

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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My inspiration for art originated from my childhood vacations. The architectural structures of buildings and mountains always had me in awe. The oceans, rivers, and lakes I've swam in, went canoeing through, and flew over, had me fascinated. But then came that time in life when I needed to challenge my position about what it was I could do when it seemed like I could get no one to listen or understand me. Through resilience, I became fascinated with putting all of what I've been harvesting internally, on canvas. Sometimes without any artistic intentions. Finding and developing my style in impressionistic art, using oil paints, is new. It's addictive though. Much of my art reminds me of all the waves in life I've rode. Just like art, the road of self discovery and the road through calamities is vast and diverse. "A Place Just to Think" is a sign of hope. Just because there's a burnt beach, that doesn't mean it won't thrive again. The organic matter that the rain deposits into the water will see to it that the beach rejuvenates. Just as ~~we~~ will.

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