

**Nathaniel L. Cooks**

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Smoking Skull

Growing up in a hardship household where I never utilized any positive opportunities for ~~myself~~ due to my negative habits and mental struggles within my life. Upon coming to prison in 2012, I found a craft I ~~realized~~ realized I'm quite talented in... Drawing.

I began with making and drawing card designs and progressed to pencil drawings, inked drawings, and animations. Drawing to me is a complete passion and has given me the opportunity to express who I am through my love of this wonderful craft. I am grateful for this discovery because I am continually learning new things and growing at a unexpected rate. I have been drawing for eight years now and my love for art hasn't stop. This is my first time presenting my art to this show, so I hope that these pieces of my soul bring joy and amazement to the viewers partaking in this event.