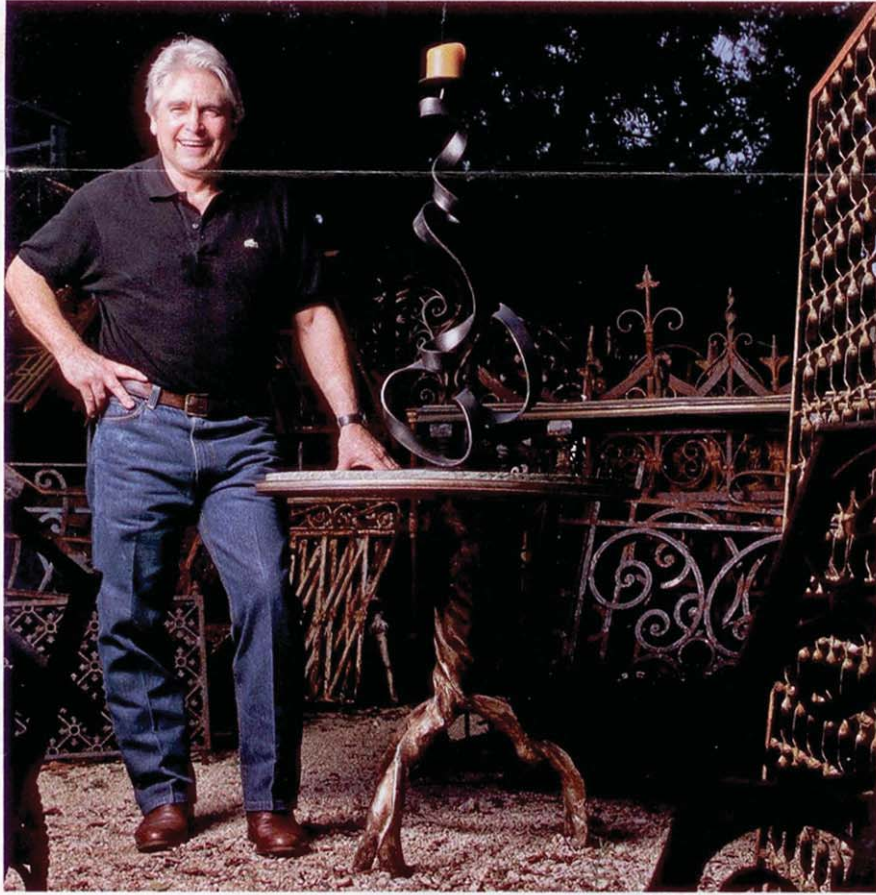


Peck & Co.



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FORGING AHEAD: Bill Peck designs hand-forged, custom metalwork, light fixtures, beds and drapery rods.

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Beds, pot racks, sculptures, drapery rods, chandeliers — when it comes to custom metalwork, what doesn't Bill Peck make?

Interior designers march into Peck & Co. with a sketch — or maybe just a vision — and the staff makes it a reality.

"We're really doing your thing," Peck says. "The beauty of this is you can put so many crafts together."

It's a balance between industrial and fine arts. For instance: If you've brought back exquisite tiles from Italy and want to use them for a tabletop, Peck can make a base for you.

Drapery rods are big business, too. "We started with one rod and something poked on the end," he says. Now his company has 300 finial designs in its portfolio.

Though iron is a big part of the business, the staff of 20 also works with other materials such as copper, brass and zinc. They make new goods, but also restore vintage pieces for clients who include some of the city's well-known antiques dealers, Peck says. "We wear many hats."