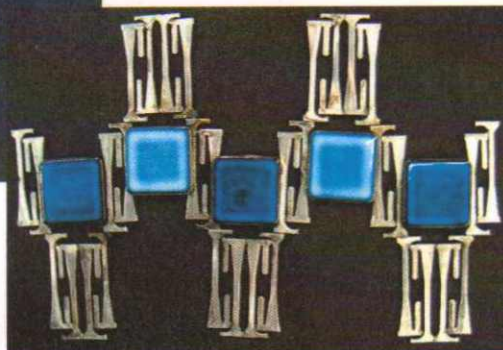
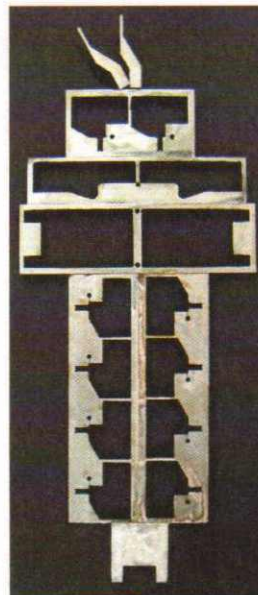


## Sonya Byrnes

### Metal Unicorn: Recycled Metal Art

I am a Licensed Practical Nurse. Born in the panhandle of Texas in a small town just south of Amarillo. Raised in Albuquerque graduating from Manzano High School. I've lived here all my life except the four years I was in the Air Force stationed in San Antonio Texas.

These pieces are made from machine shop drops. The forms are produced when parts are cut using a EDM wire machine or water jet cutter. Some are stamped out of hardened steel. I then weld the drops together. It started about two years ago. When my Brother who has a machine shop said he didn't know what to do with all of his drops. I said I had some ideas. So after experimenting with how I could put the pieces together I had my Father a retired body man teach me to weld using his MIG welder. I find it challenging to figuring out what I can make with the different shapes. Some times when I look at a piece it just tells me what it wants to be.



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