

Jeff and Brenda Sellers, Artists and Volunteers Extraordinaire

Like many of our volunteers at Triple H, the Sellers are outstanding not just by volunteering or volunteering for an extended period—but they are outstanding because of their talents far beyond giving their time. Brenda, with her own unique artistic talents was the first of the pair to volunteer, xx years ago. Her love of horses brought her on board. Her husband Jeff, who had NO love of horses, soon followed her when I saw her joy and satisfaction at volunteering. He has now come to both love and respect the horses. As a couple they volunteered many weekends and sometimes weekdays.

Brenda shares her natural artistic talent by lettering and producing signage and Scavenger Hunt stops along the trail at many of our Annual TrailRide.

Jeff's schooling was in welding... and not really the artistic kind but the practical kind. His love, knowledge and respect for metal, in general, soon diverged in two directions; his work as an engineer/researcher in the automotive field, and his hobby as a metal sculptor.

Pictured above is one of Jeff's most recent sculptures, given to our own Keisha Laughy for her birthday. You can see it is mixed media, metal art, containing, Jeff estimates, over 50 different items including copper sheets and even bike chains. Jeff also estimates this and others of his works could well take over 50 hours spread over as much as a year to create. Keisha used the descriptive term "Steam Punk" to describe his style, which Jeff did not protest.

"Steampunk" according to Wikipedia is "is a [subgenre](#) of [science fiction](#) that incorporates [technology](#) and [aesthetic designs](#) inspired by 19th-century [industrial steam-powered](#) machinery." If you need, think of the movies *Wild, Wild West* or *League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, or the works of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne. Jeff simply calls his work, "biomechanical art" and he says his horse, given to Keisha, was meant to simply be a horse with the skin peeled back so one can see the fantastical workings within. If you fail to see the connection, that's fine. You will still fully appreciate Jeff's work.

You can see more of Jeff's outstanding work in the slideshow above, or on his website: jeffrysellersmetalart.com