

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

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My heart of stone, my heart alone was created with so much sadness and being judged by my appearance and people not believing in me. But I thank my godmother for taking the first chip of believing in me. So I had to describe what others see through my drawing, and my heart of stone came to life, but what they didn't see is that I had to protect myself from the carelessness of this world, so I became careless.

When people started to see me for me, and realized the pain I've endured, it was then understood. Each person chipped away this heart of stone and because of the unconditional love and grace they've shown me I realized it was my heart alone that I was able to forgive.

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