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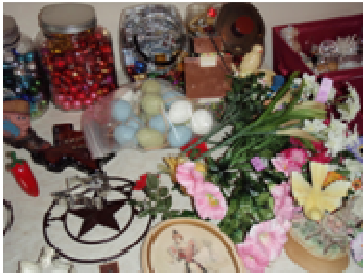
Dazzling Mélange

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Photos of artwork and artist available upon request



The ART of Recycling

Recycling and green products are a priority today. People are concerned about saving the planet and saving money. As with any threatening issue, people react by forming groups and businesses---and in this case, even art---to assist in the solution.

Leanne DuPay, an artist located in Lakeway, Texas (near Austin), has embraced the idea of recycling---using discarded, often broken items to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind artwork. Resources such as “Free-cycle” (an award-winning web network that matches people searching for items with people discarding those items) are a favorite of hers. “The goal of groups such as these are to save money and landfill space,” says DuPay.

“The importance of *utilizing existing assets* was pounded into my head during my 9 years in marketing with Disney,” explains DuPay. “The company is genius at assigning new uses to everything from shopping bags to parade floats.”

Charity sales, garage sales, thrift shops and even the occasional neighborhood trash bin have also been resources for her supplies. “If I see a box of intriguing items being thrown out, I am not above giving them new life in one of my creations,” DuPay asserts. “In fact, one lady who gave me a box was delighted that her items were going to enhance my work, she was a little sentimental about the some of the things, but just didn’t have the space to keep them.”

After the creations received rave reviews from friends and family, DuPay named the business Dazzling Mélange. The one-of-a-kind centerpieces and wreaths made with these “found items” celebrate occasions, people, experiences and more. Examples of finished pieces may be seen on the website, www.dazzlingmelange.com. “I love what I do, it’s a combination of the thrill of the hunt and sitting down with these lovely treasures to tell a story,” DuPay says. “It is so hard to give them up when I am done!”

Ready-made pieces of Dazzling Mélange are sold at Cowgirls & Lace in Dripping Springs, Texas. Custom-made pieces, using some of the client’s own items may be ordered via the website or phone. “I have clients all over the country who love the idea of finding a home for their unique little “what nots” as my grandmother used to call them.”

For more information, contact Leanne DuPay at Dazzling Mélange at (512) 243-6036 or via cell at (949) 282-9915 or visit www.dazzlingmelange.com. To contact Cowgirls and Lace for pre-made pieces, call (800) 982-7424 or visit the shop at Highway 290 West in Dripping Springs, Texas.

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