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Artist Statement

I've liked robots from the time I was young. I used to make them out of recycled cans and boxes, then I began nailing and gluing together wooden robots. Now that I've learned how to weld and fabricate metal, I thought it would be cool to make a metal robot. Bender, the robot from "Futurama" is one of my favorite characters too.

The biggest challenge was gaining some free time after assigned projects to make the robot. Another challenge was finding enough resources, many parts are recycled or cast-off metal parts. I used an old oil can for a watering can.

I started making metal flowers earlier in the year and I thought it would be fun to have the robot watering a garden. Mr. Batrowny helped me by cutting out most of the flower petal shapes on the plasma table. I used a mig gun to weld the pieces together.

My favorite part is the robot's red heart visible through the grate on his chest.