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A Circle of Sound

By Henry Whitehurst



Artist Statement: Inspired by the sounds of the garden, "A Circle of Sound" is interactive wind chime made of metals and leather. It is arranged to allow the visitor to enter the circle and by striking the pipes they will make various sounds. The sounds of the windchime is thought to scare off unwanted animals and evil spirits from the garden.

Artist Biography: : Henry Whitehurst lives in Pulaski, Virginia. He has been exposed to many types of art with his wife Rhonda. With a career in furniture engineering, Henry has always been involved with woodworking but found an interest in a different type of art in 2013. Rhonda asked him if he would make her a "Hypertufa" pot for some succulent plants. After extensive research on the internet the pot was made and the joy of working with cement began. One flower pot made with a mixture of cement, peat moss and perlite led to many different mixtures and various shapes of pots, leaves and spheres. Henry always finds time to help Rhonda with her many ventures in bringing the arts to the community. They work together to provide many programs for the youth in the area. When time permits, and the rhubarb and hosta are growing in their garden, you may find him casting some leaves in the workshop.