

Artist Name: The Gentle Giant

Greetings. I feel so blessed to be part of the 30th Annual PCAP Exhibition. Did Buzz and Janie, in their wildest dreams, envision the awesome event that the exhibition has become? It's the main event of the year for so many of us behind the fences.

I'm also blessed to have participated in over half of the annual exhibitions. Not too bad for a "hick from the sticks." Being raised in the U.P., I haven't experienced many of the trials and tribulations of my fellow artists. So my art does not involve many of the poignant themes so vividly expressed in ~~my fellow artists~~^{their} work.

However, I see my work as a gift from God that would have gone undiscovered had I not come to prison. So I strive to honor Him in the work I create. I hope to show some of the beauty in the world around us. I hope to turn people's minds away from the violence and hardships in the world surrounding us, and get them to appreciate the beautiful things. If, even for a moment, they forget their woes and praise God for the beauty He provides, I have succeeded as an artist!