

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

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This project was inspired by the stories my family has told me about the ground murals that are made in Mexico on Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) which is the Mexican holiday that celebrates and remembers our loved ones that have passed away. Usually these offerings are made with our loved ones photos and gifts of money, fruit, jewelry, and flowers and the ground murals are made with dried beans, seeds, and rice. I had to improvise with some of the materials so I collected popcorn kernels and dyed them red and black to make up the sombrero, sunflower seeds and peanuts for the leathers, and rice for the skeleton. I wanted to make something unique for PCAP this year that expressed my love for my culture.

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