

Artist Statement 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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I was having some trouble thinking of something to do for the Art Show, so I asked my wife if she had any ideas. She began to tell me of a dream she had, where she was walking in the dark and came upon a pedestal with a glass ball on its top. When she walked up to ~~to~~ see what it was there was a bramble growing inside the glass! This feeling came over her and she knew that this bramble that was trying to grow inside this glass prison, was me! There were cracks in the glass and pieces missing where a leaf or branch was sticking out, looking for more room to grow... to expand. The glass is the prison and I am trying to still grow despite being confined, pushing through anyway I can..... Prisons try hard to keep people from growing, from expanding outside its walls, but if we persist enough and continue to grow despite the MANY obstacles in our way, we to can break free from what holds us back and live our dream of life outside our prison.

Please edit your Artist Statement to fit the space provided.