

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

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I'm a sixty six year old man who's in prison for over 3rd art experience started doodling in school instead of doing school work. My main artistic skills are automatic painting. In prison I do art mainly to be alone and fantasize being with my daughters, we did a lot of art stuff together. My first born Kate passed away on her 23rd birthday in 2006. Her little sister Shanna Mae graduated from the Chicago Institute of the Arts and became a Chicago art teacher. A few years ago I did a criminal justice art project with her and her students, sponsored by the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art, "it was great. Shanna is now teaching in China.

The painting I'm presenting is a drawing of the forest, it's painted on an old game board with a piece of old sheet glued to it as canvas. And misc prints I acquired by trading for food.

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