

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

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My painting is my relaxation zone from the every day things going on around me. While it helps to clear my thoughts, it also helps me in my college studies to free my mind of daily clutter and allows me to contemplate the psychology theories I am studying. My art offers me an escape from the confines of prison walls + fences. When I am painting a sailing ship, I can hear the rustle and flap of the sails, the creaking of the wood masts and yardarms, even the calling of the sea gulls as well. I spent this year working towards adding more depth to my pieces, I looked to doing more subjects at different angles to create the flow of movement. I got out of my comfort zone of just working subjects in a left to right dimension. I tried different angles, light sources and subject matter to explore creating the effect of movement in a 2 dimensional piece of art.

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