

## **Wallflowers in bloom**

***Rocklin artist's garden project to be showcased on HGTV***

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All she really wanted was a backyard view, but Rocklin artist Gayle Rappaport-Weiland is getting national attention for a three-panel art wall she built to cover her garden.

Rappaport-Weiland, a painter, will be featured on Home and Garden Television's (HGTV) "Look what I did," a show that highlights innovative home projects designed and built by regular people, not contractors.

Rappaport-Weiland's episode will air sometime in January, although a date has not been set.

Accompanied by her husband Joe Weiland and close friend Janice Thompson, Rappaport-Weiland's episode was filmed in September. On the show, she demonstrates how to build her art wall step-by-step.

"The art wall is a painting of poppies and the Sierra," Rappaport-Weiland said. "It's attached with rebar and wire."

Although she says the 6-foot by 10-foot art wall is used as a cover for her vegetable garden of tomatoes, herbs and flowers, the ultimate reason for it in her backyard was to create art in her backyard.

"My backyard was a canvas, because it was dirt when we moved in here," Rappaport-Weiland said. "I was blessed with some open space, but didn't have a view. That's the great thing about being an artist. I can envision the view that I want and paint it. I don't have to purchase my view."

Brian Heller, producer of "Look what I did," said that HGTV is still looking for unique, cool and creative home improvements done by "real people, not contractors."

He can be contacted at (818) 755-4800 by anyone who thinks they have a project to be highlighted on the show.

Rappaport-Weiland said she found out about the show from Beth Rohlfs, curator of Roseville Arts, and forwarded a call to HGTV and Heller.

"I cried when Brian (Heller) told me I was on the show," Rappaport-Weiland said. "I've been working and waiting my whole life for this."

For more information on "Look what I did" visit Web site [www.hgtv.com](http://www.hgtv.com)

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*Rocklin artist Gayle Rappaport-Weiland will be featured on HGTV in January, along with this art wall she created in her backyard. Photo by Karina Williams/Gold Country Home & Garden*