



*Arabesque 29*, by Robert Longhurst, is based on the Enneper surface. Nat Friedman had visited David and James Hoffman at the University of Massachusetts, and they had kindly allowed him to take photographs of computer-generated images of minimal surfaces. In particular, there were images of an Enneper surface, which Friedman later showed to Robert Longhurst. This led to *Arabesque 29*. The interesting point is that Longhurst mounted the sculpture on a thickened edge rather than presenting the Enneper surface in its standard position. This resulted in a more striking sculpture with surprisingly diverse images from multiple viewpoints, as discussed in recent issues of *Hyperseeing*.

The next ISAMA conference is planned for June 22–25, 2009 in Albany, NY. Visit <http://www.isama.org> for more information on this and many other resources related to mathematics and art. 🌐

*Robert Longhurst, Arabesque 29, Bubinga, 12 x 10 1/2 x 9 1/2 in.*

## A New Schedule for MAA FOCUS

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In difficult economic times, we all need to cut back a little. It's the same way with the MAA. For 2009, we plan to have only six issues of *MAA FOCUS*: January, which you are now reading, and then issues dated February/March, April/May, August/September, October/November, and December/January. Each issue will be slightly larger to allow us to provide almost as much content as before. Many of the more time-critical items, however, will be either placed online or included in the MAA's monthly *Math Alert* emails. One bonus is that we can help reduce our carbon footprint by saving on printing and shipping.

The new schedule will, of course, require corresponding changes in due dates for articles and news items. Please see page 11 for that information.

As always, we count on your support, your contributions, and your comments.

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## MAA Financial Information

The MAA invites all members to become familiar with the financial health of the association. Members can log in to reach the MAA Treasurer's Page (at <http://www.maa.org/treasurer/>) to access current and longer-term financial information about the MAA. The information includes:

1. audited balance sheets for the last three years;
2. pie charts for revenue and expenses;
3. the MAA's investment policy statement;
4. investment fund monthly balances;
5. a list of named funds with a brief statement of each fund's purpose;
6. graphs showing total net assets (1998-2007) and historical income and expense data (1997-2006).

The information is updated each year after the annual audit, usually in May or June.

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