

# HOMIE

## & Garden

### HOT STUFF

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#### LASER ART

## Elegant lamps, screens

**R**on Macken is not used to the idea of being an artist. He spent most of his life in management, computer programming and engineering, and went from a job with Lasercraft, managing its custom paper division, to his own business doing decorative laser cutting on wood.

But after 20 years of working with creative people, including the company licensed to produce replicas of Frank Lloyd Wright's screens, he gained the confidence to start his own design work.

The result is a series of elegant screens and lamps with intricately cut grille work, done with cherry and maple and a certified softwood that replicates mahogany or wenge, in veneers that produce a nice grain. Macken likes naturalistic themes and even draws on historical Japanese designs.

There are 17 patterns for the basic accent lamp at 16 by 6 inches square (shown below; \$168) drawing on plant, animal and religious symbolism. They



**"Rain on Water"** is one of the floor screens offered by Lightwave Laser of Santa Rosa.

offer ambient light and are ideal for desks and nightstands, Macken said.

Many of the same patterns are used in the table lamps that stand 2 feet tall and are offered at \$198. There are five floor lamps, at more than 7 feet tall, for \$950 (Sea Fan, shown at right). And four stunning floor screens in two sizes, 73-by-18 inches for \$1,200 and 88-by-21-inch panels at \$1400 (shown above).

Macken has developed his line, along with his regular laser work, in his Santa Rosa Lightwave Laser studio.

He threw open his doors for the first time last weekend as part of the Art Trails open studio event in Sonoma County and will be open again both Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors will find all lamps and floor screens 20 percent off.

*Lightwave Laser, 3186 Coffey Lane (at Piner Road), Santa Rosa (800) 716-2116. To order, go to [www.lightwavelaser.com](http://www.lightwavelaser.com).*



**Nature designs** on floor lamps include ("Japanese Leaves," far left, and "Sea Fan," right.

