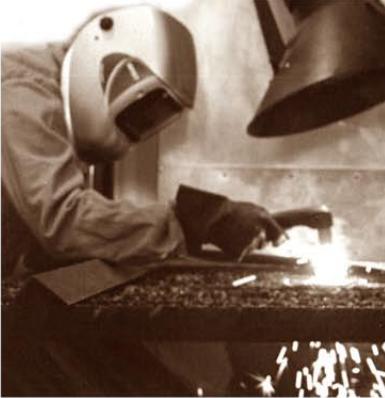


BERNIE MOLASKEY

Artist Statement



My sculptures are made from found objects and often represent divinity, supernatural power or spirit beings. They often materialize in forms representing humans, birds or religious icons. Elevating the found object to something representing the divine is transformation. But transformation is not easy. The found object with its definitive physical shape is resistive to transformation and will have a strong input into what the sculpture can become. I am willing to spend time trying to understand these commonplace objects and sometimes, with a bit of transformation within myself, I can discover how these objects want to evolve.

Found objects fascinate me. Yes, they often have wonderful shapes or repeating patterns, and to ponder their original function can lead to new knowledge or increased mystery. But what really excites me is when I find a tool where the hard steel has been worn down by decades or generations of human use. I wonder, does an old tool worn by human hands over countless hours hold more spirit than new metal that has never been touched? Can this embedded energy of spirit help the transformation? Found objects are not scrap metal to me but instead are precious, almost religious, artifacts abandoned from a rapidly changing society.

Resume

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Education

Yavapai College, Metal Sculpture Classes, 2009-2012
University of Connecticut, 1977, BSEE

Honors and Awards

Yavapai College Prescott Gallery, Best in Show 3D, 2010
Made In Clarkdale, People's Choice Award, 2010, 2011

Media

Threshold Magazine, 2012
Verde Independent, December 3, 2010: "Sculpture holds ancient symbolic meaning"

Exhibitions

Yavapai College Gallery, Prescott, Student Show (juried) 2010, 2011, 2012
Made In Clarkdale Art Show, 2010, 2011, 2012
Tis Gallery, Prescott AZ, Found Objects Art Show (juried), 2012

Collections

Mary Wills, private collection
Sally Dryer, private collection
Molly Krmpotich, private collection

Raven Three Forks
20" x 24" x 10"



Rocketboy
24" x 72" x 20"