

Artist Statement — 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

When I decided to submit a couple of pieces for the exhibition I wanted to project a very specific feeling: silliness. For me, art is an escape, a hobby, and a social endeavor all bundled up in one package. I love to make people laugh and this informs my cartoonist style. Art, for me, is a lightening of the mood, of the load, and if I can elicit a chuckle, chortle, laugh, or guffaw then the breath of fresh air I try ~~to~~ to bake into what I created was successful in my mind. There is a place for deep, thought-provoking works of art that inspire and sometimes even provoke the viewer, but I like to think there is equal space available for the light-hearted pieces that may not change the world but might at least change your day for the better.