

## AMIGO ARTS

I was born in Nogales, Arizona and raised in Nogales, Sonora. I grew up around art and craft shops all my life. My father owned 6 Curios in Nogales Sonora. I started working for him since I was in Junior High.

When I was old enough, my parents gave me one of the stores to run. The name of the store was Tony's Sur Curios, I had that store for 18 years. We use to specialized on wool rugs, leather goods, pottery and Mexican tile.

After the years in that business I started noticing that we needed to make changes in the store like try to get new merchandise that people would like and buy.

It was then when I decided to go to Guadalajara Jalisco and learn more about new stuff and bring it to my store. When I was there something that caught my eye was metal work, so I decided to take classes and learn how to make it.

As I learned how to do different things I enjoyed it more and more. I started making unique pieces.

I specialized in making wrought Iron Furniture and Metal Ornaments at my store in Nogales, my store was doing very good until 9/11 hit and we stopped having enough tourists to support ourselves. I sold my store in March 2002. I decided to start doing all my work out of my house in Rio Rico, Arizona.

Now I dedicate myself to do Art and Craft shows all around Arizona and I also take special orders.