

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

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I have been passionate about motorcycles for my entire life, as my dad was a biker, so everyone I knew built and rode Harley Davidson Motorcycles. I am a graduate of Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Orlando, Florida, so my creations are all anatomically correct; meaning they possess everything necessary to make them run. Fuel, Air, Spark, exhaust, foot clutch, hand shifter, kick starter, rear foot brake only, gauges, oil tank, points & condenser (distributor), belt drive, etc. I found a way to keep my dreams of bike building alive through a period of incarceration, by rolling paper and stacking cardboard, a little baby powder and glue to give it shape. Each bike is unique as the materials available vary between builds. I normally smooth all the surfaces and make them shine, but this bike looks reptilian, like if a gator rolled from the swamp to devour some asphalt. Hence the name: "Swamp Thang."

I hope that my passion for motorcycle culture is evident in my work. I love to create machines with my own hands and I hope that others can appreciate my work. 1946 Knucklehead Harley "Big Wheel-Bagger" Style. DAM 22

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