Speaking from pure experience, MathKill, I have found that sharing and supporting your work with those around you actually yields far more positive and rewarding results. It building character, respect, and it makes it very easy to network with others around you who share a similar passion. It opens doors.

C++ isn't that hard. There is a bit of a learning curve to get over at first, with learning the syntax rules of the language. But working in this environment is more of a specialized scripting language over pure C++ programming. With everything you need in the backyard, there is no need for you to venture out into the rest of the neighborhood, so don't concern yourself with it.