

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

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I've been taking an interest in both realism and portraits. I am a work in progress and practice ~~and~~ constantly. Drawing faces at this scale is a lot harder for me than larger ones but practice once again. I'm happy with the results of this particular drawing. I wasn't going for perfect, I <sup>have</sup> had a friend who beat breast cancer and also had a facial stroke. The eyes aren't symmetrical, eyebrows are off and the mouth is lopsided. But all women have their own unique beauty. It starts within their personality and spills out to all her cosmetic flaws being her outside beauty. It all makes her beautiful. Even the finished-unfinished rose serves its purpose in keeping her secret hers.

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