

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

Artist Name: Randy Prater

This Box card symbolizes the mindset of "failure is not an option." It's the taking of an idea and seeing it through to completion regardless of the challenges one faces. May this card and its words inspire other people to imagine and to reach deep inside and discover that success is failure turned inside out.

Creating art is an avenue to offer joy and happiness to other individuals. In my past I caused much pain and suffering. Creating art gives me an outlet for some sense of redemption through the use of my mind and hands. It fills me with peace knowing that I can create something that brings joyousness to others.

Please edit your Artist Statement to the space provided.