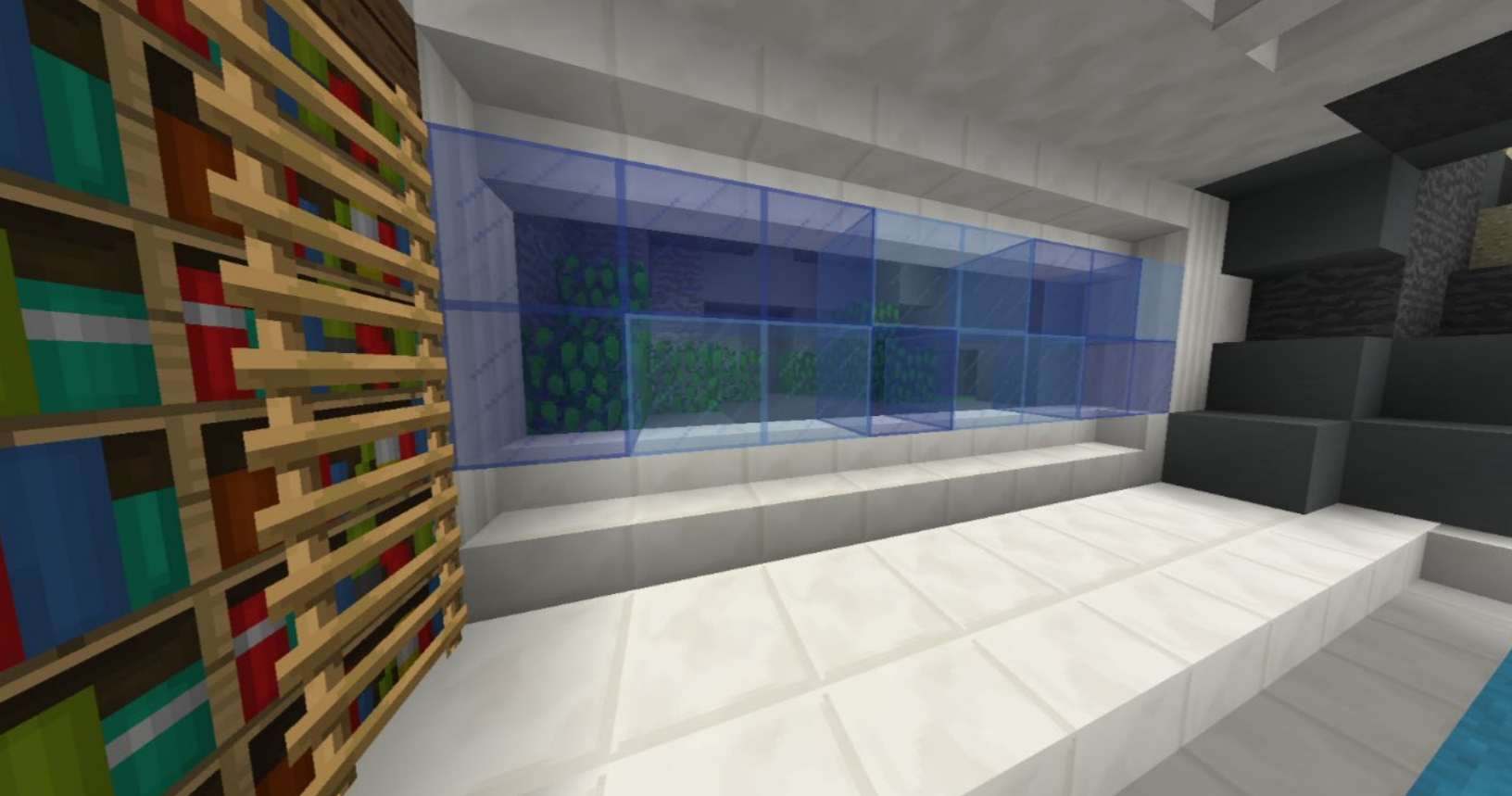
Last month's staff member was TheArrowsShadow! Last month we had 18 correct guessers! Here are just a few of our winners:

Bob16077777

FoxyStormy

Ian923

MachoPiggies



Guess The Location

By ddgolfer

Feeling adventurous? For the past few months our locations have been outside, so we decided to take a trip to a spot where not everyone is allowed. This concealed area has been closed since the beginning of 2018, but that did not stop us from visiting! Do you have an idea where this spot may be located? If so, fill in the form below to submit your guess!

Submit your guesses here:

<https://forms.gle/1kCvWFadhs7odVANA>

Last month's image was taken in the back of Morgan Freeman's island! The coordinates of the photo are X: -10, Y: 71, Z: 143.

Congratulations to Black_Suits, avaliduser, chloeig, Lightsaberrlx, lan923, and FoxyStormy for guessing the correct location from last month!

June Staff Statistics

By Arjun

This month, we wanted to issue a huge welcome to all the new staff members who joined us and say thank you to all of the staff members who have sadly resigned for all of their hard work for the network.

Java Trainee

June 4: Niqhtys

Bedrock Trainee

June 4: MC Minium

Java Moderator

June 20: Hazzer105

Bedrock Moderator

June 20: ceralmuncher (Cross-Platform),
trinityiv01 (Cross-Platform)

Admin

June 23: joshuart_ (Build Team)

Resignations

June 2: xSlowWifi

2 Year Milestones

June 6, 2020: Baloo

June 20, 2020: BlondieBrook

June 27, 2020: okRen

Meet the Team



Arjun: Hey there! I'm the Newsletter Lead. I'm also a Sr. Recruiter/Manager on the Recruitment team, a Rules Committee member, and I work on a couple of other sub-teams. Hope you enjoyed this month's issue of the Newsletter!



Tortelett: The art showcase is my favorite article to make the pdf for.



Sophie_OGrady: Hi, I edit the newsletter.

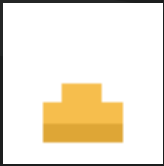


Marzie: For your safety, this product has been carefully removed from shelves and will be carefully disposed of.

Meet the Team



EmmaLie: Hiya! I'm Emily and I'm that one weirdo who loves lollipops and doing stuff for the community. I'm currently the admin of Community Management & the Event Squad, so you'll see me a lot in-game, especially in EVENT-1. Outside of Mineplex, a lot of my time goes toward family, friends, Netflix, and Overwatch.



chhase: goose admin and editor



ddglfer: Hey y'all, I am ddgolfer and I am a writer for the Newsletter!



Looof: yea yea yea yea yea we paid

Meet the Team



joshuart_: Your friendly neighborhood Build Lead



maevestarbaby: hii i'm maeve, a uni student as well as a mineplex sr moderator and writer for the newsletter!



WinteryOsprey38: Hey, I'm WinteryOsprey38! I'm a writer for the Newsletter and a big lover of sushi



Niqhtys: yessir