

Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners

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my NAME IS Frank Holland (DOC# 535596); There will Be more to come! I am only getting started! This is my first painting ever and I wanted to paint in a style I was familiar with to learn How to paint. I Never Knew learning how to paint a line (yes a single line) would be a challenge in and of ~~itself~~ itself. the symbol on the ~~helmet~~ helmet (FH) is my first And last NAMES first letters combined. the symbols on the other two gold plates is Japanese Calligraphy for the word discipline. Ive always admired the discipline of the people who called themselves samurai. practising at swordplay (the thing they desired to be good at) diligently to become the Best at what they did. the discipline of the people in that ~~era~~ era in that culture extended to all that they did in life. the simple act of pouring tea was a rigours procedure handled with the utmost respect for the very act. I think; what if we treated everything we did with the same discipline. what if we endeavored to Be great at everything we did. what if we ~~stopped~~ ^{stopped} being careless with what we do and strive to be the best. doing so would be a fight; but would be a fight worth fighting, and thus — the warrior's promise.

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