

Ron Hulme has a hobby perfect for the holidays

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This green Christmas we're experiencing is making things difficult for King St. resident Ron Hulme.

With the ground so soft and no snow, gusts of wind keep knocking down some of the dozens of festive decorations the Georgetown native has been placing on his lawn and front porch for the past half-century.

Most of the decorations are hand-made by the 82-year-old in his basement workshop, which became his hobby following retirement. There are light displays as well that are set on three different timers.

Hulme also sets up elaborate Halloween and Easter displays annually, but laments that it might soon be time to give his rituals up.

"I'm running out of storage space and it's getting tougher for me to get up and down the stairs like I used to," chuckled Hulme, who's lived in the same home since marrying wife Marguerite in 1954.



Ron Hulme in front of his King St., Georgetown home. The lawn is filled with many of his creations. Photo by Eamonn Maher

"But this is a hobby and pastime for me. I get thank-you letters from people on our street and when people like something, you don't want to quit doing it."

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