

Artist Statement — 30th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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TO ME THIS PEACE MEANS A LOT IT IS A PART
OF HISTORY THAT IS SLOWLY BEING FORGOTTEN,
THE PEOPLE THAT BUILT THESE WARBOATS WORKED
HARD TO MAKE A LIFE FOR THEMSELVES. SOME THING
PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND TO DAY. THEY WORKED
HARD BUT LIVED SIMPLE. SOME THING THIS WORLD
NEEDS IN A VERY GOOD WAY. I AM A COUNTRY
BOY AND I ADMIRE THE LIFE AND WORK THEY PUT IN
TO MAKE A LIFE, THAT IS WHY I MADE THIS WARBOAT
TO KEEP THE MEMORY OF THOSE PEOPLE. IT MAY
SEEM SIMPLE, SOME TIMES WE NEED SIMPLE!!
ALSO I JUST LIKE THE WAY THEY LOOK AND ENJOYED
PUTTING TOGETHER, IT ~~HELP~~ HELPS WITH MY
DEPRESSION, I FOCUS ON MY ART NOT MY SURROUNDINGS
IT COMES WITH: WATER BARL, BACKIT, HITCH TOWNSH, HAMMER,
PICKAX, AX, SHAVEL, TOOL BOX, ALL MADE
FROM WOOD, EVERY THING WORKS ON THE
WARBOAT JUST LIKE THE REAL THING
PLEASE DISPLAY EVERY THING "THANK YOU"