

Torched Whimsical Welding

As far back as I can remember I have had a need to create. I have painted in watercolors, oils, and acrylics. Several years ago I decided to explore my desire to sculpt. I now have a great passion for metal and the way fire allows it to merge into new shapes. I love breathing new life into discarded metal objects. In my work I often combine old pieces with new ones. One simple metal item will stimulate the image of a new character. It is really exciting to see that new “person” emerge from a pile of metal pieces.

The combination of line, shape, color, and texture are common elements in all forms of art. All of these elements can also be found in my metal sculptures. The person looking at art might wonder, “Why is this art?” I think the answer to that question is different for everyone. If an artist’s work touches you in some way, you have a better understanding of it as art. People have told me that they feel the movement of “The Roller Derby Queen.” Others have said that she reminds them of days of their youth when they were roller-skating. When I hear this, I know I have shared my vision with each of them.

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