



## Davis Ironworks

- Unique Re-purposed Home and Landscape Items -

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Number of Employees: 1 - Me. I took a welding shop class in high school and got hooked on metal. After college I started Davis IronWorks as a small, local business to sell some of the items I created. Although my mom doesn't get a paycheck, I think she enjoys all this even more than I do. Depending on the day or the project, I call her the "Creative Director" or "Paint Technician". Plus she gets several "other duties as assigned"!



Matthew Davis and son, Brady, pictured in front of a re-purposed piano and other items he has created through Davis IronWorks.

**Hours:** Contact me to set up a time to meet. There is a display area set up in the shop and several items available for sale at all times. You will also find Davis IronWorks at special events such as craft shows and flea markets. Watch the Facebook page for announcements and event information.

**Business established in:** 2010

**Services and/or products offered:** I use both new materials and also reclaimed "junk" to re-purpose into something unique for your home or outdoor landscaping. For example, if I have an old metal bed frame, it may just find new life as a bench. Inventory and items available for purchase are constantly changing because we never know what "junk" we're going to find or what ideas may

### LOCAL DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS

I have created items and donated to the Irene Rodeo grounds. I also created and donated a metal cross and flame piece that sits in front of the Irene Methodist Church.

pop into our heads to re-use and re-purpose. Custom orders are especially fun. If you have something to be re-purposed or a design idea, give me a call.

I also do small welding repair.

**Why shop local:** I was born and raised in Irene. This is home. By shopping local you are supporting my hobby, my small business, and my family. By shopping local you are also supporting the town of Irene with sales tax dollars needed to maintain and grow our little Village in the Valley. Another benefit of shopping local is to find the small business owners

who have something unique to offer that you can't find in the big box stores.

Favorite product in your business. One of the customer favorites over the years has been the metal flowers. From the material we use old metal barrels or metal from an old piece of machinery (John Deere green turns into gorgeous flowers). Mom cuts out the petals with the plasma cutter and then I weld them together into the shape of a flower and attach a metal stake. We have also created dozens of benches and also bottle trees which seems to be customer favorites, too.

### COVID-19 Effects on our Business:

*Most events were cancelled in 2020 including craft shows and flea markets so that meant less customers to meet face to face. I missed that aspect of the business. I enjoy events to see repeat customers and to meet new people.*

*I have been very thankful for folks who contacted me directly this past year as I especially enjoy working with people on a custom order. If you have an idea, let's get together and draw up a design.*

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