



ARTIST DRIVEN TO CREATE

LeAnne Doljac's outdoor art was born from junk metal that her husband, a drag-racing enthusiast, was about to haul off.

MADE IN KC Now, eight years later, the

Stilwell artist hunts for scrap car and truck metal in junkyards. She uses a plasma cutter to turn the weathered metal into garden flowers, garden stakes, wind chimes, light fixtures and picture frames. "With a plasma cutter you can zip through metal like you're drawing with a pencil," she says.

Doljac has a degree in civil engineering but always knew her first love was art. Now she does art full time.

Doljac's work is available at Home Embellishments, 102 Main St. in Parkville; Chelsea's, 15495 Quivira Road in Overland Park; or from her home studio, (913) 681-0378.

Yard art made from an old pickup truck, \$45 at Home Embellishments in Parkville

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