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## **THOMAS STERNER**

Silver Run, MD

### **Biography:**

Thomas Sterner is a full-time artist living near Union Mills MD, where he built his 'Art Factory' studio, with large workshop, welding area, and a painting/printmaking loft, nestled in the forest on the edge of farmland. He works in various materials including metal, wood, paint and ink. The new covered outdoor welding area with hoist and trolley assists in the fabrication of large public work commissions.

Thomas has a BFA and actively created and showed his art while employed in manufacturing in engineering, estimating, and project management for many years, before becoming a full-time artist in 2018. His prior employment as a fabricator further developed his sense of process, discovery, and human error in his art making, although he remains firmly anchored in natural subjects. He has installed 13 public sculptures since 2019, including 'Sprouts' in Westminster MD, and the popular 'Big Fish, School of Fish' at Concord Point Park in Havre de Grace, a stainless-steel rockfish made of 557 smaller rockfish communicates a feeling of collective heroism achieving a common purpose. His recent stainless-steel public sculpture, 'Feather of Monumental Size' at the Salisbury Animal Health Laboratory stands 22' tall installed in 2022, and "Raventree" in 2023.

### **Artist's Statement:**

Thomas Sterner portrays thoughtful, sometimes humorous, ideas using varied materials and techniques, often with unusual juxtaposition of image, action or title to prompt personal interpretation. The goal of his art is to make people think and smile, and to plant a seed in the viewer's mind for further contemplation. He enjoys working large, and public sculptures offer him an opportunity to contribute to enhancing the lives of many people. His prior experience in manufacturing has informed his ability to design and build large works, and manage the process for successful installations.

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