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# Igniting a Legacy

Heirloom Hand Forged Designs of Greenville crafts custom fire screens for discerning homeowners / by Kathleen Nalley

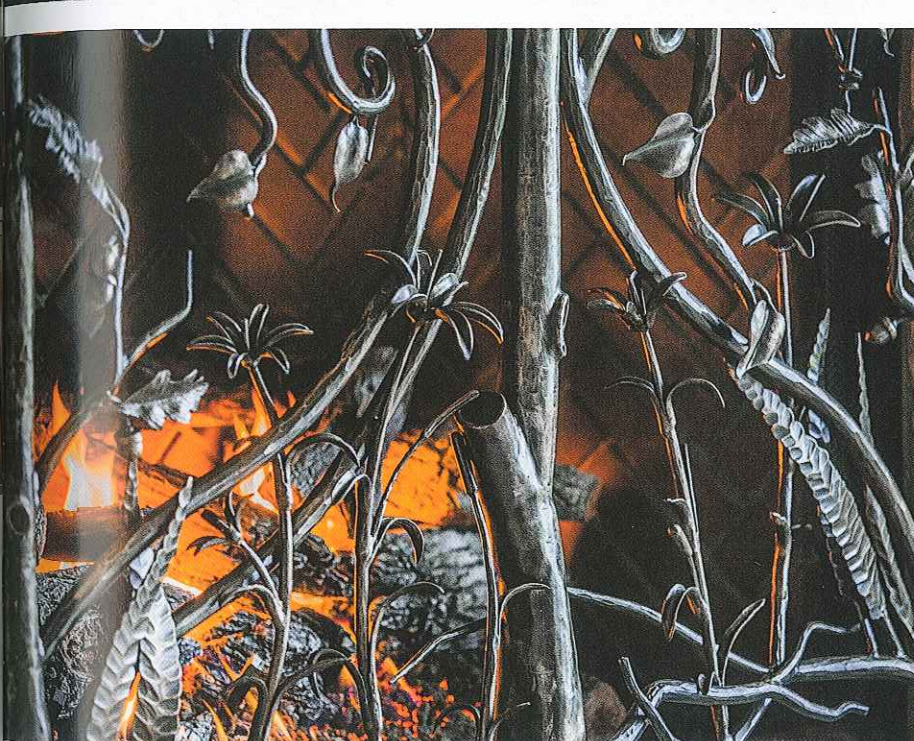
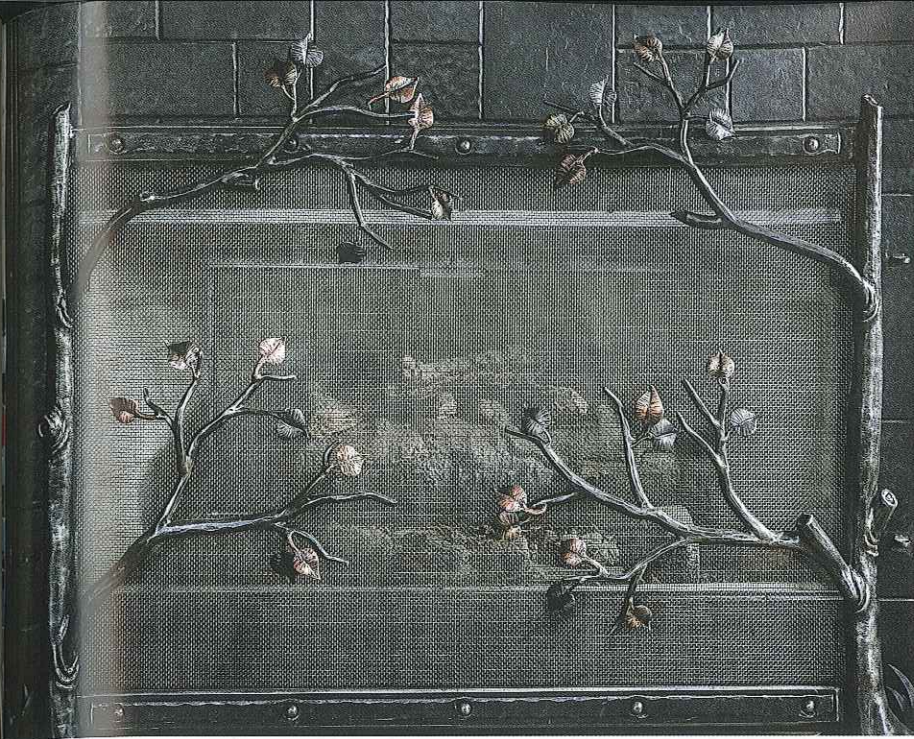
Anyone can walk into a big box store and purchase simple, functional fire screens for the home. But for those with more discerning tastes, for those who wish to combine artistry with function, for those who wish to create legacy pieces for their homes—those that not only stand the test of time but epitomize a family's values and personality—meticulously designed custom fire screens may be just the finishing touch your home needs.

"A lot of times people aren't sure what they want, or they aren't able to articulate their idea. My job is to interpret their vision and create a piece of decorative art that captures the idea

in their head," says James Moseley, an award-winning designer, artist, and craftsman from Heirloom Hand Forged Designs, based out of Greenville.

One family, whose home sits atop Glassy Mountain, hired Heirloom to create four distinct fireplace screens reflective of the places they have lived, immortalizing the family's life story for future generations. Each screen is unique and depicts symbols symbolic to four areas: western Pennsylvania, a keystone; New Orleans, a fleur-de-lis; Houston, the Texas star; and Trinidad and Tobago, a scarlet ibis perched atop tropical flora.

Photos provided by Heirloom Hand Forged Designs



Allyn and Sheree Moseley founded parent company, The Heirloom Companies, after the couple moved to Greenville from California in an effort to find an ideal place to raise their family. While the couple originally set out to build custom staircases under the name Heirloom Stair and Iron, they eventually evolved the business to include two additional distinct brands: Heirloom Hand Forged Designs, which came about after customers continually requested custom pieces, and James Moseley Design, wherein their son and artist James designs custom metal works and wood creations. "The best part about The Heirloom Companies," says Sheree, "is that it truly is a family company, and by family that extends to everyone here who has grown with us over the years."

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In another home, the company crafted a fire screen that incorporates colorful agate crystals in deep purple, rich blue, and bright magenta hues to give the ultimate designer flair to the family's dining room.

For homeowners, the design possibilities are endless, and Heirloom is able to integrate a variety of materials into their work, such as the agate mentioned above. Moseley works with a team of master blacksmiths to bring each homeowner's original vision to reality, forging one-of-a-kind fire screens that not only add the perfect finishing touch to a home, but also symbolize a family's passion, their fire for life. **ah**