

Artist Statement — 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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I'm 31 years old and from Traverse City, Michigan. I've been practicing my artistic abilities since I was a child. My aunt was an artist and she babysat me for years so we always did art projects together. I love making something out of nothing and I love gifting my projects to others and seeing how much they love the things I make. I love to paint the most and to build. At home, my hands are usually always covered in paint/ink/etc. This is my first PCAP art show. I go home in September of 2026, so although I enjoyed being a part of it, it will be my last. Doing art helped me get through my 3<sup>1/2</sup> years here and I'll continue doing it when I leave. I never really realized creativity and ~~art~~ stuff was a talent or a skill that other people admire/appreciate until I started sharing my projects with others and they loved them. I'm so glad to be here, thank you for allowing me to be a part of this! PCAP is a great program!

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