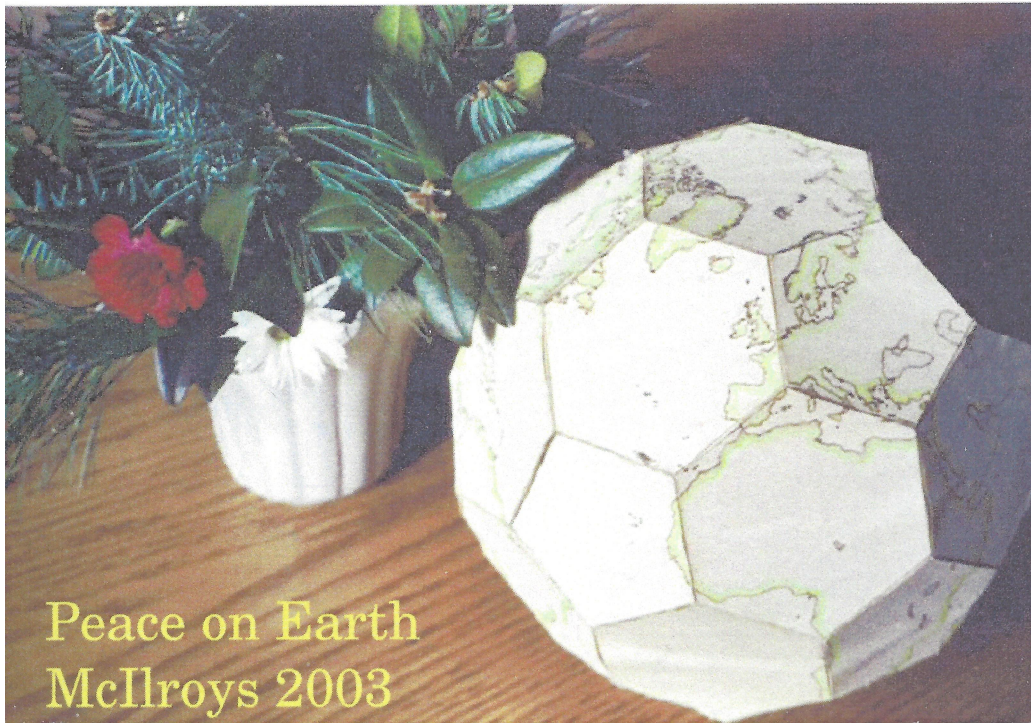


In the Round



Mathematicians call the soccer-ball shape a truncated icosahedron. I glued this one up from projections from the center of a globe onto 32 faces. It's one of many semiregular or "Archimedean" solids, which don't unfold as prettily as do the regular or "Platonic" solids (cards for [1983](#), [2004](#), [2006](#), [2014](#) and [2016](#)). Central projection (aka gnomonic) is not conformal and does not preserve angles, so the projection of a smooth line on the globe may veer abruptly when it crosses an edge.