

**Artist Statement**

Please include a statement to the exhibit visitors. This statement can include, but is not limited to information about your personal and/or artistic background, insight into why you create art and what you get out of it, or details about specific pieces that you are exhibiting.

*PCAP Miniatures 2021 Exhibit*

Artist Name: Brian Boody

My name is Brian Boody. I started painting while incarcerated in August 2017. I always wanted to paint before prison but as a sales professional and a family man I had little time for hobbies. Tragically in 2017 I was wrongfully convicted of a crime I did not commit. This was devastating to my family and career and adversely affected my mental health as well. Being incarcerated I had an abundance of time on my hands. So in 2017 I bought my first set of paints and went to work. I have painted nearly everyday for the last 3 1/2 years now and have sold several pieces, most of them commissioned. My work has not only helped me earn a living but has brought my loved ones closer, along with the side effect of being a terrific coping mechanism. I grew up in rural south west Michigan and I like to paint scenes that remind me of my childhood much like the piece entered here. My great-grandmother and grandfather were also artists so I'm kind of following in their footsteps and honoring them at the same time. Art also helps me maintain friendships and maybe even create new ones. Art is fulfilling and therapeutic and beautiful, things everyone could use in their lives. Thank you very much for your interest in my art. I hope you enjoy looking at it as much as I enjoy creating it.



Please edit your Artist Statement to the space provided