

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

Artist Name: The Gentle Giant

ART IS MY ESCAPE FROM THE REALITY OF PRISON. WHEN CREATING, I AM FREE FROM THE
CONSTANT NOISE, NEGATIVITY, AND UGLINESS THAT IS PRISON. I AM LOST IN THE FEELING
OF THE SPACE I AM RECREATING, LISTENING TO THE BIRDS, FEELING THE BREEZE AND THE
WARMTH OF THE SUN. IN MY SPIRIT I AM FREE!!! 😊

"PEACE ROSE" WAS DONE FROM A PHOTO SENT BY A FRIEND. SHE HAD NO WAY TO KNOW
THAT MY FIRST HOME HAD SEVERAL PEACE ROSE BUSHES ON THE PROPERTY. THE PHOTO
BROUGHT BACK SO MANY WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THE ENJOYMENT I RECEIVED
FROM THOSE BEAUTIFUL ROSES. I KNEW I HAD TO TRY TO CAPTURE THAT
BEAUTY TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.

"FLOWERS OF AMSTERDAM" WAS DONE FROM A PHOTO RECEIVED BY A BUDDY OF
MINE. HE HAS A PEN PAL LIVING IN AMSTERDAM, AND HE THOUGHT THE
PHOTO WOULD BE A GREAT SUBJECT FOR A DRAWING. I HAD TO AGREE.

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DRAWING FLOWERS AND CAPTURING THE NUANCES OF COLOR
IN THE TULIPS WAS CHALLENGING. AND I LOVE THE VARIETY OF ARCHITECTURE
IN THE BUILDINGS IN THE BACKGROUND. BUT OH, THOSE DOZENS UPON DOZENS OF

WINDOWS!!! 😊 HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED MY EFFORTS AND THANKS FOR COMING!!

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