



# Recycling — it's art!

My name is Mark Langan and I am an artist residing in Brunswick Hills, Ohio, a suburb of

Cleveland. I have spent the past four years working strictly with corrugated board as an art medium, a commodity that usually finds its way to the trash can. I feel very passionate about taking that garbage and turning it into something of beauty.

With the recycled corrugated board, I create three dimensional sculptures. Discarded boxes are sliced, manipulated and glued, fitted together within the confines of a hard-

wood frame, in intricate patterns, to form a sculpture that hangs on the wall much like traditional art. The artwork is unique, not only because of its composition, but because of the strong play against light and dark, making the artwork ever-changing when viewed from a different angles or in different light, such as morning versus evening sun.

Besides the usual gallery settings, I have been fortunate to find an interesting niche within the manufacturing, packaging and recycling industries. Businesses often procure my services to create an exclusive art piece for their lobby or meeting room, something that, because of its very essence, exemplifies their

commitment to recycling.

I find my materials right in my backyard, gathering boxes from my neighborhood's on-going construction sites, as well as from my neighbors who save material for me. The small pieces that I do discard for quality reasons are shredded and mixed with glue to form a sculpting compound that can be used to fashion images of faces or creating backgrounds, such as cracked earth.

If you find interest in my work, based on the samples presented here, I would be happy to answer any of your questions, arrange for a commissioned piece, or simply share additional photos of my craft. I can be reached at [werlangan@roadrunner.com](mailto:werlangan@roadrunner.com), by visiting my Web site at [www.langanart.com](http://www.langanart.com), or by phone at (330) 273-5290 or (440) 724-8501.

