## Lafayette Artist Delivers Funky Custom Mailboxes

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Ken Hughes



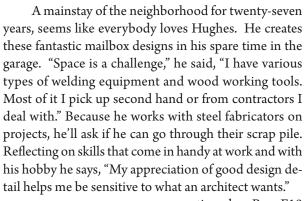


t all started a number of years ago when teenagers came through a quiet Lafayette neighborhood and smashed mailboxes. Structural engineer and homeowner Ken Hughes looked for an artistic solution and voila, the mailbox dog was born.

Fashioned entirely of scrap materials, Hughes though it was funny – a snarling dog to ward off future vandals or perhaps a menacing mailman; now the rebar pooch is facing a custom-made and equally charming mystery-creature mailbox across the street. "I always try to have a sense of humor working on the mailboxes," said Hughes.







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