

# Create your own family heirloom



The embellishment of "gonnes" began in 14th Century Europe. A family crest, a coat of arms, perhaps a religious icon was scratched in the metal. In time, these were replaced with engraved battle scenes, landscapes, hunting motifs, even portraits of the owner. At court, jewelers added gold and silver inlay, precious gems and more abstract designs. In time, "gonnes" were cherished more for their artistic and commemorative value as family heirlooms than their function as tools for the hunt and defense.

For centuries, the art of the gun remained a privilege of the nobility. In the early 19th Century, gunmakers revived the tradition for our nation's most prominent citizens. Today, the Old Armory Custom Gun Shop continues that tradition making art on a steel canvas available to everyone. Shown here are classic examples that can be recreated, or we can create an original work of art to commemorate any occasion.

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