

**Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners**

Artist Name: Groot

I have been an artistic person since I was a child and just like me my art experience has grown. I love all kinds of art and I do not just stick to one style, I'm very open. My favorite style of art is graffiti work with spray paint however I also love to paint in oil and acrylic and when I pick up a pencil it is usually charcoal. I like to do sea scapes, paintings related to books, surrealism, and things in the city. I do artwork for a variety of reasons such as making people smile or just to relax and free my mind of everything else going on around me. The fact of someone having a piece of my artwork is amazing because it tells me that somebody appreciates my work and the heart and effort I put into creating it. Conveying messages in my artwork is also fun and can target a viewer in multiple ways as one person can get something completely different than the other. Most importantly art is just plain fun!!!

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