

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

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I have worked this year with a concentration on creating layers of depth to my pieces. By experimenting with various mediums (gel medium, glitter, blending pencils and micron pens) I have taken my pieces to a new level. I am able to make the images of my pieces jump off the surface of the velvet paper I use now for all of my work. In working the paper by scoring, compressing and stretching I am able to catch the light to bring the images of my pieces to life like they are floating off the paper. The more I explore this technique, the more life the images take on and the more expressions of "wow" I get from those who see the final pieces. When I started, I was not sure where this technique would take me, as when I start each piece I have the idea of what I want the piece to be. Yet, each piece changes during creation and it tells me where it wants to go and turn out.

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