

Andrey Makhorin (*Kazakhstan*)

Andrey is from Atyrau, western part of Kazakhstan. He was born on February 19, 1981. He is a professional welder and is very proud of it and has been working in the big company KazTransOil for more than 20 years.

Andrey likes drawing, music, fishing and sports. He began to be fond of welding at the age of 16 helping his uncle in the garage before going to the welding college and graduating with honours.

Andrey has taken part in many welding competitions such as “The Best in the Profession” and “Arc Cup” amongst others. He has received more than 20 winner certificates.

Knowing how to draw and weld, Andrey began to combine them together and began to make various crafts from scrap metal including electrode stubs. He likes working with metal very much, making his ideas come true. It's very cool. He participated in the IIW 2021, 2023 and 2024 Digital Collections.

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Exhibit “Grass Snake”

As he learns more about nature and the environment and the need to protect and improve them, he uses his welded art to highlight challenges we increasingly face. In 2023, he showcased his exhibit “Starry Sturgeon”, a critically endangered fish and in 2024, “Poison Dart Frog” highlighting

the challenges these frogs face with species being classified as endangered to critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

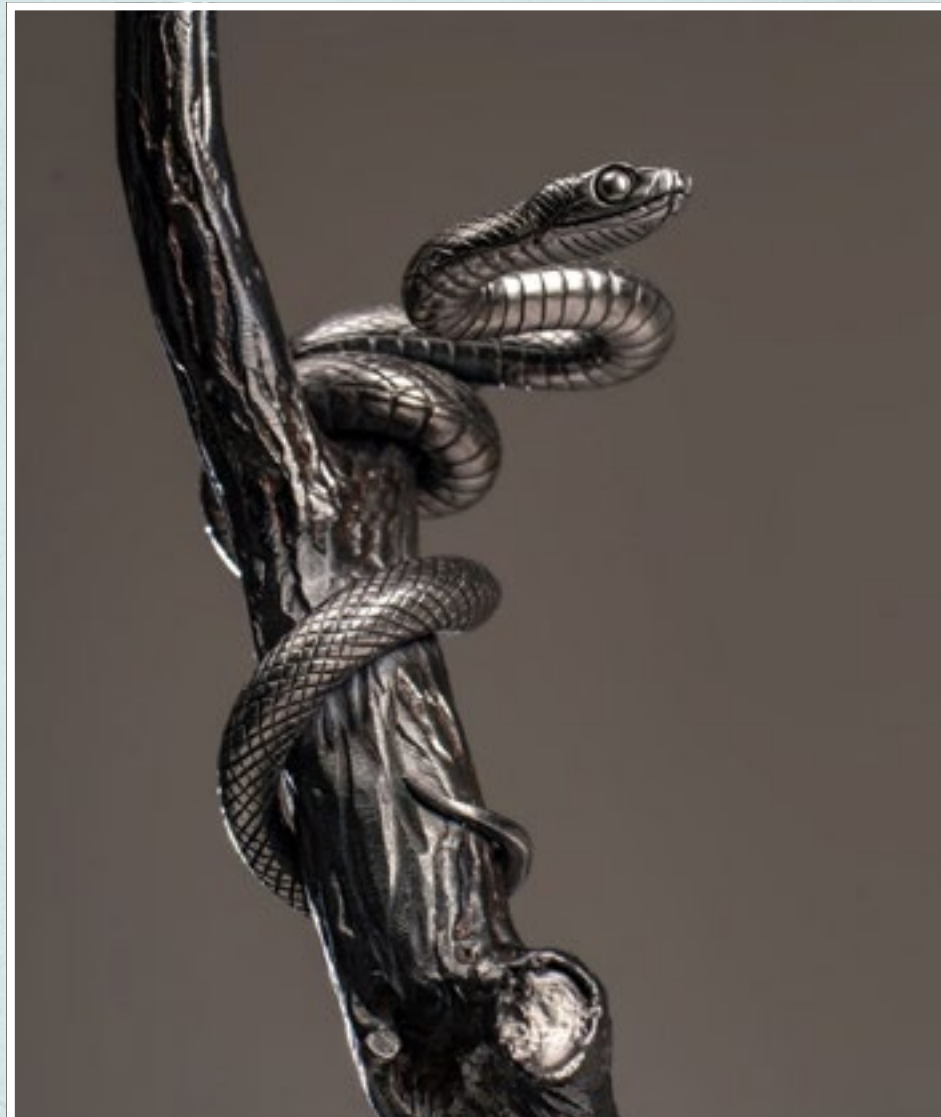
The Grass Snake occupies a vast area from eastern Anatolia and eastern Poland and Finland through the Caucasus and the East European Plain, Southern Siberia and Kazakhstan to Lake Baikal and adjacent areas of Mongolia. As a rule, it is darker than snakes of other subspecies and has a uniform body colour. It is not venomous and rarely bites when captured or threatened.

This exhibit was made in Andrey's garage using manual metal arc welding. He made the snake especially in honour of the year of the snake. It is made of 16mm diameter metal rolled reinforcement. The eyes of the snake are 5 mm diameter metal bearings. The branch of the tree was made from 25mm and 15mm diameter pipe. Welding was with manual metal arc welding 111. Patterns and details were put on using files.

Dimensions of Exhibit

30 cm high x 15 cm diameter





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