

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

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I started coloring pictures in September of 2017 to deal with the stress of my situation and to send my children cards to show them I cared. Over the course of a year several inmates gave me tips on techniques to make my pictures more realistic, give them depth, and just be cleaner. I've slowly moved up to changing pictures I see to meet my own unique pictures and am also now learning to do Portraits in Graphite and charcoal. Colored pencils are definitely my preferred media though. I spend a few hours every day coloring and drawing to improve my skills and for the calming effect it provides for me.

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